

<b>Edenderry Area Committee</b>
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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF EDENDERRY AREA COMMITTEE  
HELD ON TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> SEPT, 2012,  
IN THE TOWN HALL, EDENDERRY AT 3.30PM**

**Present** *Cathaoirleach Cllr Noel Bourke; Cllr John Foley;  
Cllr Eddie Fitzpatrick; Cllr Liam Quinn; Cllr Mary Breen;*

**In attendance** *Mr. Damien Grennan, Edenderry Area Engineer;  
Mr. Tom Shanahan, Senior Engineer, Water Services and Environment;  
Ms. Olwen Cooney, Town Clerk; Mr. Declan Conlon, Area Manager.*

**Apologies** *Cllr Nichola Hogan; Cllr Ger Plunkett; Mr. Dermot Mahon, SEO Housing.*

**1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held in June, 2012.**

On the proposal of Cllr. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Cllr. Foley the minutes of Edenderry area meeting held in June, 2012 were confirmed and signed.

**2. Water Services**

Tom Shanahan delivered water report to area members. Tom emphasised with extra cuts on water budgets repairs and maintenance are going to be affected which could impact on services.

Issues raised

- Members echoed concerns re budget cuts and complimented staff for service delivery with limited resources
- In relation to new source in Geashill WSS and submissions received from landowners, Cllr Fitzpatrick said it is important to give relevant information
- Query re Clonbullogue WSS part VII
- Edenderry Sewerage Treatment plant capacity

Tom replied re Clonbullogue it is good to have scheme gone through the planning stage if funding becomes available. Offaly County Council contribution to schemes discussed and water conservation projects to date have been the best value for money as 90%/10% required. In relation to Edenderry Sewerage Scheme Tom informed members that treatment plant is just about at its capacity. As it's a licensed facility new parameters have come on stream recently and with small improvements plant is managing to meet requirements. Also the network and pumping stations (6) in the town come under pressure especially with heavy rain. Again OCC contribution to new scheme will be substantial and funds to date are not available to support scheme.

**3. Housing**

Dermot Mahon send on his apologies re not attending. Cllr Bourke said if there are any issues that Olwen will pass them on to housing on members behalf.

Members encouraged any houses in Edenderry area that could be available for rent to contact Housing OCC for RAS scheme. Concerns re vacant dwellings were aired also.

**4. Roads**

Damien Grennan delivered roads report for 2012 to members. Area staff and Damien complimented by members on quality of work with the limited resources to date. Works on Fahy Hill complimented, excellent job. Road works completed by Bord na Mona complimented also.

Issues raised

- Concern road signs being defaced
- Amount of signs being erected recently
- Query Special improvement grant of €250,000
- Safety work at Derrygrenagh
- Footpath in Ballinagar village
- Pot hole repair
- Winter preparations

Damien will try to replace the signs within resources. Department of Transport requested every regional road and junction to be signposted. The breakdown of €250,000 - €50,000 for bridges and €200,000 for overlay on main Daingean to Edenderry road. This work is out for tender and hope to commence works shortly. Ballinagar footpath working on it today hope to be completed soon. Derrygrenagh safety work out for tender hopefully middle of October for commencement. Damien acknowledge that pot hole repair is an essential service for road maintenance and he will do his best with current budget restrictions. Damien said that area are largely prepared for harsh Winter with equipment and salt stocks. If however excessive damage to roads occurs OCC will be reliant on Department of Transport for assistance.

#### **5. Items from Edenderry Town Council members**

Nothing to report

#### **6. AOB/Correspondence**

Cllr Bourke complimented all towns with result for tidy towns competitions. All towns in the area had significant improvements. Compliments to Geashill for best town in Offaly. All efforts of each group and voluntary work complimented. Query re Greenwood landscaping maintenance. Damien said he can assist group as best he can as always.

Area Manager noted that new traffic warden has commenced in Edenderry Town, David McCabe.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Date of next meeting** – 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2012

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**Cathaoirleach**

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**Date**