

Municipal District of Edenderry
Bardasach Dúiche Éadan Doire

MINUTES

Meeting:	Main Committee	Municipal District of Edenderry
Location:	Chamber	Aras na Chontae, Tullamore, Co. Offaly
Time:	3:00pm	Wednesday, 9th September 2020
Present:	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
In Attendance:	Sharon Kennedy	District Director, Offaly Co Co
	Mark Mahon	District Engineer, Offaly Co Co
	Josephine Lee	District Administrator, Offaly Co Co
	Rory Moore	Assistant Engineer, Offaly Co Co

Apologies:

AGENDA ITEMS

Cathaoirleach Cllr. John Foley proposed a vote of sympathy to the Farrell family on the recent death of Ms Kathleen Farrell R.I.P. The Elected Members and staff associated themselves with this vote of sympathy.

1. Confirmation of Minutes from the July Meetings

On the proposal of Cllr. McDermott and seconded by Cllr. Quinn, it was agreed that the minutes of the Main Committee meeting held on the **8th July 2020** were to be adopted subject to the following amendments in relation to *Item 2 - Environment and Water Update*.

The Senior Engineer from Environment and Water confirmed that Edenderry WWTW is on the Irish Water Capital Works Investment Plan. She clarified that the increase in capacity to be carried out would be in accordance with the population increase in the OCC draft County Development Plan 2020-2027, which is an increase of 386 population equivalent (p.e.). Some Members expressed concern that this relatively small increase in capacity may quickly be reached, and

expressed the view that the WWTW should be increased significantly to allow for future development and potential enterprise. Members requested further information on the specific nature of the upgrade, and asked that planned expansion consider a longer future horizon, with some discussion around potentially increasing to 15,000 (p.e.). Mary Hussey undertook to liaise with Irish Water to relay concerns and provide further clarity.

It was agreed that the Meetings Administrator will amend the Minutes of the July meeting and present the July and September Minutes at the October meeting for final sign off.

The Meetings Administrator is to ask the Senior Engineer from Environment and Water for an updated report on the Edenderry Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Cllr Liam Quinn proposed to suspend Standing Orders to discuss an article in the Offaly Topic 16th July in relation to the Waste Water Treatment Plant in Edenderry. This suspension was seconded by Cllr Noel Cribbin. Cllr Quinn advised that he felt that the article was not reflective of the discussion that took place during the meeting of the 8th July. Cllr Quinn requested that the Cllr John Foley withdraw his statement which indicated that no future developments would be permitted in Edenderry because of the lack of capacity at the town's sewage works. Cllr Quinn requested that the Meetings Administrator write to the owner of the Offaly Topic to express his concerns in relation to publishing inaccurate information, requesting also that the paper reports solely on the business of the meeting and publish opinion pieces separately. Cllr Quinn requested that the paper places the name of the reporter. Cllr Quinn requested that reports from the Main Council meetings which are held in Aras na Chontae, Tullamore, be printed Edenderry local papers as decisions that are relevant to the Edenderry Area are made in these meetings. Finally, Cllr Quinn expressed his disappointment in that he feels the full extent of work carried out by Edenderry Municipal District is not truly reflected by the Offaly Topic.

Cllr. R McDermott advised that he considered that the Offaly Topic provides some very positive and welcome coverage of the work of the Municipal District.

2. Roads Update

The Assistant Engineer from Edenderry Municipal District updated the Members in relation to:

EMD 2020 Roads Programme Schemes

All but 2 projects upon the 2020 Roads Programme have been completed (as highlighted green on the attached sheet). Tenders for the remaining 2 projects will be issued upon Supplygov.ie within the next week (i.e. for Castleview Park, Edenderry and section of R402-1 under Edenderry town allocation).

Community Involvement in Roadworks (CIR) Schemes

Works on the footpaths in Edenderry, from Derrycorris Estate down to Edenderry FC and in Clonbullogue, from Figile Manor into village are continuing and should be completed in coming weeks.

All roadworks including re-surfacing were completed on majority CIR schemes last week; River Lane, Trascaun (28th July), Killcappagh (31st August), Clonmel Lane (1st Sept) & Ballynakill/Ballinrath (3rd Sept).

Remaining Schemes at Coolraven (Awaiting Full LC Payment) & Canal Line, Ballycommon are yet TBC.

Local Improvement (LIS) Schemes

Works upon LIS Scheme located at Aughanvilla Lane, Geashill were completed upon 1st September. Remaining 4 schemes located in Monasteroris, Thornwell, Clonagh and Wood of O will be undertaken and completed in the coming weeks.

Footpaths

We are currently reviewing locations in Edenderry town and the MD to schedule more footpath works to be carried out by EMD crews & contractors. This will be on-going until budget allocation is used up.

New Roads Projects

Granary Court Link Road = Tender deadline closed 26th August. Currently assessing tender submissions

Edenderry Inner Relief Road = We anticipate completion of detailed design and contract documents by the end of September, and would be hopeful of further funding thereafter.

Edenderry Regeneration

The Paul Hogarth Company are compiling the final report for the Blundell Masterplan and a draft for review should be available shortly.

Part 8 Planning Notice in respect of the demolition of the former Tesco buildings in Edenderry went on display on 23rd June 2020 and the process is on-going.

Offaly Co. Co. has engaged consultants to prepare documents to go to tender for the demolition of the former Tesco building, subject to planning.

Town & Village Renewal Projects

The JKL Street Public Realm project is ongoing, phase 1 is complete. Phase 2 due to commence on receipt of paving; supply of paving affected by order back-log due to Covid restrictions.

Daingean TVR works commenced upon 27th August, works are progressing well for the pedestrian crossing. Works for the new paved footpath are expected to start in the coming days. EMD have liaised with representatives of the Tidy Towns concerning some proposed alterations to flower beds, paving and exit from the Square – these amendments are subject to additional funding becoming available.

Blundell Park TVR Project – OCC plan to focus on advancing the undergrounding of the overhead lines in Blundell Park from September, with pathway upgrade and public lighting also planned.

Flood Relief Projects

Bog Road Portarlinton

EMD / OCC closed the L-5015-1 Bog Road (White Heart Lane), Portarlinton for the month of August. Significant works were carried out to clear the drains both upstream and downstream of this section of road. During August PCC culverts were lifted into place in 5 locations, including a new 2m wide by 900mm deep PCC culvert to replace the old road crossing at bend. New kerbs also installed at bend. Provision has been made for the erection of a lighting column and CCTV at the bend. Works for parapet walls on the culverts at field entrances are on-going.

Stone wall & fencing are to be erected at the bend on the downstream end of the culvert road crossing.

Its envisaged to raise the road level by ~ 200 – 300mm above the 1 in a 100-year flood level (i.e. indicated by previous ORS report). A tender for the raising and DBM re-surfacing of this road is to be issued in the coming days. A 2nd road closure, for about 1 week, will be required to facilitate the works.

Geashill – Church / Graveyard & R420-5

We are pleased to advise that OCC / EMD have secured funding from the Department under Climate Change Adaptation (i.e. part of Covid July Stimulus Package) for works to resolve the drainage / flooding issues which impact the Church of Ireland / new Graveyard in Geashill and R-420-5 road into Geashill.

Active Travel Measures – Funding for Projects Within EMD

Please note OCC / EMD have secured funding from the Dept. under Active Traffic Measures (i.e. part of Covid July Stimulus Package) for various works; listed below.

- R420-1 Pedestrian Crossing Upgrade on Cloneygowan / Patrick Street in Portarlinton
- R401-4 Provision of Path and Pedestrian Crossing Near School in Clonbullogue
- R420-3 Pedestrian Crossing within Cloneygowan to facilitate nearby school
- R402-1 Improve Footpath / Crossing Point at junction with L-1026-1 St. Francis Street
- R402 Upgrade Existing Zebra Crossing Within Edenderry town with LED lights
- Canal Footbridge – Funds to source consultant to carry out feasibility study for provision of footbridge / cycleway over the canal to link houses to local amenities, park & town centre
- Within Edenderry MD – funds to replace a number of feedback signs outside various schools

Works to manage and deliver these projects will be based upon collaboration between OCC & EMD.

The Elected Members discussed the Roads Report and the Assistant Engineer and Senior Executive Engineer answered any queries that they had.

3. GMA Applications

7 applications (2 Further Information requests returned) were considered by the Members. 6 applications were approved and further information was requested on one application.

Having been proposed by Cllr. Quinn and seconded by Cllr. Foley funding was grant to the following applications:

Application	Reason for Funding
Avondale Residents Ass	Maintenance
Derrycorris Residents Ass	Upkeep of green area
Eden FM	Radio Station
Edenderry Xmas Lights	Christmas Lights
Kiledan Lawn	Upkeep of green area
MacSheoin	Printing
North Offaly Community	Further information requested

4. Swimming Pool Update

No Update

5. Library Development

The District Director advised that the Part 8 for the demolition of the former Tesco site is on-going. This project is on course with the procurement of Architects for the design of the library and arts space progressing.

Co-funding is a very significant element of this project and the application of funding processes are also progressing on course.

6. Inward Investment and Local Enterprise Development

No update – however discussions are on-going with regard to the development of the area.

7. Public Utility Capacity Issues

It was noted that issues relating to Irish Water had already been discussed.

The Meetings Administrator is to contact the Broadband Officer to get an up-to-date report for circulation.

8. Area Issues/updates Town and Village Renewal (TVR)

Discussed above

Any Other Issues

9. Notices of Motion

None

10. Written Questions

None

11. Correspondence

None

12. Any Other Business

Cllr Cribbin requested that the Meetings Administrator write to the Minister with responsibility for Employment Affairs and Social Protection to see if the terms and conditions of the CE Scheme can be altered to allow people under certain circumstances to remain on the scheme.

This concluded the business of the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on the 14th October 2020.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach

Date:
