

**Edenderry Town Council**  
**Comhairle Bhaile Edan Doire**

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF EDENDERRY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON WEDNESDAY THE 13<sup>TH</sup> OF MARCH 2013**  
**IN THE TOWN HALL, EDENDERRY AT 7.30PM**

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

**In attendance:** Declan Conlon, Area Manager, Therese O'Meara, Acting Town Clerk

**Apologies:** Cllr. Jim Murrin and Cllr. Declan Leddin

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the February meeting were proposed by Cllr. Liam Hogan and seconded by Cllr. Finian O'Neill.

**2. Draft Annual Financial Statement(AFS)**

The Area Manager advised the members that the AFS was being presented to them in draft form as it has yet to be audited. He advised that it was for information only and stated that he will bring the audited version to them when the audit is finalised.

**3. Requests for Donations**

**Edenderry Shotokan Academy**

Cllr. Noel Cribbin proposed that a donation of €400 be made to the Edenderry Shotokan Academy. He advised that 4 members of the academy had been chosen to represent Ireland in Scotland in a few weeks time. This money would aid their trip and pay for uniforms. Cllr. John Foley seconded this proposal. The other members were in complete agreement and recognised the honour that is bestowed on the members who will represent Ireland.

**Edenderry Community Enterprise Centre**

As both Cllr. Fergus Mc Donnell and Cllr. Patricia Brady are members of the Edenderry Community Enterprise Centre, they both left the meeting to allow the other elected members to agree on a donation. It was proposed by Cllr. Finian O'Neill to give the committee €750 this was seconded by Cllr. Liam Hogan. It was agreed that if no other funding can be sought for the balance of outstanding fees owing by the committee they may approach this Council again.

**Leinster Fleadh**

It was previously agreed to give the Edenderry Comhaltas a donation towards the running of the Leinster Fleadh, however no final amount was agreed. It was proposed by Cllr. Finian O'Neill and seconded by Cllr. Noel Cribbin to give to make a donation of €1,000.

**4. R402**

The members expressed delight at information given at the last monthly meeting that this road is ahead of schedule and feel that the road will enhance the entrance to Edenderry and hopefully benefit the town in the future. Cllr. Foley suggested that the Town Council find a way to bring new business/investors to the town and promote the vacant units in the town which would hopefully lead

to job creation. Cllr. O'Neill suggested that we take out a page in the Irish Independent newspaper to promote Edenderry in the hope of bringing business to the town once the new road opens (which will bring Edenderry approximately 40 minutes from Dublin). Cllr. Foley advised the members that he had attended a meeting in relation to the Wind Farms and he saw how other counties are canvassing for jobs to be brought to their counties. He suggested having an open day or conference to promote the town. Cllr. Mc Donnell agreed and felt that we should create a strategy on how to identify investors/industries/employers/development opportunities. Cllr. Brady agreed and stated that she felt we should have ideas/projects ready for funding should it be made available. The Area Manager advised that he would discuss this matter with Declan Kirrane, Director of Services with responsibility for Community and Enterprise.

5. **Offalia House** – no change

6. **24 Hours ambulance service**

The Town Clerk presented information received from the Ambulance service. It was proposed by Cllr. Noel Cribbin and seconded by Cllr. Fergus Mc Donnell that the Town Clerk writes to the Ambulance service and thank them for the detailed information and advised that this Council will continue to push for funding to be made available for a 24 hour service in the town.

7. **Notice of Motion**

**Castlebar Town Council** - *“request Minister for the Environment to amend legislation in relation to private rented dwellings to enable PRTB to publish on their website the landlord’s name.”* was proposed by Cllr. Fergus Mc Donnell and seconded by Cllr. Finian O’Neill.

**Carrick on Suir Town Council** - *“The local elections scheduled for 2014 would be deferred for a year to allow for proper consultation regarding the proposed abolition of Town Councils’* was proposed by Cllr. Noel Cribbin and seconded by Cllr. Finian O’Neill.

**Clones Town Council** – *“call on Minister Pat Rabbitte and An Taoiseach to seek agreement during the EU presidency to expedite the abolition of roaming charges in Ireland and Europe”* was noted by the members.

**Shannon Town Council** – *“Shannon Town Council condemn the proposed planned saving of €721 million by the HSE and the reduction of staff by 4000 in 2013 because of the impact these measure will have on frontline services”* was proposed by Cllr. Fergus Mc Donnell and seconded by Cllr. Finian O’Neill.

**Shannon Town Council** - *“recommend to Minister for Transport to enact legislation making the wearing of high visibility vests or belts/bands by pedestrians compulsory at times of darkness”* was proposed by Cllr. Finian O’Neill and seconded by Cllr. Fergus Mc Donnell.

**Trim Town Council** – *“request the Minister for Justice to apply particular licensing conditions that require “Cash for Gold” etc traders to keep verification transactions records for inspection by Gardai, Customs and other inspection departments”* was proposed by Cllr. Noel Cribbin and seconded by Cllr. John Foley.

**Ballina Town Council** - *“calls on Minister Joan Burton to reinstate the dental services for medical card holders and PRSI workers”* was proposed by Cllr. Fergus Mc Donnell and seconded by Cllr. John Foley.

## **8. Correspondence**

### **Court Services**

The members discussed the review of Court Services in Edenderry. The Town Clerk advised that Margaret O'Neill will not be attending another meeting in Edenderry and will instead discuss the matter directly with the Superintendent.

### **Swimming Pool**

The members expressed delight at the release of €3.8 million euro for the construction of a new swimming pool complex.

## **9. Conferences**

It was proposed by Cllr. Mary Breen and seconded by Cllr. Fergus Mc Donnell to allow Cllr. Finian O'Neill to attend the AMAI Conference in September.

## **10. Any other business**

The members wished the Cathaoirleach and safe and pleasure journey to New York and wished Kilcormac/Killoughey all the best on St. Patrick's Day in the hurling club final. The Town Clerk was asked to email Cllr. Danny Owens (Manager of Kilcormac Killoughey) and pass on their best wishes to him directly.

The members congratulated St. Mary's Secondary School on their recent success also.

**Date of next meeting** – *10<sup>th</sup> of April 2013.*

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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**Cathaoirleach**

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**Date**