

Municipal District of Edenderry
Bardasach Dúiche Éadan Doire

MINUTES

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| Meeting: | Main Committee | Municipal District of Edenderry |
| Location: | Chamber | Town Hall, Edenderry |
| Time: | 3:00pm | Wednesday, 13th May 2020 |
| Present: | Cathaoirleach Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick Cllr. John Foley Cllr. Liam Quinn (r) Cllr. Robert McDermott (r) Cllr. Noel Cribbin (r) 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 Josephine Lee | District Director, Offaly Co Co District Engineer, Offaly Co Co Meetings Administrator, Offaly Co Co |
| Present: | | |
| Apologies | Rory Moore | Assistant Engineer, Offaly Co Co |

NOTE: (R) DENOTES REMOTE ATTENDANCE

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Confirmation of Minutes from the April Meetings

On the proposal of Cllr. Foley and seconded by Cllr. Hackett, the minutes of the Main Committee meeting held on the **8th April 2020** were adopted.

2. Roads Update

It was noted that due to restrictions associated with the Covid 19 emergency, roadworks have been temporarily suspended. However, having regard to the national roadmap for the re-commencement of services, surface dressing works will recommence on the 18th May. All necessary contracts have been awarded and are ready to commence. However, as contractors will have a backlog of works due to the closedown of services, there may be a delay in re-commencing works.

It was noted that 5 Local Improvement Scheme applications were received for works within the District. It will be necessary for the required local contribution to be paid prior to commencement of works. An issue was raised by the Elected Members with regard to confusion in relation to the deadline for receipt of applications which has resulted in some applications not

having been submitted on time. It was agreed that same would be followed up with the Roads Section.

3. GMA Applications

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

| Application | Reason for Funding |
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| Ballycommon Telework and Training Centre | Community Van |
| Portarlinton Community Development Association for Derryounce Lakes | Upgrade of forest trails |
| Garryhinch Amenity Group | Permanent Flower Beds |
| Relay for Life | Fundraiser Day |
| St. Patricks Wood Residents Ass | Lawnmower |

4. Update on Services

It was noted that an updated report in relation to Edenderry's Wastewater Plant had been circulated from Ms. Mary Hussey, Senior Engineer. The members had noted the content of same.

5. Schedule of Works

Cllr McDermott queried the prioritisation proposal regarding the energy efficiency works which was contained in the Housing Sections Report. The District Director undertook to discuss same with the Housing Section and revert with clarification.

6. Swimming Pool Update

It was noted that since the national roadmap for re-opening of services has been issued, it is now appropriate for discussions to re-commence with the Swimming Pool Committee in relation to their grant application and also their long term proposals.

7. Library Development

It was noted that this project is progressing with work being undertaken in terms of the tendering process for design team.

8. Inward Investment and Local Enterprise Development

No Update

9. Public Utility Capacity Issues

No update

10. Area Issues/updates

Town and Village Renewal (TVR)

Mr. Mark Mahon advised the Members as follows:

- It was noted that the Draft Blundell Masterplan is now open for further public consultation. The consultation period is open until 1st June and then a revised draft Masterplan will be presented to the Elected Members. The date will be advised in due course.
- The Elected Members complimented the staff and consultants on the work undertaken on the plan to date in terms of the level of professionalism, inclusiveness, comprehensiveness and forward thinking.
- Cllr. Cribbin requested that a letter of thanks be issued to Mr. Michael Ring T.D., Minister for Rural and Community Development who had approved the first tranche of funding for this project.
- 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 on the 1st June. The District Engineer and Technician are due to talk to the traders on the street in the next few weeks to outline how the works will be managed in order to minimize impact.
- The TVR works in Daingean are due to start in June – further information will be advised in due course.

Any Other Issues

- The District Engineer gave an overview on 2018/2019 TVR Projects.
- Cllr. Quinn queried when works would re-commence on the footpaths as part of the Croghan Hill Project. The District Engineer advised that they are due to start in the coming weeks.
- Cllr. Fitzpatrick queried if it is possible to install a footpath from Garryhinch Cross to the looped walk in the forestry in at Garryhinch. The District Engineer advised on discussions in relation to same.
- Cllr. McDermott queried dog fouling on the Canal Paths and if it was possible to provide appropriate bins. The District Engineer agreed to review same.

11. Notices of Motion

None

12. Written Questions

None

13. Correspondence

None

14. Any Other Business

Cllr McDermott proposed that a letter of congratulations be sent from the Members of the Municipal District to Senator Pippa Hackett on her recent election to Seanad Eireann. This proposal was supported by all of the Members who wished to be associated with the vote of congratulations and good wishes. The Meetings Administrator will issue the letter to Senator Hackett on behalf of the District.

Cllr Cribbin expressed concern with regard to arrangements for the transfer of patients from Dr. McAleer's practice, which is about close, to Dr. Dunbar who works with Dr. Carroll's practice. The concerns centred around capacity issues having regard to current practice caseload and also facilities in terms of car parking and waiting room facilities etc. Cllr Cribbin requested that the Meetings Administrator write a letter to Dr. Dunbar and the HSE requesting clarification on same.

Cllr Cribbin referred to the on-going issue with regard to the unauthorized parking of caravans in Edenderry and requested that an invitation be issued to Superintendent Mullarkey to attend the next meeting of the Municipal District to discuss same.

This concluded the business of the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on the 10th June 2020.

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Date: _____