

**Minutes of the Rosslare Municipal District Monthly Meeting
held on the 19th July 2021 at 10.30hrs in the Council Chamber, County Hall,
Carricklawn, Wexford, and MS Teams (Remote).**

Presiding: Cllr Jim Moore – An Cathaoirleach

Councillors: Cllr Ger Carthy
Cllr Lisa McDonald
Cllr Frank Staples

Officials: Nóirín Cummins – District Manager
Annette O'Neill - District Director / Director of Services
Mark Collins – Executive Engineer (Roads)
Dean Waters – Staff Officer

Remote Attendance

Officials: Caroline Creane – Senior Staff Officer (Housing)
Liam Bowe – Executive Planner
Ger Mackey – Community & Enterprise
Gerry Forde – Senior Engineer (Environment)

Apologies: Cllr Jim Codd – Leas Cathaoirleach
Ken Jones – Executive Engineer (Water)
Dan McCartan – Senior Executive Engineer (Water NR)
George Colfer – Executive Engineer (Environment)

Cllr Jim Moore, An Cathaoirleach, welcomed all those in attendance and commenced the meeting, he also noted the absence of Cllr Jim Codd and wished him a speedy recovery.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Monthly Meeting –21st June 2021

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of June 21st 2021, were proposed by Cllr Frank Staples, seconded by Cllr Ger Carthy, and agreed by all present.

1.2 Matters Arising

- 1.2.1 Housing - Various*
- 1.2.2 Planning Enforcement - Ballygillane*
- 1.2.3 Planning Enforcement - Ballynagale*

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

1.3 Annual Meeting –25th June 2021

The Minutes of the annual Meeting of June 25th 2021, were proposed by Cllr Ger Carthy, seconded by Cllr Frank Staples, and agreed by all present.

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

None

3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

The Chair invited the reports, as directed, with minutes to reflect the order of business in which items were taken.

3.1 Roads Report (Verbal Report)

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

Road Maintenance Funding

The Members again expressed concerns regarding the disrepair of the road network, with several areas of concern being highlighted by the Members.

The Members agreed that it was necessary to fully support the District Engineer who was delivering results whilst working within the limited budget allocated.

A discussion followed.

It was agreed that substantial funding was required to enable the adequate repair of the road network in the District.

It was further agreed that the Chair would meet with the Director of Service for Roads and Transportation and report back at the meeting in September.

Ashfield Roundabout

Cllr Ger Carthy expressed his concerns regarding the need for a safety barrier at this location to give protection to a dwelling.

The District Engineer agreed to investigate the matter and contact TII as necessary.

Project Delivery

The District Director advised the Members that Barry Kelly, Executive Technician, was assigned to the District and therefore available to assist the District Engineer in making projects “shovel ready”.

3.2 Water Services Report

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

The Members expressed thanks to the team involved in the development and delivery of the Bing Waste Water Scheme.

3.3 Housing Report.

Caroline Creane, Senior Staff Officer, presented the previously circulated report and responded to queries from the Members.

A discussion followed.

The Senior Staff Officer advised the meeting that, based on data from the month of May, 148 applicants were currently on the Housing List in the District excluding transfers.

Housing Demand – Rosslare District

Following observations made by Cllr Lisa McDonald and Cllr Ger Carthy regarding housing demand within the District, specifically in relation to applicants preferred 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices as selected on the housing application form, the Senior Staff Officer agreed to collate the information and revert.

Housing Delivery – Rosslare (37 Units Tagoat & Rosatown)

Following further observations made by Cllr Ger Carthy regarding the delivery of 37 new units in the Rosslare District, the Senior Staff Officer agreed to provide an update for the Members prior to the next monthly meeting.

Cllr Frank Staples also requested an update be provided on the Japanese Knotweed problem on the Tagoat site. The Senior Staff Officer agreed to investigate and revert.

Affordable Housing – Expression of Interests

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jim Moore, requested that an update be made available on the recent *Affordable Housing Survey* prior to the next meeting. The Senior Staff Officer agreed to collate the information and revert.

3.4 Planning Report

The Executive Planner delivered his previously circulated report and dealt with the queries which were raised by the Members.

A discussion followed.

Planning Enforcement – Pig Farm, Killugher

Following observations made by Cllr Frank Staples, regarding the ongoing enforcement case, the Executive Planner agreed to request that updates on the Killugher, Ballynagale, and Ballygillane cases be forwarded to the District Manager for circulation to the Members.

Planning Enforcement – Staffing Levels & Active Cases

Following queries raised by Cllr Ger Carthy the Executive Planner agreed to request the information regarding Planning Enforcement staffing levels and active cases be forwarded to the District Manager for circulation to the Members.

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.

Community Enhancement Programme

Ger Mackey advised the Members that the Community Enhancement Programme saw €32,959 split between 14 successful groups, with an average of €2,400 being allocated per group.

3.9 Environment Report

The Members noted the previously circulated report.

The Members advised the District Manager that the non-attendance of an Environment Representative was extremely disappointing.

A discussion followed.

The District Director advised the meeting that Gerry Forde, Senior Engineer, would be in attendance shortly.

The District Director departed from the meeting.
Gerry Forde, Senior Engineer, arrived at the meeting.

The District Manager advised the Senior Engineer of the queries raised prior to his arrival. The Senior Engineer apologised to the Members and then responded to their queries.

St Helen's – Blue Flag

The Senior Engineer advised the meeting that this was a priority at this ideal location and that the provision of public toilets was required to further progress the matter.

He further stated that a wastewater treatment plant would be required to facilitate the construction of toilets, with possible solutions currently being investigated.

South End of Rosslare Beach – Access Steps

The Senior Engineer advised the meeting that this would hopefully be completed next week.

Rosslare Strand – Anti Social Behaviour

The Senior Engineer advised the meeting that the Beach Bye-Laws, and enforcement practices were being reviewed.

He further stated that the damage being caused to the sand dunes was of concern and that the protection of the sand dunes was of huge importance with regard to protecting the coastline.

The Members requested that the Community Centre and School would be incorporated in the Bye-Laws. The Senior Engineer agreed to investigate the matter.

Summer Ready – Rosslare District

Following observations made by Cllr Lisa McDonald and Cllr Ger Carthy regarding the limited investment and subsequent limited access to some of the Districts Beaches, the Members agreed that a review needed to be initiated to ensure all beaches would be “Summer Ready” next year.

3.9.1 Seaview / Coastal Erosion - Update

The Senior Engineer updated the Members on the current status of the *Seaview Coastal Erosion Scheme* and responded to their questions regarding coastline protection in other areas. He also confirmed the previously circulated update as follows;

- *St Helen’s Preliminary Erosion Risk Management Study: gone to tender with submissions due back 26th July 2021*
- *Ballyhealy Preliminary Erosion Risk Management Study: going to tender over next few weeks.*
- *Seaview appointment of consultants – going through internal approval procedures.*

The Senior Engineer also confirmed that the main scheme for Seaview would be completed 2021/2022, however, an Emergency Report had also been requested in the hope that works would be completed prior to the onset of the winter storms.

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

The District Manager delivered her report and responded to questions from the Members.

Garden of Reflection and Remembrance – Murrintown

The Members congratulated Cllr Lisa McDonald for the delivery of this Project. Cllr Lisa McDonald thanked the Members and acknowledged the funding received from both the *Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media*, and *Rosslare Municipal District*.

Events

The Members also noted the success of the recent events in Murrintown, the *Official Opening of the Garden of Reflection and Remembrance*, and the *National Play Day*. The Members thanked Cllr Lisa McDonald for all her efforts in ensuring both events were organised and delivered to an excellent standard.

Cllr Lisa McDonald acknowledged their remarks and thanked the District Manager, District Engineer, and Staff Officer for assisting in the successful delivery of the project and both events.

5. Correspondence

None

6. Notice of Motion/s –

None

7. Any Other Business

None

8. Special Business (Internal / External Presentations etc)

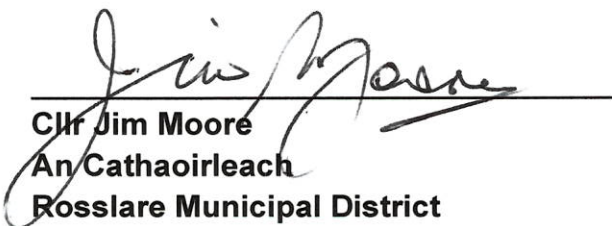
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An Cathaoirleach noted that the meeting had been held in full accordance with the current Covid-19 guidelines and well within the allowed time of 1 hour 55mins.

He thanked all those in attendance and wished everyone an enjoyable summer break.

THAT CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

Signed on the 20th September 2021


Cllr Jim Moore
An Cathaoirleach
Rosslare Municipal District