

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

**MINUTES**

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| <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, 09<sup>th</sup> November 2022</b>  |
| <b>Present:</b>                           | Cathaoirleach Cllr. Robert McDermott<br>Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick<br>Cllr. John Foley<br>Cllr. Mark Hackett<br>Cllr. Liam Quinn<br>Cllr. Noel Cribbin | Edenderry Municipal District<br>Edenderry Municipal District<br>Edenderry Municipal District<br>Edenderry Municipal District<br>Edenderry Municipal District<br>Edenderry Municipal District |
| <b>Apologies:</b>                         |   |  |
| <b>In Attendance:</b>                     | Sharon Kennedy<br>Mark Mahon<br>Louise Direen<br>Enda Daly<br>Deirdre McGrath   | District Director<br>District Engineer<br>District Administrator<br>Executive Engineer<br>District Technician  |
| <b>In Attendance for part of meeting:</b> | Ray Bell<br>Martin Quinn<br>Dr. Conor Dowling<br>Paul Delaney<br>David O'Malley   | Head of IS<br>Senior Executive Engineer<br>Trinity College Dublin<br>Cellne Telecom Sales Director<br>Edenderry Community First Responders   |

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**AGENDA ITEMS**

Cllr. McDermott thanked everyone for attending and welcomed the members of the press for their attendance also.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes from the October Meeting**

It was proposed by Cllr. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Cllr. Quinn that the minutes of the Main Committee Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022 be adopted.

**2. 'E-denderry' Smart Town Project**

Head of Information Systems Ray Bell gave a concise report on the E-denderry Smart Town Project along with guest speakers:

Dr. Conor Dowling – Research Fellow Trinity College Dublin

Paul Delaney – Cellnex Telecom Sales Director and

David O'Malley – Edenderry Community First Responders.

The Members were advised that the project was launched in March 2021 and comprises of a partnership between Offaly County Council and Cellnex. The purpose of the Smart Town project is to use technological solutions to improve the management and efficiency of the rural environment. It was noted that Edenderry is embracing smart technology with the aim to provide a model for how other towns can use internet of things (IoT) technology in the delivery of public services. The project is showing opportunities for community, business and industry to use the scalable, low-cost and low-emission solutions for a wide variety of purposes. It presents an opportunity to better manage and enhance the services we provide and deliver real value in the town. It was noted that the implementation of elements of the Blundell Masterplan will provide opportunities to underpin the Smart Town Programme.

It was noted that the E-denderry Project initially focused on four key areas:

- Sensors are being used for parking space monitoring, to ensure appropriate use of loading bays, wheelchair spaces and EV charging points;
- Sensors are also being used to measure how full public litter bins are and when they need emptying;
- Sensors throughout the town provided real-time monitoring of air quality and pollution levels;
- Energy / building management systems used to remotely monitor energy use, access, lighting and smoke alarms at Edenderry Municipal District offices and at the town's Community Cabin.

It was further noted that a Feasibility Study has been carried out and the findings of same were discussed. A number of recommendations have been made including:

- Pilot projects should enhance the reputation of Edenderry as a town where innovation is supported.
- The measurement of the impacts of the Blundell Masterplan should include gathering baseline information
- The e-denderry project should be used as a mechanism to help raise funding for the local area.
- Resources including staffing, technology and financing will be required to develop the programme and ensure continued successful long term impact.

The Members were then updated with regard to the IoT Projects which include:

- Edenderry CFR

- Social Housing Energy Usage Monitoring
- EV Parking
- Air Quality Monitoring (AQM)
- Traffic Monitoring, Carpark Occupancy and People Counting

Mr. Bell, Mr. Dowling, Mr. Delaney and Mr. O'Malley addressed all queries raised by the Elected Members pertaining to this presentation. The Members welcomed the presentation and thanked all involved for the excellent work to date.

### **3. Climate, Environment and Water Services updates**

Martin Quinn was welcomed to the meeting and updated the Members in relation to a range of items including:

Climate Action & Energy:

- Litter and Waste Management
- Anti-Litter & Anti-Graffiti Awareness Grant Scheme.
- Litter/Waste Complaints
- New Solid Fuel Regulations
- update on Turbary Rights
- Edenderry Cemetery
- Control of Dogs:

Water Services:

- Wastewater treatment plants updates
- Water treatment plants updates
- Leak Reduction Programme –Find & Fix
- Rural Water Programme:

Burial Grounds updates were also provided.

The Elected Members thanked Mr. Quinn for his very comprehensive presentation. They raised a number of queries pertaining to this presentation, which were addressed by Mr. Quinn and then thanked him and his colleagues for their continued works.

### **4. GMA Applications**

The Members considered four new applications. Having been proposed by Cllr. Cribbin and seconded by Cllr. Quinn, the following applications were accepted:

| <b>Application</b>                                    | <b>Funding Requested</b> | <b>Reason for Funding</b>   | <b>Funding approved</b>  |
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| Edenderry Disability Group                            | €750                     | Purchase of arts and crafts supplies for Craft Sale in December to raise funds for the group  | €750   |
| Grand to Royal Canal Greenway Group c/o Acorn Project | €3,500                   | For a video shoot of the old railway line to be used for applications for feasibility funding to promote and establish a walkway/cycleway from the Grand Canal to the Royal Canal | €3,500   |
| Walsh Island Christmas Tree Committee                 | €1,050                   | Towards capital costs for initial market set-up to purchase equipment, tables, venue, marketing, promotion etc.   | €750 (to enable them submit an application next year)                                  |
| Ballycommon Christmas Market                          | €2,350                   | Towards capital costs for initial market set-up to purchase equipment, tables, venue, marketing, promotion etc.   | €2,350 (would only qualify for remainder of balance for the remainder of this council) |

## **5. Regeneration/Project Updates**

District Director Sharon Kennedy noted that the Design Team have been appointed and that Phase 1 has now commenced with scoping the project, budgets etc. stating that engagement with members will take place early next year and will lead in to the Part 8 process in order to progress the project.

## **6. District Issues/Updates**

Executive Engineer Enda Daly circulated a detailed update on the Roads Programme, summarized as follows:

The members noted that the programme is currently at 90% completion and details of contract works completed since the last meeting were noted.

The Members were also advised of the remaining Schemes to be completed in the coming weeks to include:

- R402 – JKL Street Edenderry (Town Allocation)
- L-10043-1 Blundell Wood, Edenderry
- L-10049-1 St Mary's Hill, Edenderry

It was noted that the proposed Project at Tyrells Lane L-10012-1 has been deferred due to budget constraints.

### **2022 Surface Dressing Works**

Surface Dressing Programme commenced on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Currently 27 of 28 Surface Dressing Schemes are now complete – 96% Complete.

### **2022 Road Recycling Works**

Road Recycling works as Part of the 2022 Roads Programme are complete. The final scheme from the initial 2022 Roads Programme at Cushina R400-10 was completed on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November. All Schemes Completed (100%).

### **Emergency Peat Road Interventions**

Emergency funding has been made available to Edenderry Municipal District on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022 to carry out Emergency Repairs to our Road Network as a result of a prolonged dry/ warm period in July and August 2022. Significant damage has been identified in various locations across the District, and Edenderry MD are currently in the process of completing Emergency Repairs. A list of Emergency Repair Projects and their status were advised.

### **2022 LIS Schemes**

It was noted that seven LIS schemes have been completed in Edenderry MD in 2022.

### **2022 CIR Schemes**

The Members were advised in relation to the completion of the following schemes:

- Bracknagh R-419-2 –noting that a Bus Shelter will be provided in the coming months.
- Further updates in relation to works at Cloneygowan L-50213-1– were also advised.
- Details were provided in relation to a new public footpath at Garryhinch R-423-2 – and it was noted that the commencement of this work has kick started the future link between Garryhinch Cross and the Woodland Amenity area to the East of Garryhinch.
- Finally, an updated was provided in relation to a public footpath at **Rhode R400-4** – Public Footpath. It was noted that the commencement of this project will promote a continuation of a safe link between the Canal at Rhode Bridge to the Village. Works are due to commence in the coming weeks.

## **TVR – Kilmalogue Portarlington**

It was noted that designs for underground ducting to facilitate the removal of overhead cables in Kilmalogue is currently being progressed. This phase of the public realm upgrade will be tendered in Q4 with a hope to have a full design of the public realm upgrade complete for Kilmalogue in Q1 2023.

The Elected Members complimented the team on the volume and quality of work carried out to date and the notable benefits of these works.

### **7. Notices of Motion**

None at this time

### **8. Written Questions**

None at this time

### **9. Correspondence**

None at this time

### **10. Any Other Business**

Cllr. McDermott congratulated Paul Hickey from Rhode on his recent graduation. He also requested some information on the findings of the feasibility study carried out by the Carbon Challenge Committee.

Cllr. Cribbin congratulated Geashill Tidy Towns on their success in the National Super Valu Tidy Towns Competition who were narrowly defeated in the overall National Title to Roscarbery.

The Elected Members agreed to two hours free parking each day for Edenderry in the run up to Christmas, effective from December 01<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> inclusive. This two hour period must be for a two-hour block.

This concluded the business of the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**

**Date:**

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