

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

***MINUTES MEETING***

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

***HELD ON***

***FRIDAY 9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016***

***IN***

***COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DUBLIN 2***

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY  
HELD ON 9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016, COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DUBLIN 2.**

<b>Cllr. Paddy Bourke</b>	<b>Cllr. David Healy</b>
<b>Cllr. Paddy Bracken</b>	<b>Cllr. Paddy Hill</b>
<b>Cllr. Christy Burke</b>	<b>Cllr. Ivan Keatley</b>
<b>Cllr. Mick Cahill</b>	<b>Cllr. Dermot Lacey</b>
<b>Cllr. Thomas Cullen</b>	<b>Cllr. Colm Markey</b>
<b>Cllr. Francis Duffy</b>	<b>Cllr. Lettie McCarthy</b>
<b>Cllr. Andrew Duncan</b>	<b>Cllr. Pdraig McEvoy</b>
<b>Cllr. Enda Fanning</b>	<b>Cllr. Maria Murphy</b>
<b>Cllr. Kate Feeney</b>	<b>Cllr. PJ Reilly</b>
<b>Cllr. Catherine Fitzgerald</b>	<b>Cllr. Tommy Reilly</b>
<b>Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick</b>	<b>Cllr. Barry Ward</b>
<b>Cllr. Pat Hand</b>	<b>Cllr. Pat Vance</b>

**In Attendance:**

Mr. Jim Conway, EMRA  
Mr. Malachy Bradley, EMRA  
Dr. Travis O'Doherty EMRA  
Ms. Susan Mahon, EMRA  
Mr. Ross Higgins, EMRA

Apologies received from Ms. Joan Martin, Designated Manager EMRA, Cllrs. M. Freehill, T Brabazon, B. Fitzgerald & J. Cuffe

An Cathaoirleach, Dermot Lacey began the meeting by welcoming a new Assembly Member Cllr. Barry Ward.

**ITEM 1**

**Adoption of Minutes of annual meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

Minutes of meeting of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly held on the 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016 were proposed by Cllr. L. McCarthy and seconded by Cllr. M Murphy.

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

## **ITEM 2**

### **Procedure for dealing with planning submissions outside of EMRA meetings**

Mr. Malachy Bradley put forward a procedure for discharging the statutory planning functions of the Assembly that could not be captured by a scheduled EMRA meeting. The Director would endeavour to bring all submissions to meetings for the members' approval, but given some of the short consultation periods in the statutory process and the meeting schedule, a formal submission may have to issue from the director and such observations shall be presented at the next Assembly meeting.

This was **AGREED**.

## **ITEM 3**

### **Planning**

#### **i. Laois Draft County Development Plan 2017-2023.**

A submission on the observations of the Draft Laois County Council Development Plan 2017 -2013 was circulated to Members for their consideration. Mr. Malachy Bradley outlined that the Draft Laois County Council Development Plan was generally consistent with the Regional Planning Guidelines for the Midlands Region 2010-2022.

After discussion from Cllrs. C. Fitzgerald and P. Bracken the submission was **APPROVED**.

#### **ii. Longford Draft County Development Plan 2015 Variation No.2.**

Submission on the Proposed Draft Variation No.2 of the Longford County Development Plan was circulated to Members. Mr. Malachy Bradley stated that this submission was lodged on 22/08/2016 with consent from An Cathaoirleach.

This was **APPROVED**.

#### **iii. Athy Town Development Plan Variation No.1.**

Submission on the Proposed Draft Variation No.1 to the Athy Town Development Plan 2012-2018 was circulated to Members for consideration.

This was **APPROVED**.

#### **iv. Kildare County Development Plan Variation No. 4.**

Submission on the Proposed Draft Variation No.4 to the Kildare County Development Plan 2011-2017 was circulated to Members for consideration.

This was **APPROVED**.

#### **ITEM 4**

##### **Strategic Management Framework for Dublin Bay.**

The Director gave a background on how EMRA had worked with Life+ & World Wildlife Fund to develop the current project which was in line with RPG policies. He then introduced Dr Travis O'Doherty who provided an update on progress in relation to the development of a Strategic Management Framework for Dublin Bay, as part of the Celtic Seas Partnership. The Strategic Management Framework examines the implementation of Marine Strategy Framework Directive in the local context of Dublin Bay, it provides the building blocks towards developing a shared vision for Dublin Bay and identifies key opportunities for Dublin Bay. A summary of the feedback on the report received to date was provided and the key findings and recommendations.

Contributions were added by An Cathaoirleach & Cllrs. K. Feeney, D. Healy, P. Bourke and L. McCarthy.

An Cathaoirleach thanked Travis.

The meeting agreed that the Strategic Management Framework for Dublin Bay be adopted.

#### **ITEM 5**

##### **Committee of the Regions**

Cllr K Feeney gave an update on the Committee of the Regions. An introductory and briefing meeting for new and existing Members and Alternates would be held on 13<sup>th</sup> September and the National Delegation meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> October. The CoR week of Cities and Regions will be held between the 10<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> of October to coincide with the October Bureau and Plenary.

#### **ITEM 6**

##### **Correspondence**

Correspondence received by the Irish Public Bodies requesting a nomination from the assembly. It was AGREED that Leas Cathaoirleach Cllr. L. McCarthy be nominated.

**ITEM 7**

**Any other business**

The Director welcomed Ms. Pauline Riordan who will be joining EMRA as a Senior Executive Planner for the Dublin Strategic Planning Area.

It was proposed that due to the ALLG conference being held on the 14<sup>th</sup> October that the EMRA meeting be rescheduled for the 21<sup>st</sup> October.

It was requested that some SPA meeting dates be rescheduled.

Eastern SPA to be rescheduled from 16<sup>th</sup> September 2016 to 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016 at 11am.

Dublin SPA to be rescheduled from 23<sup>rd</sup> September to 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 11am.

Midland SPA to remain as scheduled on the 16<sup>th</sup> September at 11am.

**ITEM 8**

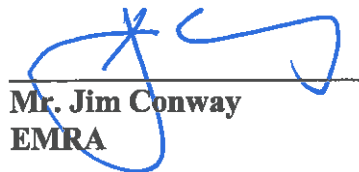
**Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly is due to be held on, Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016 at 11am in City Hall, Dublin 2.

Signed:



**Cllr. Dermot Lacey  
Cathaoirleach EMRA**



**Mr. Jim Conway  
EMRA**

Date:

21/10/2016

