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**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF EDENDERRY TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY THE 8<sup>TH</sup> OF JANUARY 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,

**Apologies:** Cllr. Declan Leddin

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

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

On the proposal of Cllr Liam Hogan and seconded by Cllr Jim Murrin, the minutes of the Edenderry Town Council meeting held in December 2013 were adopted.

**Issues arising from minutes.**

Cllr Cribbin requested that Bord na Móna meet with the members in relation to their company's proposals for wind turbines/wind energy in the area. Bord na Mona have made a presentation to some members in October however Cllr Cribbin felt that another meeting is necessary. It was proposed by Cllr Cribbin and seconded by Cllr Murrin to request that Bord na Móna meet the Council before the February Meeting.

**2. R402**

Nothing to report.

**3. Offalia House**

The members sought an update from the HSE in relation to day care activities and bed numbers.

**4. 24 hour ambulance service**

It was stated that only one ambulance was working in County Offaly on Christmas Day. It was proposed by Cllr Cribbin and seconded by Cllr O'Neill to write to the Ambulance Service to seek clarification on same. In this regard the members are seeking the total number of ambulances in the County and if there is a reason why there is no the 24 hour ambulance service in Edenderry on a Saturday.

**5. New Schools for Edenderry**

It is noted that the contractor has entered the site this week.

**6. Request for Donation**

It was proposed by Cllr Mc Donnell and seconded by Cllr Murrin to give the Course Angling Club €1,000 towards their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary activities in June 2014.

**7. Notion of Motion**

**Passage West Town Council** motion in relation to the Derelict Site Levy was proposed by Cllr Mc Donnell and seconded by Cllr O'Neill.

**Killarney Town Council** motion in relation to fluoridation was recorded as read.

**8. Correspondence**

The reply from Anne Marie Kelleher in relation to Christmas lights was noted.

**9. Conference**

On the proposal of Cllr. O'Neill and seconded by Cllr. Hogan it was agreed that Cllr Brady attend an upcoming Tourism conference in Ennistymon.

On the proposal of Cllr. O'Neill and seconded by Cllr Hogan it was agreed that Cllr. Cribbin attend a conference in Co. Clare.

**10. Any other business**

**Dog Fouling**

Cllr Mc Donnell raised a query in relation to the number of fines that have been issued in Edenderry in relation to dog fouling. The Town Clerk advised that no fines were issued last year to her knowledge. Cllr Mc Donnell asked how many persons have been fined in Edenderry to date in relation to dog fouling to which the Town Clerk advised that she would get this detail. The Area Engineer advised that the Traffic Warden is monitoring the situation. The Area Manager advised that there are free bags available in the Town hall and in other shops in the town. Cllr Mc Donnell stated that something has to be done about the situation.

**Roads**

Following a query from Cllr Mc Donnell the Area Engineer advised that works at Killane will be finished by the end of the month. In relation to road restoration Damien advised that Community Involvement in Road works (CIR) scheme could be applied for next month which is funded by the Department. He advised that €200k was awarded to Edenderry area in 2013 for this scheme. Cllr Mc Donnell advised that he would be surprised in the resident in Gilroy and Assumption

road would apply for a CIR scheme as they would have to contribute to same and the cost for both schemes would vary.

Cllr Mc Donnell complimented Henry Ryan, Waterworks Caretaker for his work during the Christmas period in dealing with water problems. The other members were in agreement with same.

Cllr Mc Donnell advised that Irish Water are not responsible for routine supply problems, he stated that it was no acceptable that the Council are passing the book and should be held accountable. He stated that he was told to ring Irish Water twice.

Damien advised that from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January we must keep Irish Water involved in all activities in this area. In relation to CIRs Damien advised that the legislation does not say state rural/urban. Damien advised that a lot of the staff went above and beyond the call of duty over the Christmas period in fact some had little or no Christmas break with high winds and lightening, trees down and power outages causing problems. He gave detailed examples of some of the issues that occurred. He advised that he kept the 24 hour emergency services centre in Cork updated every day. Declan acknowledged the work of Gerry Mc Garrigle during this period also. The other members also thanked the staff for their hard work and Declan updating them on issues during the period also.

Damien explained the new systems for procurement with Irish Water and the controls in place in relation to same. Declan advised that we have no authority to order anything without the prior knowledge/approval of Irish Water. He advised that there will be big changes in this regard. He advised that next Christmas people will have to contact the Irish Water call centre and not the Council, however he advised that there will be no change on the ground. He stated that there will be delays in ordering and work will be prioritized by Irish Water.

In relation to Killane Cross, Damien advised that there is a design in place and he hopes that the work will be done before the schools are on site. He advised that there will be traffic lights at the cross.

Cllr Brady asked if there was any word on traffic calming on the Dublin Road to which Damien advised that there is no word yet, but he is hopeful.

### **Public Lighting**

Cllr Mc Donnell stated that he felt that the level of services given by the contractor who are repairing public lighting is very poor. Damien advised that locations are given to the contractor

as they come into the office and he advised that our supervisors are carrying out ongoing patrols of areas, outside working hours.

Cllr Cribbin advised that that he has an issue with public lights in Fr Paul Murphy Street which is ongoing for the last three years. It was proposed by Cllr Cribbin and seconded by Cllr O'Neill to write to ESB in Newbridge in relation to same.

**Attendance at monthly meetings**

Cllr Cribbin raised a query in relation to attendance by members at monthly meeting and asked that details of same be made available for the next meeting. Cllr. O'Neill advised that if a member misses 6 consecutive meetings then they would have to forego their seat in accordance with the Local Government Act 2001.

This concluded the business of the meeting

Next meeting 12<sup>th</sup> of February 2014

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

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

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