

<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 MARCH 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 Mary Breen, the minutes of the February meeting were adopted.

Cllr Cribbin advised that the contribution towards the purchase of Mutts Mitts was issued by both Edenderry Town Council and Offaly County Council and that the dispensers are up in town and working well. He also advised that Edenderry Tidy Towns had given an additional contribution towards this purchase of €200.

Suspense Standing Orders

It was proposed by Cllr John Foley and seconded by Cllr Fergus Mc Donnell to suspend standing orders for approximately 20 minutes in order to discuss recent meetings with the two locals TDs.

Meeting with the IDA

Cllr Foley advised that there was a meeting with the IDA on Friday the 21st of February at 6pm. Deputy Marcella Corcoran Kennedy attended this meeting. He advised that the members met with Breda O'Toole who took away the "Doing Business in Edenderry" brochure with her to use in order to promote this area in the hope that it will help to bring jobs to this area. He thanked the TDs for attending these meetings.

Cllr Cribbin agreed that this meeting were very productive and he said that Breda O'Toole was very enthusiastic. He advised that she drove on the R402 back to Dublin and that Rhode Business Park was mentioned at this meeting as well and the Business campus.

Cllr Leddin apologized for not attending these meetings. He stated that he was glad to see Deputy Corcoran Kennedy at these meeting as he had previously criticized her in local media for failing to attend local meetings. He advised members about a meeting run by a group called FLAME in Clonmel in relation to the end of the Town Council and he encouraged all the members to attend it. Cllr Murrin proposed that they arrange a bus to Clonmel this was seconded by Cllr. O'Neill.

Cllr Brady apologized for not being able to attend the meeting with the IDA. She hoped that they push the brochure to the fore. Cllr. Mc Donnell advised that Breda was only 1 year in the job and that in 2013 17 jobs were created in 3 different locations in Offaly. He stated that it would now be up to the Municipal Districts Councilors to promote Edenderry and North Offaly.

Cllr Hogan advised that the IDA meeting was very positive and Breda was very enthusiastic and energetic on the night. He advised that her mother came from Clara and therefore she had a link to Offaly. He stated that he advised that the selling points to Edenderry were advised to her on the night and that he felt he was be hopeful and confident after the meeting. Cllr O'Neill advised that Breda was delighted to hear about the airstrip in Clonbullogue.

Meeting in relation to Ofalia House

Cllr Murrin advised that the feedback from the meeting with Barry Cowen TD was also very positive in relation to Ofalia House which was held on Monday 24th of February 2014. Cllr Foley stressed the need to keep Ofalia House open and stated that the Council had done good work in this area in the past.

2. Annual Financial Statement (AFS)

The Annual Financial Statement for 2013 was included in the agenda for approval. On the proposal of Cllr O'Neill and seconded by Cllr Brady, the audited AFS for 2013 was adopted.

3. R402

The Town Clerk advised that the opening of the R402 will take place on Monday the 14th of April. Invitations will be sent out shortly from Kildare County Council.

4. Ofalia House

The email from Joseph Ruane was read, this confirmed that an application has been made for funding for works at Ofalia house.

5. 24 hour ambulance

Cllr Cribbin advised that a member of the public took ill recently and had to wait for an hour for an ambulance to come from Portlaoise. It was proposed by Cllr. Cribbin and seconded by Cllr O'Neill to contact the ambulance service to seek information in relation to same.

6. New Schools for Edenderry

It was noted by members that local people are now employed on the site of the new school.

7. Edenderry Town Council budget

It was agreed to hold this item and go into committee in relation to same at the end of the meeting.

8. Occasion to mark the end of the Town Council

It was agreed to hold this item and go into committee in relation to same at the end of the meeting.

9. Notice of Motion

Nothing to report.

10. Correspondence

Cllr Hogan asked that we write to Bus Éireann again in relation to bus routes to Dublin in particular the response from the National Transportation Authority.

11. Conferences

Cllr Cribbin referred to the Mutt Mitts dispenser which the Council had purchased based on a presentation in relation to same which Cllr Cribbin had attended at a recent conference. He also advised that at this conference he had brought back information in relation to a bin which mulches the waste and therefore only has to be emptied once a week. He advised that he has past this information to the Area Engineer.

12. Any other business

Cllr Murrin queried why the brick paving was lifted in two locations on JKL St, the Town Clerk advised that this was in order tar and outline two disabled parking bays. She advised that the white lining is not staying on the brick.

This concluded the business of the main meeting.

Next meeting is the 9th of April 2014.

Signed: _____

Date: _____