

Municipal District of Edenderry
Bardasach Dúiche Éadan Doire

MINUTES

Meeting: Main Committee
Location: Chamber, Town Hall, Edenderry

Time: 3:30pm **Wednesday, 09th April 2025**

Present:	Cathaoirleach Cllr. Fergus McDonnell	Edenderry Municipal District
	Cllr. Claire Murray	Edenderry Municipal District
	Cllr. Noel Cribbin	Edenderry Municipal District
	Cllr. Liam Quinn	Edenderry Municipal District
	Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick	Edenderry Municipal District
	Leas-Chathaoirleach Cllr. Claire Murray-Smale	Edenderry Municipal District

Apologies:

In Attendance:	Andrew Murray	District Director
	Rory Moore	District Engineer
	Enda Daly	Executive Engineer
	Louise Direen	District Administrator

In attendance for part of meeting:	Liam O'Reilly	Programme Manager, Community
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AGENDA ITEMS

Cathaoirleach Cllr. Fergus McDonnell welcomed everyone to the April monthly meeting.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the March Meeting

It was proposed by Cllr. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Cllr. Quinn that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 12th March 2025 be adopted.



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2. Sports Partnership Update

Liam O'Reilly, Programme Manager, gave an update to the Members relating to the Sports Partnership department covering the following areas:

- Offaly Sports Partnership
- 2025 Funding
- Scope of Work
- Staffing
- Community Hubs

Mr. O'Reilly addressed all queries raised by the Members and they thanked him for his very comprehensive presentation, complimenting the work being carried out by the section.

3. GMAs

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

Application	Funding Requested	Reason for Funding	Funding given
Coolygagan Cemetery Committee	€1,300	General upkeep and maintenance of the graveyard, hedge cutting, grass, paint, strimming etc.	€750, suggested by Cllr. Fitzpatrick to allow for an annual grant application for this amount
4 th Laois Portarlington Scout Group	€1,500	To purchase new tents for the group to accommodate a further 32 youth members	€750, suggested by Cllr. Fitzpatrick to allow for an annual grant application for this amount
Portarlington Women's Shed	€750	Funding to host a felting and craft workshop	€750

4. Regeneration/Project Updates

District Director Andrew Murray confirmed the construction contract for the new library development is underway and there is work ongoing towards the design contract for the new swimming pool. Mr. Murray also confirmed the launch of the 2025 TVR Scheme, the end of April is the closing date and requested this information be circulated to ensure as many eligible communities as possible submit an Expression of Interest in the scheme.

5. Area Issues/Updates/Roads Update

District Engineer Rory Moore announced that contractors are due to be appointed in the next week and on site within two weeks to commence roads programme works and the LIS Scheme applications still must be assessed. Mr. Moore gave an updated in relation to the public lighting issue, stating there are currently 30 reported faults in Edenderry.

Cllr. McDonnell indicated that one or two lights still remain out at the Clonbullogue junction and one at Fr. Kearns Street.

Cllr. Fitzpatrick noted that there appears to be an issue with the sequence/timing of the traffic lights in Clonbullogue.

Cllr. McDonnell requested adequate signage be put in place for the playschool in Clonbullogue.

Cllr. Cribbin welcomed the positive update on the public lighting issue and complimented all involved in the recent works carried out at the Dublin Road, while also noting that some works are required at the corner of the library.

Cllr. McDonnell commended Executive Engineer Enda Daly for how he ensured buses were facilitated for the ongoing works on the Dublin Road as well as the relevant staff and contractors.

Cllr. Cribbin congratulated staff, Gardai and all involved in the recent St. Patrick's Day Parade which was a great success.

Cllr. McDonnell indicated the need for the school field in Gilroy Avenue be cut regularly over the summer period.

6. Notice of Motion

None at this time.

7. Written Questions

None at this time.

8. Correspondence

None at this time.

9. Any Other Business

The circulation of the 2025 SuperValu Tidy Towns competition was noted by the Members.

Cllr. Cribbin outlined the issue of parking raised by the residents of Blundell Wood and if anything could be done to alleviate the problem. Cllr. McDonnell concurred with this outlining the potential risks of accidents occurring.


Cllr. Fitzpatrick informed the Members of a recent traffic accident that occurred last Saturday at Garryhinch crossroads and if flashing lights/warning signs could be put in place and he also requested an update on the progress of the footpath in Kilmalogue.

Cllr. Fitzpatrick also congratulated Nicole Turner on recently being awarded Offaly Person of the Year, a recognition of her dedication and commitment, as well as the Offaly Association, Pauric O'Duffy and all the nominees. Mr. Fitzpatrick wished MEP Barry Cowen well following his recent illness.

Cllr. McDonnell echoed these sentiments congratulating all involved.

Cllr. McDonnell asked if a policy could be put in place for maintenance of trees in public places for management purposes.

This concluded the business of the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on the 14th May 2025.

Signed: 
Cathaoirleach

Date: 14 May 25



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