

Municipal District of Edenderry
Bardasach Dúiche Éadan Doire

MINUTES

Meeting: Main Committee
Location: Chamber, Town Hall, Edenderry

Time: 3:30pm **Wednesday, 13th December 2023**

Present:	Cathaoirleach Cllr. Noel Cribbin	Edenderry Municipal District
	Leas-Cathaoirleach Cllr. Mark Hackett	Edenderry Municipal District
	Cllr. Robert McDermott	Edenderry Municipal District
	Cllr. Liam Quinn (Remotely)	Edenderry Municipal District
	Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick	Edenderry Municipal District

Apologies: Cllr. John Foley Edenderry Municipal District

In Attendance:	Andrew Murray	A/District Director
	Louise Direen	District Administrator
	Joe Harte	District Engineer
	Annette Troy	Clerical Officer

In attendance for part of meeting:	Lourda Giles	A/SEO, Community, Culture & Corporate Services
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Cllr. Cribbin welcomed everyone to the December meeting and along with the other Members, welcomed A/Director of Services Andrew Murray to the District wishing him all the best in his new role. Mr. Murray thanked everyone for the good wishes and is looking forward to his time in Edenderry.

The Members also extended their good wishes to Lourda Giles in her new position as A/Senior Executive Officer in Community, Culture & Corporate Services.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Confirmation of Minutes from the November Meeting

It was proposed by Cllr. McDermott and seconded by Cllr. Fitzpatrick that the minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 08th November 2023 be adopted.

2. Community/Culture Update

Lourda Giles, A/SEO, Community, Culture and Corporate Services, gave a presentation on the following areas:

- Actions supported by the Section
- Building Local Partnerships
- Offaly Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)
- Funding Programmes (LEADER)
- Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP)
- Local Economic & Community Plan 2024 – 2029 (LECP)
- Community Funding
- Community Culture & Emergency Services
- Community Response Forum – Ukraine
- Public Participation Network (PPN)
- Age-Friendly Programme
- Offaly Comhairle na nÓg
- Pride of Place 2023
- Offaly Sports Partnership
- Healthy Ireland Fund – Round 4
- Offaly Arts Service
- Delivery of Supports
- Capital Projects

The Elected Members thanked Ms. Giles, and all queries raised were addressed.

3. GMAs

Six applications were considered by the Members for the December meeting. Having been proposed by Cllr. and seconded by Cllr. the following details were accepted:

Application	Funding Requested	Reason for Funding	Funding given
Kilmalogue Residents Association	€1,250	General upkeep and maintenance of estate	€750
Geashill Wednesday Club	€1,030	Set up of sewing classes, purchase of equipment and materials	€750

Edenderry District Guides	€998	Purchase of new uniforms, excursions, shelving for equipment	€750
Daingean Christmas Lights Committee (in assoc. with Daingean Town Hall Committee)	€3,750	Christmas lighting, Christmas Market, Santa visit, Senior Citizens Party, Carol Service	€3,750
Marian Terrace Residents Association (in assoc. with Rhode Parish Enterprise)	€1,639	New sign for estate entrance to mark 70 years	€1,639
Eden Chorale	€750	Christmas Concerts, Summer Concert, Culture Night 2024	€750

4. Regeneration/Project Updates

A/District Director Andrew Murray noted that the public consultation of the Part 8 process for the library/arts space development closed on November 30th. A total of nine submissions were received. The Chief Executive's report is currently being prepared and it is anticipated that this will be available for the January monthly meeting.

5. Area Issues/Updates/Roads Update

District Engineer Joe Harte outlined that the roads programme is closed for the year, ongoing day-to-day maintenance and repair works will continue up to year end.

6. Notices of Motion

None at this time

7. Written Questions

None at this time

8. Correspondence

Following on from a presentation at the November meeting from Senior Engineer, Mark Mahon, Environment, Climate Action & Rural Water, District Engineer Joe Harte

presented responses submitted by Mr. Mahon in relation to queries/issues raised by the Members.

The Members expressed their disappointment that Uisce Éireann delegates are not willing to meet with Members of the MD to discuss issues/concerns within the area. District Administrator Louise Direen informed the Members that a 'Thank You' card was received from former District Director Sharon Kennedy upon her recent departure.

9. Any Other Business

Cllr. McDermott queried if there was any update on the closure of the road down to Dunnes Stores.

Cllr. Fitzpatrick requested that the engineers ensure Statkraft complete road reinstatement works at Monevane to a satisfactory level.

District Engineer Joe Harte stated that additional works are being carried out on the 'unofficial' diversion routes used for the duration of the R400 closure.

Cllr. Cribbin noted his disappointment with the lack of engagement from Bord Na Móna after cancelling their recent meeting with Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Simon Coveney, where Elected Members were also scheduled to attend.

Cllr. McDermott queried if the second phase of the Inner Relief Road would be named upon completion.

Cllr. Cribbin thanked all involved in the recent Santa Event which took place on November 26th.

Cllr. Cribbin thanked James Cummins, Edenderry, outdoor member of staff for over 30 years service with Offaly County Council as he is due to retire in the coming weeks.

Cllr. Cribbin wished all the Members, staff and constituents a very happy and peaceful Christmas and good wishes for 2024.

This concluded the business of the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on the 10th January 2024.

Signed:



Cathaoirleach

Date:

10/1/24



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