

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

MINUTES MEETING

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

HELD ON

FRIDAY 5th February 2016

IN

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DUBLIN

**MINUTES OF EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON 5TH
FEBRUARY 2016 COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DUBLIN.**

Cllr. Paddy Bourke	Cllr. David Healy
Cllr. Sylvester Bourke	Cllr. Paddy Hill
Cllr. Tom Brabazon	Cllr. Gerry Horkan
Cllr. Paddy Bracken	Cllr. Dermot Lacey
Cllr. Mick Cahill	Cllr. Lettie McCarthy
Cllr. Thomas Cullen	Cllr. Padraig McEvoy
Cllr. Kieran Dennison	Cllr. Seamus McGrattan
Cllr. Eamon Dooley	Cllr. Maria Murphy
Cllr. Gaye Fagan	Cllr. PJ Reilly
Cllr. Kate Feeney	Cllr. Tommy Reilly
Cllr. Catherine Fitzgerald	Cllr. Neale Richmond
Cllr. Brian Fitzgerald	Cllr. Pat Vance
Cllr. Mary Freehill	

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; C.Burke, E. Fitzpatrick, P. Kearns, I. Keatley and C. Markey

ITEM 1

Adoption of Minutes held on 15th January 2016

Minutes of meeting of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly held on the 15th January 2016 were proposed by Councillor Dermot Lacey and seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken. The Minutes were **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.

ITEM 2

Local Economic and Community Plans

- a. Laois County Council Local Economic and Community Plans

Laois County Council's draft LECP and statements were circulated to members for their consideration.

Mr. Malachy Bradley outlined that the LECP was consistent with Section 66c of the Local Government Act 2001.

The statement on the Laois LECP was proposed by Cllr. P. Bracken and seconded by Cllr. C. Fitzgerald. The statement was **APPROVED**.

b. Meath County Council Local Economic and Community Plans

Meath County Council's draft LECP and statements were circulated to members for their consideration. Mr. Malachy Bradley outlined that the LECP was consistent with Section 66c of the Local Government Act 2001.

The statement on the Meath LECP was proposed by Cllr. T. Reilly and seconded by Cllr. B. Fitzgerald. The statement was **APPROVED**.

ITEM 3

Planning

Submission on observations on the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022 was circulated to Members for their consideration. Mr. Malachy Bradley outlined that the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan was generally consistent with the Regional Planning Guidelines for the Greater Dublin Area 2010-2022.

The submission was proposed by Cllr. D. Lacey and seconded by Cllr. S. Bourke. The submission was **APPROVED**.

ITEM 4

Committee of the Regions

Cllr. Richmond informed that the first plenary session is due to take place next week and that a national delegation meeting was held on 4th February.

ITEM 6

Correspondence

The correspondence was **NOTED**.

ITEM 7

Any Other Business

Cllr. PJ Reilly asked about training after next meeting. The Director informed Members of training taking place at 2pm on 11th March in City Hall.

Cllr Horkan thanked the staff of the EMRA for the newsletter and also wanted to wish the Members of the Assembly who are running in the General Election good luck. The Members include: Cllrs; F. O'Loughlin, P. Kearns, C. Burke, F. Duffy, E. Fitzpatrick and former Regional Assembly Member Cllr. S. Haughey.

Cllr. T Cullen commented on the location of assembly meetings.


Cllr. C. Fitzgerald enquired as to the Assembly members' role in the National Spatial Strategy.

ITEM 10

Date of Next Meeting

The Next meeting of the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly is due to be held on, 11th March 2016 at 11.00am

Signed:



Cllr. Pat Vance
Cathaoirleach EMRA



Mr. Jim Conway
EMRA

Date:

