



Tionól Reigiúnach Oirthir agus Lár-Tíre
Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly

Minutes of the meeting
of the

Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly

held on

Friday, 08th June 2018

in

Council Chamber,
City Hall,
Dublin 2

Minutes of the meeting of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly held on the 8th June 2018 in City Hall, Dublin 2.

Members Present:

Cllr Paddy Bourke	Cllr Pat Hand
Cllr Paddy Bracken	Cllr David Healy
Cllr Christy Burke	Cllr Paddy Hill
Cllr Mick Cahill	Cllr Ivan Keatley
Cllr Thomas Cullen	Cllr Dermot Lacey
Cllr Eamon Dooley	Cllr Colm Markey
Cllr Andrew Duncan	Cllr Lettie McCarthy
Cllr Gaye Fagan	Cllr Brian McDonagh
Cllr Kate Feeney	Cllr Pdraig McEvoy
Cllr Catherine Fitzgerald	Cllr Maria Murphy
Cllr Brian Fitzgerald	Cllr PJ Reilly
Cllr Eddie Fitzpatrick	Cllr Pat Vance
Cllr Mary Hanafin	Cllr Barry Ward

In Attendance:

Ms. Joan Martin, Designated Chief Executive, Louth County Council

Mr. Jim Conway, EMRA
Mr. Malachy Bradly, EMRA
Mr. Ross Higgins, EMRA
Mr. Simon Musial, EMRA

Apologies received from: Cllr Ciaran Cuffe, Cllr Pamela Kearns, Cllr Derek Mitchell and Cllr Tommy Reilly.

ITEM 1.

Adoption of Minutes of meeting held 11th May 2018.

Minutes of the meeting of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly held on the 11th May 2018 were proposed by Cllr. D Lacey and seconded by Cllr. L McCarthy.

The minutes were **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.

ITEM 2.

RSES Update

The Director updated members on progress with providing them with a draft RSES for their consideration and approval. He indicated that required inputs were still not available and as a consequence he was not in a position to confirm that a draft RSES would be available for their

consideration at a special meeting scheduled for 15th June as had been agreed. After a debate the members agreed that they would consider a draft RSES at the September Assembly meeting.

Mr Malachy Bradley gave the Assembly an in-depth presentation on the Regional Special Economic Strategy highlighting the following areas; Progress Update, Eastern SPA, Midland SPA, Dublin SPA, Structure of the MASP, Vision and Key Principles, Our Vision, Procedure for Motions to Draft and the Next steps. A discussion took place afterwards with contributions from Cllr P Vance, Cllr D Lacey, Cllr B Fitzgerald, Cllr P McEvoy, Clr M Murphy, Cllr C Fitzgerald, Cllr C Markey, Cllr E Dooley, Cllr E Fitzpatrick, Cllr A Duncan, Cllr M Cahill, Cllr B McDonagh and Cllr PJ Reilly.

ITEM 3.

Planning Items

Submission on the Proposed Variation No. 3 to the Athlone Town Development Plan 2014-2020

This was **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**

ITEM 4.

Annual Report

The Director presented the Draft Annual Report 2017 to the members highlighting work that has been carried out throughout the year. An Cathaoirleach thanked the staff of the Assembly for the work that had been undertaken and a discussion took place with contributions from Cllr P McEvoy, Cllr D Lacey and Cllr PJ Reilly.

ITEM 5.

Annual Financial Statement.

The Director presented the Annual Financial Statement to the members for 2017.

This was **APPROVED**.

ITEM 6.

Correspondence.

None.

ITEM 7.

Any other business


The MacGill Summer School was **APPROVED** as a conference eligible for members' attendance.

ITEM 8.

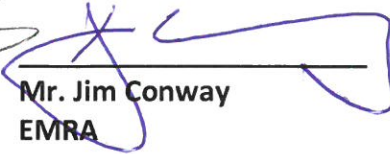
Date of next meeting.

The next meeting is the Annual meeting and will be held on Friday 13th July at 11:00am in City Hall.

Signed:



PJ Reilly
Cathaoirleach EMRA



Mr. Jim Conway
EMRA

Date: 13.07.2018