

**Minutes of the Rosslare Municipal District Monthly Meeting
held on the 15th December 2021 at 10.30hrs in the Council Chamber, County
Hall, Carricklawn, Wexford, and MS Teams (Remote).**

Presiding: Cllr Jim Moore – An Cathaoirleach

Councillors: Cllr Jim Codd – Leas Cathaoirleach
Cllr Ger Carthy
Cllr Lisa McDonald
Cllr Frank Staples

Officials: Nóirín Cummins – District Manager
Annette O'Neill - District Director / Director of Services
Gerry Forde – Senior Engineer (Environment)
Caroline Creane – Senior Staff Officer (Housing)
Ger Mackey – A/Senior Executive Officer (Community)
Barry Kelly – Executive Technician
Dean Waters – Staff Officer

Remote Attendance

Officials: Mark Collins – Executive Engineer (Roads)
Dan McCartan – Senior Executive Engineer (Water)

Apologies: Ken Jones – Executive Engineer (Water)

Cllr Jim Moore, An Cathaoirleach, welcomed all those in attendance and advised those present that the meeting would be a maximum of 1hr 55mins in line with current Covid-19 protocol, thanking those in advance for their cooperation in this regard.

Congratulations

Our Lady's Island Community Development Group were congratulated for their success in winning the ***WCC Keep Wexford Beautiful Awards 2021 - Best Community Project to Improve Accessibility Infrastructure*** category.

Congratulations were also afforded to Port authority ***Iarnród Éireann***, operator of ***Rosslare Europort***, following the granting of planning permission for a major transformation as part of its Port Masterplan.

The Masterplan, together with initiatives under the strategic plan for the port, will see significant investment by ***Iarnród Éireann*** in ***Rosslare Europort*** over the next five years. It will ensure that Rosslare will be equipped with the capacity, facilities and technology to facilitate major growth for the benefit of the region and the wider national economy.

A special thank you was also noted to all the community groups and volunteers involved with delivering such a great Christmassy atmosphere throughout the District.

Sympathies

Sympathies were extended to the families of the late Tony Power, Dylan Boggan, Tom Cullen, Jimmy Nugent, and Helen Skrine.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Monthly Meeting 17th November 2021

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of November 17th, 2021 were proposed by Cllr Lisa McDonald and seconded by Cllr Ger Carthy.

1.2 RMD Special Meeting Draft Budgetary Plan 2022 / GMA Allocations - 11th November 2021

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of November 11th, 2021 were proposed by Cllr Lisa McDonald and seconded by Cllr Ger Carthy.

1.3 Matters Arising

1.3.1 Housing - Various

The responses and information provided in relation to queries from the previous meeting were noted. Following a recommendation by the Chair it was agreed that they could be revisited under the appropriate agenda item.

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

None

3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

Following a proposal by the Chair and agreement by the Members, the Chair invited the reports as directed, with minutes to reflect the order of business in which items were taken.

3.2 Water Services Report

It was noted by the District Manager that a report had not been circulated prior to the meeting.

The Senior Executive Engineer responded to questions from the Members.

Following observations by Cllr Ger Carthy, the Members requested that an update on the *Bing Wastewater Scheme* be presented to the next meeting. The Senior Executive Engineer agreed to request an update on behalf of the Members.

3.9 Environment Report

The Senior Engineer delivered the previously circulated report and dealt with the queries which were raised by the Members.

3.9.1 Seaview / Coastal Erosion - Update

The Senior Engineer introduced a short presentation and updated the Members on the status of the *Seaview Coastal Erosion Scheme* and responded to their questions.

A discussion followed.

On the proposal of Cllr Lisa McDonald, seconded by Cllr Jim Moore, it was agreed that an application for further emergency funding would be made to the OPW by the Senior Engineer and the Environment Department.

Bannow Bay – Water Contamination

Following observations made by Cllr Jim Moore regarding locally led results-based schemes, the Senior Engineer agreed to investigate the possibility of applying for funding under the **European Innovation Partnership** to address water contamination problems in the Bannow Bay area.

Tacumshane Lake / Our Lady's Island – Dead Swans

Following observations made by Cllr Ger Carthy regarding the discovery of dead swans in the area, the Senior Engineer agreed to contact the NPWS (National Parks and Wildlife Service) to report the matter.

3.1 Roads Report

The Executive Engineer delivered his report and responded to questions from the Members agreeing to investigate certain matters raised.

Piercestown / Murrintown - Belisha Beacons

Following observations from Cllr Lisa McDonald, regarding the Belisha Beacons in Piercestown, the Executive Engineer advised that they were awaiting a connection in Piercestown, and that the fault in Murrintown would be investigated and remedied.

Additional Salting Trucks

Following queries from Cllr Lisa McDonald on the routes for the new salting trucks during the winter period and a request to include the Murrintown Hill on the salting routes of the new trucks, the Executive Engineer advised the meeting that he would investigate the matter and revert with further information on the current winter schedule and the possibility of requesting additional areas to be added to the current routes.

HGV Parking – Safety Concerns

Following concerns raised by the Cllr Ger Carthy regarding parked HGV along the hard shoulder of the N25 in the vicinity of Kilrane and other locations nearby, and his subsequent request for the installation of bollards as a preventative and safety measure, the Executive Engineer confirmed that the matter would be brought to the attention of the NRA and that he would update the Members at the next meeting.

3.3 Housing Report.

Caroline Creane, Senior Staff Officer, presented the previously circulated report and responded to queries from the Members, agreeing to investigate certain matters raised.

RMD / Housing Management Team Briefing Session - 8th December 2021

The Members expressed their collective disappointment at the information provided by the *Housing Management Team* at their recent meeting.

A discussion followed.

Housing for All / A New Housing Plan for Ireland - Presentation

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jim Moore, stressed the importance of delivering the agreed presentation as soon as the information was available as per the commitment made by Carolyne Godkin, Director of Services, during the recent briefing session.

County Architect, Shay Howell – Meeting Attendance

The Senior Staff Officer advised the meeting that the County Architect sends his apologies but would be available to attend the January Monthly Meeting to discuss current and future housing delivery projects, as originally requested by the Members at the November Monthly Meeting.

3.4 Planning Report

The previously circulated planning report was noted by the Members.

The Members expressed concerns that a planning representative was not in attendance at the District Meeting.

The District Director advised the meeting, that whilst a planner had not yet been nominated for the District, a full and normal planning service was being provided by the Planning Department.

The District Manager agreed to request an update regarding the nomination of a planner to the District.

3.5 Planning Decisions – Grants

The content of the previously circulated report was noted by the Members.

3.6 Planning Decisions - Refusals

The content of the previously circulated report was noted by the Members.

3.7 Libraries Archives & Arts Report

The content of the previously circulated report was noted by the Members.

3.8 Community Development Report

The content of the previously circulated report was noted by the Members.

Ger Mackey, A/Senior Executive Officer, outlined the **Communities Activities Fund 2021**, funded by the **Department of Rural and Community Development** and administered by the WCC/LCDC which offered €60'000 per District to groups in disadvantaged areas for the completion of small capital works projects or assistance with their non-pay running or operational costs. He further advised that the closing date for applications was 28th February 2022.

3.10 Fire Services Report

The previously circulated report was noted by the Members.

3.11 Members New Support System

The previously circulated report was noted by the Members.

4. District Manager Report

4.1 The District Manager Report

The report was delivered by the District Manager.

JPC – Quarterly District / Gardaí Meetings

It was agreed to include an agenda item for discussion at the next meeting between the Rosslare Municipal District and local Gardaí – ‘*Drug misuse in County Wexford.*’ as requested by the Chairman of the JPC.

The District Manager agreed to arrange the quarterly meeting to coincide with the RMD January District Meeting.

5. Correspondence

5.1 Response – Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)

The response was noted by the Members. Following discussion, it was agreed to refer the response to the County Secretary for further consideration.

6. Notice of Motion/s –

None

7. Any Other Business

Special Projects

Following observations from the Members, the District Manager agreed to invite a representative from the Special Projects department to a District Meeting.

Christmas Wishes

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jim Moore, thanked the Members and the staff for their support during the year and stated that he looked forward to working closely with the Members and the Executive during the year ahead, responding collectively to the needs of communities in the District, wishing everyone in the District a peaceful and happy Christmas.

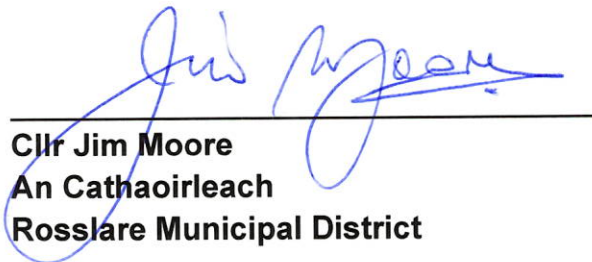
8. Special Business (Internal / External Presentations etc)

8.1 Members Expenses Workshop – County Secretary, David Minogue

Following a request from Cllr Ger Carthy it was agreed that the remainder of the meeting would be held “*in committee*”.

THAT CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

Signed on the 19th January 2022



Cllr Jim Moore
An Cathaoirleach
Rosslare Municipal District