

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

MINUTES

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| <b>Meeting:</b>       | <b>Main Committee</b>                 | Municipal District of Edenderry          |
| <b>Location:</b>      | Chamber                               | Town Hall, Edenderry, Co. Offaly         |
| <b>Time:</b>          | 3:30pm                                | Wednesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> March, 2019  |
| <b>Present:</b>       | Cathaoirleach Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick | Edenderry Municipal District             |
|                       | Cllr. John Foley                      | Edenderry Municipal District             |
|                       | Cllr. Noel Bourke                     | Edenderry Municipal District             |
|                       | Cllr. Noel Cribbin                    | Edenderry Municipal District             |
|                       | Cllr. Alan Davy                       | Edenderry Municipal District             |
|                       | Cllr. Liam Quinn                      | Edenderry Municipal District             |
| <b>In Attendance:</b> | Declan Conlon                         | Area Manager, Offaly Co Co               |
|                       | Mark Mahon                            | Senior Executive Engineer, Offaly Co Co  |
|                       | John McNally                          | Assistant Engineer.                      |
|                       | Carmel Delaney                        | A/Meetings Administrator, Offaly Co Co   |
|                       | Ms. M. Hussey                         | S.E. (Water & Environment)               |
|                       | Mr. M. Quinn                          | S.E.E. (Water & Environment)             |
|                       | Mr. D. McGonigle                      | Assistant Engineer (Water & Environment) |

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**AGENDA ITEMS**

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

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

The Cathaoirleach and the elected members conveyed their sympathy to Mr. Peter Carey on the death of his Mother in Law.

**Water & Environment – Presentation.**

Cllr. Fitzpatrick welcomed the delegation from the Water & Environment Section and he introduced them to the members. He thanked them for attending the meeting

Ms. Hussey addressed the meeting as follows:

Offaly County Council will make its best endeavours to facilitate the successful delivery of all necessary development in the county. However, the responsibility with respect

to the delivery of water and waste water infrastructure rests with the Authority designated by Law which is Irish Water. Offaly County Council maintain a close and strategic working relationship with Irish Water and have made representation to them to deliver the infrastructure necessary to facilitate all developments approved through the planning process. OCC would encourage developers and community groups to engage with Irish Water in order that every avenue for infrastructure delivery is explored.

The AER report and UWWT returns will confirm that the Edenderry WWTW is currently overloaded, this is a capacity assessment based on calculated load and nominal treatment capacity and is independent from compliance status.

Irish Water's investment submission to the commission for Regulations of Utilities (CRU) looked at the impact of growth to determine which WWTPs would become overloaded based on best information by 2017 so that these could be included in our plans.

The expansion of Edenderry WWTP is included in this submissions which awaits CRU approval. In the meantime, a preliminary report is being progressed and Asset Planning will be handing over a Terms of Reference to Asset Delivery next month (April 2019)

In the meantime, Irish Water have informed Offaly County Council that signed connection agreements will be honoured. In relation to new applications Irish Water are actively looking at options for the interim pending WWTP upgrade.

These options can include:

Minor plant modifications (which may be funded by developers) which will increase plant capacity without planning: process optimization. A small marginal increase is all that is required in the short term.

Developers may provide temporary treatment/balancing and discharge to sewer. No real increase in organic load and temporary plant can be removed when upgrade is complete as such developments can be phased this can be attractive for developers particularly as the planning is self-contained.

The elected members thanked Ms. Hussey for her presentation and a number of concerns were raised by them. It was agreed that representatives from Irish Water should be invited to attend the next MD Meeting.

## **2. SWIMMING POOL.**

The Area Manager confirmed that he was still awaiting a report from the Quantity Surveyor and it was decided to have a special meeting with regard to this.

3. **Library**

Ongoing evaluation and negotiation.

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

The Area Manager confirmed that the official launch of the naming of the Hub had taken place and he hoped that the hub would be up and running in the near future. Some work had to be done on the roof of the building. He stated that the Hub would be managed by the Local Enterprise Board and places could be booked on line.

5. **RSES.**

Cllr. Fitzpatrick mentioned that the Regional Spatial Economic Strategy was due to be adopted at the May Monthly Meeting.

6. **Other Area Issues.**

- **Inner Relief Road.**

The Area Engineer briefed the members on the draft Chief Executive report on the Inner Relief Road. Final version will be circulated in advance of the main Council Meeting in March and will be voted on at that meeting.

- **Roads Programme**

The Area Engineer briefed the members on this. A number of discussions ensued. It was agreed to submit the Roads Programme to the Main Council meeting for approval.

**7. G.M.A. Applications.**

Funding was approved for the following applications: -

- Edenderry chamber of Commerce -
- Grand Canal Wheelers Cycling Club
- Portarlinton Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann -
- Rhode Parish Enterprise
- Kileden Lawn Association
- Balycommon Ballinagar Geashill Town Twinning

**8 Notice of Motion.**

No notice of motion.

**9 Written Question.**

None

**10 CORRESPONDENCE**

It was decided to request Water Services to contact Irish Water with regard to a meeting to discuss the Treatment Plant in Edenderry.

This concluded the business of the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on the 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2019

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**

**Date:**

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