

Municipal District of Edenderry
Bardasach Dúiche Éadan Doire

MINUTES

Meeting: Main Committee
Location: Chamber, Town Hall, Edenderry
Time: 3:30pm

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Wednesday, 13th September 2023

Present: Cathaoirleach Cllr. Noel Cribbin
Leas-Cathaoirleach Cllr. Mark Hackett
Cllr. John Foley
Cllr. Robert McDermott
Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick
Cllr. Liam Quinn

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Apologies:

In Attendance: Sharon Kennedy
Louise Direen
Enda Daly

District Director
District Administrator
Executive Engineer

In attendance for part of meeting: John Cunningham
Mark Mahon

Senior Engineer, Housing
Senior Engineer, Climate Action,
Environment & Water Services

Cllr. Cribbin welcomed everyone back after the break, including members of the media, John Cunningham and Mark Mahon. Cllr. Cribbin acknowledged the presence of Mark Mahon following his recent departure from Edenderry Municipal District, thanking him for all his work, commitment and involvement in projects within the town and District. All the Elected Members reiterated these sentiments stating that they were sorry to see him go but wished him well in the future. Mr. Mahon thanked the Members, District Director Sharon Kennedy and all the team for their kind words stating that it had been a privilege to have been part of Edenderry Municipal District over the past six years.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Confirmation of Minutes from the July Meeting

It was proposed by Cllr. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Cllr. McDermott that the minutes of the Main Committee Meeting held on 12th July 2023 be adopted.

2. Housing Update – John Cunningham

John Cunningham, Senior Engineer, Housing gave an update on the Housing section covering the following areas/topics:

- Local Authority Construction Projects
- Approved Housing Bodies Projects
- VOIDS/Pre-Let Repairs & Refurbishment
- Part V & Acquisitions
- Adaptation Works
- Housing Allocations
- Maintenance
- Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme

The Members thanked Mr. Cunningham for his very detailed report. All queries raised by the Members in relation to this presentation were addressed by Mr. Cunningham.

3. Section 38 Walsh Island Low-Cost Safety Scheme

Executive Engineer Enda Daly gave a brief background on this project to provide traffic calming measures in Walsh Island, and what the process has involved to date with adjusted designs following concerns and submissions received. Mr. Daly requested the Members to propose this project. It was proposed by Cllr. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Cllr. Hackett.

4. GMA Applications

5 applications were considered by the Members for the July meeting. **Having been proposed by Cllr. Quinn and seconded by Cllr. Fitzpatrick the following details were accepted:**

Application	Funding Requested	Reason for Funding	Funding given
Portarlington Rugby Football Club	€2,500	Hosting of numerous events to celebrate the club's 50 th anniversary, book launch, gala evening, talent show etc	€2,500

The Green Cokery Residents	€750	General upkeep and maintenance of the estate	€50
Edenderry Community First Responders	€4,175	Purchase of a full mannequin to facilitate advanced airways training for dealing with cardiac/respiratory arrest in patients	€4,175 Exceptional Circumstances Consideration
Edenderry Athletics Club (AC) Seniors	€700	Funding towards a 10-week Fit4Life Programme	€700
Ballinagar Solas Centre in assoc. w/Ballinagar NS	€3,750	Funding towards a 10-week Fit4Life Programme	€3,750

5. Regeneration/Project Updates

District Director Sharon Kennedy noted that the Members had recently received a briefing on the proposed design of the library/arts space. It is anticipated that the statutory Part VIII planning process will commence in autumn and Ms. Kennedy is looking forward to the progression of the project along with the input of the public.

6. Area Issues/Updates/Roads Update

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

- 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 to provide a safe walking route from Town Centre to Derryounce Woods amenity.
- Tesco/Lidl Junction
- TVR Kilmalogue Portarlinton – commencing on September 18th
- R400 Bridge Culvert Replacement

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

7. Notices of Motion

Cllr. Fitzpatrick – ‘that Offaly County Council provides a right-turn lane on the R420, Ballinvoher turn-off on the approach road from Geashill, road L5027, as a matter of safety’

Executive Engineer Enda Daly noted that this proposal merits consideration but will be dependent on the width of the roads meeting the requirements to ensure it can be followed through. Mr. Daly is to carry out a survey to establish if this part of road had adequate infrastructure to accommodate a right turn lane. This motion was proposed by Cllr. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Cllr. McDermott on the basis that this will be feasible.

8. Written Questions

None at this time

9. Correspondence

District Administrator Louise Direen confirmed a letter had been received from An Garda Síochána confirming attendance of Superintendent John Lawless at the October monthly meeting of Edenderry Municipal District.

District Director Sharon Kennedy noted that Rory Moore, Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel had been in contact with Cllr. Hackett in relation to his proposed feasibility study for Enfield – Edenderry Cycleway, Mr. Moore noted that only a small part of this route lies within Offaly, with the vast majority in Meath and Kildare. Cllr. McDermott mentioned that he is involved in the Edenderry – Grand Canal feasibility study and will liaise with Cllr. Hackett on this matter.

Cllr. Mc Dermott sought confirmation that the required repairs to the Garr/Knockdrin roads will not be funded from contributions set aside for the R400 upgrade by the company constructing/operation the Windfarms.

10. Any Other Business

Cllr. Quinn requested that Louise Direen contact/write to the Office of Public Works and Dept. of Justice in relation to Daingean Reformatory looking for clarity on their short and/or long term objectives for the building.

Cllr. Hackett queried if there was any update on the taking-in-charge of Edenderry Skate Park.

Cllr. Hackett also requested an update on Clonmullen Hall.

Cllr. Cribbin offered his condolences to Cllr. Hackett and his wife Minister Pippa Hackett on the recent passing of Pippa's father. All the Elected Members associated themselves with sentiments of sympathy to the family at this time. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.

This concluded the business of the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on the 11th October 2023.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Date: _____