

Municipal District of Edenderry
Bardasach Dúiche Éadan Doire

MINUTES

Meeting:	Main Committee	Municipal District of Edenderry
Location:	Chamber	Town Hall, Edenderry, Co. Offaly
Time:	3:30pm	Wednesday, 10 th April, 2019
Present:	Cathaoirleach Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick Cllr. John Foley Cllr. Alan Davy Cllr. Liam Quinn	Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District
In Attendance:	Declan Conlon Mark Mahon John McNally Ms. M. Gaughran Carmel Delaney	Area Manager, Offaly Co Co Senior Executive Engineer, Offaly Co Co Assistant Engineer. A.O. (Water & Environment Section) A/Meetings Administrator, Offaly Co Co

AGENDA ITEMS

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH MEETINGS.

On the proposal of Cllr. Quinn and seconded by Cllr. Foley the minutes of the March Main Committee meeting were adopted.

The Cathaoirleach and the elected members wished Cllr. Noel Bourke a speedy recovery from his illness.

SWIMMING POOL.

The Area Manager confirmed that he had received costings from the Quantity Surveyor. A meeting was arranged with the Swimming Pool Committee on Thursday the 11th April however the Swimming Pool Committee had contacted us to cancel and to re-arrange. They are to revert with available dates.. It was decided to await the outcome of the meeting of both parties before any further discussion could take place.

PRESENTATION FROM WATER & ENVIRONMENT SECTION.

Cllr. Fitzpatrick welcomed M. Gaughran to the meeting and she briefed the meeting as follows: -

The Council had received 55 Litter and Waste Complaints to date. The Environment Section continue to work with Tidy towns and community Groups on the National Spring Clean Initiative. Green School Assessments have been completed and submitted to An Taisce for consideration. Extension of the Litter Management Plan will be considered by the Councillors at the April Meeting.

The Noise Action Plan has been referred to the EPA for comment and it is hoped to present it to the Council at the May Meeting.

A submission for anti-dumping initiative is currently being prepared.

Water Quality.

Water Quality Staff continue to participate in the Water Framework Directive Operational Committees in both the Eastern and Midlands Regional and also the South East Region.

Design for cloning, Croghan, Blundelwood, Clonmullen Lane and Newtown is progressing.

Planning permission has been granted for replacement reservoir at Clonbullogue and detail design is currently being prepared by Irish Water. A replacement reservoir has been proposed for Walsh Island, planning application is being prepared for submission.

A detailed table was handed out showing the Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2019-2021

Burial Grounds Grant Scheme.

An amount of 15,000 has been provided in the 2019 Budget to assist community and local groups to carry out general maintenance works.

The members thanked Ms. Gaughran for her presentation.

3. Library

The Area Manager confirmed that progress had been made in relation to an alternative site for the Library. Cllr. Foley stated that there was some confusion over works being carried out at the back of Granary court. The Area Engineer advised that this was merely site clearance works being carried out in order that the topography and ground levels can be surveyed.

4. **Inward Investment and Local Enterprise Development.**

The Area Manager confirmed that the Digital Hub was making good progress and hoped to have it set up and running by early summer. A number of inquiries had been received and he confirmed that bookings would be managed by LEO

Cllr. Foley raised the issue of promoting Monasterois as an ideal site for an Industrial Estate. The Area Manager confirmed that he would pass on this matter to LEO.

5. **Other Area Issues.**

- **Virgin Media – Portarlinton.**

J. McNally confirmed that work was progressing well at this location. A discussion ensued in relation to repair of footpaths if required. Cllr. Quinn raised the issue of Broadband in general. The Area Manager stated that the Council had their own Broadband Officer and he was working actively with Eir and all other providers.

- **ST. Josephs Terrace, Portarlinton.**

The Area Engineer confirmed that he had secured speed ramps and that they would be installed once signage was obtained on a trial basis.

- **Low Cost Safety:**

J. McNally confirmed that the Low Cost Safety Scheme at Rhode School is progressing well with an intensification of the work scheduled for the school easter holidays.

- **Walsh Island**

Cllr. Quinn stated that he was concerned that there was no gritting of roads in Walsh Island and that a case should be made that gritting be carried out at this location.

The Cathaoirleach queried whether there was any update on Garryhinch Cross, the Area Engineer confirmed that there was no update but he would follow it up.

6. G.M.A. Applications.

Funding was approved for the following applications: -

Ard Ciaran Athletic Club
Wednesday Disability Group.
Young at Heart
Portarlinton Tidy Towns
Bracknagh Community Schemes.

7 Notice of Motion.

No notice of motion.

8 Written Question.

None

9 CORRESPONDENCE

Cllr. Davy raised the issue of Wheelchair accessibility in the Edenderry Area, He had met with the Wheelchair Group who raised concerns over the height of kerbs in various locations and the difficulties they encounter in dealing with them. It was agreed to meet with the Wheelchair Disability committee at the June Meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on the 8th May, 2019

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Date: _____