

<p style="text-align: center;">Edenderry Town Council Comhairle Bhaile Édan Doire</p>

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF EDENDERRY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY THE 11TH OF SEPTEMBER 2013 IN THE TOWN HALL, EDENDERRY
AT 7.30PM**

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

Apologies: Cllr. Fergus Mc Donnell, Cllr. Declan Leddin.

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

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting July 2013

On the proposal of Cllr. Hogan and seconded by Cllr. Breen the minutes of the Edenderry Town Council monthly meeting held on the 12th of July 2013 were confirmed.

Matters arising from the minutes

Cllr Murrin and Cllr Cribbin expressed disappointment that Offaly County Council had carried out work road on the Carrick Road on the first day of school for Scoil Bhride after the summer holidays. The Area Manager advised that this was regrettable but that a number of issues had arisen which lead to the event. The members requested that in future information about work of this kind be given to them in advance.

The Area Manager then gave the members information in relation to works that will start in the coming weeks
1) Oakland's pedestrian crossing and 2) work on the back road at Killane.

2. R402 – Edenderry to Enfield Road

No exact date has been given by Kildare County Council in relation to the official opening of this road to date.

3. Offalia House

On the proposal of Cllr O'Neill and seconded by Cllr. Hogan it was agreed that the Town Clerk seek a meeting with Joe Ruane, HSE in relation to the future of Offalia House. It was also agreed a meeting be sought with the Minister for Health and with Kathleen Lynch, TD Minister for State with the responsibility for the elderly.

4. 24 hour ambulance service

The members requested that an update be sought from the ambulance service in relation to the 24 hours ambulance service in Edenderry.

5. New Schools for Edenderry

On the proposal of Cllr. O'Neill and seconded by Cllr. Murrin it was agreed that the Town Clerk write to the OPW to seek an update in relation to the schools.

6. Promote Edenderry

The brochure was presented to the members in draft form. Following discussions where some changes were requested, it was proposed by Cllr Foley and seconded by Cllr Murrin to approve the layout of the brochure (with changes) once it included a message from the Cathaoirleach.

7. Notice of Motion

In relation to Cllr Cribbin's Notice of Motion in regard to the services that will be provided by Offaly County Council in Edenderry from June 2014 onwards the Area Manager advised that realignment of staff is currently being reviewed due to the reduction in staff in some areas of the Council at present. He also stated that discussions are ongoing in relation to budgets for 2014 and onwards.

Notice of motions from Letterkenny, Dundalk and Monaghan were noted as read. It was proposed by Cllr Brady and seconded by Cllr O'Neill to support the notice of motion from Tipperary Town Council regarding Municipal District Council.

8. Correspondence

Court Services

On the proposal of Cllr Murrin and seconded by Cllr O'Neill it was agreed to write again to Minister Shatter looking for a meeting regarding the Court Services.

Clock Tower

It was agreed that Edenderry Town Council and Offaly County Council half the cost of repairing the clock in the Clock Tower with an understanding to be given in writing that Offaly County Council will continue to maintain in after June 2014.

Congratulations

The Cathaoirleach extended congratulations on behalf of the members to Offaly Ladies football team on reaching the All Ireland final on September 29th, Edenderry Ladies on reaching the county under 16 final, Cllr Fergus Mc Donnell on his graduation from NUI Maynooth, all the students on their Junior Certificate results, Edenderry Tidy Towns on increasing its marks in the National Tidy Towns competition, Edenderry Ladies Golf Club team on winning the Finn Trophy and Lauren Hogan of St Brigid's Boxing Club on her selection as a member of the Irish team for the World Championships in Bulgaria. Cllr O'Neill expressed sadness on the closure of Hooper's on St. Francis St after 50 years in business.

It was agreed to change the date of the next meeting to the **16th of October.**

Signed: _____

Date: _____