

**Municipal District of Edenderry**  
***Bardasach Dúiche Éadan Doire***

**MINUTES**

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Main Committee</b>	Municipal District of Edenderry
<b>Location:</b>	Áras and Chontae Chamber & Remote attendance	
<b>Time:</b>	<b>3:30pm</b>	<b>Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b>
<b>Present:</b>	Cathaoirleach Cllr. Liam Quinn	Edenderry Municipal District
	Leas-Cathaoirleach Cllr. Robert McDermott (Remotely)	Edenderry Municipal District
	Cllr. Noel Cribbin	Edenderry Municipal District
	Cllr. John Foley	Edenderry Municipal District
	Cllr. Mark Hackett	Edenderry Municipal District
<b>Apologies:</b>		
	Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick	Edenderry Municipal District
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Sharon Kennedy	District Director
	Mark Mahon	District Engineer
	Enda Daly	Executive Engineer
	Louise Direen	District Administrator
	John Cunningham	SEE, Housing
	Deirdre Hunt (Remotely)	Administrative Officer, Housing

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**AGENDA ITEMS**

Cathaoirleach Cllr. Liam Quinn requested the suspension of standing orders and proposed a vote of sympathy and a minute silence for the families of Savannah Berry (RIP) & Shane Hickey (RIP) on their recent tragic passing. The Elected Members and District Staff associated themselves with this vote of sympathy.

Cllr. Quinn then welcomed everyone to the May monthly meeting with apologies from Cllr. Fitzpatrick who was unable to attend.

### 1. Confirmation of Minutes from the April Meeting

It was proposed by Cllr. Hackett and seconded by Cllr. Foley that the minutes of the Main Committee Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022 be adopted.

### 2. Housing Update

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. John Cunningham from Housing updated the Elected Members in relation to:

- Local Authority Construction Projects;
- Approved Housing Body Projects;
- Voids/ Pre Let Repairs and Refurbishment;
- Part V opportunities;
- Adaption works – L.A. Social Housing Stock;
- Housing Allocations;
- Maintenance;
- Energy Efficiency Retrofit Works;

The Elected Members raised a number of issues and queries pertaining to this presentation and Mr. Cunningham addressed these concerns.

### 3. EMD Estate Management Programme

Senior Executive Engineer of Housing, Mr. John Cunningham presented the Estate Management Programme of works for Edenderry Municipal District, this was adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Cribbin & seconded by Cllr. Foley.

### 4. GMA Applications

4 new applications were considered by the Members. Having been proposed by Cllr. Quinn and seconded by Cllr. Hackett, the following details were accepted:

Application	Funding Requested	Reason for Funding	Funding given
Edenderry Artisan Market & Food Fayre	€5,000	Additional gazebos & weights to increase size of market	Districts Director & Administrator to meet with the group and revert to June meeting with feedback in relation to their plans to expand the offerings of the market, check their Tax Clearance status

Edenderry Junior Athletic Club	€4,000	Special equipment for Special Olympics athletes & improvement of training surface	Approval of €2,250 given, alternatively can wait and apply in July 22 for the full €3,750 after the three- year period. Liaise with the group to see how they wish to proceed.
Rhode Parish Enterprise Association	€5,000	Updating of Community Service Vehicle	€3,750
Woodville Manor Residents Associations (in conjunction with Rhode Parish Ent Assoc.)	€750	Grass/tree maintenance, removal of green waste & litter, purchase of equipment, general upkeep & maintenance	€650

## 5. Regeneration/Project Updates

### Tesco Site

District Director Sharon Kennedy confirmed that work is progressing at a significant pace on the Tesco site which is being overseen by District Engineer Mark Mahon. The work of the excavation contractors is nearing completion, following on from this the appointment of a design team will take a couple of months but she will engage with the Elected Members well in advance.

### Blundell Avenue

District Director Sharon Kennedy stated that she will give an update on the elements of what is provided for in the Blundell Masterplan as this was initially approved during Covid/remote working times. Ms. Kennedy confirmed that after the Plan was approved it was incorporated into the County Development Plan and will also feature in the Local Area Plan for Edenderry in the future.

## 6. Area Issues/Updates

Executive Engineer Enda Daly outlined the following:

- TVR project works in Daingean is almost complete, major civil works were carried out resulting in a new structure to street layout and parking, with planting works and trees to be put in place;
- Active Travel work in Kilmalogue, Portarlinton is also nearing completion, the traffic lights are now in situ awaiting ESB to connect the power;
- Surface dressing season is commencing this week with 9 macadam schemes tendered for regional roads, these have yet to be assessed;

- A plan is in place for this year's Local Improvement Schemes (LIS), some applications still remain outstanding for the scheme and requested the Elected Members to liaise with him following the meeting to discuss these and outline the information required to be submitted.

District Engineer Mark Mahon gave further updates and photographic presentation on the following projects:

- Blundell Park TVR;
- Daingean TVR;
- Former Tesco/Library site
- Inner Relief Road Project;
- Portarlinton Active Travel/Cemetery Link
- Hare's Lane Cycleway.

Cllr. Quinn thanked both Mr. Mahon and Mr. Daly complimenting their work and it was lovely to observe it all in pictures.

Cllr. Cribbin concurred with Cllr. Quinn's comments while also complimenting Hegarty's on the quality of work they carried out at the former Tesco site, and that all this work is great for Edenderry.

Cllr. Foley expressed his delight at all the work also and went on to compliment all the staff of Offaly County Council for their work and how this site at the former Tesco has transformed.

Cllr. McDermott congratulated Mr. Mahon and all his team on doing a fantastic job and that he is looking forward to the opening of the link road.

Cllr. Hackett thanked Mr. Mahon & Mr. Daly for all their impressive work to date in Edenderry, a great initiative in Portarlinton under the Active Travel scheme and noted how well Daingean is now looking as a result of the TVR works, confident that any current issues relating to parking will resolve themselves in time.

The Elected Members raised a number of queries in relation to this presentation and Mr. Mahon addressed these matters accordingly.

### **Adoption of Place Names**

District Engineer Mark Mahon submitted a proposal to the Elected Members for adoption of two place names in Edenderry. He outlined that 'Hare's Lane' was built in 2005 by a developer and has since been taken in charge by Offaly County Council. The history of the road and its location beside a coursing club established in 2012 was considered in the suggested name. 'Blundell Avenue', a 180m stretch of road was built in 2019 and completed in late 2021 and is a core element of the regeneration of the town. Proposal was given by Cllr. Cribbin stating he considered both names to be very appropriate to their locations and was seconded by Cllr. Foley. Cllr. Foley added that they were all in this together and that is was a unanimous decision among all the Elected Members.

### **7. Notices of Motion**

None at this time

### **8. Written Questions**

None at this time

### **9. Correspondence**

District Director Sharon Kennedy informed the Elected Members of the arrival of Minister Peter Burke, Minister of State for Planning and Local Government, on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> May, meeting in Tullamore with the Community Forum with a presentation on Tullamore's Urban Regeneration Projects followed by a Heritage Site visit to Geashill accompanied by Heritage Officer Amanda Pedlow. Ms. Kennedy also noted that some of the Geashill Tidy Towns group will be present on the day and extended an invitation to the Elected Members to attend also.

Ms. Kennedy also notified the Elected Members of receipt of a letter from a member of the public in relation to the naming of streets in Edenderry.

District Administrator Louise Direen confirmed she had sent a letter of invitation to the MD of Go Ahead Ireland requesting attendance at a monthly meeting of Edenderry Municipal District to address ongoing issues relating to the bus service/schedule in the town.

Cllr. Quinn also confirmed liaising with the District Administrator in relation to St. Mary's N.S., Edenderry as addressed at the April monthly meeting and a letter has since been sent to the Dept. of Education pertaining to DEIS status being granted to the school.

Cllr. Cribbin asked if the June monthly meeting would be held in the Chamber in Edenderry Town Hall, District Director Sharon Kennedy to revert on this matter taking into consideration current Covid measures.

## 10. Any Other Business

None at this time

This concluded the business of the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on the 08<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_