

**Edenderry Town Council**

**Comhairle Bhaile Édan Doire**

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

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

**Apologies:** Cllr. Declan Leddin

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

**Confirmation of Minutes**

On the proposal of Cllr. Fergus Mc Donnell and seconded by Cllr. Patricia Brady the minutes from the October meeting were adopted.

**R402**

The Area Manager read a reply from Kildare County Council which stated that the works on the R402 will be significantly finished by March 2014. The members were in agreement that this was good news. Cllr. Foley advised that there are now only two sets of traffic lights on this route and that it is already possible to be in Enfield from Edenderry in 14 minutes.

**Ofalia House**

Nothing to report.

**24 hour ambulance service**

The members thanked the Matron and staff of Ofalia House for giving accommodation to the 24 hour ambulance service. The members were in agreement this Council had played a role in obtaining this service for the town and surrounding areas.

**New Schools for Edenderry**

The Area Manager advised the members that the Department of Education have informed us that tenders were received on 25<sup>th</sup> October for the construction of two new schools for Edenderry. These tenders are currently being evaluated by the Office of Public Works and subject to a

successful evaluation process it is expected that a contract will be placed in the next number of weeks.

The members are concerned that these new schools will not be finished by September 2014. It was proposed by Cllr Jim Murrin and seconded by Cllr. Finian O'Neill to make contact with Department of Education to seek that they keep us updated on the process.

### **Request for funding**

A request for funding was received from the Coarse Angling club. This matter was deferred to in committee meeting at the end of the monthly meeting.

### **Issues from JPC Meeting**

Cllr Noel Cribbin discussed his suggestion to have CCTV cameras installed in town. He advised that he has been in contact with Sgt Kevin Quinn in the Garda Station who has stated that if agreed he had arrange for an assessment to be carried out on the behalf of the Gardai. Noel advised that members that Deputy Marcella Corcoran Kennedy had raised a parliamentary question in the Dáil and was advised by Minister Shatter that there was no funding for this project. He advised that Tidy Towns would make a contribution to this scheme and that the shortfall could be met by contributions from local businesses. The members raised queries in relation to maintenance, broken equipment, specifications for CCTV, will the computer for CCTV need to be manned every day, public procurement and the balance in Edenderry Town Council bank account. On the proposal of Cllr Noel Cribbin and seconded by Cllr Finian O'Neill the members requested that the Town Clerk write to Sgt Kevin Quinn in the Garda Station in order to progress this matter further.

### **Promote Edenderry**

The members thanked those involved in the launch of the promote Edenderry brochure on Monday night previous; Declan Conlon, Orla Martin, David Minton and Therese O'Meara. They complimented the guest speaker Padraic O'Mallie who was described as inspiring and brilliant. Cllr Patricia Brady was talked for supplying some of the photographs used in the brochure.

Cllr O'Neill told those present that he had been at the launch of the enterprise initiative in the library before the meeting and advised that there is now a dedicated space in the library for business research/use sponsored by Offaly County Enterprise Board. The library staff were complimented by the members.

The Town Clerk advised that the brochure were delivered late that afternoon and that she would forward copies of same to each member so that they can promote them themselves. She also advised that her office would cover the cost of forwarding the leaflet in relation to library supports for businesses to all local businesses.

The Area Manager thanked the members and the staff involved in the Enterprise Focus. He hoped it could become an annual event.

### **Christmas lights**

In relation to Christmas Light the members were advised that the Offaly County Council will plant trees outside the Town Hall building which will be lit in time for the official turning on of the Christmas lights which was agreed for the 8<sup>th</sup> of December 2013.

### **Notices of Motion**

Kinsale Town Council's motion in relation to schools working to reduce the cost of school uniforms was proposed by Cllr. Jim Murrin and seconded by Cllr Noel Cribbin.

Kinsale Town Council's motion in relation to a local government reform devolving powers to the lowest levels of democracy in our community was proposed by Cllr Mc Donnell and seconded by Cllr O'Neill.

### **Correspondence**

Income from IPB dividend was noted.

Renewable Energy Policy and Development Frameworks – submission due by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of November. It was agreed that individual submissions be made in relation to this matter.

It was proposed by Cllr Cribbin and seconded by Cllr O'Neill to contact Bord na Mona seeking a meeting in relation to their proposal in relation to Wind Farms.

This concluded the business of the monthly meeting

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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THE TOWN HALL EDENDERRY**

**Funding request – Coarse Angling Club**

It was agreed that this matter be looked at next year as the event will occur in June 2014.

**Christmas Lights**

It was agreed to make a donation to Offaly County Council in the sum of €1,500 in order to fund part of the ducting/lighting of trees to be planted to the front of the building.

The date for the switching on of the Christmas Lights was set for Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> of December at 5.30pm (at the latest).

Cllr John Foley to liaise with the Town Clerk in relation to same.

**Trip to New York**

It was agreed that if an invitation is received that the Cathaoirleach will travel to New York in March 2014. (This was past following a vote 5 votes to 3)

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