

**Minutes of the Rosslare Municipal District Monthly Meeting
held on the 19th of November 2025 at 10:30hrs in
Council Chamber, County Hall**

Presiding: Cllr Ger Carthy

Councillors: Cllr Jim Codd
Cllr Lisa McDonald
Cllr Aoife Rose O'Brien
Cllr Frank Staples

Officials: Lynda Lacey – District Director
Nóirín Cummins – District Manager
Michael Brazzill – District Engineer
Edwina Colfer – District Staff Officer
Johanna Somers – District Assistant Staff Officer
Derek Cowman – District Technician
Sharon Ryan – Senior Staff Officer Housing
Caroline Creane – Senior Staff Officer Housing Capital
Rory O'Mahony – Senior Executive Engineer Environment
Sonia Hunt – Executive Planner

Apologies Philip Knight, Administrative Officer Community

An Cathaoirleach opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance and informed the attendees that the meeting would be recorded for the purpose of the minutes.

Sympathies

- The RMD members expressed sympathies to Aisling Frayne on the passing of her grandfather Peter Doyle, Maudlintown
- Cllr Codd and Cllr Staples extended sympathies to the families of Jim Kirwan - Ballycogley, Mai Walsh – Knocktown and Nicky Sinnott - Millview, Rathangan

Congratulations

- Cllr McDonald and Cllr Staples congratulated the St Martins Senior Hurling Team on their recent win in the Leinster Hurling Championship
- Cllr Codd and Cllr O'Brien thanked all of the Council Staff, Emergency Services, Fire and Civil Defence for their work during storm Claudia
- Cllr O'Brien and Cllr Staples congratulated Tomhaggard Clean Coasts and all of the Rosslare Municipal District winners in the recent Environment Awards, Mary Barrys for winning Seafood Restaurant of the year in the South East Radio Hospitality Awards, Niamh Lawton - Kilmore CFR and Barty Walshe - Bannow Rathangan Agricultural Show who were presented with awards at the Wexford

Volunteer Awards. Cllr O'Brien also congratulated Catherine Connolly on her recent election as Uachtarain na hÉireann.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the October Monthly Meeting were proposed by Cllr McDonald and seconded by Cllr O'Brien.

1.1 Matters Arising

Tenant in Situ breakdown of figures – budget figures for the scheme are to be circulated to the members for review. DD is to liaise with Housing around these figures. A new scheme is being rolled out called the 2nd Hand Allocation Programme – details are being finalised.

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

No Updates

3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

3.1 Engineers Report - Roads

The DE delivered the previously circulated Roads Report.

- Roads Restoration Programme for 2025 – will be complete by end of the year
- Roads Restoration Maintenance Programme – complete
- Community Involvement Scheme (CIS) & Roads Scheme – complete
- Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) Roads – complete
- Bridge Rehabilitation Grant – ongoing
- Specific Improvement Grants Scheme – ongoing
- Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience Works – ongoing
- Drainage Works – works complete
- Hedge & Tree Cutting – ongoing
- Bus Shelters – waiting on approval of the 2025 programme funding
- Line Marking – planned for R733
- Low-Cost Safety – review ongoing
- Active Travel Projects – ongoing
- Bridgetown Flood Scheme Strand – report due mid November
- Rosslare to Wexford Estuary (South Slob) Drainage Improvements – ongoing
- ESB Wexford Solar Farm Hub Project – works to commence late 2025

Cllr Carthy thanked the DE and his team all across the District for their work during Storm Claudia. The DE informed the members of the Sandbag Policy that is in place for Wexford County Council. The DE also confirmed to the members that the Kilmore and Bridgetown are separate schemes and there is no connection between the two.

Cllr Carthy asked that the OPW report on the flooding in Bridgetown be fast tracked, the report is due mid-November.

Cllr O'Brien asked that the members convene a specific meeting to discuss the Bridgetown report when available. The DE advised that there will be a feasibility report first and then design phase – a lot of consultation will take place after the feasibility report is made available.

Cllr O'Brien highlighted the problem that some of the out of hours calls are being registered to the wrong Districts – this is to be looked into.

Cllr O'Brien also requested a copy of the OPW report for Bridgetown be circulated to the members for information and review.

In response to a query from Cllr O'Brien in relation to water outages the DE advised that all water issues are to be reported to Irish Water (Uisce Eireann) customer complaint line.

In response to an issue raised by Cllr O'Brien in relation to the pedestrian crossings in Kilmore Village and Bridgetown being unsafe due to poor lighting in the area the DE responded that this is in process.

Cllr McDonald thanked the RMD staff for all of their work and commitment during Storm Claudia. Cllr McDonald complimented the works that have been done so far on the Newline Road and mentioned that the works still need to be carried out on the parts of the Newline Road that are not in the RMD.

Cllr McDonald raised the road safety issues around Killinick and the Coal Bunker and Drinagh areas and hoped that Cllr Staples would be available to assist with putting a plan in place to address these issues.

In response to Cllr Codd's query about the paths in Kilmore Village the DE advised that funding could be possible for this under Active Travel.

In response to Cllr Codd's query about the entrance to the Bridgetown Health Centre the DE advised that he will review to see if anything can be done from a roads point of view to make it more accessible.

3.2 Housing Reports

Sharon Ryan, Senior Staff Officer Housing and Caroline Creane, Senior Staff Officer Housing Capital delivered the Housing Reports that were previously circulated.

Cllr O'Brien raised the issue of some leaks in the new houses in Tobar Cormac – videos of the problems are to be sent to DM for information. SR to get update from Housing Maintenance around these issues.

Cllr O'Brien expressed her concern on the recently announced Housing Policy that suggested older people could split their homes.

Cllr O'Brien requested a breakdown of the numbers on the transfer list and raised a query about people on the transfer list with medical needs and if they get priority. SR informed the members that it would be dependent on the availability of a suitable

house becoming available. Cllr McDonald recommended that more accessible houses be incorporated into housing projects in the future.

In response to Cllr O'Brien's query about the houses in Taghmon and Kilmore SR responded that Taghmon houses will be built by a AHB and there is a proposal prior to Part 8 for 8 to 10 units to be built in Kilmore.

Cllr Codd asked if anything can be done for the tenants in Bridgetown that have been flooded again, they cannot get insurance, and the grants won't cover it.

Cllr Codd queried what the protocol is for refusing access to cold weather beds.

3.3 Planning Report

Sonia Hunt, Executive Planner delivered the Planning Reports that were previously circulated.

Cllr Carthy queried an exemption request that was granted for a property in Rosslare Strand and asked what the procedure was for this. SH advised that the application was for a house for up to 6 people with disabilities with 2 carers and was assessed on this criteria.

3.4 Environment Report

Rory O'Mahoney delivered the Environment report which was previously circulated.

He highlighted the following:

- Rosslare Coastal Erosion & Flood Relief Scheme – the next public participation day is expected in Q1 2026. Team met NPWS in October.
- Seaview Coastal Protection & Beach Access – Placing the beach ramp is ongoing. Works expected to be complete this year.
- Lady's Island Water Level Management System – Enforcement of farm and septic tank inspection on-going. UE to provide discharge results for the WWTP. Regular stakeholder meetings are continuing including state agencies. Atkins Consultants are appointed to prepare an Action Plan incl short & long term measures. Business Case is being prepared for DHLGH for resource funding.
Permits & Enforcement: Kilrane Facility – HC Judicial Review quashed ABP refusal decision in July 2025. Planning enforcement case to be heard 22 November 2025.
- UE completing transfer of remaining plants in the district.

Cllr McDonald asked if soft measures/planting etc could be incorporated into the protections in Seaview to make it more secure. ROM is referring this to the Engineer for consideration.

Cllr Codd asked for an update on the conservation works of the Burrow in Kilmore Quay and what preventative measures could be put in place - ROM advised that the NPWS want the dunes to restore naturally but soft measures maybe considered in the future.

Cllr Staples and Cllr O'Brien queried if a scheme can be looked at to protect the coast at Ballyhealy – this is to be monitored.

Cllr O'Brien requested that a meeting be organised between the Save Lady's Island Lake Group and the Environment team. ROM is to bring this back to the project manager.

Cllr Carthy and Cllr O'Brien have requested that legal advice be sought in relation to the Waste Facility in Kilrane. Environment have requested advice from Planning Enforcement on the planning status.

3.5 Community Development Report

The Community Development Report was circulated for review. No representative was present.

3.6 Fire Services Report

The Fire Services Report was circulated for review. No representative was present.

3.7 Libraries, Arts & Archived Report

The Libraries, Arts & Archived Report was circulated for review. No representative was present.

4. District Manager's Report

The District Manager delivered the previously circulated monthly report. She informed the meeting of the following:

- Contractor has been appointed for Ballymitty Community Centre and should be on site before Christmas.
- ORIS funding announcement Our Lady's Island to Carne Trail Phase 3 awarded €500,000 and Wellingtonbridge to Little Sea Trail €200,000
- Community Climate Action Programme Phase 2 accepting applications
- 4 Community Parks were recently awarded their Green Flags; Our Lady's Island Community Park, Foulksmills Park, Murrintown Community Park and Rosslare Harbour Memorial Park and Gardens.
- 100 people attended the Community Networking Event in Our Lady's Island

5. Correspondence

The Community Climate Action Programme Phase 2 is now open for applications. Closing date is 5pm Tuesday 16th December 2025.

6. Notice of Motions

There were no Motions passed.

7. AOB

- Cllr McDonald congratulated Teagasc on the opening of their new €12.7m state of the art sustainability research innovation centre located on the Johnstown Estate. This facility will be essential to the sustainability of agriculture in the Country.
- The Chairman proposed changing the time of the December meeting to 2:30pm on Wednesday 17th December.

Proposed by Cllr Staples and seconded by Cllr McDonald

THAT CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

Signed on the 17th December 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ger Carthy', written over a horizontal line.

Cllr Ger Carthy
An Cathaoirleach
Rosslare Municipal District