

Municipal District of Edenderry

Bardasach Dúiche Éadan Doire

MINUTES

Meeting:	Main Committee	Municipal District of Edenderry
Location:	Remote attendance	
Time:	3:00pm	Wednesday, 14th July 2021
Present:	Cathaoirleach Cllr. Liam Quinn Leas-Cathaoirleach Cllr. Robert McDermott Cllr. Noel Cribbin Cllr. Mark Hackett Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick Cllr. Foley	Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District Edenderry Municipal District
In Attendance:	Sharon Kennedy Mark Mahon Rory Moore Josephine Lee Amanda Pedlow Fiona McCabe	District Director, Offaly Co Co District Engineer, Offaly Co Co Assistant District Engineer District Administrator, Offaly Co Co Heritage Officer, Offaly Co Co Community Liaison Officer Co Co

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Confirmation of Minutes from the JUNE Meetings

On the proposal of Cllr. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Cllr. Foley, it was agreed that the minutes of the meetings held on the **9th JUNE 2021** be adopted.

2. Report on Blundell Castle Project

The Heritage Officer gave a presentation on the following areas;

- Community Monuments Funded Report 2020
- Litter Picks and Vegetation
- Archaeological Works
- Community Engagement
- Children's Workshop

The Elected Members raised a number of issues pertaining to the Blundell Castle Project and Housing Estate Engagement and the Heritage Officer addressed these concerns. The Elected

Members and District Director thanked all of the staff involved for progressing with the project and for incorporating estate management staff in the project.

3. GMA Applications

3 applications were considered by the Elected Members. Funding was approved for two applications. Having been proposed by Cllr. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Cllr. Foley the following details were accepted:

Application	Reason for Funding
Edenderry Tidy Towns (Carbon Footprint Sub Group)	Carbon Footprint Challenge*
Daingean Community Committee	Maintenance

*The Edenderry Tidy Town (Edenderry Carbon Foot Print Challenge Sub-Committee) grant is subject to the furnishing of all outstanding information on application form and that a quarterly report is provided to the Members in relation to progress.

4. Swimming Pool Update

The District Director is continuing to investigate alternative funding streams and advised that a scoping exercise may be considered to see what alternative funding options are available. She advised that she hopes to have an update for the September meeting.

5. Library Development

These tender process for the appointment of the design team is now in the final stage. It is hoped that the design consultants will be appointed in early Autumn. The Members will receive further updates and in particular in relation to the design proposals. It was further noted that the proposal will be required to go through the Part 8 public consultation and planning process in due course.

It was further advised that the Regeneration Team is preparing a RRDF application for funding which is now in its final stages. The District Engineer is progressing with the process of the demolition on the old Tesco site.

Referring to the application for Arts Council Funding in accordance with the Creative Places competitive process, it was noted the Offaly County Council's submission was successful and that funding in the order of €500,000 over a three-year period has been awarded. The District Director advised that the Creative Places Project is aimed to build a greater sense of community and belonging enabling social inclusion and cohesion through shared cultural activities. Offaly County Council will work in partnership with the Arts Council in the roll out of this project.

The District Director thanked all of the Elected Members for the support they showed through allowing the match funding element to come from the GMA Fund. The Members expressed their sincere gratitude to the Arts Officer for progressing with the application.

6. Inward Investment and Local Enterprise Development

It was noted that the District Engineer is still progressing through the Just Transition application process. The project was presented at an Energy Ireland Hydrogen Conference which was held on line at the end of June.

7. Public Utility Capacity Issues

Cllr McDermott advised that he attended a recent meeting with Irish Water and updated the Members in relation to same.

8. Area Issues/updates

The District Engineer discussed the following areas;

Community Involvement Schemes (CIS)

- Allocation for Edenderry M.D. for 2021
- Typical requirement for 15% community financial contribution
- Revised guidance received that allows matching via GMA but only where the scheme has a wider public benefit.
- There will be renewed emphasis on identifying projects which have ability to contribute the community contribution or have a wider public benefit.

Climate Adaption

- 10th June - A late allocation under Climate Adaptation funding for St. Conleth's Road (aka Carrick Road) flood mitigation project. €195k had been confirmed for new surface water drainage, road raising and footpath entrance to address flooding.

Safety Schemes

Tesco Junction, Edenderry

Revised dates:

- 16th August – commencement
- 16th Aug – 03rd sept – Site Clearance
- 23rd Aug – 10th Sept – Fencing Works & Reinstatement
- 18th Aug – 10th Sept – Masonary Works

Currently liaising with ESB in relation to removal of poles

Town & Village Renewal Projects

Geashill TVR Covid Measure

- Street furniture installed

- Contractor currently completing landscaping and stone seat feature

Daingean TVR Covid Measure

- Civils and street furniture completed
- Outstanding paving to be complete on delivery of paving (estimated next Wednesday)

Cloneygowan Village Green

The District Technician is advancing design development, intention to reconnect with primary consultees prior to finalizing.

Portarlington (Kilmalogue)

Liaising with ESB in relation to undergrounding design to incorporate into overall detailed design, initial meetings on-site.

Rural Regeneration & Development Fund (RRDF)

Granary Link Street project

Project works recommenced 10th May, anticipated to complete by end September. Drainage works nearing completion on the new section, ducting and surface water drainage nearing completion.

Inner Relief Road Project

Phase 1 (new Rosderra Section and realigned junction at Carrick Road) issued for tender on etenders.ie on 24th May, closed on 18th June. Eight (8) tenders received. Post-tender clarifications nearing completion, it is anticipated that Tender Assessment Report will be finalized this week. This will then be submitted to Department of Transport, and permission sought to proceed to construction.

The District Engineer advised that a circular has just issued from the Department advising that the funding towards the LIS has increased. Full details to be circulated.

The Assistant Engineer gave a report of the 2021 Roads Programme.

The Elected Members raised a number of issues pertaining to the Area updates and Roads Programme. The Engineers addressed these concerns. The Elected Members and District Director thanked all of the staff involved.

9. Notices of Motion

None

10. Written Questions

None

11. Correspondence

None

12. Any Other Business

Cllr Mark Hackett requested that Offaly County Council commences the taking in charge procedure for Clonmullen Hall, Edenderry.

He stated that "We all know this estate, there are 80 households living there, these are Edenderry people. Who have lived here for 12 years. They need our help and support. I believe now is the time to bring this issue out of the shadows and let's discuss what needs to be done.

I would appreciate all members to support me in the call to start the discussions. We are here to help and support all the people of this MD. The people of Clonmullen Hall need our support.

Cllr. Noel Cribbin voiced his support. The remaining Elected Members wished to be associated with this support.

The District Director advised that Cllr Hackett can submit a Notice of Motion at the September MD meeting. It was noted that this is a complex request incorporating a number of issues. A full report has been sought from the Planning Section and same will be advised at the September meeting.

Cllr McDermott requested information in relation to cutting grass in housing estates. Cllr McDermott advised that a circular was issued. The District Director requested if this circular could be provided to her and she would come back with an update and guidance.

Cllr Fitzpatrick gave an update on the CE and Tusla workers and there may be an opportunity through working with the Tidy Towns Committees.

Cllr Cribbin gave update in relation to the community CCTV scheme.

Cllr Quinn discussed the issue of road category within the District; advising that the District has a higher portion of roads in poor condition and that he considered that funding should be reflective of this very high portion of poor road infrastructure.

The District Engineer advised that there was an urgent need to put in a safety barrier in Geashil playground but there is no funding available and requested if it could be paid for by the GMA fund. The Elected Members supported this request.

This concluded the business of the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on the 8th September 2021.

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Date: _____