

Municipal District of Edenderry
Bardasach Dúiche Éadan Doire

MINUTES

Meeting:	Main Committee	Municipal District of Edenderry
Location:	Remote attendance	
Time:	3:30pm	Wednesday, 12th January 2022
Present:	Cathaoirleach Cllr. Liam Quinn Leas-Cathaoirleach Cllr. Robert McDermott Cllr. Noel Cribbin Cllr. John Foley Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick 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 John Briody Louise Direen	District Director Executive Engineer District Administrator
Apologies:	Mark Mahon Enda Daly	District Engineer Executive Engineer

AGENDA ITEMS

Confirmation of Minutes from the December Meeting

It was proposed by Cllr. Foley and seconded by Cllr. Cribbin that the minutes of the Main Committee Meeting held on the 8th December 2021 be adopted.

1. Water & Environment Report

It was noted that there is no update at this point in time.

2. GMA Applications

Three applications were considered by the Elected Members. Having been proposed by Cllr. McDermott and seconded by Cllr. Hackett the following details were accepted:

Application	Reason for Funding
Rhode Parish Enterprise Association	Provision of storage in the Community Centre

Edenderry Community Skate Park	To complete 'bow top' metal fence around park
Edenderry St Patrick's Day Parade Comm.	Hosting of St Patrick's Day Parade in 2022

District Director, Sharon Kennedy raised an issue with regard to the receipt of applications and in particular the need to established a 'latest date for receipt' of GMA applications. It was agreed by the Members that the cut-off date for receipt of applications will be the close of business on the Thursday before the scheduled monthly meeting date. It was also agreed to amend the application form accordingly and to issue messages on social media in this regard.

3. Swimming Pool Update

It was noted that there is no update at this point in time.

4. Library Development

District Director, Sharon Kennedy advised that the Department of Rural and Community Development has recently announced a number of projects that have been awarded funding through the Rural Regeneration Development Fund including the application by Offaly County Council for funding in the sum of €2.1m. This funding, which will be matched with funding in the sum of €500,000 from Offaly County Council, will enable the progression of a number of elements of the Blundell Masterplan including the acquisition and design costs for the development of the new library and arts space at JKL Street and will also give the opportunity to pursue another project in the Blundell area. Sharon thanked the Elected Members for the continued support with the projects and also acknowledged the Department with much appreciation. She also thanked Olwen Cooney from the Regeneration Team, District Engineer Mark Mahon and County Librarian Eimear McGinn for their work in submitting the successful application.

Cllr. Quinn welcomed the announcement noting that it was one of the largest applications to be approved. He noted that the transformation of the old Tesco store will be instrumental in changing the aesthetics on entering the town and also provided much needed facilities.

Cllr. Foley congratulated everyone involved in the process and suggested the re-instatement of a public notice board be erected at the front of the building for public viewing. Cllr. McDermott congratulated the District Director Sharon Kennedy and all her staff for all the work involved and enquired on the possibility of an estimated projected timeframe for schedule of works.

Cllr. Cribbin also expressed his thanks to all parties for the great work involved, stating that it is very positive news for the town going forward while urging people to get involved in the project.

Cllr. Hackett and Cllr. Fitzpatrick reiterated the congratulations expressed by the other Elected Members and agreed regarding the potential that the project presents for the town. The

members requested that the design team be requested to facilitate an informal consultation with locals, groups, businesses etc. in advance of the formal public consultation process. Cllr. Quinn expressed his thanks to Olwen Cooney and the Forward Planning team in the Áras for their work in relation to the project.

5. Inward Investment and Local Enterprise Development

It was noted that there is no update at this point in time.

Cllr. Quinn requested that the Meetings Administrator contact the Water Services Section in advance of next meeting to access an updated report from Irish Water in relation to WWTP projects.

6. Public Utility Capacity Issues

It was noted that there is no update at this point in time.

7. Area Issues/updates

It was noted that this area was covered under Library Development.

8. Notices of Motion

Cllr. Hackett referred to his original Notice of Motion that '*Offaly County Council review its response in relation to excessive speed in villages and towns*' which was transferred from the December meeting with the approval of The Cathaoirleach as Cllr. Hackett was unable to attend.

Cllr. Hackett advised that he wished to amend this original notice of motion as follows that "*Offaly County Council reviews it's response with regard to excessive speed in villages and towns to further promote safe cycling and walking*".

District Director, Sharon Kennedy confirmed that she had a prepared response to the original notice of motion but was not aware that the notice was being amended and so could not issue a response in relation to same.

The Elected Members indicated that they were happy for this motion to be amended with Cllr. Cribbin seconding the revised motion.

In addressing the Notice of Motion, Cllr. Hackett advised that he considered that speed ramps need to be considered as part of the solution, referring to the availability of funding through active travel and noting that last year Offaly was awarded €3.4m. He further advised that he would like to see this significantly increased in 2022 and for applications to be submitted for traffic calming projects, including speed ramps in our towns and villages so that people feel safe to walk and cycle which he considered to be a good way to deploy the funds.

Cllr Mc Dermott agreed and mentioned 3 petitions currently active in the area in relation to traffic calming measures, indicating his wish to have same extended to full Council now. Cllr. Fitzpatrick outlined the effectiveness of the speed van presence seen frequently at a particular location and would be favourable if this was in situ in smaller villages. Cllr. Foley also supported this motion and believes speed ramps need to be considered as part of solution.

District Director Sharon Kennedy advised that this motion will now be referred to the Director of Roads and Transportation for his consideration and response, noting that same may be referred to that Directorates SPC.

9. Written Questions

None

10. Correspondence

- Response letter received 09/12/2021 from Go-Ahead Ireland in response to intermittent bus service in the area.
- Response letter received 09/12/2021 from AIB Bank in response to ATM facilities in the town. Cllr. McDermott queried if the minimum amount of withdrawal at existing machines in the town is €50. This will be followed up by letter.
- Letter of thanks received from BOLD Bog Walk and Nature Trail subcommittee with accompanying photographs of improvement works carried out as a result of funding received through the Edenderry Community Grants Scheme.
- Cllr. Fitzpatrick noted the submission of an email and invoice for the installation of CCTV system for St. Brigid's Social Club in Garryhinch Community Centre through funding received through the Edenderry Community Grants Scheme.

11. Any Other Business

Cllr. Cribbin stated the quality of road surface on Main Street and Fr Kearns street is currently in a poor state of repair and asked that same be attended to. Cllr. McDermott outlined that it is on social media that repairs are scheduled to begin on a section of this road on January 13th. This was confirmed by Executive Engineer, John Briody.

Cllr. Quinn suggested writing to the Dept. of Transport and the Minister for Transport requesting an increase in our roads funding allocation to reflect not only the total number of kilometers but also the condition of same as per details contained on that Department's website. He also

enquired about the status of the Peat Feasibility Study. It was agreed that same would be raised with Tom Shanahan, Director of Roads and Transportation.

Cllr. Quinn congratulated District Director, Mark Mahon and Executive Engineer, Enda Daly on the recent birth of their babies.

This concluded the business of the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on the 09th February 2022.

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Date: _____