

Municipal District of Edenderry
Bardasach Dúiche Éadan Doire

MINUTES

Meeting:	Main Committee	Municipal District of Edenderry
Location:	Chamber	Town Hall, Edenderry, Co. Offaly
Time:	3:30pm	Wednesday, 11 th September, 2019
Present:	Cathaoirleach E. Fitzpatrick	Edenderry Municipal District
	Cllr. John Foley	Edenderry Municipal District
	Cllr. Noel Cribben	Edenderry Municipal District
	Cllr. Liam Quinn	Edenderry Municipal District
	Cllr. Robert McDermott	Edenderry Municipal District
	Cllr Pippa Hackett	
In Attendance:	Declan Conlon	Area Manager, Offaly Co Co
	Mark Mahon	Area Engineer.
	E. O' Ceilleachair	A/Director of Services
	Carmel Delaney	A/Meetings Administrator, Offaly Co Co

**AGENDA
ITEMS**

The Cathaoirleach E. Fitzpatrick opened the meeting saying it was good to be back and advised the meeting that the Area Manager was retiring at the end of the month. He confirmed that Declan had worked as Director for Edenderry for the last 10 years and as Head of Finance for the past 19 years. He complimented him on his role as Director for Edenderry and that he had over saw a number of worthwhile projects in the area including the E-Hive which was now established and would be a great benefit for the town. He found him very courteous and helpful in relation to every aspect and he wished him well in the future. Cllr. Noel Cribben also complimented the Area Manager on his work ethics and that he ran a tight ship. He also paid tributes to the numbers of projects what were carried out in the last few years, namely the upgrade of the Square and the Town Park.

Cllr. Foley also wished Declan well and he thanked him for his hard work for the Edenderry Area.

Cllr. Quinn also thanked Declan for his hard work and wished him the best of luck in the future.

Cllr Pippa Hackett also thanked Declan for his friendliness and his open approach to his work.

Cllr. McDermott wished him a long and happy retirement.

The Area Manager thanked them for their kind words – he advised them that he was sorry to go and that he enjoyed working with them and that a number of projects had been achieved and that a number of projects were coming on board, namely,

Pathway on the Canal

The Town Park

The new School

The Inner Relief road

Public Realm Works

He thanked his former staff and his current staff for their assistance – he advised that the Area was very lucky to have the current Area Engineer.

He formally introduced Eoin O’ Ceilleachair as their next DOS for the Edenderry Area. He also thanked Peter Carter for his reporting in the papers over the last number of years.

E. O’ Ceilleachair wished Declan the best of luck in the future.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY MEETINGS.

On the proposal of Cllr.J. Foley and seconded by Cllr. L. Quinn the minutes of the July meetings were adopted.

The Area Engineer also paid tribute to Declan Conlon and he advised that it was a privilege to work for him over the last two years and that a lot of work had been done in Edenderry and that he would be missed.

2.

ROAD UPDATE

Roads Programme.

The Area Engineer gave a summary of the area update as follows:-

Most of the contract works have been completed. It is planned to carry out additional projects, restoring the surfacing at the Tesco Roundabout, currently being tendered.

A no. of projects has been carried out under the CIS Scheme.

He also confirmed that Edenderry MD are currently compiling a list of prospective projects to secure funding in 2020 and 2021 under the CIS scheme.

The projects under the Local Improvement Scheme are complete bar one which was withdrawn by the applicant. Currently working to replace this one.

R402 Upgrade.

Traffic Counting data (recorded in May 2019) has recently been provided by a specialist contractor. The Area Engineer confirmed that he had met with the DTTA inspector and our case was moving along.

Bog Road Survey Projects.

Probing of the Tober/Knockballyboy taking place on the 23rd September by Irish Driling.

Inner Relief Road.

Tender competition for Engineering Consultants carried out through etenders.ie. complete. Design work has commenced. Detail design to be complete by the end of February 2020.

Bog Road Flood Relief Project – Portarlington.

Culvert sections have been ordered and it is anticipated that works will take place in March, 2020. Works will consist of culvert replacement, drain cleaning and raising a section of the road.

Portarlington Flood Relief Scheme.

Currently finalising the scoping documents for engagement of consultants to design Portarlinton Flood Relief Scheme.

Town & Village Renewal Projects.

The Area Engineer gave a summary of the work taking place at various locations.

Rural Regeneration & Development Fund.

Masterplan for former Williams Wallers grain storey and back lands was tendered on etenders.ie. Consultants appointed. Masterplan anticipated to take 6 months to complete.

3. Swimming Pool.

The Area Manager confirmed that a further meeting is to take place with the Swimming Pool Committee in the next couple of weeks. He advised that M. Daly, S.E.O. would be in attendance.

4. Library.

The Area Manager advised that progress has been made in relation to the site and that a design team were in place.

5. INWARD INVESTMENT

The Area Manager advised that the E-Hive was now up and running and that the overall project had turned out very well. He praised the staff for their input into this project particularly M. Mahon.

The members expressed their satisfaction with the E-Hive and said it was a great achievement and would bring back employment into Edenderry. They also stated that it was great value for money and that there was an opportunity for similar projects to be carried out in other areas of the County. It was also suggested that Minister Michael Ring be invited to officially launch the EHive.

6. R402 UPGRADE OF ROAD

The Area Engineer that this matter should be kept on the Agenda and that it might be a good idea to lobby our Ministers and make a presentation to them

7. PUBLIC UTILITY CAPACITY ISSUES.

The Area Manager suggested that the members continue to go the Irish Water Clinics and to keep the pressure on.

8. G.M.A. applications.

The Area Manager confirmed that the following applications have been approved for funding

Kilclonfert Senior ARA Group.
Kilclonfert Community Hall.
Billys Dolls of Comfort.

9. Public Lighting.

The Area Engineer advised that a further allocation had been received for public lighting and it was agreed that it would be used to extend the lighting scheme in Geashill.

10. Town & Village Renewal.

The Area Manager confirmed that funding for these projects comes into effect in April 2020. It should be decided at the next 3 meetings what projects could be done.

11. Other Area Issues.

Other issues.

Temporary Speed Ramps (for evaluation) St. Josephs Portarlinton
Blundell Aqueduct – more signage to be erected.
Pedestrian Crossings – repainted pedestrian crossing –

Other planned works.

Footpath works – the Area Engineer advised that if any Cllrs. Know of any footpaths that need attention they should let him know.

Drainage Works.

A discussions ensued in relation to works carried out and the members raised a no of items which they were concerned with namely, signage for the Blundell Aqueduct and Pedestrian crossings

12. Notice of Motion.

None

13. Written Question

None

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The A/Meeting Administrator confirmed that she had received an acknowledgement letter from the office of the Minister for Department of finance in relation to insurance costs for play centres.

The members expressed their thanks to the Council staff on the hard work carried out for the Cannonball event – that it was a great success and they wished to compliment the businesses in the town and the residents for their input in this event.

This concluded the business of the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on the 9th October, 2019.

Signed _____
Cathaoirleach

Date: _____