

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

MINUTES for MEETING

**OF THE EASTERN AND MIDLAND
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

HELD ON

Friday, 12th July 2019

IN

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON 12th JULY 2019, COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DUBLIN 2.

Cllr Daryl Barron	Cllr Deirdre Heney
Cllr Fintan Brett	Cllr Paddy Hill
Cllr John Browne	Cllr Vincent Jackson
Cllr Micheál Carrigy	Cllr Conor Keelan
Cllr Jennifer Carroll MacNeill	Cllr Dermot Lacey
Cllr Emma Coffey	Cllr Brigid Manton
Cllr Joe Costello	Cllr Steven Matthews
Cllr Eamon Dooley	Cllr Tony McCormack
Cllr Francis Duffy	Cllr Padraig McEvoy
Cllr Kate Feeney	Cllr Paddy Meade
Cllr Catherine Fitzgerald	Cllr Aisling Moran
Cllr Brian Fitzgerald	Cllr Robert O'Donoghue
Cllr Eddie Fitzpatrick	Cllr Larry O'Toole
Cllr Mary Freehill	Cllr Robert Power
Cllr Mary Hanafin	Cllr William Priestley
Cllr David Healy	Cllr Conor Tormey
Cllr Lawrence Hemmings	Cllr Gerry Walsh

In Attendance:

Ms. Joan Martin, Louth County Council

Mr. Jim Conway, EMRA

Mr. Malachy Bradley, EMRA

Ms. Clare Bannon, EMRA

Ms. Nicci Nolan, EMRA

Ms. Laure Antoniotti, EMRA

Mr. Simon Musial, EMRA

Mr. Ross Higgins, EMRA

Mr. John Daly, EMRA, NWRA, SRA

ITEM 1

Election of Cathaoirleach

The out-going Cathaoirleach, Cllr Eddie Fitzpatrick invited nominations for Cathaoirleach for the year to the next annual General Meeting in July 2020.

Cllr T McCormack proposed Cllr E Dooley and this was seconded by Cllr P Hill.

Cllr M Carrigy proposed Cllr P Meade and this was seconded by Cllr F. Brett.

A roll call vote was held with Cllr D Barron, Cllr E Coffey, Cllr J Costello, Cllr E Dooley, Cllr F Duffy, Cllr K Feeney, Cllr C Fitzgerald, Cllr B Fitzgerald, Cllr E Fitzpatrick, Cllr M Freehill, Cllr M Hanafin, Cllr D Healy, Cllr L Hemmings, Cllr D Heney, Cllr P Hill, Cllr V Jackson, Cllr C Keelan, Cllr D Lacey, Cllr B Manton, Cllr S Matthews, Cllr P McEvoy, Cllr R O'Donoghue, Cllr P O'Brien, Cllr L O'Toole, Cllr W Priestley, Cllr C Tormey and Cllr G Walsh voting in favour of Cllr E Dooley.

Cllr F Brett, Cllr J Browne, Cllr M Carrigy, Cllr J Carroll MacNeill, Cllr P Meade and Cllr A Moran voting for Cllr P Meade.

Cllr E Dooley was elected Cathaoirleach of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly for the year to the Assembly AGM in July 2020.

An Cathaoirleach thanked the members for their support, and stated that in his term he wished to focus on the transition of the peatlands in the Midlands.

ITEM 2

Election of Leas – Cathaoirleach

An Cathaoirleach opened the floor for nominations for leas Cathaoirleach for the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly.

Cllr D Healy proposed Cllr P McEvoy and this was seconded by Cllr F Duffy.
No further nominations were proposed.

Cllr P McEvoy was elected Leas Cathaoirleach for the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly

ITEM 3

Adoption of Minutes of meeting held on 3rd May 2019

Minutes of the meeting of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly held on the 3rd May 2019 were proposed by Cllr E Fitzpatrick and seconded by Cllr K Feeney.

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

ITEM 4

Presentation of the Assembly functions

The Director gave a presentation to members on the functions of the Assembly.

Ms Joan Martin, Chief Executive of Louth County Council and Designated Chief Executive for the Region addressed the meeting.

ITEM 5

Presentation of ENCORE

The Director gave a presentation on the Environmental Conference of Regions (ENCORE) and outline particularly the role the EMRA has to 2020 including hosting the Bi-annual Conference that will be held in Tullamore. The Director will ask the Assembly to nominate members to a working group for the conference.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr M Freehill, Cllr P McEvoy, Cllr D Lacey, Cllr D Healy and Cllr M Hanafin.

ITEM 6

Nomination of Members to Programme Monitoring Committees and other bodies

An Cathaoirleach opened the floor for nominations to PMCs.

The National Partnership Agreement representative is to be the sitting Cathaoirleach.

This was **AGREED**

Border, Midland and Western Operational Programme:

Cllr M Hanafin nominated Cllr C Fitzgerald seconded by Cllr K Feeney.

Cllr M Hanafin proposed Cllr T McCormack as alternate seconded by Cllr K Feeney.

These nominations were **AGREED**

Southern and Eastern Operational Programme, (2 representatives):

Cllr P Hill proposed Cllr M Hanafin, seconded by Cllr T McCormack

Cllr M Hanafin nominated Cllr G Walsh and was seconded by Cllr K Feeney.

Cllr M Freehill nominated Cllr D Lacey as the alternate, seconded by Cllr J Costello.

These nominations were **AGREED**

Ireland-Wales:

Cllr M Hanafin nominated Cllr B Manton and was seconded by Cllr E Coffey.

Cllr S. Matthews proposed Cllr W Priestley as the alternate and was seconded by Cllr D Healy.

These nominations were **AGREED**

PEACE:

Cllr M Hanafin proposed Cllr C Keelan, seconded by Cllr E Coffey.

Cllr D Lacey nominated Cllr J Costello as alternate and seconded by Cllr. P O'Brien.

These nominations were **AGREED**

Irish public Bodies:

Cllr D Lacey was nominated by Cllr M Hanafin, seconded by Cllr J Costello.

These nominations were **AGREED**

Cllr M Freehill proposed that members nominated to PMCs should report quarterly to the Assembly. This proposal was seconded by Cllr M Hanafin.

AGREED

Cllr K Feeney asked the Cathaoirleach to write to the Minister about the future architecture of EU structural funds in Ireland to request that the Eastern and Midland Region be given its own Operational Programme like the two other regions.

AGREED

ITEM 7

Presentation and launch of the RSES

The Assistant Director Mr Malachy Bradley presented on the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for Eastern and Midland Region 2019-2031 as was made on the 28th June 2019. The Strategy was launched by an Cathaoirleach and the members.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr M Carrigy, Cllr M Hanafin, Cllr P McEvoy and Cllr D Lacey.

ITEM 8

Planning items

The Assistant Director Mr Malachy Bradley presented 2 planning items;

1. Draft Variation (No. 3) of the Navan Development Plan 2009-2015
2. Draft Variation (No. 1) of the Trim Development Plan 2014-2020

The draft submissions were proposed by Cllr B Fitzpatrick and seconded by Cllr P Meade.

The planning submissions were **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.

ITEM 9

Annual Report 2018

The Director presented the 2018 Annual report to the Assembly.

The Annual Report was proposed by Cllr E Fitzpatrick and seconded by Cllr M Hanafin.

The Annual Report was **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.

ITEM 10
Corporate Plan

The Director informed the assembly of the work upcoming for the next Corporate Plan and proposed a subcommittee of members to assist with the process be formed. It was **AGREED** that this will be further discussed at the September meeting.

ITEM 11
Correspondence

The Director issued a letter from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government regarding the making of the RSES.

ITEM 12
Any other business

The Director issued a circular from the Department regarding member's subsistence rates and how they were changing. A discussion took place with a contribution from Cllr D Lacey.

The Director informed the members of a draft Memorandum of Understanding between DCU and the EMRA and sought approval to proceed with this MOU.

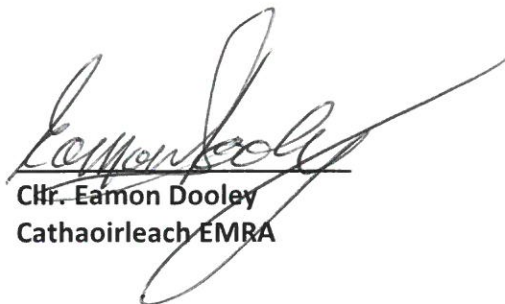
This was **AGREED**.

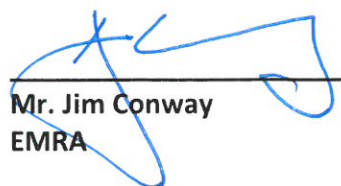
Cllr. M Carrigy raised the importance of keeping a focus on Midland issues such as job losses in the context of changing use of the peatlands.

ITEM 13
Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly is to be held on, **Friday 13th September 2019** in City Hall, Dame Street, Dublin 2 at **11:00am**.

Signed:


Chr. Eamon Dooley
Cathaoirleach EMRA


Mr. Jim Conway
EMRA

Date: 13/09/2019