

Municipal District of Edenderry
Bardasach Dúiche Éadan Doire

MINUTES

Meeting:	Main Committee	Municipal District of Edenderry
Location:	Remote attendance	
Time:	3:00pm	Wednesday, 10th November 2021
Present:	Cathaoirleach Cllr. Liam Quinn Leas-Cathaoirleach Cllr. Robert McDermott Cllr. Noel Cribbin Cllr. Mark Hackett Cllr. John Foley Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick	Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District
In Attendance:	Sharon Kennedy Mark Mahon Enda Daly Josephine Lee Louise Direen Paul Delaney	District Director, Offaly Co Co District Engineer, Offaly Co Co Executive Engineer, Offaly Co Co District Administrator, Offaly Co Co District Administrator, Offaly Co Co Cellnex

AGENDA ITEMS

Cllr. Quinn advised that Mr. Alan Davy, a former member of Offaly County Council and Edenderry MD, had passed away unexpectedly the previous evening. The Members recorded their sincere sadness at Mr. Davy's passing, noting his contribution to the Council during his short tenure a number of years ago. It was then proposed by Cllr. Quinn, seconded by Cllr. Cribbin and agreed by all the Members to suspend standing orders in order to facilitate a one-minute silence in remembrance of Mr. Davy.

All Elected Members associated themselves with sentiments of sympathy to the Davy family.
Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.

The District Director welcomed Louise Direen as the new District Administrator and wished Josephine Lee all the best in her new position, noting her very significant contribution to the District. The Elected Members all associated themselves with these sentiments.

Confirmation of Minutes from the October Meetings

It was proposed by Cllr. McDermott and seconded by Cllr. Cribbin that the minutes of meetings held on the 13th October 2021 be adopted.

1. Broadband Officer Report

Ms. Caitriona Hilliard, Broadband Officer and Mr. Paul Delaney, Cellnex gave a presentation on a number of topics in relation to Broadband and the 'e-denderry' project within the Municipal District.

The Elected Members welcomed the report and raised a number of issues and queries to which the Broadband Officer responded. The Members thanked Ms. Hilliard for all of her work in relation to the project.

2. GMA Applications

Three applications were considered by the Elected Members. Having been proposed by Cllr. Cribbin and seconded by Cllr. Foley the following details were accepted:

Application	Reason for Funding
Edenderry Billiards and Snooker Club	Equipment
Portarlinton Concert Band	Musical Instruments

The District Director and District Engineer advised in relation to the requirement for additional funding to complete works at Blundell Park. Mark Mahon outlined works and costs to date and the requirements in relation to completing the project. The District Director sought approval from the Members for funding in the sum of €30,000 to be allocated from the GMA fund. It was proposed by Cllr Foley and seconded by Cllr Cribbin that funding in the sum of €30,000 be allocated from the 2021 GMA to complete the works. All other Edenderry Elected Members supported this request and welcomed the developments in the Park.

3. Swimming Pool Update

The District Director advised that the future development of the swimming pool will be considered in the context of the Blundell Masterplan and the outcome of the RRDF application with updates to be advised in due course.

4. Library Development

The District Director advised that the outcome of the RRDF application is awaited and an update will be circulated in due course.

5. Inward Investment and Local Enterprise Development

The District Engineer advised that work is progressing in relation to a number of matters associated with the Rhode Green Energy Park, including the tendering of infrastructure and civil works at the Park. The District Engineer also advised in relation to the feasibility study that has been tendered recently.

The District Director gave a high level overview of the successful application to the GNI Fund and advised that as more information becomes available, updates will be given.

Cllr. Quinn discussed recent correspondence from Bord na Mona. The Members considered issuing an invitation to the Company to send a representative to a meeting of the MD to discuss future developments within the District. The District Director advised that she will discuss same with the Management Team as there are plans for a meeting with Bord na Mona officials. A further update in relation to same will be provided at the December meeting.

6. Public Utility Capacity Issues

No current updates available.

7. Area Issues/updates

The District Engineer discussed the following areas;

Climate Adaption

It was noted that the contract has been awarded for works involving new surface water drainage, road raising and footpath entrance to address flooding.

Town & Village Renewal Projects

Daingean Public Realm

An update was provided in relation to a project to renew footway on Main Street and regularise parking through extensive line-marking build outs. It is anticipated that works will commence in November.

Cloneygowan Village Green

Members were advised that the contractor is to commence pathway works in the next number of weeks. It was noted that the installation of bow-top fencing at R-420 interface is now scheduled for November and that the playground element is scheduled for installation in early New Year.

Portarlington (Kilmalogue)

The District Director had a meeting with representatives from the ESB on the 3rd September in relation to design details which are required for ducting works in advance of paving. These details are to be provided by the ESB and on receipt of same, the project can advance to design finalisation and then construction. Construction unlikely to commence prior to Q1 2022.

Geashill (Covid M3)

Final working on seating centerpiece currently being completed.

Rural Regeneration & Development Fund (RRDF)

Granary Link Street project

Surfacing complete, public lighting to be complete. Expected to open in approximately 1 week.

The new road will initial form an access route to the Granary Car Park while essential drainage enhancements to take place in Granary Court from 18th November, estimate to take 2 weeks.

Scheme to be finished in its entirety by December.

Inner Relief Road Project

Contractor (Tower Civil Engineering) commenced on site on 18th October, starting Phase 1 adjacent to Rosderra Meats. Works to realign the R401 junction will follow. Works are programme to take 6 months.

Active Travel Projects

Portarlington Cemetery Link

Design awarded and construction is expected to commence Q4 2021 with completion date in Q1 2022.

Pedestrian Crossings

It was noted that the new pedestrian crossing works are in progress at Cloneygowan with civil works completed and lighting installed, awaiting ESB connection.

Pedestrian Crossing upgrade completed in Ballinagar.

New pedestrian Crossing complete at Clonbullogue, with associated pathway link to Woodlawn Drive.

Relocated and upgraded Pedestrian Crossing completed in Edenderry.

Clár 2021

Clár application submitted in relation to 'Innovation Measures' has been successful with funding of €25,200 secured for the Croghan Hill Smart Meeting Point.

This initiative will provide a heated smart bench with Wi-Fi connectivity and charging points for those using Croghan Hill, and also provide a Wi-Fi connectivity point for locals. This project was welcomed by the Members.

The District Executive District Engineer discussed the 2021 Roads Programme;

Edenderry MD Works

- 2021 Edenderry MD Surface Dressing Works (32 Schemes)
– Works Completed (Between 17th May & 2nd June 2021)
- 2021 Edenderry MD Grading / Surfacing Dressing (9 Schemes)
– Works Completed (Between 17th May & 3rd June 2021)
- Edenderry MD Crews are carrying out road maintenance works (i.e. potholes repairs / patching, drainage / water cuts).

It was further noted that the 2021 EMD LIS Works have been completed.

LIS Works

All local contributions were confirmed to scheme delegates and received by Offaly County Council prior to commencement of works.

LIS Scheme / Location	Delegate	Status
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Alderborough Lane (Geashill)	Matthew Farrelly	Works completed on 18/08/21 + 07/10/21
Cloneen (Rhode)	Mark Lambe	Works completed by 28th September
Garr (Rhode)	Paul McPadden	Works completed by 30th September
Ballybryan (Rhode)	Gerard Lalor	Works completed by 1st October
Ballinrahin (Rathangan)	Senan Sheedy	Works completed by 6th October

CIR Works

List of Edenderry MD CIR Schemes / Works for 2021:

CIR Scheme / Location	Works By	Status
Cappyroe (Ballycommon - Canal Road)	Kilsaran	Start date - late November
Daingean (Footpath Scheme)	Ellsport Ltd	Works completed
Geashill (Footpath Scheme)	EMD Geashill Crew	Due for completion this week
Avondale Portarlinton (Footpaths)	Tower	TOWER – Start date to be confirmed
Walsh Island National School (Footpath)	EMD Geashill Crew	Works completed

EMD Contractors Works Update/Status

42 / 43 Schemes by Contractors completed (98%) – Overall Roads Programme (98%)

Contract	Location(s)	Status	EMD Comments
1	R401-2 Drumcooley / Shean	Completed	2 Schemes Completed
2	Various: 16 Locations In EMD	Completed	16 Schemes Completed
3	Edenderry	Completed	5 Schemes Completed
4	Portarlinton	Completed	5 Schemes Completed
5	Geashill	Completed	1 Schemes Completed
6	Rhode	Completed	3 Schemes Completed
7	Ballinagar	Completed	3 Schemes Completed
8	Clonbullogue	Completed	3 Schemes Completed
9	Daingean	Completed	1 Schemes Completed

Note 1: 2 Schemes under the Roads Programme at R441-1 Monasteroris & Gilroy Ave (Edenderry) were completed in March 2021.

Note 2: 2 Schemes in Geashill & 1 Scheme at Barnan (Daingean) are also completed (IW / Oxygen Contributions to OCC).

Note 3: 3 DBM schemes in Edenderry have been tendered and contractor appointed (Kilsaran).

Scheme Locations - Fr Kearns St (R402), Conneyburrow (R402 East of Boyne Meadows) and the L1001-2 South of Blundell Aquaduct.

The Elected Members thanked the District Engineers for their reports and raised a number of issues pertaining to the Area updates and Roads Programme. The District Engineers addressed these concerns.

8. Notices of Motion

None

9. Written Questions

None

10. Correspondence

None

11. Any Other Business

Cllr. Hackett referred to a notice of motion that he had submitted for consideration at the November meeting of Offaly County Council. He had been advised that same was more pertinent to the MD agenda but it was not possible for him to submit same on time. The notice of motion requested that 'the Council reviews its response with regard to the excessive speed of traffic in the villages of Cloneygowan, Clonbullogue and Rhode. This review to include a detailed traffic analysis in those villages to establish the levels of intervention and design measures required to reduce driving speeds to include the consideration of a role for speed ramps'. The District Director advised that this query will be entered as a Notice of Motion at the December Edenderry Municipal District Meeting and in the interim a response in relation to this query will be issued to him.

Cllr. Cribbin wished to congratulate the Football Minor Team on their recent win.

Cllr. Cribbin raised an issue in relation to Edenderry Soccer Club and a discussion followed.

Cllr. Foley queried if there were any responses to recent letters issued. The District Director advised that she spoke with An Garda Síochána in relation to a meeting with the Municipal District Elected Members and that a response is to be issued.

The District Director advised that there is no reply from the HSE to recent correspondence issued by the MD.

The District Director thanked the outgoing Staff Officer Josephine Lee for all of her work in the District during her time here and wished her all the best in her new position. The Elected Members all associated themselves with these sentiments.

This concluded the business of the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on the 8th December 2021.

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Date: _____