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| Edenderry Town Council |
| Comhairle Bhaile Édan Doire |

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF EDENDERRY TOWN COUNCIL HELD
ON WEDNESDAY THE 18TH DECEMBER 2013 IN THE TOWN HALL, EDENDERRY
AT 7.30PM**

Present: Cllr Finian O'Neill (Cathaoirleach), Cllr Fergus Mc Donnell, Cllr Jim Murrin, Cllr Noel Cribbin, Cllr John Foley, Cllr Mary Breen and Cllr Declan Leddin.

Apologies: Cllr Patricia Brady, Cllr Liam Hogan

Statutory Budget Meeting

Declan Conlon, Area Manager advised that that Estimates are the same as last year minus the local election reserve. He explained that the net requirement is a balancing figure. Declan advised that there was no increase in the rate figure either.

| <u>EDENDERRY TOWN COUNCIL</u> | | | | | |
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| <u>Local Authority Budget for year ending 31st December, 2014</u> | | | | | |
| <u>RECEIPTS</u> | | | <u>EXPENDITURE</u> | | |
| | <u>2013</u> | <u>2014</u> | | <u>2013</u> | <u>2014</u> |
| | <u>€</u> | | | <u>€</u> | |
| Bank Interest | 60 | 60 | Salaries | 14,500 | 14,500 |
| | | | Insurance | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Rate Support Grant | 24,864 | 25,663 | Printing & Advertising | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| | | | Office Expenses | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| | | | Audit Fees | 1,100 | 1,100 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | 24,924 | 25,723 | Conferences | 9,000 | 9,000 |
| | | | Members Expenses | 9,162 | 9,162 |
| | | | AMAI Affiliation fee | 550 | 550 |
| | | | | 38,312 | 38,312 |
| NET REQUIREMENT | 25,557 | 21,758 | Local elections | 3,000 | |

On the proposal of Cllr John Foley and seconded by Cllr Mary Breen the estimates for 2014 were adopted.

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1. PRESENTATION OF BUDGET FOR YEAR ENDING 2014

In the consideration of the budget, it was proposed by Cllr Foley and seconded by Cllr Breen and resolved that Edenderry Town Council adopt the budget as submitted by the Area Manager/Head of Finance Declan Conlon for financial year 2014.

The Area manager presented the Budget for 2014 that there was no increase the commercial rates either.

The Special Project fund remains the same, all members welcomed this. The Area Manager was complimented on maintaining this budget for 2013.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr Jim Murrin and seconded by Cllr Fergus Mc Donnell the minutes of the November monthly meeting of Edenderry Town Council were adopted.

Issues arising from minutes

The Area Manager and the members complimented the efforts made by local people to have Christmas Lights erected in the town and those involved in Santa clause' arrival at the town hall for the turning on of the Christmas lights. The members expressed their thanks to the staff and contractors from Offaly County Council for the time and effort put into the erection of lights in the square.

Cllr John Foley thanks the staff of Council for the help towards the turning on of the lights and Santa arriving at the town hall and advised that this will happen next year even when the Town Council is abolished. Cllr Cribbin requested that the Council look into lighting the trees further down the town for next Christmas. The Area Manager advised that OCC are looking into same. The members advised that fund raising towards Christmas light should start earlier next year.

On the proposal of Cllr Fergus Mc Donnell and seconded by Cllr John Foley the members agreed to make a donation towards the Christmas lights to the Christmas Light Committee in the sum of €500.

Cllr Breen advised that people had contacted her complaining that the Council had spent too much money on lights in the square when there are vacant houses in town and people with nowhere to live. Cllr Mc Donnell advised that housing is a function of Offaly County Council and that it was the responsibility of the Town Council to lobby the County Council regarding same. The Town Clerk advised that at a recent Area Meetings the members were advised that funding has been made available to carry out works on all but 1 of the vacant houses in town in order to bring them up to letting standard.

Cllr Cribbin advised Cllr Breen to make the public aware that the funding for lighting and works in the square has come from OLDC and the Lions Club and not Offaly County Council and that works which will be carried out on the canal in 2014 and this work will also be funded by OLDC and not OCC either.

R402

The members stated that work has slowed on the R402 which is to be expected. No exact date for official opening has been given as yet.

Ofalia House

Nothing to report

24 hour ambulance

Cllr O'Neill queried if there is a 24 hour service on a Saturday. Cllr Cribbin advised that there is but the ambulance comes from Tullamore or Mullingar as there is no staff on in Edenderry on a Saturday.

New Schools for Edenderry

An email was read to the members which was received by the Town Clerk prior to the meeting advising that the OPW have confirmed that they have awarded the contract to Sammon Contracting Ltd for the provision of the two new schools in Edenderry. This email stated that the work was to commence on site immediately.

The members complimented the staff of the Council for the works carried out on the back road when this work is completed it will benefit the area where the schools are to be erected.

Request for Donations

Edenderry Red Cross

It was agreed that members from the Edenderry Red Cross will meet with Edenderry Town Council members (in committee) at 7pm on Wednesday 8th of January 2014 (prior to the monthly meeting) before a decision can be made in relation to their request for a donation.

Notion of Motion

Ballybriggan Town Council – motion in relation to the Bereavement Grants – this motion was proposed by Cllr Fergus Mc Donnell and seconded by Cllr Finian O'Neill

Clonakilty Town Council - motion in relation to legal framework was proposed by Cllr Fergus Mc Donnell and seconded by Cllr Finian O'Neill.

Longford Town Council - motion in relation to calling on AMAI to challenge the Local Government Bill – this motion was recorded as read.

Naas Town Council - motion in relation to Local Property Tax for all council houses – this motion was proposed by Cllr Fergus Mc Donnell and seconded by Cllr Jim Murrin.

Letterkenny Town Council – motion in relation to medical cards – this motion was proposed by Cllr Jim Murrin and seconded by Cllr John Foley.

Lexlip Town Council – motion in relation to ESB pylons was recorded as read

Correspondence

Public Access Arts

It was agreed that Tim Mann, public access arts meet with the members of Edenderry Town Council at 6.30pm on the 8th of January 2014 in order for the members to consider the correspondence submitted.

Correspondence to Sgt Kevin Quinn regarding CCTV

Cllr Cribbin complimented the Town Clerk in relation to her letter to Sgt Quinn and advised that there is no reply from Sgt Quinn as yet.

Cllr Finian O'Neill wished everyone a very happy Christmas.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____