

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

MINUTES for MEETING

**OF THE EASTERN AND MIDLAND
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

HELD ON

Friday, 13th July 2018

IN

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON 13th July 2018, COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DUBLIN 2.

Cllr. Paddy Bourke	Cllr. David Healy
Cllr. Paddy Bracken	Cllr. Paddy Hill
Cllr. Christy Burke	Cllr. Pamela Kearns
Cllr. Tommy Byrne	Cllr. Ivan Keatley
Cllr. Mick Cahill	Cllr. Dermot Lacey
Cllr. Ciaran Cuffe	Cllr. Colm Markey
Cllr. Kieran Dennison	Cllr. Lettie McCarthy
Cllr. Eamon Dooley	Cllr. Brian McDonagh
Cllr. Francis Duffy	Cllr. Pdraig McEvoy
Cllr. Gaye Fagan	Cllr. Martin Miley
Cllr. Kate Feeney	Cllr. Derek Mitchell
Cllr. Catherine Fitzgerald	Cllr. Maria Murphy
Cllr. Brian Fitzgerald	Cllr. PJ Reilly
Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick	Cllr. Tommy Reilly
Cllr. Mary Freehill	Cllr. Barry Ward
Cllr. Pat Hand	

In Attendance:

Mr. Jim Conway, EMRA
Mr. Malachy Bradly, EMRA
Ms. Labhaoise McKenna, EMRA
Dr. Travis O'Doherty, EMRA
Ms. Bernadette Quinn, EMRA
Mr. Ross Higgins, EMRA
Mr. Simon Musial, EMRA

Apologies received from; Ms. Joan Martin, Designated Chief Executive

An Cathaoirleach began by thanking the staff and the members of the Assembly for the work they had put in throughout his year as Cathaoirleach.

Cllr K Dennison, Cllr D Lacey, Cllr P McEvoy, Cllr B Fitzgerald and Cllr M Cahill all thanked Cathaoirleach PJ Reilly for his work throughout the year representing the Assembly as its Cathaoirleach.

ITEM 1

Adoption of Minutes of meeting held on 8th June 2018

Minutes of the meeting of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly held on the 8th June 2018 were proposed by Cllr. K Dennison and seconded by Cllr. D Lacey.

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

ITEM 2

Election of Cathaoirleach

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr. PJ Reilly requested nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach. It was proposed by Cllr. E Dooley, seconded by Cllr. M Cahill, that Cllr. E Fitzpatrick be elected Cathaoirleach.

There were no further nominations.

AGREED.

Councillor Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick was deemed elected as Cathaoirleach for the coming year. An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. E Fitzpatrick took the chair. An Cathaoirleach thanked the Members for their support.

The members thanked the outgoing Cathaoirleach for his service during his term.

ITEM 3

Election of Leas Cathaoirleach

An Cathaoirleach requested nominations for the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach.

It was proposed by Cllr. P Bracken, seconded by Cllr. C McCarthy, that Cllr. C Fitzgerald be elected Leas-Cathaoirleach.

There were no further nominations.

AGREED.

Cllr. Catherine Fitzgerald was deemed elected as Leas-Cathaoirleach for the coming year. Leas Cathaoirleach took the opportunity to thank the Members.

ITEM 4

RSES Update

A presentation by Dr. Antonia Gaughran and Paul Chadwick of RPS Group who are the environmental consultants for the RSES, was given to the Assembly members.

The presentation covered topics such as; Strategic Environmental Assessment, Appropriate Assessment, Regional flood Risk Assessment, what the environmental issues are in the RSES, some issues Identified to date, scenarios and alternatives, and process and timelines.

A discussion then took place with contributions from Cllr P McEvoy, Cllr C Cuffe, Cllr D Healy, Cllr P Kearns, Cllr M Freehill and Cllr D Mitchell.

A second presentation was made by the Assistant Director/Senior Planner Mr. M Bradley on an update of the RSES process, the NPR Implementation Roadmap circular issued by DHPLG, metropolitan areas in the RSES, the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund that was recently launched, and the next steps.

A discussion then took place with contributions from Cllr M Freehill, Cllr M Murphy, Cllr B Fitzgerald, Cllr K Dennison and Cllr E Fitzpatrick.

ITEM 5
Planning Items

Submission to EirGrid Draft Implementation Plan 2017 – 2020.

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

ITEM 6
Programme of works

The Director J. Conway gave an update on the ongoing work done by the Assembly to the members.

ITEM 7
Projects update

The Director J. Conway presented an update on the projects that are under the Assemblies guidance. The projects included; Enhancing Resilience of Urban Ecosystems through Green Infrastructure (EnRoute), Large Urban Area Adaptation (Urb-ADAPT), Green Blue Infrastructure: a Health-Led Approach (GBIHealth) and RESILENS – Realising European ReSILiencE for Critical INfraStructure,

A discussion took place with a contribution from Cllr D Healy.

This was **NOTED**.

ITEM 8
Committee of the Regions update

The Director J. Conway gave an update on the activity of the Committee of the Regions.

This was **NOTED**.

ITEM 9
ENCORE briefing

The Director J. Conway gave an update on the activity of the Committee of the Regions.

A discussion too place with a contributions from Cllr C Cuffe.

This was **NOTED**.

ITEM 10
Correspondence

None

ITEM 11
Any other business

Cllr P Bourke informed the Assembly of the Kennedy school on the 8th, 9th & 10th of September.

Cllr L McCarthy informed the Assembly on the Unesco conference that may be of benefit to the members.

The Director informed members that L McKenna would be leaving EMRA to take up a new post. The members thanked her for her contribution.

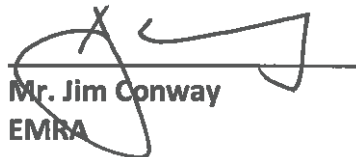
ITEM 12
Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly is to be held on, Friday 14th September 2018 at 11am in City Hall, Dublin 2.

Signed:



Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick
Cathaoirleach EMRA



Mr. Jim Conway
EMRA

Date: 14/9/18