

Municipal District of Edenderry
Bardasach Dúiche Éadan Doire

MINUTES

Meeting:	Main Committee	Municipal District of Edenderry
Location:	Chamber, Town Hall, Edenderry	
Time:	3:30pm	Wednesday, 12th October 2022
Present:	Cathaoirleach Cllr. Robert McDermott Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick Cllr. John Foley Cllr. Mark Hackett (via Zoom) Cllr. Liam Quinn Cllr. Noel Cribbin (via Zoom)	Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District
Apologies:		
In Attendance:	Sharon Kennedy Mark Mahon Louise Direen Enda Daly Ollie Lambe	District Director District Engineer District Administrator Executive Engineer Traffic Warden
In Attendance for part of meeting:	Orla Martin Willie Ryan	Head of Enterprise Office A/Senior Executive Engineer, Roads

AGENDA ITEMS

Cllr. McDermott thanked everyone for attending and welcomed the Offaly Topic and Midlands 103 for their attendance. Cllr. McDermott also welcomed Ollie Lambe, the newly appointed Traffic Warden for Edenderry.

Cllr. McDermott extended his sympathies to all the families and friends of the victims of the recent Creeslough tragedy in Co. Donegal stating that a Book of Condolences is available in the Áras and the MD offices. The Members held a period of silence as a mark of respect. Sympathy was also extended to the Duffy family on the recent passing of their mother Lily Duffy of Ballynanum. The Elected Members and District Staff associated themselves with these votes of sympathy.

Cllr. Quinn congratulated all the local GAA teams on their recent successes.

1. Confirmation of Minutes from the September Meeting

It was proposed by Cllr. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Cllr. Foley that the minutes of the Main Committee Meeting held on 14th September 2022 be adopted. Cllr. McDermott suggested a change in the order of the agenda to facilitate presentations from the Enterprise/Economic Section and Roads Section.

2. Economic/Enterprise Update

Head of Offaly Local Enterprise Office Ms. Orla Martin gave a presentation on the following areas:

- Key Enterprise and Economic Objectives for 2022
- Local Enterprise Winners
- Key Initiatives
- Promoting Entrepreneurship
- 2022 Events and Collaborations
- Key Economic Updates
- Co-Working Hubs Update
- Opportunities for Edenderry Municipal District

The Elected Members raised a number of queries pertaining to this presentation, which were addressed by Ms. Martin. Ms Martin was thanked by the Members for her presentation and for her work throughout the County.

3. Roads Update incl. update on Greenways

Acting Senior Executive Engineer in the Roads Department, Willie Ryan gave a presentation on the Grand Canal Greenway covering the following areas:

- Guidance and Compliance
- Greenway Strategy/Objectives
- Management and Funding
- Specified Routes/Links
- Maps/Photograph Images

Mr. Ryan addressed all queries raised by the Elected Members pertaining to this presentation. The Members welcomed the presentation and thanked Mr. Ryan and his colleagues including Chief Technician Michael Mullarkey and all the Roads Team involved for the excellent work to date.

4. GMA Applications

Three new applications were considered by the Members. Having been proposed by Cllr. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Cllr. Quinn, the following applications were accepted:

Application	Funding Requested	Reason for Funding	Funding approved
Edenderry Community Playground	€3,500	Replacement of zip line	€3,750
Fighting Words CLG	€1,300	Equipment for the provision of creative writing workshops for primary & secondary level age groups	€1,300
Kilmalogue Residents Association	€750	General upkeep and maintenance of the estate	€750

Meetings Administrator Loise Direen advised that there is just over €16,000 remaining in the GMA grant budget (i.e. the €63,000 element), excluding these applications and approx. €37,000 remaining in the €100,000 element of the 2022 GMA Budget. The Elected Members noted same.

5. Regeneration/Project Updates

District Director Sharon Kennedy referred to the commencement of the design process for the new library and public arts space. She advised the Members that an in-house meeting will take place during the following week and that she will revert to the Members at the November meeting, outlining the process and timelines for the design element of the project.

6. Area Issues/Updates

District Engineer Mark Mahon put forward a proposal for the declaration of a public road/taking in charge the road within Eden Business Campus to facilitate the progression of the second phase of the Inner Relief Road. Mr. Mahon stated that no submissions have been received in response to the consultation process. This was proposed by Cllr. Cribbin and seconded by Cllr. Foley.

Executive Engineer Enda Daly gave a brief update on the Roads Programme. Mr. Daly advised that 80% of contract works are complete and 96% of surface dressing works are complete to date with only one outstanding surface dressing project to be carried out. Mr. Daly also confirmed that additional funding has been received in the District from the Department in the sum of €850k to facilitate repair and emergency works be carried out on roads that have deteriorated by weather. 4 LIS Schemes have been completed to date with a further 3 due for completion by year end. Mr. Daly mentioned that applications for both schemes are always welcome.

Mark Mahon complimented Enda Daly on all his work to date, noting the volume of work undertaken and also welcoming the additional funding from the Department.

Cllr. Fitzpatrick complimented to the team on the volume and quality of work carried out to date and the notable benefits of these works.

Cllr. Quinn welcomed the additional funding received and was happy that this issue which has been highlighted for a number of years has finally been acknowledged. He also acknowledged the great works carried out through the CIR Schemes and requested that maybe next year works could be considered alongside the Canal to Daingean,

Cllr. Cribbin thanked Mr. Mahon and Mr. Daly for all their work. He also noted that the Main Street in Edenderry could possibly have a negative impact on all the other good work that has been carried out in the area and highlighted that it needs attention. Mr. Cribbin also mentioned that the pedestrian crossing at Francis Street still has no ESB connection and queried the wait time for ESB services.

Cllr. Foley also expressed his thanks to Mr. Mahon and Mr. Daly while concurring with Mr. Cribbins concerns relating to the pedestrian crossing. Cllr. Foley raised the issue of speed on the back road at Monasteroris, requesting that speed or feedback signs be installed at this location.

Cllr. McDermott complimented the works carried out at Jonestown Cross while also noting that JKL Street is in need of repair, if any progress has been made on works at Ballyfore Cross and the need for trees to be pruned in the Blundell Wood area.

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

District Administrator Louise Direen gave a brief update on the upcoming Halloween event scheduled for Sunday, October 30th 'Eerie Edenderry'.

This concluded the business of the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 09th November 2022.

Signed: _____

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Date: _____