

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

MINUTES MEETING

***OF THE EASTERN AND MIDLAND
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY***

HELD ON

FRIDAY 11th December 2015

IN

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DUBLIN

**MINUTES OF EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON 11th
December 2015 IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DUBLIN.**

Cllr. Paddy Bourke	Cllr. Mary Freehill
Cllr. Sylvester Bourke	Cllr. Gerry Horkan
Cllr. Tom Brabazon	Cllr. Dermot Lacey
Cllr. Paddy Bracken	Cllr. Lettie McCarthy
Cllr. Christy Burke	Cllr. Pdraig McEvoy
Cllr. Kieran Dennison	Cllr. Seamus McGrattan
Cllr. Kate Feeney	Cllr. PJ Reilly
Cllr. Catherine Fitzgerald	Cllr. Tommy Reilly
Cllr. Brian Fitzgerald	Cllr. Pat Vance
Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick	

In Attendance:

Ms. Joan Martin, Designated Manager EMRA
 Mr. Jim Conway, EMRA
 Mr. Malachy Bradley, EMRA
 Ms. Susan Mahon, EMRA
 Mr. Ross Higgins, EMRA

Apologies received from Cllrs; Cahill, Dooley, Hill, Kearns, O'Loughlin, Murphy

ITEM 1

Adoption of Minutes held on 13th November 2015

Minutes of meeting of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly held on the 13th November 2015 were proposed by Councillor Pdraig McEvoy and seconded by Councillor Paddy Bourke. The Minutes were **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.

ITEM 2

1916 Commemorations

Presentation by Mr. Michael O'Reilly

Mr. O'Reilly presented the programme for the 1916 Commemorations.

The presentation focused on the following areas:

- Overarching purpose
- National Flag
- Seven programme Strands
- Intergenerational Learning
- Global and Diaspora

A discussion took place around the celebrations being held to mark the centenary with contributions from Cllr S. Bourke and the Cathaoirleach. The Cathaoirleach and the Director thanked Mr. O'Reilly for presenting to the Assembly.

ITEM 3

Irish Water

Presentation by Mr. Gerry Geoghegan

Gerry Geoghegan presented the Water Supply project for the Eastern and Midland Region to the Assembly including the Preliminary Options Appraisals Report.

Mr. Geoghegan outlined:

- Background & Summary
- Project Roadmap
- Preliminary Options Appraisal Report
- Community Gain
- Landowner Engagement
- Final Options Appraisal Report
- Background Project need

A discussion took place with contributions from all Councillors present regarding the preferred options including alternative routes, the option for storage at a site, in light of current issues with flooding on the Shannon, treatment of water from the Shannon and CPOs and wayleaves on landowners. Mr Geoghegan and his colleague Mr. Mick Garry clarified the issues raised in relation to the preferred option, treatment and other queries raised.

ITEM 4

Planning Items

Submission on Draft Dublin City Development Plan 2017-2023.

An outline of the submission was presented by Mr. Malachy Bradley.

The following Councillors contributed to the discussion Cllrs B. Fitzgerald, K. Dennison, D. Lacey, and Cathaoirleach P. Vance. After the discussion the submission was proposed by Cllr Dermot Lacey and seconded by Cllr. Padraig McEvoy. The submission was **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.

ITEM 5

Local Economic and Community Plans

Draft Kildare County Council LECP and statement on the plan was circulated to members for their consideration.

Mr. Malachy Bradly outlined that the Kildare County Council LECP was consistent with the Core Strategy and County Development Plan objectives, with the Regional Planning Guidelines and between the community and economic elements of the plan.

The Kildare County Council Draft LECP statement was **APPROVED**.

ITEM 6

Committee of Regions update

Cllr. Mary Freehill gave an update on the plenary session of the Committee of the Regions that took place last week which had a large focus on migrants.

Cllr Kate Feeney thanked Cllr Freehill for her time as Head of Irish Delegation and good luck to Cllr. Neale Richmond who is taking up the post.

Cllr. Horkan and Lacey added thanks to Cllr. Freehill and best wishes to Cllr. Richmond.

ITEM 7

Schedule of Meetings

A schedule of meetings was distributed for 2016. The schedule was **APPROVED**.

ITEM 8

Correspondence

The Director explained that he had made attempts to contact Cllr. King and under SI 573 of 2014 states:

“A person shall be deemed to have resigned from membership of a regional assembly where a person is absent from attendance at any meeting of the assembly for a continuous period of 6 consecutive months from the date of his or her last attendance”

The correspondence was **NOTED**.

ITEM 9

Any Other Business

A discussion around attendance took place with contributions from Cllrs Dennison, Horkan, Freehill, McEvoy Lacey and Cathaoirleach Vance. Members requested that attendance at Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly and Committee of the Regions be listed. They also requested quarterly reports for their local authorities.

Cllr Horkan thanked Cathaoirleach, Members and staff of the regional assembly for the work done in 2015.

A discussion arose around the Minister setting up a review committee for county boundaries in Louth/Meath, Cllrs B. Fitzgerald, Lacey, Horkan and Cathaoirleach Vance contributed. It was agreed to write to Minister that the Regional Assembly should be part of the consultative process and notified in the case of proposed boundary changes. **AGREED**.

An Cathaoirleach reflected on the achievements of the Assembly during the year and thanked the members, designated Chief Executives, Staff and all who had contributed to its work. He wished everyone seasonal good wishes.

ITEM 10

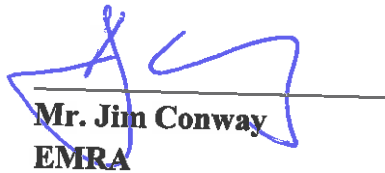
Date of Next Meeting

The Next meeting of the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly is due to be held on, 15th January 2016 @ 11:00am

Signed:



Cllr. Pat Vance
Cathaoirleach EMRA



Mr. Jim Conway
EMRA

Date:

5-2-16

