# Minutes of the Rosslare Municipal District Monthly Meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 10.30hrs in the Ground Floor Meeting Room, Block A, County Hall, Carricklawn, Wexford, and MS Teams (Remote).

Presiding:

Cllr Jim Moore – An Cathaoirleach

Officials:

Nóirín Cummins – District Manager

Annette O'Neill - District Director / Director of Services

Mark Collins – Executive Engineer (Roads)

Dean Waters - Staff Officer

#### Remote Attendance

Councillors:

Cllr Jim Codd – Leas Cathaoirleach

Officials:

Caroline Creane - Senior Staff Officer (Housing)

Liam Bowe - Executive Planner

Gerry Forde - Senior Engineer (Environment)

Apologies:

Cllr Frank Staples Cllr Ger Carthy Cllr Lisa McDonald

Ken Jones - Executive Engineer (Water)

Cllr Jim Moore, An Cathaoirleach, welcomed all those in attendance, acknowledged the continued absence of Cllr Frank Staples and wished him a speedy recovery, then noted that the meeting would be unable to proceed as the required quorum had not been met.

Cllr Jim Moore, An Cathaoirleach, apologised to all those that had attended and then adjourned the meeting in accordance with Standing Orders, item 12, advising that the meeting would be reconvened on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 10:30hrs.

The Meeting was reconvened on the 26<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 10.30hrs in the Ground Floor Meeting Room, Block A, County Hall, Carricklawn, Wexford, and MS Teams (Remote).

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Cllr Jim Moore - An Cathaoirleach

Officials:

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Councillors: Cllr Jim Codd – Leas Cathaoirleach

Cllr Ger Carthy Cllr Lisa McDonald

Officials: Annette O'Neill - District Director / Director of Services

Mark Collins – Executive Engineer (Roads)
Caroline Creane – Senior Staff Officer (Housing)

Liam Bowe - Executive Planner

Gerry Forde – Senior Engineer (Environment)

Barry Kelly - Executive Technician

Apologies: Cllr Frank Staples

Ken Jones – Executive Engineer (Water)

Cllr Jim Moore, An Cathaoirleach, commenced the reconvened meeting, welcomed all those in attendance, noting apologies received from Cllr Frank Staples, and advised that Cllr Lisa McDonald would be joining the meeting following the completion of urgent work related business.

### Congratulations

Congratulations were afforded to the members of the *Bannow Historical Society* for the successful delivery of the Historical Review and Maritime Project, and also to *Ann Whitty* on her fantastic achievement at the *E.F.S.A. European Shore Angling Championships* winning a total of 4 medals (Gold Ladies Winner, Gold 1st 2 Man Team, Gold 1st 4-man Team & Silver 2nd Senior) and finishing 10th overall.

Congratulations were also afforded to the Taghmon Handball Club for their recent Juvenile success.

#### Sympathies

Sympathies were extended to the families of the late Fr Murty Byrne, Ted McNamara, Harry Seery, and Kitty Furlong.

Following the proposal of Cllr Jim Moore, An Cathaoirleach, it was agreed by all that **agenda item 8** would be dealt with first in the order of business.

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

# 8.1 Shelmalere Offshore Wind Farm - Yvonne Cronin, Community and Stakeholder Liaison Manager

Cllr Jim Moore, An Cathaoirleach, welcomed Yvonne Cronin and Lisa Enright to the meeting and invited them to commence their presentation.

Yvonne Cronin thanked the Members for agreeing to facilitate their request to attend the meeting and commenced the presentation, responding to questions regarding the proposal as they arose. On completion of the presentation, Cllr Jim Moore, An Cathaoirleach, thanked them both on behalf of the Members, and they departed from the meeting.

#### 1. Confirmation of Minutes

# 1.1 Monthly Meeting 20th September 2021

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of September 20<sup>th</sup> 2021, were proposed by Cllr Jim Codd and seconded by Cllr Jim Moore.

# 1.2 Matters Arising

1.2.1 Housing - Various

1.2.2 Environment – Kilrane Business Park

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

As Cllr Ger Carthy was experiencing connectivity issues, Cllr Jim Moore proposed that a 5 minute recess be held to allow Cllr Lisa McDonald to reach her office to ensure the requisite quorum was present at all times, Cllr Jim Codd seconded the proposal.

The meeting was duly suspended for 5 minutes before resuming following Cllr Lisa McDonald confirming remote connection.

#### 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.

#### Rosslare Europort / N11 Project

Concerns were raised by the Members regarding the Traffic Management in the area, the delays in the delivery of the N11 project, and the subsequent safety issues arising.

A discussion followed.

Following a proposal from Cllr Ger Carthy, and Cllr Jim Moore's subsequent proposed amendment which was seconded by Cllr Lisa McDonald, it was agreed that correspondence would be sent to *Transport Infrastructure Ireland* highlighting the serious nature of the problem, which had become all too

apparent following the recent increase in vehicular traffic / HGV's to and from the port, in the hope that any future delays with the delivery of the project could be avoided.

It was further agreed to invite representatives from *Transport Infrastructure Ireland* to attend a forthcoming meeting of Rosslare Municipal District.

# Rosslare Europort / HGV Parking

Following observations made by Cllr Ger Carthy regarding the ongoing issue of HGV's parking at various locations awaiting respective ferries, the Executive Engineer agreed to investigate the matter and revert.

#### Winter Ready / Winter Maintenance

Following observations made by Cllr Lisa McDonald, the Executive Engineer agreed to confirm the Winter Maintenance Programme prior to the next meeting.

#### Parks & Open Spaces Funding

Cllr Ger Carthy raised concerns over the lack of funding being made available to the Rosslare District by the Environment Section for its Parks & Open Spaces, which in 2020 and 2021 had divided the annual funding between the other 4 Districts whilst excluding the Rosslare District. The Members agreed with the concerns expressed by Cllr Ger Carthy.

#### 3.2 Water Services Report

The content of the previously circulated report was noted by the Members. The apologies and absence of Ken Jones was also noted.

#### Mobile Homes / Authorised and/or Unauthorised

Cllr Ger Carthy requested information regarding the position of Irish Water on connecting mobile homes to a clean water supply.

#### 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.

A discussion followed.

# Capital Projects / Capital Plan

Following a request from Cllr Ger Carthy, the Senior Staff Officer agreed to invite Shay Howell - County Architect, if deemed to be the most appropriate person, to the next meeting to discuss current and future housing delivery projects.

#### Maintenance Report

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jim Moore, requested that a report be presented from the *Housing Maintenance Section* prior to year end. The Senior Staff Officer agreed to relay this request.

Housing - Compulsory Purchase Orders

Cllr Jim Codd requested details on the amount of CPO's that the Housing Department had issued. The Senior Staff Officer agreed to investigate the matter.

# Housing Officer - Rosslare Municipal District

Following observations from the Members, the Senior Staff Officer confirmed details of the newly appointed District Housing Officer, Mary O'Loughlin.

# Single Dwelling Houses - Cost Benefit Analysis

Following observations by Cllr Ger Carthy that traditional single dwelling properties be developed to accommodate those on the Housing List from rural locations in the District, he requested a commitment from the Director of Services for Housing, that a Cost Benefit Analysis be carried out by an independent QS consultant in relation to the construction of Single Instance Housing around the villages of South Wexford.

# 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.

# Kilrane Business Park - Waste Management Facility

Following queries raised by the Members, the Executive Planner advised the meeting that this site was subject to a "live" planning application which was currently in the public consultation period.

The Executive Planner also confirmed that the background and history of a site is taken into consideration in all such planning applications.

#### 3.4.1 Derelict Sites Update

The content of the previously circulated report was noted by 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.

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An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jim Moore, reminded those present that the current Covid-19 guidelines allowed a maximum time of 1hour 55mins for the meeting, whilst requesting that reports and questions be concise.

# 3.7 Libraries Archives & Arts Report

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

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jim Moore, requested that the appropriate person/s contact Cllr Lisa McDonald regarding the arrangements for the Decade of Commemoration Town Walking tour for the Rosslare Municipal District event to

be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> November (provisional date) in the Murrintown Community Centre.

The District Manager agreed to forward this request to County Librarian, Eileen Morrissey.

### 3.9 Environment Report

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

# Kilrane Business Park - Waste Management Facility

The Senior Engineer advised the meeting that, further to the current status detailed in item 1.2 Matters Arising - 1.2.2 Environment - Kilrane Business Park, the Environment Section was in the process of replying to further correspondence received from the local residents in relation to the Waste Management Facility.

A discussion followed.

The Senior Engineer further advised that this response would be made available to the Members along with a further update which would be presented at the next meeting.

# 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.

# 3.8 Community Development Report

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

# 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

4.1.1 The Memorial Park, Sensory Garden & Kirwan's Garden ("The Secret Garden") - Rosslare Harbour

4.1.2 The Cliff Village Walkway - Rosslare Harbour

The report was noted by the Members.

#### 5. Correspondence

#### 5.1 Ports. Past and Present

Noted

# 6. Notice of Motion/s -

None

# 7. Any Other Business

#### RMD Monthly Meetings

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jim Moore, advised those present that as Monday was no longer an option for the statutory meetings, he proposed that the meetings would be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month. Cllr Jim Codd proposed that the 10:30 start time remain unaltered.

The proposals were seconded by Cllr Lisa McDonald and unanimously agreed.

# Budgetary Process - Consideration of the GMA Allocation

The District Director advised the Members that as the date for the November Monthly meeting had now changed, a Special Meeting would need to be arranged within the allowed timeframe of the statutory budget process. An Cathoirleach, Cllr Jim Moore, agreed to liaise with the District Manager and his fellow Councillors to finalise a suitable date and time within the appropriate period.

#### RMD Protocol Committee

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jim Moore, proposed that a **RMD Protocol Committee** be established, with the full membership of the Rosslare District Members. The Members unanimously agreed with the proposal.

#### Circulation of RMD Flags to National Schools

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jim Moore, requested that the RMD Flags be sent to all the National Schools within the District in an effort to promote the District and its new crest.

The District Manager agreed to circulate a listing of schools for the consideration of the Members.

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

# 8.1 Shelmalere Offshore Wind Farm - Yvonne Cronin, Community and Stakeholder Liaison Manager

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

# THAT CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

Signed on the 17th November 2021

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