

Municipal District of Edenderry
Bardasach Dúiche Éadan Doire

MINUTES

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

Time: 3:30pm **Wednesday, 14th February 2024**

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	Edenderry Municipal District
	Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick	Edenderry Municipal District
	Cllr. John Foley	Edenderry Municipal District

Apologies:

In Attendance:	Andrew Murray	A/District Director
	Joe Harte	District Engineer
	Enda Daly	Executive Engineer
	Louise Direen	District Administrator

In attendance for part of meeting:	Brian Pey	Administrative Officer, Community & Culture
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AGENDA ITEMS

1. Confirmation of Minutes from the January Meeting

It was proposed by Cllr. Foley and seconded by Cllr. Fitzpatrick that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 10th January 2024 be adopted.



Cathaoirleach Cllr. Cribbin welcomed everyone to the meeting, including members of the media and Minister Pippa Hackett who joined online.

Cllr. Cribbin extended his sympathies to the families of Ger Connolly and John Bruton who passed away recently. The Elected Members concurred with these sentiments while acknowledging the commitment and passion Mr. Connolly had for his work, serving his county and constituency so well. The Members requested that Louise Direen send a letter of sympathy to both families on their behalf. Cllr. Cribbin also acknowledged all families that have been bereaved in the last month.

2. Draft Offaly Local Economic and Community Plan 2024 – 2029

Brian Pey, Administrative Officer, Community and Culture Section gave a presentation to the Members of the Draft Offaly Local Economic and Community Plan 2024. This presentation covered the following topics:

- Stages in Completion
- Framework Plan
- Structure of Plan
- Sustainable Communities Sample Goals & Objectives
- Healthy Placemaking Goals & Objectives
- Economic Goals & Objectives
- Climate Change Goals & Objectives
- Next Steps in the Framework Plan
- Implementation
- Reporting

Mr. Pey addressed all queries raised by the Members, and they thanked him for his very detailed presentation.

3. GMAs

Three applications were considered by the Members. Having been proposed by Cllr. Quinn and seconded by Cllr. Mc Dermott the following details were accepted:

Application	Funding Requested	Reason for Funding	Funding given
Blundell Wood Residents Association	€1,200	General upkeep and maintenance of the estate	Deferred to March meeting with the intention of larger amount being sought to purchase a sign for the estate also



Rhode St. Patrick's Day Parade	€750	Funding towards the running of the parade in the village	€750
Fahy Handball Club	€700	Funding towards the purchase and installation of a defibrillator	€700

4. Regeneration/Project Updates

Andrew Murray, A/Director of Services updated the Members on the Library and Arts Space development in Edenderry. The application has been submitted to the Department for RRDF funding. Mr. Murray outlined that more information is to follow in the coming months in relation to Regeneration projects.

5. Area Issues/Updates/Roads Update

Executive Engineer Enda Daly and gave an update to the Members on the following:

- Active Travel – works to R402/Fr. Paul Murphy St. Junction nearing completion. Surfacing works completed on 13th February. Line marking and ironworks remaining.
- St. Mary's Road – road surfacing works carried out on 12th & 13th February
- TVR Clonbullogue – works ongoing and due for completion in the next month
- ORIS Scheme Botley Lane – nearing completion with remaining concrete pours expected to be complete w/e 24th February

The Elected Members raised a number of queries pertaining to the roads update and all were addressed by Mr. Daly and District Engineer Joe Harte.



6. Notices of Motion

Cllr. McDermott – *“While understanding that cycle lanes are part of the Active Travel Programme and are part of the new roads / improvements plan, I think it’s time to have another look at the way they have been presented in Edenderry. Using the cycle lane in Killane and St. Marys Road as an example, the lanes are defined by green bollards of approximately 3 feet high. These bollards are reflective in nature, and I believe that was an important factor in its initial installation to make drivers aware of the lane. Since then, Killane has seen the installation of extra streetlights which was most welcome and now lights up the area well, so I would suggest that the need for reflective bollards is no longer essential. I am also concerned about the cost of maintaining and cleaning these bollards. There is a lot of time and cost involved in cleaning these bollards and it needs to be done frequently which is tying up valuable council resources and money. The height of these bollards also prevents the normal road cleaning vehicles to clean the roads to the kerbside which is resulting in a buildup of leaves and silt in the lanes. This is counterproductive as cyclist are now reluctant to use them as they are slippery and dangerous.*

I propose that these bollards are removed as soon as possible. I would ask the council to identify if the existing separator is sufficient once the bollards are removed. If not, can we install something of similar low height and width reflectors on them?”

Having been proposed by Cllr. McDermott, it was seconded by Cllr. Fitzpatrick. Cllr. Hackett opposed this motion. Following a debate in relation to this matter, it was decided to let the motion stand for a period of one month, to be revisited at our March meeting. This was a project carried out by Active Travel, Executive Engineer Enda Daly is going to liaise with them to consider removal of the existing bollards for replacement with a more suitable alternative.

7. Written Questions

None at this time

8. Correspondence

None at this time

9. Any Other Business

None at this time

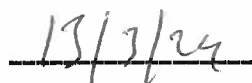
This concluded the business of the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on the 13th March 2024.

Signed:



Cathaoirleach

Date:



Comhairle Chontae Uíbh Fhailí
Offaly County Council