

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

**MINUTES**

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Main Committee</b>	Municipal District of Edenderry
<b>Location:</b>	Chamber	Town Hall, Edenderry, Co. Offaly
<b>Time:</b>	3:00pm	Wednesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2019
<b>Present:</b>	Leas Cathaoirleach Cllr. John Foley Cllr. Noel Cribben Cllr. Liam Quinn Cllr. Robert McDermott Cllr Pippa Hackett	Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Declan Conlon Rory Moore Carmel Delaney Martin Quinn Mary Gaughran	Area Manager, Offaly Co Co Assistant Engineer. A/Meetings Administrator, Offaly Co Co S.E.E. (Water & Environment) A.O. (Water & Environment)

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**AGENDA ITEMS**

In the absence of the Cathaoirleach, , Cllr. J. Foley, Leas Cathaoirleach took the chair.

**1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE JUNE MEETINGS.**

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

**2. Presentation from Water & Environment Section.**

Water & Waste Water.

A discussion took place in relation the ongoing issues in relation to Irish Water and it was agreed that Cllr. Quinn would represent the members at the next Clinic to be held by Irish Water and he would revert back at the September Meeting.

### **Litter & Waste Complaints.**

M. Gaughran read out her report with regard to Litter Management. She confirmed that the Environment Section were liaising with Tidy Towns and Community Groups in relation to assist in the clean-ups and collection of waste.

### **Noise Action Plan**

This matter will be placed on the Agenda of the July Council Meeting for discussion and approval.

### **Anti dumping Initiative**

An amount of €64,500 has been allocated to the council for this year. These funds will be used for 2 clean-ups and a major public awareness campaign. One of the clean-ups has already been undertaken at Garryhinch Bog.

### **Water Quality.**

Water Quality staff continue to participate in the Water Framework Directive Operational Committee in the Eastern, Midlands and South East Region.

### **Water Services.**

Mr. M. Quinn, S.E.E. (Water & Environment Section) confirmed that the design for Clonin, Croghan and Newtown is progressing.

Works have commenced at Clonmullen Lane and will commence at Blundelwood once these works are complete.

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.

### **Rural Water Programme.**

Multi-annual Rural Water Programme 2019-2021

Submission for funding for the 3 year period 2019-2021 has been submitted to the Department for consideration and decision on same is expected later this month.

M. Quinn confirmed that the Waste Water Plant in Edenderry is up to capacity. He stated that Irish Water are happy with it at the moment and it is on their Capital List. The following plants are also nearing their capacity, Daingean, Rhode, Walshisland

A discussion ensued in relation to the problems being experienced with the Treatment Plants and it was again agreed that Cllr. Quinn would represent the members at the next clinic of Irish Water and that any queries that they had should be given to him.

**3. Swimming Pool.**

The Area Manager confirmed that a meeting in Committee would be held at 4.30

**4. Library.**

The Area Manager confirmed that progress had been made in relation to this site.

**5. INWARD INVESTMENT**

The Area Manager stated that he hoped to have an official opening of the E Hive on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2019. Windows have been replaced, desks are ordered and the kitchen is installed. It was anticipated that an official opening would be held in September. LEO were looking after the bookings

The members welcomed the news and expressed the view that it was a great initiative for Edenderry.

**6. R402 UPGRADE OF ROAD**

No update on this – to be kept on Agenda.

**7. PUBLIC UTILITY CAPACITY ISSUES.**

Following from previous discussions it was suggested by the Area Manager that any issues that the members might have in relation to this matter should be raised with Irish Water.

**8. G.M.A. applications.**

The Area Manager confirmed that the applications for funding would be dealt with after the main meeting.

9. **Area Issues.**

**Roads Programme 2019**

R. Moore confirmed that most of the contract work have been awarded with 7 No. locations/schemes completed to date. A further 3 or 4 locations/schemes to be completed by the end of the week. The direct works including surface dressing etc. commenced a couple of weeks and should be completed by the end of July.

**R-402 Upgrade.**

Traffic Counter had been in place to gather evidence to support the proposal to upgrade the status of this route to National Secondary status. The results are currently under review.

**Bog Roads Survey Projects.**

Tenders being assessed for detailed probing to provide information to support application for digging out of problematic section of Regional Roads founded on peat such as the R402 through Togher/Knockballyboy. No details on possible programme yet.

**Inner Relief Road.**

Tender for Engineering Consultant closed. Meeting to be held with the consultants before final approval/appointment is made. Detailed design expected to take approximately 6 months from appointment.

**Bog Road Flood Relief Project, Portarlinton.**

Culvert Sections have bene ordered. Works to take place when the schools are off.

**Town & Village Renewal Projects.**

**Daingean Public Realm** – currently developing design – survey works have been carried out.

**Edenderry Public Realm** – Public Lighting design currently being carried out by specialist sub-contractor. Paving drawings being developed.

**Geashill Undergrounding** - Design agreed with ESB and relevant landowners. Heritage Officer progressing sculpture completion.

**Croghan Hill.**

Surfacing on access route awarded to be complete in coming weeks. Ministerial consents have been onerous to advance works; however, this is progressing.

**Rhode.**

Works on going, link footpath works, gully and fencing works to commence in early August.

It was also noted that further submissions have been made by OCC for the following TVR projects:

Portarlington – Public Realm

Cloneygowna – Green/Playgorund

Clonbullogue – Footway to Figile Maner

Blundell Park – Removal of overheads, renew footpaths & provision of lighting.

The members discussed a number of areas that required attention and also complimented Edenderry MD on the works that was being carried out. They also queried broadband issues and the urgency for primary schools to have good internet. It was agreed that Ray Bell would attend the September meeting.

**10. Notice of Motion.**

None

**11. Written Question**

None

**12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The A/Meeting Administrator confirmed that she had received an acknowledgement letter from the office of the Minister for Justice and Equality in relation to insurance costs for play centres. She also stated that she had received a thank you letter from the Edenderry & Rhode Branches of Comhaltas for the contribution that was made towards their festival

The members expressed concern at the lack of facilities to cater for such festivals and the need for a community centre in the area.

This concluded the business of the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on the 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2019

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

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