

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

**MINUTES**

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Main Committee Meeting</b>	Municipal District of Edenderry
<b>Location:</b>	Chamber, Town Hall, Edenderry	
<b>Time:</b>	<b>3:30pm</b>	<b>Wednesday, 08<sup>th</sup> March 2023</b>
<b>Present:</b>	Cathaoirleach Cllr. Robert McDermott Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick Cllr. John Foley Cllr. Mark Hackett Cllr. Liam Quinn	Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District
<b>Apologies:</b>	Cllr. Noel Cribbin	Edenderry Municipal District
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Sharon Kennedy Mark Mahon Louise Direen Enda Daly	District Director District Engineer District Administrator Executive Engineer
<b>In Attendance for part of meeting:</b>	Amanda Pedlow	Heritage Officer

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## AGENDA ITEMS

### 1. Confirmation of Minutes from the February Meeting

It was proposed by Cllr. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Cllr. Quinn that the minutes of the Main Committee meeting held on 08<sup>th</sup> February 2023 be adopted.

### 2. Heritage Update

Heritage Officer Amanda Pedlow delivered a presentation giving an overview of the Edenderry MD projects within the Offaly Heritage Plan (2023 – 2027) on the following areas/topics:

- Offaly Heritage Forum
- Creative Ireland
- Biodiversity/Barn Owl Survey
- Invasive Species/Built Heritage
- Publications
- Community Monuments Fund

Ms. Pedlow also welcomed the appointment of a Biodiversity Officer, Ricky Whelan, who is due to commence on March 13<sup>th</sup>. District Director Sharon Kennedy and the Elected Members thanked her for her comprehensive report and acknowledged her hard work and dedication. Any queries raised by the Elected Members were addressed by Ms. Pedlow.

### 3. GMA Applications

Six applications were considered by the Members, having been proposed by Cllr. Quinn and seconded by Cllr. McDermott the following details were accepted:

Application	Funding Requested	Reason for Funding	Funding given
Church View Residents Association (Portarlinton)	€750	General upkeep and maintenance of the estate	€750
Edenderry Womens Shed	€750	Funding towards purchase of laptop, printer, projector and cricut for the group	€750
North Offaly Community Development Network CLG	€1,000	Funding towards provision of meals on wheels, home visits, friendly call service etc.	€750 – to enable the group to submit an application again next year

Rhode Tidy Towns	€750	General upkeep and maintenance of the village	€750
Edenderry Carbury Players Drama Group	€750	Funding towards the production of performances, Culture Night event etc.	€750
Woodville Manor Residents Association	€600	General upkeep and maintenance of the estate	€600

#### 4. Regeneration/Project Updates

District Director Sharon Kennedy stated that the design process has commenced on the proposed Library/Arts Space development, anticipating it will go to Part 8 stage in summer, while further funding will then be required later in the year once the project reaches construction stage.

#### 5. District Issues/Updates

District Engineer Mark Mahon updated Members on the following projects:

- Active Travel Scheme Rhode – public consultation closing March 10<sup>th</sup>
- Junction at Fr Paul Murphy St – public consultation closing March 10<sup>th</sup>
- Walsh Island Traffic Calming – public consultation closing April 06<sup>th</sup>
- Part 8 for Ballycommon – due in the coming week
- Tesco Junction – approx. one month to completion
- Inner Relief Road Phase 2 – tender applications being assessed at present

Mr. Mahon sought approval of match funding from the GMA for two CLÁR projects for the area:

- Kilclonfert Community Parking – €4,410
- Croghan Hill Smart Bench – €2,800

These were proposed by Cllr. Quinn and seconded by Cllr. Foley.

Executive Engineer Enda Daly confirmed a budget of just over €7m for the Roads Programme for 2023, outlining the different elements of the Programme for the year that will cover approx. 30km of roadway within the district. Following a discussion with regard to elements contained within the Programme, the Elected Members adopted same on the proposal of Cllr. Quinn and seconded by Cllr. Hackett.

The Elected Members complimented the Engineers for putting together such a comprehensive Roads Programme for the year and welcomed the evident increase in funding, District Director Sharon Kennedy also expressed her thanks to all involved.

## **6. Notices of Motion**

Cllr. Quinn proposed a motion – *“that this council supports the extension of the Grand Canal Greenway to link Mount Lucas Windfarm to Croghan Hill. This Greenway would follow the path identified in the ‘Midlands Cycling Destination’ Strategy. In tandem with this initiative, this Council supports the development of an amenity area on the site of the historic Lough na Shade lake located between Rhode and Croghan Hill. This Council commits to engaging with partners such as Bord Na Mona and Fáilte Ireland in delivering this amenity.”*

Cllr. Quinn continued by supporting this initiative as a way to promote health, well-being and fitness, stating that of the €69m Just Transition funding allocated to Fáilte Ireland, €30m of this is specifically for tracks and trails which would tie in with this concept. This motion was seconded by Cllr. Fitzpatrick. District Director Sharon Kennedy is to liaise with Andrew Murray and Ann Dillon to see how this motion can implemented going forward.

## **7. Written Questions**

None at this time

## **8. Correspondence**

## **9. Any Other Business**

Cllr, McDermott noted that a change of timetable for the Go Ahead bus service in the town has been signposted and requested that District Administrator Louise Direen contact the company in relation to this matter.

Cllr, Foley extended his congratulations to the 2022 Unsung Hero of Offaly award recipient Shane Loughlin from Edenderry. Cllr. Fitzpatrick also acknowledged that Cllr, McDermott had also been a nominee.

Cllr. Mc Dermott wished everyone a very Happy St. Patrick's Day to enjoy the celebrations.

This concluded the business of the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cathaoirleach**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_