

***Municipal District of Edenderry***  
***Bardasach Dúiche Éadan Doire***

**MINUTES**

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Main Committee</b>	Municipal District of Edenderry
<b>Location:</b>	Chamber	<b>Aras na Chontae, Tullamore, Co. Offaly</b>
<b>Time:</b>	3:00pm	<b>Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020</b>
<b>Present:</b>	Cathaoirleach Cllr. John Foley	Edenderry Municipal District
	Leas -Cathaoirleach Cllr. Liam Quinn	Edenderry Municipal District
	Cllr. Robert McDermott	Edenderry Municipal District
	Cllr. Noel Cribbin	Edenderry Municipal District
	Cllr. Mark Hackett	Edenderry Municipal District
	Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick	Edenderry Municipal District
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Sharon Kennedy	District Director, Offaly Co Co
	Mark Mahon	District Engineer, Offaly Co Co
	Josephine Lee	District Administrator, Offaly Co Co
<b>Present:</b>	Mary Hussey	Senior Engineer, Offaly Co Co
<b>Apologies</b>	Rory Moore	Assistant Engineer, Offaly Co Co

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**AGENDA ITEMS**

**1. Confirmation of Minutes from the June Meeting**

On the proposal of Cllr. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Cllr, Quinn the minutes of the Main Committee meeting held on the **8<sup>th</sup> June 2020** were adopted.

**2. Environment and Water Update**

The Senior Engineer from Environment and Water updated the Members in relation to:

- Environment complaints
- National Spring Clean Week
- Anti-Dumping Initiative
- Water and Waste Water Services
- Rural Water Programme
- Domestic Water and Domestic Waste Water Grant Schemes
- Domestic Well Grants
- Domestic Waste Water Treatment grants

The Elected Members discussed the Environment and Water Report and the Senior Engineer addressed the various queries raised.

*The Senior Engineer from Environment and Water confirmed that Edenderry WWTW is on the Irish Water Capital Works Investment Plan. She clarified that the increase in capacity to be carried out would be in accordance with the population increase in the OCC draft County Development Plan 2020-2027, which is an increase of 386 population equivalent (p.e.). Some Members expressed concern that this relatively small increase in capacity may quickly be reached, and expressed the view that the WWTW should be increased significantly to allow for future development and potential enterprise. Members requested further information on the specific nature of the upgrade, and asked that planned expansion consider a longer future horizon, with some discussion around potentially increasing to 15,000 (p.e.). Mary Hussey undertook to liaise with Irish Water to relay concerns and provide further clarity.*

### **3. GMA Applications**

Three applications were considered by the Members. One application was approved and further information was requested on the other two applications. Having been proposed by Cllr. Quinn and seconded by Cllr. Fitzpatrick the details are as follows:

<b>Application</b>	<b>Reason for Funding</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Bracknagh Community Association	Upgrade Central Heating System	The Meetings Administrator to verify a number of specific details.
Eden FM	Upgrade of building to suit broadcasting	The Meetings Administrator to request further.
Edenderry Pitch & Putt	Convert & Furnish Container	Funding to be processed by the Meetings Administrator

The District Director advised that the Community Section is liaising with Edenderry GAA in relation to potential funding which was raised at the June meeting. An update will be given at the next meeting.

### **4. Swimming Pool Update**

The District Director updated with meeting with regard to a recent pre-planning meeting in relation to the Swimming Pool project.

### **5. Library Development**

This project is progressing on course. Co-funding is a very significant element of this project and the application of funding processes are now in-train. The procurement of Architects for the design of the library and arts space is in progress.

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

The District Director and District Engineer advised the members that they are in the process of completing a funding application which will be submitted to the Just Transition Fund.

**7. Public Utility Capacity Issues**

No further updates.

**8. Area Issues/updates**

**Roads Update & Town and Village Renewal (TVR)**

The District Engineer gave an update on the Roads Programme, CIR schemes, LIS schemes, Bridges and the TVR schemes. The Elected Members expressed their thanks in relation to progress and sought a number of clarifications which were provided.

It was proposed by Cllr Fitzpatrick, seconded Cllr Cribbin and agreed that Cllr Quinn will be the MD representative on the in-house Committee which is being established to examine LIS funding.

**Any Other Issues**

Area issues discussed under the above topic.

**9. Notices of Motion**

None

**10. Written Questions**

None

**11. Correspondence**

None

**12. Any Other Business**

The Elected Members discussed Broadband in the Edenderry District and requested that the Meetings Administrator write to EIR and Virgin to discuss broadband in the Area and invite both companies to meet with the Elected Members.

This concluded the business of the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**

**Date:**

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