

Municipal District of Edenderry
Bardasach Dúiche Éadan Doire

MINUTES

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

Time: 3:30pm **Wednesday, 26th June 2024**

Present: Cathaoirleach Cllr. Fergus McDonnell Edenderry Municipal District
Leas-Cathaoirleach Cllr. Claire Murray Edenderry Municipal District
Smale (FF) Edenderry Municipal District
Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick Edenderry Municipal District
Cllr. Liam Quinn Edenderry Municipal District
Cllr. Claire Murray (SF) Edenderry Municipal District
Cllr. Noel Cribbin Edenderry Municipal District

Apologies: Andrew Murray A/District Director

In Attendance: Caroline Dempsey A/District Director
Joe Harte District Engineer
Enda Daly Executive Engineer
John Briody Executive Engineer
Louise Direen District Administrator

In attendance for part of meeting:

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Confirmation of Minutes from the May Meeting

It was proposed by Cllr. Quinn and seconded by Cllr. Cribbin that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 08th May 2024 be adopted.

2. GMAs

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

Application	Funding Requested	Reason for Funding	Funding given
Edenderry (Juvenile) Athletic Club	€800	Extend/purchase of stock of training equipment	€800
Festival Edenderry	€2,800	Supplement the running of the weekend festival running 28 th -30 th Jun incl.	€2,800
Edenderry Tidy Towns	€750	Supplement cost of floral displays throughout the town	€750
Fighting Words CLG	€600	Run a project for sixth class in the primary schools to write individual chapters in a single story and publish	€600
Edenderry Women's Shed	€750	Purchase of a DeWalt combi kit to run courses in woodwork/upcycling	€750

3. Regeneration/Project Updates

Caroline Dempsey, A/District Director gave the following brief update to the Members in relation to the Library development timelines:

January 2024 – Part 8 Planning received approval at Council

February 2024 – RRDF Funding Application submitted

May 2024 – DRCD advised project was successful under call for RRDF Funding (€12.2m for the redevelopment of a derelict site to provide new community library and arts base and regenerate the centre of the town)

June 2024 – Architects have been instructed to proceed to Stage 2c – Tender preparation.

Cllr. Quinn thanked the Regeneration & Library Teams for their work to date in getting the project to its current stage and securing the required funding. Cllr. Cribbin thanked Olwen Cummins, Regeneration Officer, for her involvement in what will be one of the finest buildings in the country. He also extended his gratitude to Robert

McDermott and Mark Hackett for their support and input on this project. Ms. Dempsey informed the Members that the tender process can be timely.

4. Area Issues/Updates/Roads Update

District Engineer Joe Harte and Executive Engineer Enda Daly gave a brief overview on the Roads Programme for the year covering the following:

- Road Reconstruction – Contracts Status
- Surface Dressing Works
- Road Recycling Works
- 2024 LIS Schemes
- 2024 CIR Schemes
- Climate Adaptation and Resilience 2024
- Bridge Rehabilitation Works 2024
- Safety Improvement Works 2024

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

5. Notices of Motion

None at this time

6. Written Questions

None at this time

7. Correspondence

District Administrator Louise Direen informed the Members that she had received a letter from 4th Laois Scout Group in Portarlinton confirming receipt of their grant money and expressing their thanks for same.

8. Any Other Business

Cllr. Claire Murray Smale raised the issue of a Primary Care Centre in Edenderry, are there any plans for future development/construction. Joe Harte confirmed that a private developer had been in for pre-planning consultations some time ago but no planning application has been received to date. Cllr. Cribbin stated that problems had arisen due to issues with land registry for the chosen site.

Cllr. Cribbin again raised the issue of staff in the District, reiterating the importance of sufficient staff allocations for the area. Joe Harte gave an update in relation to this issue noting that Foreman positions have been advertised with a closing date of June 27th and Ganger positions will follow imminently.

Cllr. McDonnell addressed the serious issue of public lighting maintenance in Edenderry with some lights out around the town for over 4 months. He stated that the current maintenance contract for public lighting is not fit for purpose. This matter had previously been raised at a JPC meeting. Cllr. McDonnell sought an update on what is now a county-wide problem which is creating potential areas for crime levels to increase and needs to be dealt with.

Cllr. Cribbin stated that this is a council wide issue and the situation has got increasingly worse over the last year or two and is not acceptable.

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

Signed: 
Cathaoirleach

Date: 10/7/24