

Municipal District of Edenderry

Bardasach Dúiche Éadan Doire

MINUTES

Meeting:	Main Committee	Municipal District of Edenderry
Location:	Chamber	Town Hall, Edenderry, Co. Offaly
Time:	3:00pm	Wednesday, 11th March 2020
Present:	Cathaoirleach Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick Cllr. John Foley Cllr. Liam Quinn Cllr. Robert McDermott Cllr. Noel Cribbin Cllr. Mark Hackett	Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District
In Attendance:	Sharon Kennedy Mark Mahon	District Director, Offaly Co Co Senior Executive Engineer, Offaly Co Co
Present:	John Cunningham	Senior Executive Engineer, Offaly Co Co
Apologies	Josephine Lee Rory Moore	Meetings Administrator, Offaly Co Co Assistant Engineer, Offaly Co Co

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Confirmation of Minutes from the February Meetings

On the proposal of Cllr. Foley and seconded by Cllr. McDermott, the minutes of the Main Committee meeting held on the **12th February 2020** were adopted.

2. Housing Department Update

The Senior Executive Engineer from Housing gave an update for the Edenderry Area as outlined below:

Local Authority Direct Construction Projects -

- Blundell Wood, Edenderry (33 no Units) Construction complete – delivery in 2019
- Circular Road, Daingean (7 no Units) Stage 1 approved progress to Part 8 planning March
- Sr Senan, Edenderry (4 no Units) Stage 1 Delivery in 2020
- Turnkey expressions of interest from 2019 progressing
- Turnkey expressions of interest for 2020 to be advertised

Approved Housing Bodies/Private Developments/Turnkeys

The Capital Design Team are working with Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs) & Private Developers on a regular basis with a view to progressing a number of schemes within the Edenderry MD.

- AHB - Killane Drive 27 units – Under construction Delivery 2020
- AHB - Turnkey/Private Developments - there are a number of expressions of interest from AHB's on development in the Edenderry Municipal District.

Voids/Pre Let Repairs and Refurbishment

Voids/Prelets 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 2020 in order to ensure vacant stock does not remain vacant for extended periods.

- Long term voids in the Edenderry Municipal District have been eliminated
- Own funding is vital i.e. no department funding for Voids yet in 2020
- 16 Vacant Units brought back to use in 2019 (6 of which are acquisitions)
- 12 Vacant Units in 2020 up to 10th March 2020, (6 of which are acquisition) works ongoing on these units, 1 Vacant unit completed so far in 2020

Acquisitions 2019/Part V

- 8 Sales Closed in 2019
- Significant development enquiries in Edenderry MD that could yield Part V acquisitions

Housing Maintenance and Repair - Own Stock

There are 467 social housing units in the Edenderry Municipal District on the 10th March 2020. The Housing Maintenance and Repairs budget for the Edenderry Municipal District for 2020 to deal with same is €136,371.00

- 789 (Edenderry MD) out of 3642 (Offaly) Maintenance Requests from 1st January 2019 to 31st December 2019
- 193 (Edenderry MD) out of 827 (Offaly) Maintenance Requests from 1st January 2020 to 10th March 2020

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.

- 6 Jobs complete in 2019

Housing Operations & Inspections

- 5 Allocations (All Local Authority)
- 7 new HAP Tenancies in Edenderry in 2020 to date

Local Authority Estate Works

€60,000 is again provided towards Council Estate projects for 2020 in the Municipal District of Edenderry. A proposal is being developed and will be circulated for the members' consideration and adoption at the April Municipal District meeting.

3. GMA Terms and Conditions

Funding was awarded to the following groups;

- > Ballycommon Canal Renewal Group
- > Cloneygowen Development Ass
- > Grand Canal Wheelers
- > Portarlington Tidy Towns

4. Swimming Pool Update

The Area Manager advised that she will organise a meeting between the Edenderry Municipal District Elected Members and the Swimming Pool Committee with the view to further progression. She will revert with update at the April Meeting.

5. Library Development

No Update

6. Inward Investment and Local Enterprise Development

The Area Manager and Area Engineer advised the Elected Members that they are working with their colleagues in the Áras to progress this area.

7. Public Utility Capacity Issues

The Area Engineer advised that a short term measure has been implemented to increase capacity in the Edenderry Waste Water system. In the long term it is included in the Capital Works Programme.

8. Area Issues/updates

Roads Update

Roads Programme 2020

Compilation of roads programme 2020 to commence from next week, submissions/meetings welcomed.

Offaly County Council			
	2019	2020	Change
Restoration Improvement	€4,750,500	€5,378,500	+13.2%
Restoration Maintenance	€871,000	€955,000	+9.6%

Supplementary Restoration Maintenance	€344,000	€591,000	+71.8%
Discretionary Grant	€1,775,000	€1,802,000	+1.5%
Community Involvement Scheme	€656,541	€735,500	+12%

2020 Specific Improvement Grant	Edenderry Inner Relief	€300,000
2020 Safety Improvement Works	Bracknagh National School	€85,000
2020 Safety Improvement Works	Clonegowan	€25,000

The 202 Roads Programme for Edenderry M.D. is presented, comprising of 87 no. projects. The total planned spend is €3.62m, an increase of 18% from 2019.

Portarlinton Flood Relief Scheme

Working with OPW and Laois Co. Co., we have tendered for engagement of consultants to design Portarlinton Flood Relief Scheme. Consultants tenders for design services currently being assessed.

Town & Village Renewal Projects

Daingean Public Realm: Project tendered, and contractor submissions received this week. Evaluation of tenderers taking place, appointment to follow.

Edenderry Public Realm: Tender competition closed, post tender clarifications on-going. Successful tenderer anticipated to be confirmed next week, with appointment to follow. Works anticipated to commence in April 2020, with public liaison to take place with businesses in advance of works commencing.

Geashill Undergrounding:

ESB continuing cabling down Ballinagar road, OCC casting new footpaths, approximately 6 weeks works outstanding, weather dependent. Public lighting to be erected once ESB can provide shrouding of existing lines.

Croghan Hill:

Project to be substantially completed prior to St. Patrick's Day. Monument erected on summit, stone wall repairs continuing. Planting also continuing along walkway.

Rural Regeneration & Development Fund – Edenderry Masterplan

The Paul Hogarth Company, are proposing to conduct a consultation process with the draft Blundell Masterplan. The purpose of the process is to re-engage with residents, businesses and local groups to test and refine the emerging masterplan vision and objectives.

Programme

- Proposed Consultation Period - Monday 23rd March – Monday 6th April
- Provision of Consultation Boards in Draft for Review - COP Friday 13th March
- Feedback on Drafts – Midday Thursday 19th March
- Publication of Boards – Monday 23rd March

Process

- Boards displayed in a public location and on-line
- Public drop event – day and evening*
- Schools consultation workshops
- Feedback forms – paper and online
- Digital / on-line and social media

Town and Village Renewal

This item was discussed under the Roads report.

Other Areas / Issues

9. Notices of Motion

None

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 8th April 2020.

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Date: _____