

Edenderry Area Committee

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF EDENDERRY AREA COMMITTEE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4th of September 2013,
IN THE TOWN HALL, EDENDERRY AT 4P.M.**

Present: *Cllr Eddie Fitzpatrick; Cllr Ger Plunkett; Cllr Noel Bourke; Cllr John Foley; Cllr Nichola Hogan; Cllr Liam Quinn; Cllr Fergus Mc Donnell;*

In attendance:

Mr. Damien Grennan, Area Engineer; Mr. Dermot Mahon, SEO Housing; Ms. Therese O'Meara, A/Town Clerk; Mr. Declan Conlon, Area Manager

Apologies: *Cllr Finian O'Neill*

1. Confirmation of minutes

On the proposal of Cllr. Noel Bourke and seconded by Cllr. Nichola Hogan, the minutes of the Area Meeting held on the 5th of June 2013 were adopted.

2. Progress Report – Water Services

Damien Grennan, Area Engineer presented the Water Services report and gave apologies for the absence of Tom Shanahan, Senior Engineer, Water Services. This report was largely unchanged from last month.

Water Services Investment Programme - Major Schemes

Edenderry Sewerage Scheme, the preliminary report has been approved by the DEHLG. Contract documents for WWTW, pipelines and rehabilitation contracts are under review at present and will be submitted for DECLG approval. Network Contract will start first.

Water Conservation Projects - Contract documents are nearly complete for Watermain Rehabilitation Contract No. 3 which is expected to go to tender by the last quarter of 2013. Watermain replacement work in Daingean is now complete.

Other Major Schemes (Not on WSIP)

- **Clonbullgoue WSS** – Design in progress, Part VIII planning granted in October 2012. Funding not granted under Rural Water Programme 2013.
- **Geashill WSS** – Submissions received as part of the Part VIII planning progress which are being progressed prior to recommendation being sought by the Council. Funding not granted under Rural Water Programme 2013.
- **Rhode WSS** – EPA source protection works to be carried out prior to allocation of funding from Department.

Rural Water Programme Report

Payments of subsidies were processed during August 2013. Breakdown given to members. Takeover information given to members. No queries raised.

Queries were raised in relation to the old cast iron networks and flash floods in areas such as Fr. Paul Murphy St and Castlevue Park, to which Damien advised that these network will be separated as part of the sewerage upgrade works.

3. Progress Report – Housing

Dermot Mahon, Senior Executive Officer, Housing presented the Housing report. He advised that overall there was an increase in application received since May. There are currently 404 Council houses & 18 prefabs in the area, 16 of these are vacant at the moment. 6 of which were surrendered in the last six weeks for reasons such as death of tenant, moving location. Dermot advised that funding has been made available for carry out pre let works to 5 houses and details of same were given.

Part VIII Report on School Lane was deferred to the December meeting.

Dermot advised that a proposal has recently been sent to him in relation to building houses on land beside the cabin in Fairgreen. This is a tentative proposal. No decisions have been made in relation to same.

Section 183 - disposal of freehold interest in folio no 2105F Dermot advised that this will go before Offaly County Council meeting the following Monday.

Housing Grants – Dermot advised that to date 17 application at a cost of €164,000 have been processed with a further 2 more to process before the end of the year. He advised that to date there are currently 90 applications pending.

Energy Efficiency Programme 2013 - Dermot advised the members that a total of 64 houses (36 in Church view Heights and 28 in Greenwood Park) will have attic insulation and cavity wall insulation carried out.

The members were also advised that €850k has been allocated to Offaly County Council to purchase accommodation for Syrian refugees as part of a re settlement programme.

4. Progress Report – Roads

Damien Grennan advised that the Roads Programme was 70-80% completed at this stage. He advised that there were some jobs at tender stage and some at design stage also. He advised that a contractor will install lighting on the pedestrian crossing tomorrow and that the back road project will be completed before Christmas. In relation to the back road project Damien advised that the road will not be closed for the full period of the works but only for a couple of days.

In relation to a query from Cllr Bourke, Damien advised that the design for Killane Cross is near completion but advised that he couldn't see this work being done this year. He advised that the works plan for Monasteroris is grant funded and therefore the work will need to be done first.

Cllr Quinn complimented the work on the Rhode to Rochfordbridge road and queried the possibility of work next year on bridge at Kilclonfert/Kilduff. He also welcomed the work on Cokery Lane from castlejordan.

Damien advised that the Winter Maintenance roster is in place for salting of road in adverse weather conditions.

The members were advised that hedge cutting notices will be issued and that advertisements are in the paper this week.

Congratulations was extended by Cllr Plunkett to Tidy Towns groups from Geashill, Clonbullougue and Daingean in relation to their success in the Tidy Towns Competition. The work done by TUS workers was acknowledged in relation to their work with tidy towns and other voluntary groups.

Damien advised that the true figure/cost of road opening licences charged to Eircom is €1,785. He outlined the cost of works carried out by Eircom for Offaly County Council also.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Next meeting Wednesday 4th of **December 2013** at **3.30pm**

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