

**Minutes of the Rosslare Municipal District Monthly Meeting
held on the 18th May 2022 at 10.30hrs in the Council Chamber, Carricklawn,
Wexford, and MS Teams (Remote).**

Presiding:	Cllr Jim Moore – An Cathaoirleach
Councillors:	Cllr Jim Codd – Leas Cathaoirleach Cllr Lisa McDonald Cllr Ger Carthy Cllr Frank Staples
Officials:	Nóirín Cummins – District Manager Annette O'Neill - District Director / Director of Services Eamonn Hore – Director of Services (Roads) Mark Collins – Executive Engineer (Roads) Caroline Creane – Senior Staff Officer (Housing) Gerry Forde – Senior Engineer (Environment) Barry Kelly – Executive Technician Dean Waters – Staff Officer

Remote Attendance

Officials:	Ken Jones – Executive Engineer (Water) Tom Banville – Senior Executive Officer (Planning)
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Apologies:	N/A
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Cllr Jim Moore, An Cathaoirleach, advised that the requisite quorum was present, requested all remote attendees to have their cameras turned on, welcomed all those in attendance and commenced the meeting.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Monthly Meeting 20th April 2022

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of April 20th 2022, were proposed by Cllr Ger Carthy and seconded by Cllr Frank Staples.

1.2 Matters Arising

1.2.1 Bus Shelter Review

1.2.2 Housing - Various

1.2.3 Meeting Attendance - Response from the CE

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

In relation to the Housing response, the Members noted that there was no mention of their previous request for a true indication of applicants preferred locations which was to be achieved by completing an information gathering

exercise enabling the information to then be used as a true indicator of housing need within the District.

The Members requested that the Housing Department be advised of their incomplete report and the need to complete the market research / information gathering exercise as previously requested.

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

2.1 Amenity & Art Grant 2022 - Draft Allocations

The Members acknowledged the Draft Allocations listing as presented and requested that the payment processing commence as adopted at the previous meeting.

3. District Manager Report

3.1 District Managers Report

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

Bridgetown Community Park – Town & Village 2019

Following the completion of necessary additional works, the District Manager confirmed that the official opening of the **Bridgetown Community Park** would take place on Friday 27th May at 14:00hrs.

Turning of the Sod Ceremony – Kilmore Waste Water Treatment Plant

The District Manager advised the Members that the Turning of the Sod Ceremony for the Kilmore Waste Water Treatment Plant would take place on Friday 20th May and invited all the Members to attend.

Skeater Point – New Amenity

The District Manager confirmed that it was hoped to have the official opening of the new amenity in mid to late June, with details still to be finalised.

Maire de Dunkerque – Official visit to Rosslare on 6th - 7th June.

The District Manager confirmed the planned visit was progressing, before outlining the draft itinerary.

Fishermen – Berths at Rosslare Port

Responding to comments from the Members, the District Manager undertook to correspond with the Port Authority / Iarnród Éireann to ensure that the historic commitment/s to facilitate working fishermen with the provision of suitable berths remain in place.

RMD Annual Meeting

The District Manager advised the meeting that following consultations with the Chair, and having regard to statutory obligations, the RMD Annual Meeting would take place on Monday 27th June at 10:30hrs in the Council Chamber.

Caroline Creane, Senior Staff Officer (Housing) joined the meeting.

3.2 Report on the District Delegation to Dunkerque - An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jim Moore

The Members noted the content of the report.

3.3 Dunkerque - Flag Proposal Request

Following the proposal of Cllr Lisa McDonald, seconded by Cllr Ger Carthy, the Members unanimously agreed to grant permission for the use of the District flag on a bridge in Dunkerque as requested by *Monsieur Patrice Vergriete, Président de la Communauté urbaine, Maire de Dunkerque*.

4. 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.

1.2.1 Bus Shelter Review

The District Director gave an overview of the report and summarised the detail contained within the Bus Shelter position paper, before inviting the Director of Services for Roads to address the Members.

The Director of Services for Roads advised the Members of the NTA criteria and the limitations on funding. The Director also outlined indicative prices for the provision of Bus Shelters.

A discussion followed.

The detail outlined within the report was acknowledged by all in attendance who noted that this now provided a plan to deliver.

The DOS Roads confirmed that

- 4 shelters are included and will be delivered under the Active Travel Scheme – 2 in Wellingtonbridge and 2 in Kilrane.
- 5 other locations, Tagoat (North & South) Drinagh (North & South) and Rosslare Strand, are now the subject of an application submitted to the NTA for consideration and for funding.

The District Director further confirmed that in addition to the 3 existing bus shelters at Bridgetown, Kilmore Quay and Rosslare Harbour, another two are currently being progressed at Bridgetown and Killinick, bringing the total number of existing and proposed shelters to 14.

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jim Moore, thanked the executive for bringing clarity to the subject and stated that it was important to work within the system to provide the necessary shelters in the District, he also thanked Director of Services, Eamonn Hore, for his attendance at the meeting.

The Director of Services for Roads departed from the meeting.

4.1 Roads Report

The Executive Engineer delivered his report and responded to questions from the Members and noted other matters raised by Members including;

- *Fingerpost Signage*
- *Link footpath from Ascal Ruain to Portside*
- *Railway Bridges – Safety Concern*
- *Damage at La Rochelle, Greenore Park, and St Mary's Terrace caused by HGV's*

Flooding – OPW

The Executive Engineer informed the meeting that the application seeking OPW funding for flood barriers at properties impacted by the December flooding has been submitted and the expressions for interest of contractors to supply and fit the barriers is also progressing while the decision on funding is being sought.

The Executive Engineer further confirmed that the more detail process in relation to longer term and more detailed drainage assessment and plans for the area will also commence shortly.

A discussion followed.

It was agreed that a map identifying the properties/locations affected by recent flooding would be presented to the next meeting.

Flooding – Bridgetown Dredging

The Executive Engineer advised that the OPW are scheduled to commence dredging works in the canal at Bridgetown during July.

Emergency Drainage Works

The Executive Engineer advised that Emergency drainage works had been completed at Duncormick, Kilcaven, Rochestown, Lacken, Rathaspeck, with further Drainage works proposed at multiple locations across the District.

Department of Agriculture

The Members requested that correspondence be sent to the Department of Agriculture regarding the feasibility of introducing a pilot scheme in Bridgetown to extend drainage/drains.

The District Manager agreed to complete this task.

4.2 Water Services Report

The Executive Engineer delivered his report and responded to questions from the Members.

4.3 Housing Report.

The Senior Staff Officer delivered her previously circulated report and responded to questions from the Members and agreed to investigate any specific matters outstanding and respond appropriately, these specific items included;

- *Update on appropriate land acquisition through an expressions of interest advertisement for the development of small clusters of 4-7 houses in the District, as outlined by Michael Drea, Senior Executive Officer, at the February meeting*
- *Housing solutions to address the 1 and 2 bed housing need in the District*
- *Clarification surrounding the single stage development process*
- *Solutions to address need for specially adapted houses*

Nominated Areas of Choice – Integrity of Data / Information Gathering Exercise

Conscious of the relevance of the request and noting the frustration of the Members regarding the lack of response received from the Housing Department to their request at previous meetings, the District Director gave a statistical overview of data regarding those seeking housing supports within the District stating that the exercise confirmed that the majority of housing applicants in the District (75%) had selected a location within the District, clearly indicating that there is not a significant issue with applicants selecting a location external to the District.

A discussion followed.

It was acknowledged that the list circulated helped to confirm there is demand for housing in the District to inform the housing capital programme but it was also emphasised that the market research requested by members should still progress and they asked that this be addressed in advance of the next meeting.

The Chair advised the Meeting that he will discuss the matter with Carolyn Godkin, Director of Services for Housing to progress the information gathering request.

Tagoat - Delivery of Social Housing Units x16

Following comment from Cllr Ger Carthy, it was agreed that a larger scale and more easily read copy of the plans would be requested and produced.

4.4 Planning Report

The previously circulated report was noted by the Members before the Senior Executive Officer responded to their questions.

Resources – Staff Shortages

Following comments from the Members regarding the ongoing staff shortages in the Planning Department, and the difficulty in arranging pre-planning meetings, the Senior Executive Officer noted the comments and assured the Members that the FI (Further Information) option was used where appropriate and possible.

A discussion followed.

The Senior Executive Officer confirmed that staffing levels were due to increase before the end of the month.

Provision of Housing in Rural Settlements

Following comments from Cllr Lisa McDonald regarding the recent Government announcement for funding in relation to wastewater schemes in rural locations, the Senior Executive Officer agreed to investigate and seek further information on the qualifying criteria and suitability of the scheme.

4.5 Planning Decisions – Grants

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

4.6 Planning Decisions – Refusals

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

Following acknowledgment from the Chair of the current time being 12:30, Cllr Lisa McDonald proposed the suspension of Standing Orders. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Jim Codd and the meeting continued.

4.8 Community Development Report

The content of the previously circulated report was noted by the Members. The Chair noted the apologies of the A/Senior Executive Officer.

4.9 Environment Report

The Senior Engineer delivered the previously circulated report and dealt with the queries which were raised by the Members, agreeing to further investigate and/or progress certain matters including;

- *Review of Bins at Beach Locations – 4 Pronged Strategy*
- *St Helens – Water supply and Tap installed / Shower Unit ordered and will be installed following delivery*
- *Four Winds – Steps Installation Feasibility The Senior Engineer confirmed that the Arthurstown steps are not a safe or suitable fit for this location*
- *Rosslare Harbour – Public Convenience update.*

Rejuvenation of Public Piers and Harbours Funding

The Senior Engineer confirmed to the that meeting it was Kilmore Quay and Carne that had been successful in funding applications to the **Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine** under the **Rejuvenation of Public Piers and Harbours infrastructure Scheme**, and not as previously reported Kilmore Quay and St Helen's. The Senior Engineer further advised that hopefully St Helen's would also receive funding.

4.9.1 Seaview / Coastal Erosion - Update

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

The Senior Engineer confirmed that the environmental and topographical surveys are complete, and that the application for *An Bord Pleanála* was currently being prepared.

4.7 Libraries Archives & Arts Report

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

4.10 Fire Services Report

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

4.11 Members New Support System

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

5. Correspondence

5.1 Proposed Rosslare Harbour to Wexford Greenway - Correspondence from Tom Enright, Chief Executive

The Chair introduced the correspondence and advised those present that a meeting with the team from Special Projects was currently being arranged.

6. Notice of Motion/s – None

7. Any Other Business

Link footpath from Ascal Ruain to Portside

The District Director confirmed that 36mtrs is to be completed under the Risk Remediation Programme.

Sympathies

Sympathies were extended to the family of the late Frank Scallan - Kilmore.

Congratulations

Congratulations were afforded to the successful Rackard League team from the schools of Piercestown and Murrintown. It was agreed that a letter of congratulations would be sent to both schools.

Mark Doyle from Trinity was also congratulated for his success in the One-Wall Handball Championship, the Bargy Vintage Club for their "Lucy's Drive to Survive" tractor run, the Cleariestown community for their tractor run, and Bridgetown College for their show Sister Act JR, which was being performed in the O'Reilly Theatre, National Opera House, Wexford.

The Members agreed that the remainder of the meeting would be held in-committee.

8. Special Business (Internal / External Presentations etc)

8.1 Members Portal System Presentation - Anita McLoughlin - Administrative Officer, Rita Byrne - I.S Project Leader, & Joan O'Connor - I.S. Analyst Developer

Anita McLoughlin Administrative Officer & Rita Byrne - I.S Project Leader gave a presentation and update on the *Members Portal System* to the Members.

THAT CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

Signed on the 15th June 2022



Cllr Jim Moore
An Cathaoirleach
Rosslare Municipal District