

**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, 08<sup>th</sup> May 2024</b>
<b>Present:</b>	Cathaoirleach Cllr. Noel Cribbin Cllr. Robert McDermott Cllr. Liam Quinn Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick Cllr. John Foley	Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District
<b>Apologies:</b>	Leas-Cathaoirleach Cllr. Mark Hackett	Edenderry Municipal District
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Andrew Murray John Briody Louise Direen	A/District Director Executive Engineer District Administrator

In attendance for part of meeting:

Cllr. Cribbin welcomed everyone to the last meeting of the current Council.

Cllr. Cribbin extended a very warm welcome to Cllr. Foley's wife Marie, his daughter Orla and granddaughter Molly thanking them for attending what was Cllr. Foley's last meeting after 25 years, thanking him for being a friend and colleague and wishing him and his family all the very best for the future. The other Members associated themselves with these sentiments also.

**AGENDA ITEMS**



**Comhairle Chontae Uíbh Fhailí**  
**Offaly County Council**

## 1. Confirmation of Minutes from the April Meeting

It was proposed by Cllr. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Cllr. Quinn that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024 be adopted.

## 2. GMAs

Thirteen applications were considered by the Members. Having been proposed by Cllr. Foley and seconded by Cllr. McDermott the following details were accepted:

Application	Funding Requested	Reason for Funding	Funding given
Rhode STEAM & Engineering Club	€750	Set up of a STEAM club for children, a summer camp, purchase of equipment	€750
Edenderry Cabin Disability Group	€750	Funding towards a day out for the group	€750
Clonin Residents Association	€750	General upkeep and maintenance of the estate	€750
Portarlinton Community Development Association	€2,337	Painting of a storage container in Derrycastle to represent the flora and fauna of the area	€2,337
Boyne Meadows Residents Association Phase 1	€as much as possible	General upkeep and maintenance of the estate, painting of railings	€750
Portarlinton Tidy Towns	€750	General upkeep and maintenance costs	€750
Edenderry Playground Ltd	€2,367.59	Repairs of rotator swing	€2,367.59
Páirc na hÉornan Residents Association	€500	General upkeep and maintenance of the estate	€500



Figile Manor Residents Association	€2,500	General upkeep and maintenance of the estate, hedge-cutting, landscaping of Green	€2,500
Daingean Canoe Club	€3,500	Purchase of their own canoes and subscription to Canoe Ireland	€3,500
Kilmalogue Gardens Residents Association	€750	General upkeep and maintenance of the estate	€750
Coologue Residents Association	€750	General upkeep and maintenance of the estate	€750
4 <sup>th</sup> Laois Scout Group Portarlinton	€1,500	Subsidise the training of an additional 7 new volunteers and purchase of additional equipment	€1,500

### 3. Regeneration/Project Updates

Andrew Murray, A/Director of Services informed the Members that the results of successful TVR schemes are out, noting the application for Kilmalogue was unsuccessful. Mr. Murray noted that we are expecting an update very shortly in relation to the Rural Regeneration Development Funding for the new Library/Arts space and we are examining requirements of a very complex application form in relation to the new Large Scale Sports Infrastructure Fund.

Cllr. Fitzpatrick noted how Tullamore and Birr have been successful in TVR funding and even though Kilmalogue has been turned down there is still a lot of work going on there, stating he would have preferred if the total monies received through this funding stream were divided out through the three Municipal Districts.

Mr. Murray stated that the intention is to provide a Portarlinton Masterplan that could be used as leverage for any future applications that may be submitted.

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

Executive Engineer John Briody presented updates relating to the following to the Members:

- Road Reconstruction Contracts Status
- Surface Dressing Works
- Road Recycling Works

- LIS Schemes
- CIR Schemes
- Garryhinch Footpath Link
- Climate Adaptation and Resilience Scheme
- Bridge Rehabilitation Works
- Safety Improvement Works

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

Cllr. Cribbin confirmed that himself and Cllr. Quinn had recently attended a meeting with Bord Na Móna, noting their recent partnership with Amazon and a €1.5bn investment in North Offaly.

Cllr. Quinn raised the issue that these potential developments also bring challenges, stating that larger companies concentrate on enterprise and development in these areas but disregard the fact that they are within communities. He questioned if these companies like Amazon would consider the construction of small housing estates, as Bord Na Móna did in the past, to encourage their staff to live there and ensure these communities remain. Cllr. Quinn suggested that representatives from Amazon be invited to attend a future meeting of the Municipal District.

#### 5. Notices of Motion

None at this time

#### 6. Written Questions

None at this time

#### 7. Correspondence

A/Director of Services Andrew Murray confirmed receipt of a letter from the Chief Executive in response to the recent letter sent by the Members relation to staffing issues in the District.

#### 8. Any Other Business

Cllr. McDermott extended good wishes to Mr. Brendan McAuliffe on retiring from the Post Office in Edenderry, wishing him all the best for the future while also wishing Martina Brady the best in her takeover of the service. All the Members associated themselves with these well wishes.

Cllr. Cribbin thanked all the Elected Members, District Staff and outdoor staff for the past year, his last meeting as Cathoirleach, a position he has been proud to

hold. He acknowledged the vast amount of work that has been carried out in Edenderry and North Offaly during this Council term notably the Inner Relief Road, Old Tesco Site/Library Arts Space development and Public Realm works in The Square. Cllr. Cribbin also stated the Canoe Club, Pitch & Putt and Skate Park are all in existence as a result of lands made available by Offaly County Council, all of which are excellent facilities for young people. He wished all the candidates the best of luck in the upcoming elections.

Cllr. McDermott congratulated Cllr. Cribbin on his year as Cathaoirleach, stating that all the Members set aside their party differences and worked for the good of the people and the area. He also mentioned the construction of two new estates in the town during this Council term.

Cllr. Fitzpatrick presented a painting of the Town Hall to the Members.

This concluded the business of the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on the 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024, following on from the local elections on June 07<sup>th</sup>.

Signed:   
Cathaoirleach

Date: 26/6/24

