

**Minutes of the Rosslare Municipal District Monthly Meeting  
held on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 10.30hrs in Block A, Ground Floor,  
Carricklawn, Wexford, and MS Teams (Remote).**

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**Officials:**                   Nóirín Cummins – District Manager  
                                  Annette O'Neill - District Director / Director of Services  
                                  Barry Kelly – Executive Technician  
                                  Dean Waters – Staff Officer

**Remote Attendance**

**Presiding:**               Cllr Jim Moore – An Cathaoirleach

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

**Officials:**               Mark Collins – Executive Engineer (Roads)  
                                  Ken Jones – Executive Engineer (Water)  
                                  Gerry Forde – Senior Engineer (Environment)  
                                  Shay Howell – County Architect  
                                  Michael Drea – Senior Executive Officer (Housing)  
                                  Caroline Creane – Senior Staff Officer (Housing)  
                                  Diarmuid Houston – Senior Planner  
                                  Ger Mackey – A/Senior Executive Officer (Community)

**Apologies:**             None

Cllr Jim Moore, An Cathaoirleach, welcomed all those in attendance in person and remotely, advising those present that the meeting duration would be a maximum of 1hr 55mins in line with current Covid-19 protocol.

Following a proposal from Cllr Jim Moore, An Cathaoirleach, it was agreed to deal with item 8.1 before the ordinary business of the meeting.

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

**8.1 Policing Matters - Briefing Session with Inspector Graham Rowley**  
a) JPC Agenda Item - "Drug Misuse in County Wexford"

Inspector Graham Rowley, An Garda Síochána, was welcomed to the meeting by An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jim Moore, on behalf of the Members.

Inspector Graham Rowley then proceeded to give an overview and update of discussions at the recent December meeting of the JPC meeting, advising of the

new task force being set up to tackle the issue, and also district specific data in relation to the agenda item.

The Members acknowledged the details of the update and stated that they looked forward to receiving further information on the plans and proposals of the new task force once formalised.

To ensure that full and complete coverage of the District would be included in the area specific data, which was subsequently being made available to the Members, it was agreed that a District map would be forwarded to the Inspector for ease of reference.

It was also agreed that going forward quarterly meetings with a representative of **An Garda Síochána** would be arranged where scheduling allowed.

The Members thanked Inspector Graham Rowley and he departed from the meeting.

## **1. Confirmation of Minutes**

### ***1.1 Monthly Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021***

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 were proposed by Cllr Ger Carthy and seconded by Cllr Frank Staples.

### ***1.2 Matters Arising***

#### ***1.2.1 Water - Water - Bing Wastewater Community Connection Update***

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, if necessary, 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.

### ***3.1 Roads Report***

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

The Members thanked the Executive Engineer and the Road Crews that had worked tirelessly to assist people following the floods on Christmas morning, the fantastic effort was very much appreciated by the Members and all those affected. The Executive Engineer agreed to pass on their comments and appreciation to all those involved, confirming that 92mm of rain had fallen in a 15 hour period.

A discussion followed.

#### *Flood Data*

Following observations by Cllr Lisa McDonald regarding the use of data from the flooding over the Christmas period, and her request to be better prepared for future occurrences of similar weather, the Executive Engineer agreed to further liaise with the OPW regarding a Flood Response, with all relevant data being included in the Countywide review, prior to the District Flood Response being formulated.

#### *Flooding – OPW Report / Countywide Review*

Following comment from the Members, An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jim Moore advised the meeting that a request to meet the OPW should be deferred until their report had been circulated and the Countywide review had taken place.

Cllr Lisa McDonald agreed that a meeting be arranged following receipt of this information and the completion of the Countywide review.

#### *Flooding – Emergency Fund*

It was unanimously agreed that following a full assessment the Emergency Fund should be utilised in full for the completion of all necessary works.

#### *HGV Parking – Safety Concerns*

Cllr Ger Carthy requested an update following the safety concerns he raised at the previous meeting regarding parked HGV's along the hard shoulder of the N25 in the vicinity of Kilrane and other locations nearby, and his subsequent request for the installation of temporary bollards as both preventative and safety measures.

#### *Speed Limit Review*

The Executive Engineer agreed to circulate the appropriate e-mail address for observations on current/future speed limits, whilst also advising that any such observations could also be forwarded directly to him.

#### *Speed Ramps - Ballymitty*

Following concerns raised by Cllr Ger Carthy and Cllr Frank Staples, the Executive Engineer agreed to inspect the speed ramps and road surface in Ballymitty.

#### *Piercestown - Belisha Beacons*

Cllr Lisa McDonald again requested that the Belisha Beacons in Piercestown be connected and activated as soon as possible.

### **3.9 Environment Report**

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

#### *Bannow Bay – Water Contamination*

The Senior Engineer advised the meeting that calls for proposed projects seeking funding under the **European Innovation Partnership** would be made in Q4. This was in response to observations made at the previous meeting by Cllr Jim Moore regarding locally led results-based schemes, to address water contamination problems in the Bannow Bay area.

### *South End of Rosslare Beach – Access Steps*

Following further observations made by Cllr Lisa McDonald, regarding the safety aspect of this access point, she again reaffirmed her belief that it was not “*Fit for Purpose*”.

The Senior Engineer agreed to investigate and report to the next meeting.

Cllr Lisa McDonald requested that the necessary works be completed to ensure that the area is Summer Ready.

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

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

A discussion followed.

Following a proposal by Cllr Ger Carthy to invite ***Patrick O'Donovan, Minister of State with responsibility for the Office of Public Works*** and ***John Curtin, Director of Flood Risk Management at the Office of Public Works*** to meet with the District Members, Cllr Jim Moore, An Cathaoirleach, acknowledging the efforts by the Senior Engineer and his Department, requested an amendment to the proposal, to take account of the serious and accelerating coastal erosion issues across the District coastline and calling for a meeting with the Department to address the issues in a response plan.

Referring to the previous motion adopted in June 2021 by Wexford County Council –

*'Wexford County Council calls on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to facilitate a meeting with the Council and the National Coastal Management Strategy Steering Group to highlight the immediate concerns of Wexford County Council and secure the responses required to address the coastal erosion issues in Wexford'*

he requested the District Manager refer the matter to the County Secretary to follow up on the correspondence previously sent to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage on July 5<sup>th</sup>, as there had been no action or comment received in reply on foot of this correspondence.

Cllr Lisa McDonald seconded the amended proposal.

The District Manager agreed to action the request.

### **3.2 Water Services Report**

The previously circulated Water Services report was noted by the Members.

Following comments from Cllr Ger Carthy and Cllr Frank Staples regarding a Bing Wastewater Community Connection Update, the District Manager referred the Members to the full and comprehensive report contained under matters arising.

### **3.3 Housing Report.**

The previously circulated Housing report was noted by the Members.



### **3.3.1 County Architect, Shay Howell**

The County Architect presented an overview of current and future housing delivery, and also presented detailed cost analysis associated with the delivery of one-off rural housing, before responding to questions raised by the Members.

A discussion followed.

Cllr Ger Carthy proposed that Rosslare Municipal District pilot a number of individual houses in the District. Cllr Jim Codd seconded the proposal.

Cllr Ger Carthy requested that a progress report on the proposed pilot scheme be available at the next meeting.

### **3.3.2 Housing for All / A New Housing Plan for Ireland - Presentation**

The Senior Executive Officer presented the **Housing for All / A New Housing Plan for Ireland** report as per the commitment made by Carolyne Godkin, Director of Services, during the briefing session on the 8<sup>th</sup> December.

Following completion of the presentation, An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jim Moore, advised the meeting that to be in full compliance with the current Covid-19 regulations, regarding time limits on hybrid meetings, that it was necessary to adjourn this agenda item until the next meeting, requesting that the Senior Executive Officer attend the February meeting to respond to any questions the Members may have regarding the presentation.

The Senior Executive Officer agreed to attend the next meeting as requested.

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jim Moore, noted the content of the remaining items on the agenda, advising the Members to contact the District Manager if they had any queries or questions relating to the reports or correspondence.

### **3.4 Planning Report**

Noted.

### **3.5 Planning Decisions – Grants (Monthly & Annual)**

Noted.

### **3.6 Planning Decisions – Refusals (Monthly & Annual)**

Noted.

### **3.7 Libraries Archives & Arts Report**

Noted.

### **3.8 Community Development Report**

Noted.

### **3.10 Fire Services Report**

Noted.

**3.11 Members New Support System**

Noted.

**4. District Manager Report**

**4.1 The District Manager Report**

Noted.

**5. Correspondence**

**5.1 Disability Participation & Awareness Project 2021/2022 - Caroline Horan, Access Officer**

Noted.

**6. Notice of Motion/s –**

None.

**7. Any Other Business**

*Trinity Handball Alley*

Cllr Jim Codd requested an update on the possibility of re-establishing a Handball Alley at this location.

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

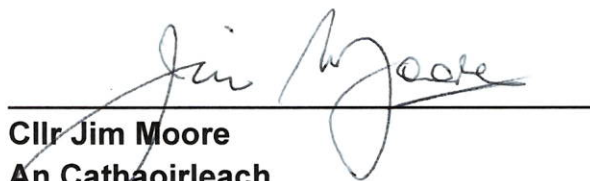
**8.1 Policing Matters - Briefing Session with Inspector Graham Rowley**

*a) JPC Agenda Item - "Drug Misuse in County Wexford"*

This agenda item was dealt with first in the order of business.

**THAT CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING**

Signed on the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022



Cllr Jim Moore  
An Cathaoirleach  
Rosslare Municipal District