

<p style="text-align: center;">Edenderry Town Council Comhairle Bhaile Edan Doire</p>

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF EDENDERRY TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12TH JANUARY, 2011,
IN THE TOWN HALL, EDENDERRY AT 7.30 P.M.**

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

Apologies: *Cllr. Declan Leddin; Cllr. Liam Hogan;*

Cllr McDonnell on behalf of all members expressed gratitude to area staff for their diligent work during the severe weather conditions, they appreciated staff did not get a Christmas holiday and worked around the clock. The press updates from both press liaison officers and the general media were also commended. Few issues arose re Rathagan road for salting and salting the footpaths. Declan Conlon responded by saying thanks for kind words from members. He continued to say that roads were salted for 41 nights from October to date. The priority one and two roads were done, these routes can be viewed on Offaly County Council's web page. Amount salt in stock was just enough to cover these. He also informed members that the major emergency team met every morning during the severe weather conditions and from this the media liaison officer issued press releases and updated website every day. Declan went on to give statistics re water repairs, 25 public main leaks and 300 water connections repaired. Declan extended his gratitude to staff and their commitment and good team work evident in Edenderry area. Cllr Cribbin raised the issue of heating system in Sr. Senan Court which failed to work when temperatures went low during the cold spell and that this was not acceptable.

**1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF BUDGET AND DECEMBER
MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 12th JANUARY, 2011**

On the proposal of Cllr O'Neill and seconded by Cllr Breen the minutes of the Edenderry Town Council meeting and budget meeting held on the 12th January, 2011 were confirmed and signed.

2. R402 – EDENDERRY TO ENFIELD ROAD

Cllr Murrin raised the issue that the R402 was in bad repair with potholes. Cllr Foley said a sign is erected there today that the road will be closed on Friday and obviously road will be patched. It was proposed by Cllr Cribbin and seconded by Cllr O'Neill to send a letter of good wishes to Noel Dempsey TD on his retirement.

3. EMERGENCY DISPATCH UNIT

Cllr Cribbin welcomed the fact that the ambulance is now in Edenderry 12 hours a day seven days a week. There are 4 emergency staff appointed to Edenderry. Discussion arose about sharing services between fire station and

ambulance service as ambulance service using Ofalia house facilities at present. Cllr Cribbin is following up a meeting with Director of Service Frank Heslin to discuss this possibility. Declan Conlon welcomed the extra service and informed members that the provision of a ambulance service is the responsibility of HSE.

4. EXTENSION OF MIDOC SERVICES TO EDENDERRY

No meetings with regard to this held as yet. New Doctor started in Rhode. Cllr McDonnell proposed to keep it on agenda for next month.

5. MOTIONS / NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Leixlip Town Council, Tuam and Macroom notice of motions noted as read.

6. CORRESPONDANCE

The letter from HSE re Ofalia house closed beds was discussed at length including respite services being cancelled in the hospital. It was proposed by Cllr Murrin and seconded by Cllr McDonnell to write to Minister Harney looking for clarification of the future of Ofalia house, to raise concerns over residential, day care and respite services in the hospital and to seek an urgent meeting with the minister about this as she has the ultimate decision with regard to such serious issues. Members asked that the letter be cc to replacement local Health Manager, Hse and John Maloney TD. It was proposed by Cllr O'Neill and seconded by Cllr McDonnell to write a letter to Liam O'Callaghan to wish him well in his retirement.

7. CONFERENCES

It was proposed by Cllr McDonnell and seconded by Cllr Breen to select Cllr O'Neill to attend the conference in Galway, Esperanza Enterprises.

Cllr Cribbin proposed a letter be sent to Larry McDonald, credit union to wish him well in his retirement this was seconded by Cllr McDonnell. Also to write to Robert Morton to wish him well on his recent promotion and to thank him for all his assistance with regard to the ambulance service in Edenderry, it was much appreciated.

Cllr McDonnell also asked would it be acceptable if Kevin Farrell presents to members at the next monthly meeting his ambitious plans for a youth cafe for Edenderry. It was agreed.

Cllr Foley thanked staff for the Christmas tree and lights on the Townhall and thanked Seanie Hutchinson and Eileen for the tea and sandwiches on the night.

Date of next meeting – 9th February 2011.
This concluded the business of the meeting.