

**Municipal District of Edenderry**  
*Bardasach Dúiche Éadan Doire*

**MINUTES**

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Main Committee</b>	
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Chamber, Town Hall, Edenderry</b>	
<b>Time:</b>	<b>3:30pm</b>	<b>Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b>
<b>Present:</b>	Cathaoirleach Cllr. Noel Cribbin Leas-Cathaoirleach Cllr. Mark Hackett Cllr. Robert McDermott (via Zoom) Cllr. Liam Quinn Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick	Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District
<b>Apologies:</b>	Cllr. John Foley	Edenderry Municipal District
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Andrew Murray Joe Harte Enda Daly John Briody Louise Direen	A/District Director District Engineer Executive Engineer Executive Engineer District Administrator
<b>In attendance for part of meeting:</b>	Mark Mahon (via Zoom)	Senior Engineer, Env/RW/CA

**AGENDA ITEMS**

- 1. Confirmation of Minutes from the March Meeting**  
It was proposed by Cllr. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Cllr. Quinn that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 be adopted.

## 2. Climate Action/Environment/Rural Water Update – Mark Mahon

Senior Engineer Mark Mahon presented an extensive Climate Action/Environment/Rural Water update to the Members covering the following:

- Local Authority Climate Action Plan
- Community Climate Action Fund
- Climate Action Initiatives
- Energy Action Theme
- Submissions to the EPA
- Environmental Management
- Bring Centres
- Green Schools
- Dangerous Structures
- Burial Grounds
- Rural Water Services
- Grants
- Veterinary

All queries raised by the Members were addressed by Mr. Mahon

## 3. GMAs

Five applications were considered by the Members. Having been proposed by Cllr. Quinn and seconded by Cllr. Fitzpatrick the following details were accepted:

Application	Funding Requested	Reason for Funding	Funding given
Clonbullogue Active Retirement (in assoc. with Clonbullogue Dev. Assoc)	€750	Funding towards participation in Boccia league Offaly, educational tour, active floor games etc.	€750
Avondale Residents Association	€750	Funding towards the general upkeep and maintenance of the estate	€750
Kilmurray Community Centre	€3,643.59	Funding towards updating the kitchen facilities in order to facilitate/promote more activities for the community	€3,750 the Members agreed to award the maximum allocation of €3,750 to this group

Portarlinton Womens Shed	€750	Funding towards a trip to Killarney for the Members	€750
Brookfield Rise Residents Association	€750	Funding towards general upkeep and maintenance of the estate and planting of native trees to promote biodiversity	€750

#### 4. Regeneration/Project Updates

Andrew Murray, A/Director of Services informed the Members that library design modifications are ongoing in preparation for the tender process, Offaly County Council applied to the Just Transition Fund in relation to Derrycastle Car Park, and that works are continuing with the Daingean Courthouse/Town Hall group in preparation for tender for the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund. Cllr. Quinn thanked OCC for all the works to date in Daingean.

#### 5. Area Issues/Updates/Roads Update

Executive Engineer Enda Daly presented the 2024 Schedule of Municipal District Works to the Members and a briefing on the Roads Programme including the following:

- Recycling contractor Callington Ltd. are due to commence works in Walsh Island, the first of six schemes consisting of two on the Pike Road, Walsh Island, two at Derrycastle/Cushina and two at Togher/Bog Road Daingean.
- Large macadam contractor has been appointed but awaiting CE Orders to finalise.
- Hopeful that all works, including outdoor own resources, will be up and running within the next two weeks if weather conditions remain favourable.
- Kilmalogue TVR – ESB on site pulling in underground cables for public lighting, EIR due to return to underground their cables following this and then a final phase for ESB to remove the poles.
- ORIS Botley Lane – a few minor works to be carried out to reach completion stage.

Cllr. Cribbin raised the issue of the many potholes throughout the District

District Engineer Joe Harte noted that the velocity patcher is still within the District with works ongoing to tend to these issues.

The Members thanked the staff for their work as it has been a tough year with inclement weather conditions to contend with.

Cllr. Cribbin requested the need for additional staff to be appointed to the District, currently down a total of four staff members. Cllr. McDermott also stated the importance of staff recruitment and proposed that District Administrator Louise Direen write to the Chief Executive on behalf of the Members outlining the need for resources in the District. This was seconded by Cllr. Cribbin.

Cllr. Quinn noted that he has arranged a meeting with Minister for Transport Eamon Ryan scheduled for Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> in Leinster House in the hopes of securing additional funding to cater for the needs of this area.

All queries raised by the Members were addressed by Mr. Daly and District Engineer Joe Harte.

#### **6. Notices of Motion**

None at this time

#### **7. Written Questions**

None at this time

#### **8. Correspondence**

None at this time.

#### **9. Any Other Business**

Cllr. Hackett requested an update on the swimming pool in Edenderry and if OCC had any input into this. District Director Andrew Murray informed the Members that the Large Scale Sports Infrastructure Fund is due to open for applications in the coming months.

Cllr. Cribbin mentioned the Bord Na Móna announcement last week regarding the gas line extending from Kinnegad to Edenderry, inviting a spokesperson from BNM to address a meeting in the District outlining their exact plans/proposed

projects rather than have to learn of them through the media. Cllr. Cibbin requested District Administrator Louise Direen to issue correspondence to this effect.

This concluded the business of the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on the 08<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

Signed: Keel Cill

Cathaoirleach

Date: 8/5/24



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