

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

**MINUTES for MEETING**

**OF THE EASTERN AND MIDLAND  
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**HELD ON**

**Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**IN**

**TULLAMORE  
CO. OFFALY**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2019, TULLAMORE, CO. OFFALY.**

Cllr Paddy Bracken	Cllr David Healy
Cllr Mick Cahill	Cllr Ivan Keatley
Cllr Thomas Cullen	Cllr Conor Keelan
Cllr Kieran Dennison	Cllr Dermot Lacey
Cllr Catherine Fitzgerald	Cllr Padraig McEvoy
Cllr Brian Fitzgerald	Cllr Maria Murphy
Cllr Eddie Fitzpatrick	Cllr PJ Reilly
Cllr Mary Hanafin	Cllr Pat Vance

**In Attendance:**

**Mr. Jim Conway, EMRA**

**Mr. Malachy Bradley, EMRA**

**Ms. Pauline Riordan, EMRA**

**Ms. Nicci Nolan, EMRA**

**Ms. Laure Antoniotti, EMRA**

**Mr. Ross Higgins, EMRA**

**Mr. Hertés O Da Silva, EMRA**

**Apologies received from Ms. Joan Martin, Designated Chief Executive, Louth County Council, Cllr G Fagan, Cllr K Feeney, Cllr P Hand, Cllr L McCarthy, Cllr D Mitchell & Cllr R Russell.**

The Cathaoirleach extended the sympathy of the Assembly to Cllrs C Fitzgerald and E Dooley on recent bereavements.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Cllr C Keelan to his first Assembly meeting.

**ITEM 1**

**Adoption of Minutes of meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

Minutes of the meeting of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly held on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019. The Minutes were proposed by Cllr K Dennison and seconded by Cllr M Murphy.

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

**ITEM 2**

**RSES Update**

The Assistant Director M. Bradley gave the Assembly an update on the current status of the RSES, outlining the next steps of the process. The public consultation on the material amendments will close on April 12<sup>th</sup>, a Director's report will be sent to Members on April 26<sup>th</sup> in advance of the next

Assembly meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup> where the Assembly will make of the RSES, with or without the proposed material amendments. He also gave an overview of what actions and activities will need to be undertaken after the adoption to implement the RSES.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr T Cullen, Cllr K Dennison, Cllr B Fitzgerald, Cllr P Vance, Cllr C Fitzgerald, Cllr I Keatley, Cllr M Murphy, Cllr D Lacey, Cllr M Cahill & Cllr P McEvoy.

Following the suggestion of several members, the Cathaoirleach proposed to start the next Assembly meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 10am.

### **ITEM 3**

#### **Programme of Works – Q1 update**

The Director J Conway presented an update on the work of the Assembly for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2019.

### **ITEM 4**

#### **Correspondence**

None

### **ITEM 5**

#### **Any other business**

None

### **ITEM 6**

#### **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly is to be held on, **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019** in City Hall, Dame Street, Dublin 2 at **10am**.

Signed:



Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick  
Cathaoirleach EMRA



Mr. Jim Conway  
EMRA

Date: 12/04/2019