

<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 12TH OF FEBRUARY 2014
IN THE TOWN HALL, EDENDERRY AT 7.30PM**

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

In attendance: Declan Conlon, Area Manager/Head of Finance and Therese O'Meara, Acting Town Clerk

1. Confirmation of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr Liam Hogan and seconded by Cllr Fergus Mc Donnell, the minutes of the January meeting were adopted.

2. R402

Cllr Hogan requested that the Town Clerk write to Bus Éireann again in light of the new road in the hope that they will change the bus route to Dublin and use this road. The Town Clerk advised that Bus Éireann have stated that there are no plans to change this route but they will consider as part of future services reviews with the National Transportation Authority. (as per email dated 27th of January 2014).

3. Offalia House

The Town Clerk advised that due to weather problems external emails were down and no correspondence was received in relation with an update as requested. Cllr Cribbin advised the members that HIQA have visited Offalia House and have stated that there is a lack of en suite bathrooms. In this regard it is planned that 1 in every 3 rooms will be changed to an en suite facility. It is proposed by Cllr Cribbin and seconded by Cllr O'Neill to meet with the HSE again in relation to them seeking funding for this work. Cllr Mc Donnell advised that he had contact from the HSE which stated that currently there are 27 Long Term Beds, 1 Respite Bed and 1 Palliative Care Bed. It was agreed to hold a meeting with the local TDs and Offaly County Council members from the Edenderry Area to discuss Ofalia House on Monday the 24th of February 2014 at 6pm.

4. 24 hour ambulance

Nothing to report.

5. New Schools for Edenderry

Therese O'Meara, Town Clerk read the email sent to her which gave the following details;

"As previously advised the contract of the construction of the two new schools in Edenderry was awarded to Sammon Contracting Ireland Ltd on the 18th December 2014. OPW has informed us that works commenced on site on the 6th January 2014 and the new school building for Gaelscoil Éadan Doire is due to be substantially completed in 9 months from Contract date and the new school building for Scoil Bhríde is due to be substantially completed in 13 months from Contract date ".

Cllr Murrin advised that it was his belief that as part of the tender that there would be a certain percentage of local people employed in the project. However the Town Clerk has checked this with the Department of Education and has been told that there was no such clause in the contract.

It was proposed by Cllr Cribbin and seconded by Cllr O'Neill to forward correspondence to the contractor in relation to same.

6. Notice of Motion

Fergus Mc Donnell

On the proposal of Cllr Mc Donnell and seconded by Cllr O'Neill the notice of motion in relation to apprentices was adopted. It was agreed to circulate this to all other county and town councils and the ministers stated in the motion.

Bantry Town Council

On the proposal of Cllr John Foley and seconded by Cllr Fergus Mc Donnell the notice of motion in relation to a plebiscite from the people of Bantry to give them a say regarding the future of Bantry Town Council was adopted.

Ballina Town Council

On the proposal of Cllr Fergus Mc Donnell and seconded by Cllr Finian O'Neill the notice of motion in relation to solid fuel carbon tax was adopted.

7. Correspondence

Enterprise Ireland

A meeting has been arranged with Enterprise Ireland before the March meeting. A possible agenda for this meeting includes

- Doing Business in Edenderry Brochure
- Zoned land and units available
- Rhode Business Park
- Lifestyle in Edenderry

- Proximity to airport
- R402
- Workforce
- Job creation
- History of the town
- Advice on how to attract jobs.

It was proposed that the local TDs and Edenderry Area Councillors be invited to this meeting.

Dog Fouling

Cllr Cribbin advised that he had just returned from a conference in Cork where he met a distributor for Mutts Mitts. He showed those present a sample of same. He proposed that Edenderry Town Council give €200 towards the purchase of same and requested that Offaly County Council donate the same amount. Declan Conlon, Area Manager agreed to same.

8. Conference

Nothing to report

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____