

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, 13 th February, 2019
Present:	Cathaoirleach Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick	Edenderry Municipal District
	Cllr. John Foley	Edenderry Municipal District
	Cllr. Noel Bourke	Edenderry Municipal District
	Cllr. Noel Cribbin	Edenderry Municipal District
	Cllr. Alan Davy	Edenderry Municipal District
	Cllr. Liam Quinn	Edenderry Municipal District
In Attendance:	Declan Conlon	Area Manager, Offaly Co Co
	Mark Mahon	Senior Executive Engineer, Offaly Co Co
	John McNally	Assistant Engineer.
	Carmel Delaney	A/Meetings Administrator, Offaly Co Co

THE ELECTED MEMBERS AND THE AREA MANAGER WELCOMED CLLR. ALAN DAVY TO THE MEETING.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY MEETINGS.

On the proposal of Cllr. Burke and seconded by Cllr. Cribben, the minutes of the January Main Committee meeting were adopted.

2. AMBULANCE SERVICE

Cllr. Fitzpatrick confirmed that a meeting had been held earlier with staff from the Ambulance Service of the HSE. He stated that there was a better understanding of how the Ambulance Service operates and that with new technology the centre was providing a good service. The members appreciated the work being done by the Ambulance Service however they were still concerned about the service not being opened on a Saturday and requested the HSE for urgent attention to this matter.

3. Reports from Roads Section, Offaly.

The Area Engineer confirmed that the Council had received their allocation from the Department last week. He stated that there was an increase in the road allocation nationally – an increase of 11% to carry out works, drainage grant was up by 100%, there was also an increase for Low Cost Safety Schemes which was up by 38%. There was also money for bridge rehabilitation works at Walsh Island, Ballybritten and Ballykeane. He was in the process of compiling a Roads Programme which would be brought before the Council in the coming weeks. He also noted that a specific grant had been allocated for the Edenderry Inner Relief Road, and that we can now anticipate full funding for the project.

A discussion ensued in relation to works and specific projects that the members would like to see carried out as follows

- School Crossing at Francis Street – flashing lights to slow down traffic
- Rhode Village – footpath at the school.
- General Maintenance on roads on Peat Foundations,

4. Swimming Pool.

No update – the Area Manager had contact from the Swimming Pool committee, still an issue with costings – Quantity Surveyor and the Swimming Pool Committee to come together and finalise costings before the end of February.

5. Library Development.

D. Conlon stated that there was no update on this. Cllr. Bourke queried whether the funding was still there for this project. The Area Manager confirmed that funding was still available.

6. Inward Investment and Local Enterprise Development.

The Area Manager confirmed that he hoped to have the Digital Hub opened within the next two months. It would be a modern facility with a capacity to facilitate 10 desks, the building would be fully fitted out with lock up facilities. He hoped to have an official launch at the end of the month with an official logo name for the Centre. The members welcomed the proposal and look forward to the launch of the centre, which would promote the town of Edenderry.

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AREA ISSUES/UPDATES

- **INNER RELIEF ROAD – Part 8**

The Area Engineer confirmed that a number of submissions had been received and he will prepare his report for the Chief Executive Officer. It is anticipated that it would go before the main Council in March for a vote.

- **Granary Court Road – Part 8**

The Area Engineer confirmed that this proposal did go through.

- **Housing Estate Management Funding..**

M. Mahon briefed the Council on this and hoped that residents would submit proposals to enhance their estates.

- **Traffic Calming Measure in Clonmullen.**

Section 38 notice had been published. A draft design had been carried out by the Roads Design for traffic management

- **Virgin Media.**

J. McNally confirmed that the Broadband Roll out was ready to start in Portarlinton. It was expected that a launch for the scheme would be forthcoming, details of which are to be agreed. Cllr. Fitzpatrick queried the procedure in relation to ducting. It was confirmed that Virgin Media have an agreement with Eir in relation to this.

A discussion ensued in relation to the items raised. Cllr. Cribben noted that the consultation process for the Part 8 for the Inner Relief Road was very open and that adequate information had been provided to the public

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G.M.A. Applications.

Funding was approved for the following applications:-

- a) Edenderry Playground
- b) Edenderry Comharltas
- c) Rhode Youth Club
- d) Rhode St. Patricks Day Committee
- e) It was Agreed to give extra funding to St. Patricks Day Committee in Edenderry.
- f) Snooker Club.

- g) It was also agreed to pay The Canoe Club their funding which was deferred from last year pending obtaining planning permission.

It was agreed to postpone the decision on the application from the Edenderry Swimming Pool Committee until the March meeting. The Area Manager confirmed no progress had been made over costs and that a special meeting should be held towards the end of the month with the Committee to discuss the proposal.

9 Notice of Motion.

No notice of motion.

10 Written Question.

None

11 CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Bourke raised the question of high insurance for play centres – he had been approached by one of the Managers from a Play Centre and they stated that insurance costs had trebled in the last few years. It was getting more difficult to meet these costs and if it continued these play centres would have to close.

It was proposed by Cllr. Cribben, seconded by Cllr. Foley that a letter be written to the Minister for Finance, the Minister of State of the Department of Finance and also our local T.D. Mr. C. Flanagan expressing our concern over these rising costs.

The Area Manager confirmed that a presentation would be given to the Councillor on Monday the 22nd February in relation to Data Protection.

This concluded the business of the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on the 13th March, 2019

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Date: _____

