

***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, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021</b>
<b>Present:</b>	Cathaoirleach Cllr. John Foley	Edenderry Municipal District
	Leas -Cathaoirleach Cllr. Liam Quinn	Edenderry Municipal District
	Cllr. Robert McDermott	Edenderry Municipal District
	Cllr. Noel Cribbin	Edenderry Municipal District
	Cllr. Mark Hackett	Edenderry Municipal District
	Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick	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 Officer, Offaly Co Co
	Caitriona Hilliard	Broad Band Officer

**Apologies:**

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**AGENDA ITEMS**

**1. Confirmation of Minutes from the February Meetings**

On the proposal of Cllr. Quinn and seconded by Cllr. McDermott, it was agreed that the minutes of the meetings held on the **10<sup>th</sup> February 2021** be adopted.

**2. Housing Update**

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

- Local Authority Construction Projects
- Approved Housing Bodies
- Voids/Pre Let Repairs and Refurbishment
- Part V
- Housing Maintenance and Repair - Own Stock
- Adaptation works - L.A. Social Housing Stock
- Housing Allocations

- Local Authority Estate Works

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

### 3. GMA Applications

4 applications were considered by the Members. Funding was approved for all 4. Having been proposed by Cllr. Quinn and seconded by Cllr. McDermott the following details were accepted:

Application	Reason for Funding
Brookfield Rise Residence Ass	Estate upkeep
Croghan Pure Mile Committee	Environmental Initiative
Woodville Manor Residence Ass	Estate upkeep
Edenderry St. Patrick's Day Parade	Virtual Festival

### 4. Swimming Pool Update

No Update

### 5. Library Development

The tender for the demolition of the old Tesco building is still on going.

The tender process for the design team is still on hold due to the current level 5 restrictions.

### 6. Inward Investment and Local Enterprise Development

The District Director advised that there is on-going works in relation to economic development in the District as a whole and the LEO Office is engaging with the Department in this regard. Updates will be given as they become available.

The District Director updated the Members in relation to the current status of the Just Transition application for Rhode Business Park.

### Suspension of standing orders

It was proposed by seconded by and agreed to suspend standing orders in order to facilitate the launch of the e-denderry initiative and to reconvene the meeting after same has taken place.

### 7. Public Utility Capacity Issues

Cellnex and Offaly County Council virtually launched the e-denderry initiative.

Contributing to the launch were;

- Anna Marie Delaney, Chief Executive, Offaly County Council
- Sharon Kennedy, Director of Services for Edenderry Municipal District, Offaly County Council
- Mark Connolly, Director of Services, Offaly County Council
- Cathaoirleach Cllr. John Carroll, Offaly County Council

- The Elected Members of Edenderry Municipal District
- StJohn O'Connor, Dept Rural and Community Development
- Minister Ryan, Dept Environment, Climate and Communications

The initiative was welcomed by all who attended and particularly having regard to the fact that this is the first such pilot in a town in Ireland.

On conclusion of the launch, the meeting was reconvened.

## 8. Area Issues/updates

The 2021 Roads Programme for Edenderry M.D., comprising of 99 roads and bridge projects with a total planned spend is €4.35m was presented to the Elected Members.

A Summary of Roads Programme 2021 is outlined below;

Headline items from 2021 Regional and Local Road Grant Allocations, as issued on 15/02/21 in Circular RW 1/2021.

Offaly County Council				
	2019	2020	2021	Change
Restoration Improvement	€4,750,500	€5,378,500	€5,707,500	+6.1%
Restoration Maintenance	€871,000	€955,000	€955,000	+0%
Supplementary Restoration Maintenance	€344,000	€591,000	€682,000	+15.4%
Discretionary Grant	€1,775,000	€1,802,000	€1,813,500	+0.6%
Community Involvement Scheme	€656,541	€735,500	€735,500	+0%
Drainage Works	€452,000	€446,993	€446,993	+0%

2021 Specific Improvement Grant	Edenderry Inner Relief	€900,000
202 Safety Improvement Works	Tesco Junction (Phase 1)	€160,000

Edenderry M.D.			
	2020	2021	Change
Regional – Restoration Improvement	€650,046	€692,510	+6.5%
Regional – Restoration Maintenance (SD)	€81,500	€81,500	+0%
Local – Restoration Improvement	€722,274	€769,456	+6.5%
Local – Restoration Maintenance (SD)	€333,722	€359,884	+7.8%
Community Involvement Scheme	€245,166	€204,338	-16.7%

EMD Regional Roads			
	2021	Length works	of % Regional Roads
Regional – Restoration Improvement	€692,510	3.45 km	2.85%
Regional – Restoration Maintenance (SD)	€81,500	2 km	1.65%

*\*Note: There are 121km of Regional Roads in Edenderry M.D.*

EMD Local Roads			
	2021	Length works	of % Regional Roads
Regional – Restoration Improvement	€769,456	7.75 km	1.4%
Regional – Restoration Maintenance (SD)	€359,884	12.9 km	2.4%

*\*Note: There are approximately 540 km of Local Roads in Edenderry M.D.*

It is anticipated that further projects will emerge through NTA Active Travel Funding and Climate Adaptation Funding which the EMD are actively pursuing at present.

The Elected Members requested the Meetings Administrator to organise a meeting with the Dept. to discuss the issue of poor road infrastructure within Edenderry Municipal District.

The District Engineer advised he would circulate detail of the category 1-4 road classification for the District to the Elected Members.

**9. Notices of Motion**

None

**10. Written Questions**

None

**11. Correspondence**

Bord na Mona issued their reply to a letter issued to them in regard to concerns with re-wetting the peatlands. The Elected Members very much welcomed the letter and requested the Meetings Administrator to organise a meeting with Bord na Mona to discuss the issue of rewetting the peatlands and the potential impacts of adjoining lands and road infrastructure.

Go Bus issued their reply to a letter issued to them in regard to concerns over service provision issues. Its points were noted by the Elected Members.

**12. Any Other Business**

Cllr. Cribbin requested a discussion on the Just Transition Application submitted on behalf Edenderry Tidy Towns Committee and outlined the issues in relation to same which had previously been shared with the other Members.

The District Director referred to a number of updates issued to the Members in relation to her contacts with Conor Quinn of Edenderry Carbon Challenge in relation to their Just Transition application. She advised that she has received and reviewed documentation submitted by Conor Quinn in relation to same.

The District Director further advised that she, the District Engineer and the Head of the LEO recently met with Conor Quinn to discuss the project with a view to seeing what funding options might be available for the project.

It was noted that the sum of €70,000 has been notified under the Just Transition Fund and that Edenderry Climate Challenge must co-fund same in the order of €13,000. It had been intended that this match funding would come from a SEAI grant but the applicants have been advised that same is not allowed under the terms of the funding. Conor Quinn had indicated that in the event

of no other funding option, the funding could be raised locally by payment of a fee in the order of €70 per house/business who want to participate in the scheme.

Cllr Cribbin advised that the Tidy Towns Committee is not in a position to provide this match funding and proposed that proposed that Edenderry Municipal District provide this match funding on behalf of the Tidy Towns Committee.

Cllr Fitzpatrick proposed that the households involved in the project should contribute to the project to make up the match funding element.

A vote was taken on the counter proposal with Cllr Fitzpatrick, Cllr McDermott and Cllr Foley voting in favour of the proposal. Cllr Cribbin, Cllr Quinn and Cllr Hackett voted against the proposal.

A vote was taken on the first proposal with Cllr Cribbin, Cllr Quinn and Cllr Hackett for the proposal and Cllr Fitzpatrick, Cllr McDermott and Cllr Foley voting against the proposal.

Section 50 of the Standing Orders states that if a proposal has an equal amount of votes the Chair has a presiding vote. Cathaoirleach Cllr. John Foley voted in favour of the counter proposal.

The District Director advised the members that Sally O’Leary, Arts Officer, is developing a proposal for the submission of an application to the Arts Council in response to their call for applications for funding under their Creative Places programme. It is intended that the application will centre in Edenderry and will be a source of focus in relation to the development of Arts within the community. The project requires some modest local match funding. The Members noted that further details with regard to the proposal will be shared with them in advance of their in-committee meeting in April at which the Arts Officer will be in attendance to discuss the proposal further.

This concluded the business of the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on the 15th April 2021.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Cathaoirleach**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_