

**Minutes of the Rosslare Municipal District Monthly Meeting
held on the 21st January 2026 at 10:30am in Council Chamber, County Hall**

Presiding: Cllr Ger Carthy

Councillors: Cllr Jim Codd
Cllr Lisa McDonald
Cllr Frank Staples
Cllr Aoife Rose O'Brien

Officials: Lynda Lacey – District Director
Nóirín Cummins – District Manager
Michael Brazzill – District Engineer
Edwina Colfer – District Staff Officer
Johanna Somers – District Assistant Staff Officer
Derek Cowman – District Technician
Sharon Ryan – Senior Staff Officer Housing
Sonia Hunt – Executive Planner
Seamus Fraser – Assistant Planner
Philip Knight, Administrative Officer Community

Apologies

An Cathaoirleach opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance and informed the attendees that the meeting would be recorded for the purpose of the minutes.

Sympathies

Cllr Codd extended his sympathies to the family of Mary McGrath Trinity.

Congratulations

- Cllr Codd congratulated Taghmon Handball Club on their recent success in the U15 and U17 boys and girl's county handball finals
- Cllr Staples and Cllr Carthy congratulated the girls and boys Rackard League Teams from Our Lady's Island and St Fintan's School on their recent success
- Cllr Carthy congratulated Rosslare Strand Tidy Towns group for being nominated in the Small-Town Category for Ireland's Best Town Competition 2026
- Cllr Carthy and Cllr Staples congratulated St Annes NS Rathangan and St Fintan's NS Taghmon on being granted funding under the Safe Routes to School Programme.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the December Monthly Meeting were proposed by Cllr Staples and seconded by Cllr Codd.

1.1 Matters Arising

- Cllr Codd asked for an update on the Bridgetown Flooding Plan. The DE informed the meeting that the feasibility study will be reviewed in the coming weeks, after which an application will be submitted to the OPW for funding.

- Cllr Carthy asked for an update on the recent motion sent to the LCDC requesting that the Local Enhancement Funding be divided evenly between the 5 districts. PK informed the meeting that it was decided that the funding would be allocated based on population size and then by deprivation index. The grants will be administered by the Community Section. The members expressed their dissatisfaction around this decision. Clarification on the criteria for the allocation of the LEP funding is to be sought from the Ministers office. Cllr Carthy requested that a letter be sent to the Director and Cllr Aidan Browne, Chair of the LCDC to raise the concerns of the members that Community Groups in the RMD are at a disadvantage.
- The members also expressed their frustration in relation to the lack of Active Travel funding being allocated to the District.

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

None submitted.

3. District Managers Report

The DM delivered the previously circulated District Managers Report. Highlights included the following:

- TVRS (BLAM) – purchase of properties finalised and leases being drafted
- Ballymitty Community Centre – commencement notice has been served and the contractor on site
- RRDF – Category 1 application being compiled for Rosslare Strand and Harbour project
- Greenway - €75,000 Rosslare Strand to Rosslare Harbour
- Youth Adds Value Programme Bridgetown TY Students – 9 proposals submitted and will be evaluated shortly
- Arts & Amenity Grants and Residents Association Grant Scheme are open with a closing date of the 13th February

4. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

4.1 Engineers Report - Roads

The DE delivered the previously circulated Roads Report. Awaiting funding allocation for 2026 Roads Programme.

Cllr O'Brien thanked the roads staff for their response to the recent emergency works.

In response to Cllr O'Brien's request for Ballyhealy, Ardinagh Lane, Kilcaven and Tullibards to be included in the 2026 Roads Programme the DE stated he couldn't comment until the programme funding has been allocated.

Cllr O'Brien asked that the location where the school bus currently stops at Tates Cross in Murrintown be moved to Murrintown Community Centre due to safety concerns. The DE is to review.

In response to Cllr O'Brien's query about the lighting at the crossings in Bridgetown and Kilmore the DE stated that we are waiting on the ESB to connect.

In response to Cllr Codd's concern about the gripes on the road towards the Little Sea Wellingtonbridge the DE stated he would review.

In response to Cllr Codd's query about lighting from Kilmore Harbour to the Wooden House the DE stated that there is a damaged cable that needs to be repaired.

In relation to Cllr Codd's complaint about stones being placed on the side of the road outside a private house in Trinity to deter people from parking there, the DE said he would review.

In relation to Cllr Staples request for the Ballyhealy Road to be included in the Roads programme, the DE stated he couldn't comment until the programme funding has been allocated.

In relation to Cllr Staples query in relation to funding for the footpath from Kilmore to grotto the DE stated he would review.

4.2 Housing Reports

The Housing report was taken as read.

In response to Cllr O'Briens query in relation to the derelict houses figure at the end of 2025 and the amount of derelict levies that were not collected the meeting was informed that Tom Banville from Planning will be attending the next meeting to provide an update.

Cllr O'Brien raised her concerns over the number of houses available compared to the number of people on the housing list.

In response to Cllr Codd's query in relation to the houses in Carrig on Bannow and Taghmon SR responded that the houses in Carrig on Bannow will be available on CBL in the next few weeks and the Part 8 process will commence in the next couple of months on the houses in Taghmon.

The members had a discussion around anti-social behaviour in the district. Cllr Codd proposed a motion to be sent to the Housing SPC asking that Wexford County Council reevaluate its Anti-Social Behaviour Policy together with the matrix of evaluating tenants for recommendation. This motion was proposed by Cllr Jim Codd and seconded by Cllr Lisa McDonald.

Cllr Carthy left the meeting, and Cllr McDonald took over as Chair.

4.3 Planning Report

The Planning report was taken as read. Sonia Hunt introduced Seamus Fraser, Assistant Planner for the RMD to the group.

Cllr McDonald highlighted from the planning report that 1/5 of the housing in 2025 was built in the RMD which shows that the District is a very desirable place to live.

4.4 Environment Report

The Environment report was taken as read. Rory O'Mahoney answered any queries the members had.

ROM informed the group that further public consultation on the Rosslare Coastal Erosion & Flood Relief Scheme is planned for Q1/Q2 2026. A project newsletter No.6 was issued in December with a summary for 2025 progress.

In relation to Cllr Codd's query in relation to the dunes in the Burrow in Kilmore ROM informed the meeting that KQCDA have secured Leader funding to explore erosion measures with NPWS consent and WCC assistance.

In relation to Cllr Codd's query in relation to the coastal erosion in some of the gardens on the east side of Kilmore Quay and the erosion of the banks at Cullenstown Beach, Coastal Engineer is to inspect.

In relation to Cllr Staples asked for an update on the plans for Ballyhealy ROM informed the meeting that discussions have taken place with the OPW around his and Coastal Engineer will review.

Cllr O'Brien requested that extra signage be placed on our beaches and trails before the summer season advising people about campfires, camping, dog fouling etc.

Cllr McDonald asked if there is any funding available for marram grass to be planted as a soft measure to restore sand dunes, this is to be looked into.

Cllr McDonald raised the issue of barbed wire in the water in Rosslare Point, this needs to be removed as it is a safety issue, the Coastal Engineer is to inspect.

4.5 Community Development Report

The Community Development Report was taken as read. Philip Knight answered any queries that arose.

PK informed the members that the closing date for the Local Enhancement Programme is the 27th February, proposals will be sent to the Department for approval with a decision due June / July.

4.6 Fire Services Report

The Fire Services Report was taken as read. No representative was present.

4.7 Libraries, Arts & Archived Report

The Libraries, Arts & Archives Report was taken as read. No representative was present.

5. Correspondence

Correspondence was taken as read.

Cllr McDonald looked forward to supporting the Rosslare Strand Tidy Towns group on their nomination in the Small-Town Category for Ireland's Best Town Competition 2026.

6. Notice of Motions

Motion to be sent to the next Housing SPC meeting:

"We, The Rosslare Municipal District, call on Wexford County Council to reevaluate its Anti-Social Behaviour Policy together with the matrix of evaluating tenants for recommendation."

This motion was proposed by Cllr Jim Codd and seconded by Cllr Lisa McDonald.

7. AOB

No other business raised.

THAT CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

Signed on the 18th February 2026



Cllr Ger Carthy
An Cathaoirleach
Rosslare Municipal District

