

Municipal District of Edenderry
Bardasach Dúiche Éadan Doire

MINUTES

Meeting:	Main Committee	Municipal District of Edenderry
Location:	Chamber	Áras na Chontae, Tullamore
Time:	3:30pm	Wednesday, 10th June 2020
Present:	Cathaoirleach Cllr. John Foley Leas -Cathaoirleach Cllr. Liam Quinn Cllr. Robert McDermott Cllr. Noel Cribbin Cllr. Mark Hackett Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick	Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District
In Attendance:	Sharon Kennedy Mark Mahon Josephine Lee	District Director, Offaly Co Co District Engineer, Offaly Co Co District Administrator, Offaly Co Co
Present:	Monica Cleary	Senior Executive Officer, Offaly Co Co
Apologies	Rory Moore	Assistant Engineer, Offaly Co Co

AGENDA ITEMS

Cathaoirleach Cllr. John Foley requested the suspension of standing orders and proposed a vote of sympathy to Mr. Peter Carter on the recent death of his Mother, Mrs. Mary Carter R.I.P. The Elected Members and District Staff associated themselves with this vote of sympathy.

1. Confirmation of Minutes from the May Meetings

On the proposal of Cllr. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Cllr Quinn, the minutes of the Main Committee meeting held on the **13th May 2020** were adopted.

2. Housing Update

The Senior Executive Officer from Housing updated the Elected Members in relation to:

- Local Authority Construction Projects;
- Opportunities in relation to housing provision by Approved Housing Bodies / Private Developments / Turnkeys;
- Status regarding Voids / Pre Let Repairs and Refurbishment;
- Part V opportunities;

- Housing maintenance and repair;
- Adaption works – L.A. Social Housing Stock;
- Housing Allocations;
- Local Authority Estate Works;

Cllr Quinn requested that an update be circulated to the Members in relation to the current status of DPGs.

The Senior Executive Officer queried if provision could be made by Edenderry Municipal District budget for the Housing Community Grant Scheme from the GMA Fund to the value of €5,000. Cllr Quinn suggested that the €5,000 be taken out of the €100,000 element of the 2020 GMA fund. This was proposed by Cllr Quinn and Seconded by Cllr Cribbin.

The Elected Members discussed the Housing Report and the Senior Executive Officer answered any queries that they had.

3. GMA Applications

Two applications were considered by the Members. The applications were approved having been proposed by Cllr. Foley and seconded by Cllr. Hackett – details as follows:

Application	Reason for Funding
Rhode Parish Enterprise Ass	Improvement works
Edenderry GAA	*See Note

*It was agreed that this application would be explored in the context of alternative funding mechanisms within the Council – further report at the July meeting.

Cllr Cribbin discussed a letter received from Eden FM. It was noted that a formal application is to be submitted and further consideration can be given to same in due course.

4. Schedule of Works 2020

It was noted that the Schedule of Works 2020 had been considered at the May meeting and that a query had been raised by Cllr McDermott. Clarification had been given with regard to same and an amendment was made to the “The Energy Efficiency” section of the report. The Elected Members were satisfied with this amendment and the Schedule of Works 2020 was adopted on the proposal of Cllr. McDermott and seconded by Cllr. Quinn.

5. Swimming Pool Update

The District Director advised that she and the District Engineer have re-commenced discussions with the Swimming Pool Committee in relation to their grant application and also their long term proposals. The Swimming Pool Committee outlined the difficulties that they are experiencing in

the context of significant maintenance issues and also issues arising as a consequence of Covid 19. The District Director advised that if the Elected Members are happy to release the GMA funding that was awarded to them through the GMA application process, she will progress same. The Swimming Pool hopes to progress pre-planning stage shortly.

6. Library Development

Tendering and now is almost at the stage of going onto e-tenders. The Library Development will form a very significant part of the Edenderry Masterplan.

7. Inward Investment and Local Enterprise Development

The District Director advised that she and the District Engineer are working with Offaly County Council colleagues with regard to Just Transition Fund Applications.

Cllr Quinn requested that we write to the Just Transition Fund Commissioner to follow up on previous correspondence.

Discussion took place in relation to Edenderry Power plant and the various business parks in the area.

8. Public Utility Capacity Issues

No update

9. Area Issues/updates

Roads Update

The District Engineer gave an update on the Roads Programme and discussed the CIR Scheme.

Town and Village Renewal (TVR)

Mr. Mark Mahon advised the Members as follows:

- It was noted that the Draft Blundell Masterplan public consultation is now closed. The revised draft Masterplan will be presented to the Elected Members. The date will be advised in due course.
- It was noted that the commencement of the TVR on JKL St. was delayed due to the Covid 19 emergency but is re-scheduled to start within the coming week.
- The TVR works in Daingean are due to start at the end of June – engagement with Local Representatives to take place next week.

Any Other Issues

The Elected Members discussed the report and issues in their area, the District Engineer answered any queries that they rose.

Cllr Cribbin requested if funding could be provided for maintenance and repair work to a historical gravestone in Monasteroris Graveyard. The District Engineer advised that funding may be available through the Environment Section. The District Engineer will speak with Environment with a view to progressing this Issue

The Cllr's queried the distribution of the LIS Funding, the District Director advised that she is in discussion with the relevant Director on this matter.

10. Notices of Motion

None

11. Written Questions

None

12. Correspondence

None

13. Any Other Business

The Elected Members requested that the Meetings Administrator to write to Dr. Kieran O'Reilly to congratulate him on his recent award.

An issue was raised with regard to arrangements in relation to the maintenance and operation of playgrounds – it was noted that work is commencing on the development of a playgrounds policy and further updates will be given in due course.

This concluded the business of the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on the 8th July 2020.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach

Date:
