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| <b>Edenderry Area Committee</b> |
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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF EDENDERRY AREA COMMITTEE**

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> of February 2014,  
IN THE TOWN HALL, EDENDERRY AT 3.30 p.m.**

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

**In attendance:** Damien Greenan, SEE, Leonard Geoghegan, AE  
& Therese O'Meara, Acting Town Clerk

**Apologies:** Declan Conlon, Area Manager & Cllr Finian O'Neill

This is a special meeting called in order to seek the approval for the Road Programme for Edenderry Area for 2014.

The members requested that a vote of sympathy be extended to Cllr. Plunkett on the death of his aunt in America.

1. **Confirmation of Minutes**

On the proposal of Cllr. Noel Bourke and seconded by Cllr John Foley the minutes of the Area meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February were adopted.

**Matters arising from the minutes**

Cllr Quinn queried if the Road from Rhode to the Motorway in which a development contribution payable by Roadstone which was queried at the last meeting had advanced any further. Damien Grennan, Area Engineer advised that a meeting has been organized with Roadstone in relation to same via the Planning Section.

2. **Roads Prograame 2014**

Damien gave apologies from the Area Manager who due to other commitments was unable to attend this meeting.

Damien had previously emailed the roads programme to the members. The Town Clerk had supplied a printed version for those present. Damien had also circulated a map with the locations marked on same for the member's convenience.

Damien went through the programme advising the members of any changes from 2013. He advised that the Regional Road Maintenance grant is up by €52k, however he advised that this figure now includes Winter Maintenance which here to fore had a separate code, this amounts of €30k approximately.

Overall Damien advised that Regional Roads are down €33k and County Roads are down €60k. Therefore it is estimated that at least 8 less roads can now be done.

Cllr. Liam Quinn proposed that the programme be adopted. He stated that it is difficult with budget restrictions and road deteriorating especially with the weather in the last month. He raised an issue in relation to the need for line painting at Sr Senan down from the school towards Ofalia House and stated that the edges of concrete bases used in the Playground in Rhode are a bit severe and need to be looked at. He also stated the need for flood relief funding.

Cllr Bourke welcomed the proposal and agreed to second Cllr. Quinn proposal to adopt the programme. He asked the Ballycolgan and Rathgreenan roads be kept in mind should further funding become available.

Cllr. Mc Donnell asked why instead of a bulk amount allocated under the heading Ordinary maintenance that "x" amount of money be allocated to each category. Damien advised that if this was the case and "x" amount was granted to patching roads, for example, that once that money was gone, no more patching would be done. Cllr Mc Donnell also looked for a breakdown by category on spending. Damien advised that for the year ahead this is very hard to do but that he could get these figures for 2013. Cllr Mc Donnell then expressed his concerns in relation to the standard of patching which is being carried out by the area. Damien asked that Cllr MC Donnell advise us accordingly of these areas.

Cllr Foley stated the need for a man on a bike, as in previous years to open water cuts and remove the water from the roads. He also expressed concerns in relation to heavy good traffic on roads which are not able for them.

Damien advised that that there are 12 roads which have weights restrictions and stated that the Gardai are actively enforcing axle restrictions on some roads. He advised that he had a recent meeting with the Gardai in relation to same and stated that penalty points are being issue to those in breach of the axle restrictions.

In relation to drainage, Damien advised that it has come to our attention in recent times that some household are in breach of Planning Conditions in relation to drainage i.e. piping, no gullies and in some cases this is causing flooding.

Cllr Plunkett agreed with Damien in relation to same and stated that in fact he has had some people come to him who, when he checked their planning conditions in the Planning section, he found that they were not complying with the terms of their planning conditions. Cllr Plunkett also stated that he hoped that applications which have been submitted to the Council under the CIR scheme get approval from the Department of Transport. He stated that a motion should be sent to the Department seeking approval of these application and advised that we don't have staff and funding to do these areas.

It was proposed by Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick and seconded by Cllr Liam Quinn to write to the department of transport in relation to the CIR scheme and also the LIS scheme.

Cllr Fitzpatrick agreed to the matter raised in relation to noncompliance with Planning Permissions. He also stated that extra funding has been sought from the department due to the serve weather.

**Any other business**

The damage caused by fallen trees during the storms of recent weeks were discussed. Damien advised that a lot of trees are on private lands.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_