

<b>Edenderry Area Committee</b>
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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF EDENDERRY AREA COMMITTEE  
HELD ON THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2011,  
IN THE TOWN HALL, EDENDERRY AT 3.30P.M.**

**Present** *Cathaoirleach Ger Plunkett;  
Cllr. Noel Bourke;  
Cllr. John Foley;  
Cllr Nichola Hogan;  
Cllr Eddie Fitzpatrick;  
Cllr Liam Quinn;  
Cllr Fergus McDonnell;*

**In attendance** *Mr. Declan Conlon, Director of Service, Area Manager;  
Mr. Damien Grennan, Senior Executive Engineer, Edenderry area;  
Mr. Dermot Mahon, Senior Executive Officer, Housing;  
Mr. Tom Shanahan, Senior Engineer, Water Services;  
Ms. Olwen Cooney, Town Clerk.*

**1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2010.**

On the proposal of Cllr. Bourke and seconded by Cllr. Fitzpatrick the minutes of Edenderry area meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2010 were confirmed and signed.

**2. Housing**

Dermot Mahon delivered housing report for Edenderry Area to members. Cllr Foley asked re sites in Bracknagh are they on the open market? Dermot said they were. All councillors welcome the regeneration works soon to commence in Greenwood/Churchview. Cllr Bourke remarked that he is anxious to decrease housing list bearing in mind leasing seems the only option at present. Cllr Fitzpatrick looked for clarification as to who is responsible for housing maintenance in a lease situation. Dermot explained landlord is totally responsible for maintenance in a lease agreement. Cllr Fitzpatrick also questioned the land bank in Cloneygowan and Dermot said he would up date this for next meeting. Cllr Foley questioned the buy out clause with regard to leasing houses however Dermot assured him that this can be incorporated into the agreement that if capital funding became available county council would get first refusal on purchasing leased house. Cllr Plunkett welcomed proposed submission for application for energy efficiency funding for older estates especially St. Olivers estate in Geashill. This will upgrade windows, doors, insulation and heating in houses that require improvements. Cllr Bourke asked if anyone has a once off house available to rent should they contact OCC Dermot said yes.

**3. Water Services**

Tom Shanahan delivered Water Services Report for Edenderry Area to members. All councillors complimented and praised all water, housing and roads staff for the amount of work carried out throughout the cold snap and Christmas holidays. All management from OCC also thanked Edenderry area staff for their tremendous effort through out the severe weather conditions. Cllr Bourke asked re depth of water connections. Tom explained that even connections below the recommended standard froze and that the temperatures experienced were very severe over 9 days and nights

without a thaw. Tom went on to say that a comprehensive report would be carried out to investigate quality of some connections over others, best insulation materials etc to possibly improve the situation in the future. Cllr Quinn enquired re grant aid for group water schemes? Tom assured Councillors that every funding is being sought from the Department. Cllr Fitzpatrick asked about which authority is responsible for Bishop wood/Trescon GWS? The water main under the railway? Water and sewerage scheme in Portarlinton? Tom answered LCC were progressing Portarlinton schemes and is at planning stage with th Dept. Bishop wood/Trescon OCC are responsible for part in Co Offaly. Main under the railway is out to tender. Cllr Foley asked is Rhode sewerage scheme dropped at present. Tom said unfortunately for this year yes. Cllr Quinn appreciated that Ballycommon/Kilclonfert water scheme got held up with the bad weather however asked that this could be pushed along as soon as possible now.

#### **4. Roads Programme**

Damien Grennan informed councillors that 2011 grant allocation from the Department had not been announced as yet. Cllr Bourke asked re pothole repair and Damien said his crew is now full time repairing potholes on a priority basis. Cllr McDonnell asked that potholes in Castlevue/Assumption road be repaired. Cllr Quinn asked re road surveys and Damien explained that roads in the area were all surveyed in January and this will be constantly revised. Declan Conlon explained that emergency funding allocated to each area is already spent. Cllr Fitzpatrick complimented the joint work of LCC and OCC with regard to progressing LUTS Route II for Portarlinton. Cllr Plunkett asked re funding for public lighting and footpaths, Damien explained we have to wait for department allocation however he was doubtful of this for 2011.

#### **5. AOB**

Cllr Foley raised the issue re Ofalia house and the decrease in day care/ respite services and staff. All councillors acknowledged the importance of this service for the area and Cllr Bourke proposed to write to the HSE with area concerns and this was seconded by Cllr Hogan.

Cllr Plunkett wanted to confirm that the report on radio 3 regard station in Daingean closing was bogus and assured that it will remain open.

Declan Sweeney reporter was wished well in Sadi Arabia.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Date of next meeting** – Wed, 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2011

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**Date**