

**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, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**Present:** Cathaoirleach Cllr. Noel Cribbin Edenderry Municipal District  
Leas-Cathaoirleach Cllr. Mark Hackett Edenderry Municipal District  
Cllr. John Foley Edenderry Municipal District  
Cllr. Robert McDermott Edenderry Municipal District  
Cllr. Liam Quinn Edenderry Municipal District

**Apologies:** Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick Edenderry Municipal District

**In Attendance:** Sharon Kennedy District Director  
Louise Direen District Administrator  
Joe Harte District Engineer  
Enda Daly Executive Engineer  
John Briody Executive Engineer

**In attendance  
for part of  
meeting:**

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Cllr. Cribbin welcomed everyone to the meeting, including members of the media. He extended his good wishes to new District Engineer Joe Harte on his recent appointment to Edenderry Municipal District, replacing Mark Mahon, and wishing him well in his new post. The other Elected Members associated themselves with these sentiments.

Cllr. Cribbin extended his good wishes and congratulations to Geashill Tidy Towns on winning Ireland's Tidiest Village in the recent National Tidy Towns Competition, along with Clonbullogue, Tullamore, Kilcormac and his own group in Edenderry. The Members associated themselves with

these good wishes also, with Cllr. Quinn noting the importance of the Community Grants Scheme to groups like these. District Director Sharon Kennedy stated that the Chief Executive was thrilled with Geashills success and all the other community groups throughout the county.

## AGENDA ITEMS

### 1. Confirmation of Minutes from the September Meeting

It was proposed by Cllr. McDermott and seconded by Cllr. Fitzpatrick that the minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023 be adopted.

### 2. GMAs

One application was considered by the Members for the July meeting. **Having been proposed by Cllr. McDermott and seconded by Cllr. Foley the following details were accepted:**

Application	Funding Requested	Reason for Funding	Funding given
Cloneyhurke Heritage Group	€750	Clearing of old graveyard	€750

### 3. Regeneration/Project Updates

District Director Sharon Kennedy confirmed that the plans for the new library/arts space will be going on display in the next week or two, and will be accessible online and in the Town Hall. Ms. Kennedy is looking forward to the progression of what will be a stunning project, and is asking people to get involved in the process to have their input into the project.

The Members expressed their thanks to Ms. Kennedy and the Regeneration Team for all their work on this project to date.

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

Executive Engineer Enda Daly outlined the following relating to the roads programme and area updates:

- Contract Works
- Surface Dressing Works
- Road Recycling Works

- LIS Schemes – commencing on September 25th
- CIR Schemes
- 2023 Bridge Restoration Works
- Safety Improvement Works 2023 – Dereen and Sranure, Cloneygowan and Walsh Island Village Traffic Calming
- Edenderry MD ORIS Scheme – Botley Lane, Portarlinton. A joint initiative with Laois Co Co to provide a safe walking route from Town Centre to Derryounce Woods amenity.
- TVR Kilmalogue Portarlinton – commencing on September 18<sup>th</sup>
- R400 Bridge Culvert Replacement – final approval of the re-design of the culvert was received from the OPW on October 10<sup>th</sup>. The contract for re-construction of this culvert has been tendered, contract awarded and signed, works due to commence on 12<sup>th</sup> October.
- R400 Peat Pilot Scheme – Contract for Peat Pilot Scheme has been tendered and all valid tenders received have been submitted to the Dept. of Transport.

The Elected Members raised a number of queries pertaining to the presentation and all were addressed by Mr. Daly.

## 5. Notices of Motion

None at this time

## 6. Written Questions

None at this time

## 7. Correspondence

District Administrator Louise Direen confirmed a letter had been received from the Office of Public Works in relation to works at St. Conleth's Reformatory, Daingean.

Cllr. Quinn noted that the window for public submissions is now open for the proposed Oxigen development at Derryarkin and requested that Louise Direen make contact with Bord Na Móna requesting their attendance at one of the monthly meetings to discuss their future plans.

## 8. Any Other Business

District Director Sharon Kennedy stated that a plan had been confirmed to commission a survey for Clonmullen Hall with no further update at this time.

Cllr. Hackett raised the issue of uneven surface in and around the Skate Park. Joe Harte and Enda Daly confirmed that they investigate the site to determine if there are any immediate dangers at present. District Director requested that the Engineers try identify funding to further develop this area.

Cllr. Hackett welcomed the Rhode Renewable Hydrogen feasibility Study Report that was commissioned by the North Offaly Development Fund. Cllr. Quinn thanked all the team for their part in identifying this as a primary scheme as part of the Just Transition Fund. Cllr. Quinn is hopeful that the next generation in Offaly will be at the heart of an alternative emerging type of energy.

This concluded the business of the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on the 08<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

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