

Municipal District of Edenderry

Bardasach Dúiche Éadan Doire

MINUTES

Meeting:	Main Committee	Municipal District of Edenderry
Location:	Remote attendance	
Time:	3:00pm	Wednesday, 13th October 2021
Present:	Cathaoirleach Cllr. Liam Quinn Leas-Cathaoirleach Cllr. Robert McDermott Cllr. Noel Cribbin Cllr. Mark Hackett Cllr. John Foley	Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District
In Attendance:	Sharon Kennedy Mark Mahon Rory Moore Enda Daly Josephine Lee	District Director, Offaly Co Co District Engineer, Offaly Co Co Snr Executive Engineer, Offaly Co Co Executive Engineer, Offaly Co Co District Administrator, Offaly Co Co
Apologies	Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick	Edenderry Municipal District

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Confirmation of Minutes from the JULY and SEPTEMBER Meetings

It was proposed by Cllr. Cribbin and seconded by Cllr. McDermott, that the minutes of the in-committee meeting held on the 14th July 2021 and both meetings held on the 8th September be adopted.

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
Portarlington Tidy Towns	Planting
Portarlington Concert Band	Musical Instruments Deferred until Cllr Fitzpatrick returns
St. Joseph's Boxing Club	Running costs

3. Swimming Pool Update

The District Director advised that she had been in connection with Mr. Traynor with regard to a recent announcement on funding for the reopening of swimming pools. It was noted that full details with regard to the funding have yet to be issued by the Department.

4. Library Development

It was noted that the announcement in relation to the RRDF application is awaited. In anticipation of a positive outcome, arrangements have been put in place with regard to the demolition of the building on the Tesco site and also progress in relation to design team arrangements but same cannot be finalised until the anticipated approval for the project is received.

5. Inward Investment and Local Enterprise Development

The District Director advised that progress is now being made with developing tender documents for the Rhode Energy Park in accordance with funding provided through the Just Transition process. An invitation to tender in relation to the project supported through the GNI application will be issued shortly. There are on-going engagements in relation to further resources required to progress with the development of the business plan for the Park.

6. Public Utility Capacity Issues

It was noted that the water services update was provided at the September meeting and no further updates are available.

7. Area Issues/updates

The District Engineer discussed the following areas;

Climate Adaption

It was noted that the Design contract has been awarded for Climate Adaptation project for St. Conleth's Road (aka Carrick Road) flood mitigation project. €195k had been confirmed for new surface water drainage, road raising and footpath entrance to address flooding.

Work is also progressing on finalising the design with Tobin Consulting Engineers, with an anticipated commencement towards the end of October.

Safety Schemes

Tesco Junction, Edenderry

Members were advised of a meeting with the ESB to finalise issues on the 5th October. Once the ESB design is issued, works can advance. This project straddles two funding years, with further funds anticipated in 2022 to complete the transformation of this key junction, improving safety and traffic flow.

Town & Village Renewal Projects

Daingean Public Realm

Members were advised of the project to renew the footway on Main Street and to regularise parking through extensive line-marking build outs. Contractor to commence works in late October/early November.

Cloneygowan Village Green

It was noted that works on the pathway will commence shortly (late October) including the installation of Bow-top fencing at R-420 interface schedule for end of October; Playground element scheduled for installation in early New Year.

Portarlinton (Kilmalogue)

Members were advised of a meeting with the ESB on 3rd September in relation to undergrounding design which is required for ducting works in advance of paving. ESB designs are awaited. It was noted that construction is unlikely to commence prior to Q1 2022.

Geashill (Covid M3)

It was noted that the feature outdoor seating is nearing completion, minor works only remain.

Rural Regeneration & Development Fund (RRDF)

Granary Link Street project

Members were advised that surfacing works were delayed due to issues relating to service tie-ins on Fairgreen. Surfacing now anticipated for end of October, which will enable the opening of the new Street (Blundell Avenue).

Some related drainage enhancements to take place in Granary Court during November.

Inner Relief Road Project

It was noted that the contractor (Tower Civil Engineering) is to commence on site on 18th October, starting on new section adjacent to Rosderra Meats. Works to realign the R401 junction will follow. Works are programme to take 6 months.

Active Travel Projects

Hare's Lane Cycle-path

Update was provided - boundary fencing for Coursing Club installed and gate nearing completion.

Cycle-way surfacing to advance once ESB design for removing overhead lines issued.

Portarlington Cemetery Link

Members were advised that the design contract has been awarded and it is anticipated that construction will commence in Q4 2021 – likely completing in Q1 2022 (the signals will likely be installed in Q1 2022).

Fr. Paul Murphy / R402 junction

Details advised as follows: design contract has been awarded, design and tendering to take place by end Q4 2021, construction commencement anticipated Q1 2022.

Edenderry Light Segregation Scheme

Design contract has been awarded - given the nature of the project, a quick design turnaround is anticipated with installation in Q4 2022.

Pedestrian Crossings

Pedestrian Crossing civils completed in Cloneygowan, lighting installed but awaiting ESB connection. Pedestrian Crossing civils completed in Ballinagar, lighting to be installed. Contractor currently completing civils for pedestrian crossing in Clonbullogue.

EMD 2021 Roads Programme Update

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).

Edenderry MD – 2021 EMD LIS Works = Completed

- LIS Works = All Local Contributions were confirmed to the Scheme Delegates and received by Offaly County Council prior to works commencing. Details as follows:

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 01st October
Ballinrahin (Rathangan)	Senan Sheedy	Works Completed By 06th October

Edenderry MD – 2021 EMD CIR Works = On-Going

- List of Edenderry MD CIR Schemes / Works for 2021:

CIR Scheme / Location	Works By	Status
Cappyroe (Ballycommon - Canal Road)	Kilsaran	Start Date – TBC : Enda Liaising w/ Kilsaran
Daingean (Footpath Scheme)	Ellsport Ltd	Works Completed
Geashill (Footpath Scheme)	EMD Geashill Crew	Start Next Week – 2 To 3 Weeks Duration
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 = 37 / 43 Schemes by Contractors completed (86%)
– Overall Roads Programme (93%)

Contract	Location(s)	Works Type	No. of Schemes	Contractor	Status	EMD Comments
1	R401-2 Drumcooley / Shean	RR & SD	2	Road Team Ltd	Completed	2 Schemes Completed

2	Various: 16 Locations In EMD	RR	16	Road Team Ltd	Completed	16 Schemes Completed
3	Edenderry	DBM	5	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	Completed	5 Schemes Completed
4	Portarlington	DBM	5	Carroll Quarry Ltd	On-Going 1 Scheme completed 4 Schemes Left	Started Upon Monday 11th Scheduled To Be Completed By Wednesday 20th October
5	Geashill	DBM	1	Lakeland Tarmacadam	Completed	1 Schemes Completed
6	Rhode	DBM	3	Kilsaran	Completed	3 Schemes Completed
7	Ballinagar	DBM	3	Kilsaran	Completed	3 Schemes Completed
8	Clonbullogue	DBM	3	Arkil Limited	Completed	3 Schemes Completed
9	Daingean	DBM	1	Arkil Limited	Completed	1 Schemes Completed

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

Note 2: 2 Schemes in Geashill & 1No. Scheme at Barnan (Daingean) are also completed (IW / Oxygen Contributions to OCC)

Note 3: 2 DBM Schemes within Edenderry (under Town allocation) confirmed and will be tendered within the next week.

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

Cllr Quinn requested that a letter be issued to Minister Ryan to request additional funding for our regional roads in particular for the Cloncrean Area.

8. Notices of Motion

None

9. Written Questions

None

10. Correspondence

None

11. Any Other Business

Cllr Hackett raised an issue with regard to IS security arrangements for members of the Council. Cllr Quinn advised that it can be addressed at the next SPC meeting.

The Elected Members requested that the Meetings Administrator write again to the An Garda Síochána to request a meeting in relation to resources in the Edenderry District. The District Director advised that she will contact the office by phone prior to a reminder letter being issued.

The Elected Members requested the Meetings Administrator to write to the HSE to discuss resource issues in the Edenderry Municipal District.

The Elected Members requested the Meetings Administrator to write to the company controlling the bus services in Edenderry to outline how the buses are not punctual or do not arrive at all.

The Elected Members requested the Meetings Administrator to write to AIB to see if they can install another teller machine in the premises now that Bank of Ireland have closed.

Cllr Cribbin gave an update on the Carbon Footprint Challenge funding that was made available to the Tidy Towns Committee through the GMA funding.

Cllr McDermott advised that Oakland's College have submitted planning for the new school and the procurement process will also be starting shortly.

The District Director advised the members that the first meeting of the Steering Group of Edenderry Creative Lives took place recently and further updates with regard to the development of the programme will be provided at future meeting.

The District Director referred to the Hullabaloo Children's' Arts Festival will take place, online and in person, from Wednesday 27th to Saturday 30th October next with a most expansive and exciting line up of events.

This concluded the business of the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on the 10th November 2021.

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Date: _____