

**Minutes of the Rosslare Municipal District Monthly Meeting  
held on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 10.30hrs in  
the Council Chamber, County Hall, Carricklawn**

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- Presiding:** Cllr Lisa McDonald – An Cathaoirleach
- Councillors:** Cllr Jim Moore  
Cllr Jim Codd
- Officials:** Annette O’Neill - District Director / Director of Services  
Mark Collins – A/ Senior Executive Engineer (Roads)  
Enda Waters – District Engineer (Roads)  
Derek Cowman – District Technician  
David Wall – Assistant Planner  
Eoghan Nolan – Assistant Planner  
Sinead Casey – Senior Engineer  
Shay Howell – Senior Executive Architect  
Caroline Creane – Senior Staff Officer (Housing)  
Gerry Forde – Senior Engineer (Environment)  
George Colfer – Executive Engineer (Environment)  
Dean Waters – Staff Officer
- Remote:** Cllr Ger Carthy  
Verona Murphy TD - Oireachtas Member
- Apologies:** Cllr Frank Staples - Leas Cathaoirleach  
Nóirín Cummins – District Manager  
Ken Jones – District Engineer (Water)

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Lisa McDonald, welcomed all those in attendance and commencing the meeting.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

**1.1 Monthly Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of April 26<sup>th</sup> 2023, were proposed by Cllr Jim Moore and seconded by Cllr Jim Codd.

**1.2 Protocol Committee Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

The Minutes of the Protocol Committee Meeting of April 26<sup>th</sup> 2023, were proposed by Cllr Jim Moore and seconded by Cllr Jim Codd.

**1.3 Matters Arising**

1.2.2 *Environment – Carne Pier*

1.2.3 *Planning Enforcement – Killuger Pig Farm*

1.2.4 *Planning Heritage – Kilmannon Graveyard Wall*

The responses and information provided in relation to queries from the previous meeting were noted.

## **2. Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members**

### ***2.1 Amenity & Art Grant Scheme 2023 – Draft Allocations***

On the proposal of Cllr Jim Moore, seconded by Cllr Jim Codd, the draft allocations were approved as presented.

It was further agreed to proceed with payments once the final outstanding allocation had been received later in the day, with final totals being circulated by e-mail and then also brought to the next meeting for further endorsement.

### ***2.2 Resident Association Grant Scheme 2023 – Draft Allocations***

On the proposal of Cllr Jim Moore, seconded by Cllr Jim Codd, the draft allocations were approved as presented.

## **3. District Manager Report**

### ***3.1 District Managers Report***

In the absence of the District Manager, the Staff Officer delivered the monthly report and highlighted the following information;

#### *RMD Strategic Plan*

The Staff Officer confirmed that the first element of the strategic plan has been to engage with community representatives, other key stakeholders, and to undertake desktop research, and this work has been on-going.

Further confirming that it was now appropriate for the RMD management team to meet and consult with the members to share the findings and hear their views on the emerging recommendations in relation to the six pillars which have been the focus of the research: economic, housing, environment, community, tourism / recreation, and public infrastructure.

It was also confirmed and agreed that the public launch of the Strategic Plan would be scheduled for Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

#### *Civic Awards Ceremony 2023*

The Staff Officer advised the Members that feedback following the 2023 Civic Awards Ceremony to honour those within our community that were previously nominated and endorsed by the Councillors which was held in Johnstown Castle on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023, reaffirmed the initial perception that the awards night was a great success and well received by all those in attendance.

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Lisa McDonald, congratulated all concerned with the delivery of such a great evening which had been thoroughly enjoyed by all. The comments were unanimously agreed by all the Members.

#### *Eurovelo – National Launch Event*

The Staff Officer advised that the official launch of the Irish section of the EuroVelo 1 route (Atlantic Coast Route) will take place in Our Lady's Island on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 11am, and that County Wexford marks the start or end of the Irish section of the EuroVelo 1 route.

The Staff Officer confirmed that Minister of State at the Department of Transport, Jack Chambers, and Dr. Una May, Sport Ireland CEO, would be in attendance at the event along with An Cathaoirleach Cllr Lisa McDonald.

Further confirming that the event would coincide with Bike Week, an annual event which is a celebration and promotion of the benefits of cycling aiming to encourage greater levels of cycling amongst leisure users, tourists, and commuters.

#### *Live at Skeater Point*

The Staff Officer advised that the inaugural “*Live at Skeater Point*” event will take place on Sunday, 18th June 2023 at Skeater Point, Forth Mountain, with the Dublin Gospel Choir headlining this outdoor music event, presented by the Rosslare Municipal District. A local support act, yet to be confirmed, will also be performing on the night.

The Staff Officer further advised that the event would take place at the Skeater Point viewing area and will run for approximately 2 hours from 16:00hrs with tickets being complementary but limited.

#### *Dunkirk - Twinning*

The Staff Officer confirmed that following the email invitation which was recently received by the Rosslare Municipal District from the Urban Community of Dunkerque for members of the RMD Twinning Committee and officials to visit Dunkirk in June 2023, and the subsequent approval to travel from the CPG and plenary session of the Council, the trip is currently being organised by the District Office.

#### *Staff Changes*

The Staff Officer stated that the District Manager and the District Office Staff would like to thank Mark Collins for his fantastic contribution to the development of the Rosslare Municipal District as Roads Engineer, whilst also being accommodating and respectful in what is a very difficult role.

The Staff Officer also welcomed his replacement, Enda Waters, to the District.

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Lisa McDonald, thanked the former District Roads Engineer for his wonderful dedication to the District since its formation, in the delivery of projects and the annual roads programme, wishing him every success in his new role.

The Members agreed and wished to be associated with the remarks of An Cathaoirleach.

The District Director also thanked Mark Collins for his contribution to the District, acknowledging his work, effort, and passion in the role of District Roads Engineer.

The District Director then welcomed his replacement, Enda Waters, to the team.

## 4. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Lisa McDonald, requested reports the order as required.

### **4.1 Roads Report**

The A/Senior Executive Engineer thanked the Executive and Members for their kind words and best wishes before delivering his final report in the capacity of District Roads Engineer and responding to questions from the Members, agreeing to log the general maintenance issues raised, whilst also confirming or updating on the following items;

- *Road Strengthening Works*
- *Rackardstown Bridge*
- *Cullens Cross*
- *Racks Cross*
- *Scar Cross*
- *Hill at Brownscastle*

### *Roads Programme 2023*

The A/Senior Executive Engineer gave an update on the delivery of the Roads Programme 2023.

### *Climate Change Adaptation Works*

The A/Senior Executive Engineer advised the Members that this was an annual allocation with applications commencing in Sept / Oct and to forward any areas of concern to the new District Roads Engineer.

### *New Line – Crossing Points*

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Lisa McDonald, requested that sightlines at crossing points along the new line be assessed for safety.

#### **4.1.1 Bus Shelter Progress Report**

The A/Senior Executive Engineer gave an update on the below programme of works.

- *Complete – Bridgetown (#1)*
- *Complete – Kilmore Quay*
- *Complete – Rosslare Harbour*
- *Complete - Rosslare Strand*
- *Progressing – Bridgetown (#2)*
- *Progressing - Killinick*
- *Active Travel - Wellingtonbridge x2*
- *Active Travel – Kilrane x2*
- *NTA Application – Tagoat x2 (North & South)*
- *NTA Application – Drinagh x2 (North & South)*

### **4.2 Water Services Report**

The content of the previously circulated report was noted.

### **4.3 Housing Report**

The Senior Staff Officer delivered the previously circulated report.

#### **4.3.1 Rosslare MD Specific**

The Housing Senior Staff Officer delivered the Rosslare MD specific housing report and responded to queries from the Members.

#### *Delivery of Capital Projects*

The Senior Engineer and the Senior Executive Architect advised the Members of the forthcoming developments and then responded to queries raised by the Members regarding the delivery of housing units in the District.

#### *Rosetown Allocations & Official Opening*

Following comment from the Members regarding the allocations and opening ceremony at Rosetown, the Capital Team confirmed that the opening ceremony for phase #1 would take place on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June, with a sod turning ceremony for phase #2 to be directly following this event.

The Capital Team also confirmed that the Tagoat sod turning ceremony could take place on the same day following these events.

#### *Vacant Homes Scheme*

Cllr Jim Moore sought an update on the ***Croi Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme*** in the district, following his request the previous month.

The Senior Staff Officer requested clarification from Cllr Jim Moore and then advised she would seek the required information from Tom Fox, WCC Vacant Homes Officer.

#### *Homeless Process*

Following comment from the Members regarding a homeless facility being set up in the District, the Housing SSO confirmed that as previously advised there had been no interest from facilities within the District following the *Expression of Interest* advertisement.

She further advised that the WCC Social Care Workers were actively engaging with those deemed in need of emergency accommodation.

#### *Land for Sale - 3.5 Acres in Rosslare Harbour*

Cllr Ger Carthy requested an update on the sale of lands by public auction in Rosslare Harbour, stating that it could be an opportunity to purchase suitable lands for social housing.

### **4.9 Special Projects – Greenway**

The Senior Engineer gave an update on the Greenway Projects.

#### *Kilmore Quay Link Road*

Cllr Jim Moore reminded the Senior Engineer that adequate HGV road signage for the Business Park was needed.

The Senior Engineer advised that the Special Projects team would liaise with the District Engineer to resolve the situation.

#### **4.4 Planning Report**

The previously circulated report was noted by the Members and the Assistant Planner responded to questions.

#### **Planning Enforcement Case 023/2019 - Killuger Pig Farm**

The update received under **Matters Arising - Item 1.3.2 Planning Enforcement** was again noted and welcomed. The Assistant Planner then responded to the questions raised surrounding the case and associated timeframes.

The District Director advised the Members that there were now 2 distinctly separate actions outstanding and progressing to resolve the issues in the Pig Farm.

In relation to the odours emanating from the Pig Farm, the S.E. Environment advised the meeting that following a successful prosecution by his team through the Courts, the owner was now engaging with the Environment Department.

#### **4.4.1 Planning Decisions – Grants**

The content of the previously circulated report was noted.

#### **4.4.2 Planning Decisions – Refusals**

The content of the previously circulated report was noted.

#### **4.7 Environment Report**

The S.E. Environment delivered the previously circulated report and dealt with the queries which were raised by the Members.

#### **Beach Access Review – Action Plan Update**

The S.E. Environment gave an update on the action plan works as detailed in the Beach Access Review and responded to queries from the Members.

In relation to additional parking spaces at St Margaret's, the S.E. Environment advised that following preliminary discussions with the landowner valuations for the lands were being organised.

#### **Carne Pier**

The S.E. Environment advised the meeting that works would be commencing within the coming weeks.

#### **Water Estuary / Great Island Licensed Facility**

Following comment from Cllr Jim Codd, regarding the use of a chemical wash, the S.E. Environment advised the meeting that the issue had been forwarded to the EPA for their consideration.

#### **Leave No Trace**

The Leave No Trace policy currently being employed at locations in the District was discussed.

#### **4.7.1 Seaview / Coastal Erosion - Update**

The S.E. Environment updated Members on the coastal erosion scheme.

#### **4.5 Libraries Archives & Arts Report**

The content of the previously circulated report was noted.

#### **4.6 Community Development Report**

The content of the previously circulated report was noted.

#### **4.8 Fire Services Report**

Noted.

### **5. Correspondence**

None.

### **6. Notice of Motion/s –**

None

### **7. Any Other Business**

#### *MEP's visit South East*

The Kilmore Quay Harbour Office and Rosslare Harbour were thanked and congratulated for their recent engagement with Members of the European Parliament following the visit of 5 MEP's.

A cross-party and multi-national delegation of MEPs visited the south-east ports of Kilmore Quay, Rosslare Harbour, and Dunmore East, to meet with fishing and coastal representatives and those working in the sector and will be compiling a report with recommendations for the European Commission and the European Parliament on a number of issues including the post-Brexit cut to the Irish fish quota.

#### *RMD Annual Meeting*

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Lisa McDonald, confirmed that following discussion with the District Manager the Annual Meeting was provisionally scheduled for 30<sup>th</sup> June at 10:00hrs.

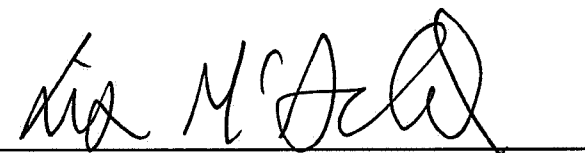
The date and time for the Annual Meeting was then proposed by Cllr Jim Moore, seconded by Cllr Lisa McDonald, and agreed by all present.

### **8. Special Business (*Internal / External Presentations etc*).**

None

**THAT CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING**

Signed on the 21<sup>th</sup> June 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa McDonald', written over a horizontal line.

**Cllr Lisa McDonald**  
**An Cathaoirleach**  
**Rosslare Municipal District**