

Municipal District of Edenderry
Bardasach Dúiche Éadan Doire

MINUTES

Meeting: Main Committee
Location: Chamber, Town Hall, Edenderry
Time: 3:30pm

Municipal District of Edenderry
Wednesday, 14th June 2023

Present: Cathaoirleach Cllr. Noel Cribbin
Leas-Cathaoirleach Cllr. Mark Hackett
Cllr. John Foley
Cllr. Robert McDermott
Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick
Cllr. Liam Quinn

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Apologies:

In Attendance: Sharon Kennedy
Mark Mahon
Enda Daly
John Briody
Louise Direen

District Director
District Engineer
Executive Engineer
Executive Engineer
District Administrator

In attendance for part of meeting: Lourda Giles

Acting Senior Executive Officer,
Community & Culture

AGENDA ITEMS

Cathaoirleach Cllr. Cribbin welcomed everyone to the June monthly meeting of Edenderry Municipal District, thanking everyone for his nomination and is looking forward to working with all the staff of EMD and the administration staff.

1. Confirmation of Minutes from the May Meeting

It was proposed by Cllr. Quinn and seconded by Cllr. McDermott that the minutes of the Main Committee Meeting held on 10th May 2023 be adopted.

2. Community and Culture Update – Lourda Giles

Lourda Giles, Acting Senior Executive Officer gave an update on the Community and Culture section covering the following areas/topics:

- Building Local Partnerships
- Offaly Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)
- LEADER – Funding Programmes
- SICAP Programme
- Offaly Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP)
- Community Funding
- SPC/PPN/Community Response Forum
- Age Friendly Programme
- Offaly Comhairle na nOg
- Pride of Place
- Offaly Sports Partnership
- Healthy Ireland
- Edenderry Library/Arts Hub/Collaborations

The Members thanked Ms. Giles for her very comprehensive report, all queries raised in relation to this were addressed by Ms. Giles.

3. GMA Applications

8 applications were considered by the Members. Having been proposed by Cllr. Quinn and seconded by Cllr. Fitzpatrick, the following details were accepted:

Application	Funding Requested	Reason for Funding	Funding given
Croghan Local Development Group	€9,900	For completion of works for electrics, outdoor boiler, additional door following CLÁR works	€3,750
Edenderry Men's Shed	€1,000	Purchase of tools and materials to carry out repairs and projects	€750
Portarlinton Women's Shed	€750	Wood work project to make bird boxes, wooden planters etc.	€750

Coologue Residents Association	€750	General upkeep and maintenance of the estate	€750
Beechgrove Residents Association	€3,750	General upkeep and maintenance of the estate, flowers, shrubs, compost etc. newly formed committee	€3,750
Scoil Bhríde Primary School Edenderry		Development of all-weather facility – astro pitch, ball wall, running track, lighting, fencing etc.	Deferred to July meeting, SK to consult with E.Henry re alternative streams of funding
Geashill/Ballinagar Senior Citizens Group	€750	Funding towards annual summer outing for the group	€750
St Broughan's Girls Football Club	€2,700	Storage sheds for playing equipment	Deferred to July meeting, SK to consult with E.Henry re alternative streams of funding

4. Regeneration/Project Updates

District Director Sharon Kennedy confirmed that the detailed design for the proposed library/arts space is ongoing, with high levels of engagement between OCC and Seán Harrington Architects and hoping to get to Part 8 of the process in early September. Ms. Kennedy outlined that the library/arts space will not occupy the entire site so alternative practical uses and funding streams are being looked at for this, but overall the project is progressing well.

5. Area Issues/Updates/Roads Update

Executive Engineer Enda Daly outlined the following relating to the roads programme:

- Road Reconstruction Works/Contracts Status
- Surface Dressing Works – 80% complete at present
- Road Recycling Works – 70% complete at present
- LIS Schemes – Kilclonfert, Bog Road and Bordereen, Portarlinton
- CIR Schemes – Rhode Grand Canal Footpath, Garryhinch Footpath Link, Walsh Island Footpath Link
- Safety Improvement Works – Dereen and Sranure, Cloneygowan and Walsh Island Village Traffic Calming
- ORIS – Botley Lane, Portarlinton

The Elected Members raised a number of queries and all were addressed by Mr. Daly and Mr. Mahon.

6. Notices of Motion

None at this time

7. Written Questions

None at this time

8. Correspondence

None at this time

9. Any Other Business

Cllr. Cribbin raised the issue of a young girl having to be hospitalised after picking up a used syringe in the soccer pitch in Edenderry recently, requesting that Gardai are invited to attend one of our meetings. District Administrator Louise Direen confirmed recent contact with the Superintendent following on from the April monthly meeting and is awaiting confirmation of a suitable date for him to attend.

Cllr. McDermott stated that following attendance at a recent JPC sub-committee meeting, a new Drug Task Force is being set up for Offaly. Cllr. Foley said manpower is required on the street where Gardai should be “on the beat”, also mentioning the noticeable increased use of electric scooters and the hazards associated with them.

Cllr. Quinn requested that District Director Sharon Kennedy forward him a copy of the waiver scheme on development contributions and water fees.

This concluded the business of the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on the 12th July 2023.

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Date: _____