

<p><b>Edenderry Town Council</b> <b>Comhairle Bhaile Edan Doire</b></p>
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**STATUTORY BUDGET MEETING OF EDENDERRY TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2011,  
IN THE TOWN HALL, EDENDERRY AT 7.15 P.M.**

**Present**        *Cathaoirleach Cllr. Jim Murrin;*  
                      *Cllr. Noel Cribbin;*  
                      *Cllr. Patricia Brady;*  
                      *Cllr. John Foley;*  
                      *Cllr. Finian O'Neil;*  
                      *Cllr. Liam Hogan;*  
                      *Cllr Declan Leddin;*  
                      *Cllr. Fergus McDonnell*  
                      *Ms. Olwen Cooney – Town Clerk.*  
                      *Mr. Declan Conlon, Area Manager.*

**Apologies:**     *Cllr Mary Breen.*

**Budget:**

Area manager presented estimates for 2012 explaining that rate support grant was significantly reduced due to less businesses in the town as a result the expenditure would have to match this reduction. Provision for local elections and special project fund were reduced accordingly. A discussion arose re rates and area manager explained that rate in Offaly is relatively low compared to other counties.

Receipts €25,805  
Expenditure €50,666  
Net Requirement €24,861

Decreases in the following:  
Local elections €5,500 to €3,000  
Special project fund €12,706 to €8,469

The amount to be levied €50,666 (net requirement of €24,861 + Rate Support Grant of €25,805) amounts to rate in valuation of €1.74, no increase in rate of evaluation for Edenderry Town. All members acknowledged that there was no change in rate of valuation.

All members thanked head of finance for compiling the budget for 2012. All members acknowledged the fact that the special project fund for members remained, all be it reduced

The rate in valuation of €1.74 to be levied and hereby demand that the sum of €50,666 shall be supplied to them from Offaly County Council.

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**Cathaoirleach**

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**Date**

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**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF EDENDERRY TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2011,  
IN THE TOWN HALL, EDENDERRY AT 7.30 P.M.**

**Present**        *Cathaoirleach Cllr. Jim Murrin; Cllr. Liam Hogan;  
Cllr. Finian O'Neill; Cllr. Noel Cribbin; Cllr. Fergus McDonnell  
Cllr. Patricia Brady; Cllr. John Foley; Cllr. Declan Leddin;  
Ms. Olwen Cooney – Town Clerk;  
Mr. Declan Conlon- Area manager.*

**Apologies:**    *Cllr Mary Breen.*

Area manager announced that paid parking will be suspended as agreed by area councillors from 17<sup>th</sup> December to 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2012. All members encouraged shoppers to shop local and for people who work in the town not to park on main street and free up spaces for people to pull in and shop. People were also reminded that red squares at Town hall are free all year round. Cllr Cribbin wished Pat Gallagher well who recently retired and complimented him on his work as traffic warden in Edenderry. Area manager is actively seeking a replacement.

In relation to staffing Cllr Cribbin rose the issue re GO retiring who works the sweeper in the area. Area manager explained that as there is a staff embargo in local authorities anyone that retires is not replaced. There will be serious budget cuts for 2012 also and as a result of this the area engineer must prioritise all areas of responsibility including water, housing and roads services. This is the engineer responsibility and it will be up to him to decide judgement re sweeper etc. General public was encouraged to play their part also and to keep Edenderry town litter free.

**1. PRESENTATION OF LOCAL AUTHORITY BUDGET FOR YEAR  
ENDING 2012 MATTERS ARISING**

In consideration of the budget, it was proposed by Cllr McDonnell and seconded by Cllr O'Neill and resolved that Edenderry Town Council adopt the budget as submitted by the Head of Finance Declan Conlon for financial year 2012. The rate in valuation of €1.74 to be levied and hereby demand that the sum of €50,666 shall be supplied to them from Offaly County Council.

**Suspension of standing orders**

Cllr Murrin proposed to suspend standing orders and Cllr McDonnell seconded this proposal. This was in order to discuss recent road works being carried out on Carrick Road. Members were disappointed they were not informed about these works and representations from the public have been received re design and placement of pedestrian crossings. The area manager informed members that area engineer is available to discuss any matters either by appointment in the office or over the telephone. He went on to say roundabouts in town are button roundabouts due to space restrictions so that articulated lorries can drive over them. The pedestrian crossings are implemented at the desired line of crossing pedestrians. Finally the

money received from the Department only was issued in late October and had to be spent by November. All members comments were noted in relation to these works.

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST MONTHLY MEETING**

On the proposal of Cllr Hogan and seconded by Cllr O'Neill the minutes of the Edenderry Town Council meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2011 were confirmed and signed.

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

Nothing to report

**4. HSE ISSUES**

Midoc services have been extended to the Edenderry area, Cllr Brady confirmed these hours to be between 6-8pm. HSE, local GPs and Town Council all played their part and were thanked by Cllr Brady for the part they played in achieving this for the area.

Emergency Dispatch Point according to Cllr Murrin is in danger of being withdrawn from Edenderry due to inadequate facilities for ambulance rig and staff. Cllr Cribbin informed meeting that 650 calls have been taken by the presence ambulance service in Edenderry from January, 2011 to date. He called on area manager to appeal to county manager again re housing ambulance and staff on a temporary basis at fire station Edenderry. The area manager reminded members that they already met with county manager and he had stated that it was the responsibility of HSE to house HSE staff. He went on to quote from minutes of this meeting that HSE were contacted at design stage and did not want to link in ambulance with fire station. The fire station is a two pump station and therefore cannot house ambulance rig as well. There are other options for HSE besides the fire station. Cllr McDonnell proposed that Town Clerk would phone William Merriman, Ambulance service to arrange an emergency meeting with Town Council as soon as possible to discuss issue and to try and assist HSE in keeping service in Edenderry this was seconded by Cllr Leddin.

Ofalia House – it was proposed by Cllr Murrin and seconded by Cllr O'Neill to ask Gerry Raleigh for update promised from last meeting with members. Members are anxious that Ofalia House is not completed safe from closing and will keep a close eye on this matter.

**5. TOWN COUNCIL REPORTING TO AREA**

Nothing to report.

**6. MOTIONS / NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

Cllr O'Neill asked that his notice of motion be withdrawn until January meeting 2012. It was proposed by Cllr Murrin and seconded by Cllr McDonnell to support the following notices of motion Carrick on Suir TC (2), Bandon TC, Donegal CC, Monaghan CC and Monaghan TC. Tullamore TC notice of motion marked as read.

**7. CORRESPONDANCE**

**8. CONFERENCES**

Cllr Murrin thanked John O'Reilly GSS and all staff of Offaly County Council for work involved with lighting Christmas lights. Sean Hutchinson, Cllr John Foley, Sean Fitzgerald, Ed Cummins and Santa were all thanked for their contribution. Looking back at 2011 Cllr Murrin highlighted GAA county final win as historic and congratulated all clubs, local organisations, book publishers well for the future. He concluded by wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and holy new year.

**Date of next meeting** – 11<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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Date