

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

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF EDENDERRY TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9TH MARCH, 2011,
IN THE TOWN HALL, EDENDERRY AT 7.30 P.M.**

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

Apologies: *Cllr. Declan Leddin; Cllr. Finian O'Neill; Cllr Mary Breen;*

**1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD
ON 9th FEBRUARY, 2011**

On the proposal of Cllr Hogan and seconded by Cllr Murrin the minutes of the Edenderry Town Council meeting held on the 9th February, 2011 were confirmed and signed. Cllr Cribbin referred to area minutes in relation to streets in town for surface repair. Declan Conlon explained the roads programme for 2011 has three roads in the town to be resurfaced. Cllr Brady asked did invite come in relation to Cathaoirleach attending St. Patrick's Day parade in New York. Town Clerk informed members invite was received.

2. R402 – EDENDERRY TO ENFIELD ROAD

Nothing to report

3. EMERGENCY DISPATCH UNIT

Declan Conlon informed members that Offaly County Council and HSE have met twice in relation to possibilities of new temporary location for ambulance service. Locations being assessed at present so no further comment was advised at this time. Cllr McDonnell read out statistics in relation to ambulance service to date with 50 calls responded to in Jan 2011. He asked that Offaly County Council would work constructively with HSE to find a suitable location so as not to put the service provided at risk. Cllr Cribbin proposed and was seconded by Cllr McDonnell to invite HSE ambulance chief officer, DOS Frank Heslin and County Manager to meet with a delegation of Edenderry Town Council to discuss the matter. Cllr Brady commented that a primary care building is needed for MIDOC service and an ambulance bay will be part of this building so therefore only a temporary location is needed at the moment. Much discussion took place in relation to this issue and closure of Daingean fire station.

4. EXTENSION OF MIDOC SERVICES TO EDENDERRY

As above, nothing further to report.

5. MOTIONS / NOTICE OF MOTIONS

None.

6. CORRESPONDANCE

Cllr McDonnell asked that EASA would present to members at the next meeting this was agreed. Cllr McDonnell also had a letter to present to members from Team Valkyrie, a transition year Enterprise project. They requested €100 sponsorship this was proposed by Cllr Brady and seconded by Cllr Hogan from the special project fund. Town Clerk would circulate the correspondence at next months meeting.

7. CONFERENCES

None

Cllr Cribbin raised the issue of land sold in Killane to Department of Education for the proposal of two new schools. Cllr McDonnell informed members that this was discussed at length at the area meeting and reassurance was given that all relevant improvement works for traffic congestion would take place in the event of planning permission being approved. Map to be circulated of site marked out at next meeting.

Cllr Cribbin proposed to send a letter to Ger Lawlor to wish him well on his retirement this was seconded by Cllr McDonnell. Cllr Brady proposed to write a letter of congratulations to all 5 new candidates of Laois/Offaly constituency who were elected recently, this was seconded by Cllr Hogan. Cllr Brady also congratulated Cllr Foley and Cllr McDonnell for running in the general election.

Cllr Foley raised the issue of Cathaoirleach travelling to US for Patrick's day and questioned was it sending poor message in the current economic climate. Its merits were discussed.

Cllr Hogan asked about a burnt out caravan on back road and Cllr Cribbin informed members that litter warden was looking into this.

Public lighting was raised by Cllr Cribbin and Declan Conlon informed members that a new contract had been agreed and any lights not working to be reported to area office.

Date of next meeting – 13th April, 2011.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Cathaoirleach

Date