

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

MINUTES MEETING

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

HELD ON

FRIDAY 10th JUNE 2016

IN

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DUBLIN 2

MINUTES OF EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON 10th JUNE 2016 COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DUBLIN 2.

Cllr. Paddy Bourke	Cllr. Dermot Lacey
Cllr. Sylvester Bourke	Cllr. Colm Markey
Cllr. Paddy Bracken	Cllr. Lettie McCarthy
Cllr. Mick Cahill	Cllr. Brian McDonagh
Cllr. Eamon Dooley	Cllr. Padraig McEvoy
Cllr. Gaye Fagan	Cllr. Seamus McGrattan
Cllr. Enda Fanning	Cllr. Maria Murphy
Cllr. Kate Feeney	Cllr. PJ Reilly
Cllr. Catherine Fitzgerald	Cllr. Tommy Reilly
Cllr. Mary Freehill	Cllr. Pat Vance
Cllr. Paddy Hill	

In Attendance:

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

Apologies received from Cllrs Kieran Dennison, Francis Duffy, Andrew Duncan, Brian Fitzgerald, Eddie Fitzpatrick & David Healy

An Cathaoirleach wished to begin the meeting with a vote of sympathy to Councillor Mick Cahill on the passing of his father.

An Cathaoirleach also wished to welcome Councillor Enda Fanning to the Assembly.

ITEM 1

Adoption of Minutes held on 13th May 2016

Minutes of meeting of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly held on the 13th May 2016 were proposed by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor PJ Reilly. The Minutes were **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.

ITEM 2

Annual Report & Financial Statement.

The Director, Mr. Jim Conway presented the Annual report to the Assembly. He said it was a fair reflection of the extensive work that had been carried out in 2015. He explained that the spending of the assembly had come under budget as all staff had not yet been recruited and particularly as one EU horizon 2020 project had been advance funded. Contributions were made by Cllrs. P McEvoy, D. Lacey, M Cahill and An Cathaoirleach Cllr. P.Vance. The Director acknowledged the important

contribution of the staff of the Assembly, as the report was produced in-house. The report and statement were proposed by Councillor D. Lacey and seconded by Councillor P. McEvoy the report and statement were **APPROVED**.

ITEM 3

Presentation Bord na Móna

A Presentation was given by Mr. Gerry Ryan & Mr. Mick Quinn from Bord na Móna.

The presentation gave the members of the assembly an overview on the company and its intended areas of operation until 2030. The presentation illustrated the current market value of Irish peat and how it is sent worldwide and the other forms of energy Bord na Móna were considering for further sustainable energy, such as windfarms, biomass & horticulture. There was an emphasis placed on renewable green energy.

A discussion took place after with contributions given by Cllrs M. Cahill, E. Dooley, PJ Reilly, P. McEvoy, B McDonagh, D. Lacey, C. Fitzgerald, L. McCarthy, S. Bourke, M. Murphy & Cathaoirleach P.Vance.

The Cathaoirleach and Director thanked Mr. Gerry Ryan, Secretary, and Mr. Mick Quinn, CEO, for the presentation.

ITEM 4

Strategic Planning Area meetings.

Members were advised that the Strategic Planning Area meeting dates are finalised and will take place on the following dates, 17th June for the Dublin region, 24th June for the Eastern region and the 1st July for the Midland region.

This was **AGREED**

ITEM 5

Committee of the Regions

Cllrs K. Feeney & M Freehill gave the assembly an update on the Committee of the Regions

ITEM 6

Correspondence

The assembly was informed that 2 letters of congratulations have been issued to past members Gerry Horkan and Neale Richmond on their new appointments.

This was **NOTED**

ITEM 7

Any other business

The McGill summer school conference was deemed to be acceptable for Members of the Assembly, should the wished to attend.

ITEM 8

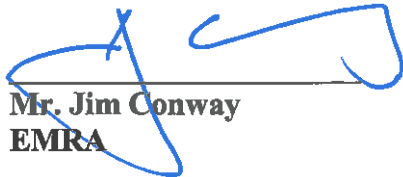
Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly is the Annual Meeting, and is due to be held on, Friday 8th July 2016 at 11am in City Hall, Dublin 2. .

Signed:



**Cllr. Dermot Lacey
Cathaoirleach EMRA**



**Mr. Jim Conway
EMRA**

Date:

9/9/16