

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, 12 th June, 2019
Present:	Cathaoirleach Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick	Edenderry Municipal District
	Cllr. John Foley	Edenderry Municipal District
	Cllr. Noel Cribben	Edenderry Municipal District
	Cllr. Liam Quinn	Edenderry Municipal District
	Cllr. Robert McDermott	Edenderry Municipal District
	Cllr Pippa Hackett	Edenderry Municipal District
In Attendance:	Declan Conlon	Area Manager, Offaly Co Co
	Mark Mahon	Area Engineer
	Rory Moore	Assistant Engineer.
	Carmel Delaney	A/Meetings Administrator, Offaly Co Co
	Martin Daly	S.E.O. Local & Community Development.

AGENDA ITEMS

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Fitzpatrick welcome the new members to their first meeting of the current Council and looked forward to working them over the next five years.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE MAY MEETINGS.

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

2. Swimming Pool

The Area Manager outlined the back ground to this project. A grant of €3.8 m had been approved for the swimming pool 10/12 years ago – however nothing has been done.

A discussion ensued in relation to the options available to move this project along – it was agreed that the Area Manager would consult with the Quantity Surveyor and obtain dates that would suit him – he would then write to the committee and give them the options of these dates. He would revert back to the members when a date was agreed.

3. Library.

The Area Manager advised that progress had been made in relation to this site and also work on the preliminary design for the work has commenced.

4. Inward Investment and Local Enterprise Development.

The Area Manager confirmed that the Digital Hub was making good progress and expected to have it set up and running by the end of July. Work was being carried out on the roof of the building and on the Clock. It was anticipated that the facility would cater for 12 desks at a reasonable rate. The Councillors welcomed the progress being made and confirmed that it would be a great opportunity for people in the town to work from the Town Hall

5. Other Area Issues

The Area Engineer gave an update on the works in the Edenderry Area as follows:

CIS SCHEMES.

The Area Engineer confirmed that notification had been received from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport advising that they propose to continue the CIS schemes in 2020 and 2021 and that local authorities are now invited to apply to the Department for funding. The CIS will continue to be based on community contributions. If any member wished to have a scheme considered for inclusion they should contact him. Completed applications to be returned to the Area Engineer before the 11/07/2019.

Roads Programme.

The Area Engineer confirmed that most of the contract works have been awarded with 4 no. completed to date. Most contractors are awaiting the school holiday to reduce traffic disruption. It is anticipated that OCC direct works including surface dressing and grading and double surface dressing projects will commence at the start of July.

R402 Upgrade.

Traffic counters have been in place over the past few weeks to gather evidence to support the proposal to upgrade the status of this route to National Secondary status.

Bog Road Survey Projects.

Currently tendering 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.

Inner Relief Road Project.

Tender for Engineering Consultant currently on etenders.ie, with closing date of 14th June. It is hoped to assess tenders and appoint consultant at beginning of July. Detailed design including geotechnical investigation, archaeological reports etc. expected to take approx.. 6 months from appointment.

Bog Road Flood Relief Project, Portarlington.

Culvert sections have been ordered it is anticipated that works will take place in August (while schools are off) and will require closure of this road for the duration of the works. Works will consist of culvert replacement, drain cleaning and raising a section of the road.

Town & Village Renewal Projects.

Daingean Public Realm. Initial engagement/liaison with community reps undertaken currently developing the dressing. Survey works have been carried out.

Edenderry Public Realm: Various meeting with ESB on site, draft ESB design agreed. Public lighting design currently being carried out by specialist sub-contractor.

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. Liaison re fencing on going. Heritage Officer advancing signage and Trig. Station.

Rhode: Works on going (ducting and PL pots in place, footpath works commencing) Footpath, gully and fencing works to commence in coming weeks.

Rural Regeneration and Development Fund.

Masterplan for Williams Waller & back lands area gone to tender consultant to be appointed on completion of works.

The Area Manager confirmed that there was no update on Irish Water. A letter had been sent but no response had been received. It was agreed to write again to Irish Water for an update.

7 Notice of Motion.

No notice of motion.

8 Written Question.

None

**9 CORRESPONDENCE
None**

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Mr. M. Daly, S.E.O. Local & Community Development gave a presentation to the elected members on funding that was available under CEP. In Edenderry there were 61 applications approved for this funding. M. Daly confirmed that if the elected members agreed to fund some of the projects under the Community Grant Scheme, that they maybe in a positon to seek more money from the Leader Group. It was agreed to discuss the matter further in committee following the meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on the 10th July, 2019

Signed:

Cathaoirleach

Date: _____