

# *Municipal District of Edenderry*

## *Bardasach Dúiche Éadan Doire*

### MINUTES

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Main Committee</b>	Municipal District of Edenderry
<b>Location:</b>	Remote attendance	
<b>Time:</b>	3:00pm	<b>Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> 2021</b>
<b>Present:</b>	Cathaoirleach Cllr. Liam Quinn	Edenderry Municipal District
	Leas-Cathaoirleach Cllr. Robert McDermott	Edenderry Municipal District
	Cllr. Noel Cribbin	Edenderry Municipal District
	Cllr. Mark Hackett	Edenderry Municipal District
	Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick	Edenderry Municipal District
	Cllr. Foley	Edenderry Municipal District
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Sharon Kennedy	District Director, Offaly Co Co
	Mark Mahon	District Engineer, Offaly Co Co
	Rory Moore	Assistant District Engineer
	Josephine Lee	District Administrator, Offaly Co Co
	John Cunningham	Senior Executive Engineer, Offaly Co Co

#### Apologies:

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#### AGENDA ITEMS

##### 1. Confirmation of Minutes from the May Meetings

On the proposal of Cllr. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Cllr. Cribbin, it was agreed that the minutes of the meetings held on the **12<sup>th</sup> May 2021** be adopted.

##### 2. Housing Report

The Senior Executive Engineer of Housing gave a presentation on the following areas;

###### Local Authority Construction Projects -

- Circular Road, Daingean (9 units) - Stage 3 approval was received in March 2021. Works Tender will issue on [www.etenders.gov.ie](http://www.etenders.gov.ie) in early Q3 2021 with a view to commencing construction in Autumn 2021.
- Sr. Senan, Edenderry (4 Units) – received Stage 2 approval in August 2020, and Part 8 planning was approved by the Elected Members at the December Council meeting. Stage 3 is currently being prepared for submission and will be lodged with Department in June 2021
- Bog Road, Portarlinton (28 Units) Turnkey Project Under Construction
- Heather Drive, Daingean (8 no Units) Turnkey Project under construction
- Cluainn na Greine, Cloneygowan (2 Units) Turnkey units complete in May 2021
- Midlands Region Energy Retrofit Project – consultant is appointed to begin surveys across the Edenderry MD

### **Approved Housing Bodies**

- Tuath AHB - Killane Drive (27 no units) – Construction complete and units allocated on the 14th May 2021
- Convent Portarlinton (39 no Units) – Stage 2 approved proceed to standard planning application

### **Voids/Pre Let Repairs and Refurbishment**

- Voids/Pre-let repairs are undertaken on Local Authority housing stock which becomes vacant in the normal course of business. The Council will attempt to maximise funding from the Department in 2021 in order to ensure vacant stock does not remain vacant for extended periods.
- 2021 Local Authority Allocation is €78,000
- Department Void funding application has been submitted to the department on 4th June
- 5 Vacant Units brought back to use in 2021 (4 Pre-lets & 1 Acquisition) & 1 Unit currently with works ongoing & 2 Vacant Unit under assessment.

### **Part V**

- Ongoing negotiations with developers in Edenderry & Portarlinton could yield (13 units) over the next 2 years
- There have been numerous development enquiries in Edenderry MD that could yield further Part V acquisitions

### **Housing Maintenance and Repair - Own Stock**

There are 473 social housing units in the Edenderry Municipal District.

- Planned maintenance is: €62,500
- Response maintenance: €136,371.00
- Normal Maintenance services have resumed with safety precautions

### **Adaptation works - L.A. Social Housing Stock**

Adaptation works to our own Local Authority housing stock are mainly driven by the particular needs of the existing tenant e.g. provision of a ramp, level access shower and ground floor extensions.

- 2021 Funding has been announced. Currently working on proposals for 4 adaptations and 3 extensions

## Housing Allocations

38 housing allocations have been completed in the Municipal District of Edenderry as of the 8th June, 2021 (7 Local Authority; 29 Approved Housing Body; 2 Social Leasing) HAP tenancies created in Edenderry MD in May 2021 is 1 bringing total HAP tenancies in Edenderry MD to 131.

## Local Authority Estate Works

Housing inspections suspended since March 2020 due to Covid-19

Estate Management funding reduced in 2021 to €30,000 per Municipal District. Members were invited to submit any proposals they had for consideration. The final 2021 Estate Enhancement Projects is detailed below for members' consideration and approval.

<b>Edenderry MD</b>	
• Wall mounted Name signs for the entrance to Greenwood Park from the Rathangan Road side	1200
• St. Oliver's Estate Geashill – speed reduction measures at entrance	4000
• Castleview park in Edenderry - Footpaths	12000
• Works to Wall at entrance to Kilmalogue Park to prevent Youth from congregating in the area which is leading to Anti-Social behaviour and repairs to footpaths around the Social Housing in the estate	7500
• Landscaping of green area in the Killane Drive estate to bring to a manageable level for mowing and maintaining	2000
Total	26,700

The Elected Members gave approval for these initiatives to proceed.

The Elected Members raised a number of issues pertaining to Housing services in Edenderry Municipal District and Mr. Cunningham addressed these concerns.

### 3. GMA Applications

1 application was considered by the Elected Members. Funding was approved for the application. Having been proposed by Cllr. Foley and seconded by Cllr. Cribbin the following details were accepted:

Application	Reason for Funding
Killane View Residence Ass	Green Upkeep

### 4. Swimming Pool Update

The District Director is continuing to investigate alternative funding streams and will revert with updates as they become available.

### 5. Library Development

Tenders and other works are progressing and updates will be given as they become available. On-site visits are now allowed under the current Covid guidelines and these onsite visits are now taking place.

The Regen team are preparing a RRDF application for funding which is now in its final stages. The District Engineer is progressing with the process of the demolition of the old Tesco site.

No update on the Creative Places application yet.

### 6. Inward Investment and Local Enterprise Development

In relation to Rhode Energy Park, the Area Engineer is working through the Just Transition application process. The project will be presented at an Energy Ireland Hydrogen Conference to be held on line at the end of June.

### 7. Public Utility Capacity Issues

The E-denderry Project was shortlisted in the Digital Rising Star category of the .IE Digital Town Awards. The Ceremony is taking place tomorrow.

### 8. Area Issues/updates

The District Engineer discussed the following areas;

#### Active Travel

Topographical Surveys to commence week commencing 14th June, detailed design to advance thereafter

CLÁR 2021 Scheme

(Electoral Districts: Kilclonfert, Knockdrin, Croghan)

Submission made for innovation measure for Croghan

Project Overview: Provision of a Smart Bench, Public Light and paved area in Croghan Village and the set-off point for the Croghan Hill climb/walk. The Steora Smart Bench would provide USB and Qi charging, Wi-Fi hotspot and heated seating at the base of a burgeoning amenity trail. It would also provide a Wi-Fi connectivity point for locals. Bench will be located adjacent to planned Croghan Hill Walk Sign.

### **Community Involvement Schemes (CIS)**

- Allocation for Edenderry M.D. for 2021 - €204k
- Typical requirement for 15% community financial contribution
- Currently seeking projects which have ability to contribute the community contribution

### **Section 38 Traffic Calming Consultation**

Proposal to undertake Traffic Calming and Traffic Management Measures in Ballyfore Big/Ballyleakin, in particular in and around the junction of the R-402-3 (Daingean – Edenderry road) and L-50061-2.

Still working through submissions, hope to complete assessment and report shortly.

### **Climate Adaption**

Climate Adaptation funding announced on 3rd June. It was noted that funding for St. Conleth's Road (aka Carrick Road) flood mitigation project has not been approved. €195k had been sought for new surface water drainage, road raising and footpath entrance to address flooding.

### **Safety Schemes**

#### **Tesco Junction, Edenderry**

- Enabling works to be carried out in June/July with Hare's Lane works
- Currently liaising with ESB in relation to removal of poles

#### **Town & Village Renewal Projects**

#### **Geashill TVR Covid Measure**

- Currently installing street furniture
- Landscaping works to be completed in June

### **Daingean TVR Covid Measure**

- Contractor scheduled to commence this week
- Street-furniture delivery scheduled for 14th June

### **Cloneygowan Village Green**

Design and pricing options being advanced by Deirdre McGrath, intention to reconnect with primary consultees prior to finalizing.

### **Portarlinton (Kilmalogue)**

Liaising with ESB in relation to undergrounding design to incorporate into overall detailed design, meeting with Danny Molloy scheduled for 10th June.

### **Rural Regeneration & Development Fund (RRDF)**

#### **Granary Link Street project**

Project works recommenced 10th May, anticipated to complete in 3-4 months. Drainage works commenced this week

#### **Inner Relief Road Project**

Phase 1 (new Rosderra Section and realigned junction at Carrick Road) issued for tender on etenders.ie on 24th May, closing on 18th June. Permission to proceed to construction will be sought from the Department of Transport following tender assessment. In the event that permission is forthcoming, it is anticipated the construction could commence in Q3 2021.

## **9. Notices of Motion**

Cllr Eddie Fitzpatrick proposed that Edenderry Municipal District and Offaly County Council provide adequate funding for Portarlinton Town as part of the joint local area plan for Portarlinton. Cllr. McDermott seconded this Notice of Motion.

Cllr Fitzpatrick has requested a programme of works for the Offaly side of Portarlinton Town to ensure that both sides of the town are developed on par.

The Elected Members supported Cllr Fitzpatrick's motion.

The District Director advised that she understands Cllr Fitzpatrick's frustration. She advised that there is a plan in place to regenerate Portarlinton with funding and projects in accordance with a number of schemes including TVR, Local Property Tax, RRDF, Active Travel. It was further noted that a range of funding measures have or are in the process of being secured for development at Derrynounce.

The District Director also advised that collaboration with Laois County Council will continue in the context of providing complimentary regeneration schemes for the Offaly side of the town.

Cllr Quinn requested that the Meeting Administrator issue a letter to Department of Transport in relation to Edenderrys' exclusion from funding following the announcement on the Climate Adaptation Funding.

Cllr Quinn advised that he issued letter to the Department of Transport in relation to Funding for CIS schemes requesting that we are allowed to use the GMA fund to meet the match funding element in certain circumstances.

**10. Written Questions**

None

**11. Correspondence**

None

**12. Any Other Business**

This concluded the business of the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**

**Date:**

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