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**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF EDENDERRY TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY THE 16<sup>TH</sup> OF JANUARY 2013  
IN THE TOWN HALL, EDENDERRY AT 7.30PM**

**Present:** Cathaoirleach Cllr Mary Breen, Cllr Patricia Brady, Cllr. Fergus Mc Donnell, Cllr. Liam Hogan, Cllr. Finian O'Neill, Cllr. Jim Murrin, Cllr. John Foley, Cllr. Noel Cribbin,

**Apologies:** Cllr. Declan Leddin

**1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST MONTHLY MEETING**

On the proposal of Cllr Hogan and seconded by Cllr O'Neill the minutes of the Edenderry Town Council meeting held in December 2012 were confirmed and signed.

**2. FUNDING REQUEST**

It was proposed by Cllr O'Neill and seconded by Cllr Hogan to donate €1,000 to St Patrick's day parade committee. The Councillors acknowledge the work of the committee last year and were in agreement that it was a very successful event.

**3. R402 – EDENDERRY TO ENFIELD ROAD**

The Councillors were in agreement that the works were progressing well. It was requested that the Area Manager find out when the first section of this road will open. It was noted by Cllr. Mc Donnell that road sweeper is required more frequently on this road due to weather condition. The Town Engineer will make contact with the Resident Engineer on site and request same.

**4. OFFALIA HOUSE**

Cllr. Brady advised that she called to Offalia House over the Christmas and found that patients were warm and comfortable and that both staff and clients were very happy. It was agreed that the facility is an asset to the town.

**5. 24 HOUR AMBULANCE SERVICES**

There was nothing to report, however Cllr. Murrin requested that we write to both Offalia House and the 24 hour ambulance service for an update.

## **6. NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **Clonmullen Hall Residents**

#### **Cllr Finian O'Neill**

*"I would like the views of Offaly County Council on this matter and where responsibility lies at this point, for Clonmullen Hall residents"*

Councillor O'Neill advised that Clonmullen residents were having issues with the developer and he requested the views of the Director of Services and where he felt they could go from here.

The Councillors discussed this issue. It was noted that the residents had recently meet with the developer and it was hoped that this matter could be rectified.

The Area Manager advised that he had brought the concerns of the residents to the Planning Section and that they are actively looking to see what could be done. He reminded that procedures have to be followed in relation to taking estates in charge.

Clones Town Council notice of motion in relation to using unemployed people to work in polling station on election day was proposed by Cllr. Foley and seconded by Cllr. O'Neill.

Monaghan Town Council notice of motion in relation to jail time proposed by Cllr. Mc Donnell and seconded by Cllr. O'Neill. Monaghan Town Council notice of motion in relation to height limits proposed by Cllr. O'Neill and seconded by Cllr. Murrin.

Donegal County Council notice of motion in relation to the value for money aspect of "tourism in recessionary times" conferences was noted. Cllr Brady to attend this conference and will carry out a conference report on same.

### **Correspondence**

The proposed review of Court Services in Edenderry was discussed in detail. It was proposed by Cllr Cribbin and seconded by Cllr O'Neill to seek a meeting with the Court Services to discuss same. It was also agreed to look for a meeting with the local TDs in relation to same. The Councillors were advised by the Area Manager the outline details of a submission to be made by local Solicitors.

The Councillors noted correspondence of thanks from Edenderry branch of St. Vincent De Paul.

It was agreed that Cllr. Hogan will make a submission to the boundary committee on behalf of the elected members as a delegate of AMAI.

### **Conferences**

It was proposed by Cllr Mc Donnell and seconded by Cllr Murrin that the Cathaoirleach Cllr. Mary Breen would represent the Town Council at the New York St. Patrick's Day Parade. A counter proposal was made by Cllr. Cribbin and seconded by Cllr. Foley. A vote then took place, Cllrs Cribbin, Foley and Brady voted against the Cathaoirleach going to New York, while Cllrs. Breen, Mc Donnell, O'Neill and Murrin voted in favour. Cllr. Hogan decided to abstain from the vote.

Cllr Brady requested the breakdown of the cost of the trip and how it was funded.

### **AOB**

Ethics Framework documents were distributed to all Councillors.

Cllr O'Neill proposed an extension to the meeting which was seconded by Cllr. Mc Donnell.

Cllr. Mc Donnell raised the issue of Dog Fouling. The Area Manager advised that bags are available free of charge in the Town Hall and asked the press to encourage the public to be responsible and clean up after their dogs while out walking. Cllr. Cribbin asked if the street cleaning machines could be used to clean dog fouling from the paths. The Area Manager advised that he would discuss same with the Town Engineer. It was also noted the Traffic and Litter Warden would carry out surveys in the evenings which would allow them to meet people and make them aware of the problem.

The Area Manager advised that Sean Forde would retire from the Council on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of January. The Councillors and the Area Manager thanked him for his service and wished him his family well for the future.

**Date of next meeting** – 13<sup>th</sup> of February 2013.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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**Cathaoirleach**

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**Date**