

<p><b>Edenderry Town Council</b> <b>Comhairle Bhaile Edan Doire</b></p>
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**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF EDENDERRY TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2010,  
IN THE TOWN HALL, EDENDERRY AT 7.30 P.M.**

**Present**        *Cathaoirleach Cllr. Fergus McDonnell;*  
                      *Cllr Mary Breen;*  
                      *Cllr. Noel Cribbin;*  
                      *Cllr. John Foley;*  
                      *Cllr. Liam Hogan;*  
                      *Cllr Declan Leddin;*  
                      *Cllr. Patricia Brady;*  
                      *Cllr. Jim Murrin;*  
                      *Mr. Declan Conlon – Area Manager;*  
                      *Ms. Annette Troy – Clerical Officer;*

**Apologies**     Cllr. Finian O'Neill.

**1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETINGS HELD  
ON 12<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2010 & 9<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2010**

On the proposal of Cllr Jim Murrin and seconded by Cllr Liam Hogan the minutes of the Edenderry Town Council monthly meetings May and June were confirmed and signed.

**2. R402 – EDENDERRY TO ENFIELD ROAD**

Area Manager Mr. Declan Conlon advised that the Area Engineer from Kildare County Council, Mr. Des O'Connor is due to attend the next Edenderry Area Committee meeting. Cllr. Hogan suggested all members attend this meeting. Cllr. Leddin spoke on an article he read in the national press whereby the NRA are considering scrapping 40 projects. Cllr. Leddin is concerned that the R402 project will be affected. Cllr. Foley assured all members that money is ring fenced for the R402 and agreed that all members should attend the area meeting as this was a joint effort by all councillors. All members agreed it would be beneficial. Cllr. McDonnell suggested that on confirmation that the Area Engineer Mr. Des O'Connor will be present at the next area meeting the Town Council members could be present for this matter only. Mr. Declan Conlon Area Manager agreed to ask the Chairperson of the Edenderry Area Committee if it be possible for the Town Council members to attend.

**3. AMBULANCE EMERGENCY DISPATCH POINT**

Cllr. Cribbin brought a correspondence (card) from the Farrell family praising the efficient ambulance service. This was read and noted by all.

**4. EXTENSION OF MIDOC SERVICES TO EDENDERRY**

Cllr. McDonnell advised the members that Minister Mary Harney regrets that she is not in a position to meet the members at present but possibly at a future time. He also mentioned that Edenderry Town Council should seek support from Tullamore Town Council for the MIDOC service. A general discussion took place in relation to contacting the minister and TDs, after referring to the June minutes, it was then noted that it was only the Minister that was to be contacted. Cllr Foley proposed to write again to Minister Harney to arrange for a delegation of Edenderry Town Councillors to meet with her on this issue. This was seconded by Cllr Noel Cribbin. It was agreed by all members that an

incommittee meeting would take place prior to meeting the minister. All Laois/Offaly TDs to be invited to accompany the delegation in support of this issue.

**5. EDENDERRY TOWN COUNCIL AWARDS/COMMUNITY FORUM**

Cllr. McDonnell welcomed the interest of many community groups in the community forum as a result of the awards night and encouraged all members to promote these awards and to note the closing date for receipt of nominations is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 5pm.

**6. MOTIONS / NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

Monaghan Town Council – Noted as read

Donegal County Council – Noted as read

Castleblayney Town Council – Noted as read

Wexford County Council - Motion re: Emergency Towing Vessels was proposed by Cllr. Leddin and seconded by Cllr. McDonnell.

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**7. CORRESPONDANCE**

The HSE statement regarding Day Care Services at Ofalia House, Edenderry was discussed by the members. Cllr McDonnell refutes the statement that there is no reduction in service at Ofalia house and is disappointed with the reply from Arlene Crean of the HSE. Cllr. Murrin agrees with this and questions this statement. Cllr. Hogan acknowledges that local people would not be protesting if the HSE cuts were not implemented. Cllr Brady states that this service is an essential service for the community but it is seen as a social service by the HSE. Cllr Cribbin advised the members that he met with the Matron of Ofalia House and spoke with Liam O’Callaghan of the HSE and was advised that only 3 people were affected by the reduced service. He also stated that no complaints were received by the Matron in this regard. After much discussion on this issue Cllr. Foley proposed that a delegation arrange a meeting with the matron. This was seconded by Cllr. Leddin and agreed by all members.

**8. CONFERENCES**

**None**

**9. A.O.B**

Members spoke of 2 safety issues that are to be relayed to the Area Engineer: Road sign as you exit the town square and also signage at Tesco/Lidl - poor visibility for drivers - Health & Safety issue

Cllr. Leddin proposed to write a note of congratulations to the Under 14 Ladies team who competed in the All Ireland Feile Peil na Nog recently. The team won best turned out team and Ms Shauna Ward won best skills award. Letter to be sent to Ms. Fiona Brady.

Cllr. Cribbin wished to thank the area office for the flower beds on behalf of the Tidy Towns Committee. He also mentioned that the ESB would be disrupting the town this coming week moving poles.

**Date of next meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2010.**

This concluded the business of the meeting.