

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

**MINUTES for MEETING**

**OF THE EASTERN AND MIDLAND  
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**HELD ON**

**Friday, 09<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON 09<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021.**

Cllr Daryl Barron	Cllr Janet Horner
Cllr Emma Blain	Cllr Vincent Jackson
Cllr Aoife Breslin	Cllr Pamela Kearns
Cllr Fintan Brett	Cllr Conor Keelan
Cllr Emma Coffey	Cllr Dermot Lacey
Cllr Laura Donaghy	Cllr Brigid Manton
Cllr Eamon Dooley	Cllr Tony McCormack
Cllr Caroline Dwane Stanley	Cllr Suzanne McEneaney
Cllr Kate Feeney	Cllr Pdraig McEvoy
Cllr Brian Fitzgerald	Cllr Paddy Meade
Cllr Catherine Fitzgerald	Cllr Aisling Moran
Cllr Eddie Fitzpatrick	Cllr Colm Murray
Cllr Tom Fortune	Cllr Damien O'Reilly
Cllr Mary Freehill	Cllr Aengus O'Rourke
Cllr Jim Gildea	Cllr Larry O'Toole
Cllr Alison Gilliland	Cllr Robert Power
Cllr Mary Hanafin	Cllr Una Power
Cllr David Healy	Cllr Gerry Walsh
Cllr Deirdre Heney	

**Apologies received from Cllr J Browne and Cllr P Hill.**

**In Attendance:**

**Ms. Joan Martin, Louth County Council**

**Mr. Jim Conway, EMRA**

**Mr. Malachy Bradley, EMRA**

**Ms. Clare Bannon, EMRA**

**Ms. Pauline Riordan, EMRA**

**Ms. Laure Antoniotti, EMRA**

**Mr. Simon Musial, EMRA**

**Mr. Ross Higgins, EMRA**

**Mr. Alan Lambe, EMRA**

**Ms. Geraldine Kenny, EMRA**

**Ms. Sarah Campbell, EMRA**

**Mr. Owen Douglas, EMRA**

**Ms. Agata Kolodynska, IREO**

## **ITEM 1**

### **Election of Cathaoirleach**

The out-going Cathaoirleach, Cllr P McEvoy gave a speech of thanks to the members and staff of the Assembly on his year as Cathaoirleach. Thanks was given by Cllrs Hanafin, Lacey and Gildea on behalf of all the members.

Cathaoirleach, Cllr P McEvoy invited nominations for Cathaoirleach for the forthcoming year of the Eastern and Midland Assembly to July 2022.

Cllr M Hanafin proposed Cllr D Heney and this was seconded by Cllr B Manton.

Cllr D Heney was elected An Cathaoirleach for the Eastern and Midland Regional with no other nominations received.

This was **APPROVED**.

Cllr D Heney thanked the members and staff of the EMRA and said she looks forward to the year ahead.

## **ITEM 2**

### **Election of Leas – Cathaoirleach**

An Cathaoirleach opened the floor for nominations for leas Cathaoirleach for the forthcoming year of the Eastern and Midland Assembly to July 2022.

Cllr C Keelan proposed Cllr R Power and this was seconded by Cllr K Feeney.

Cllr R Power was elected Leas Cathaoirleach for the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly with no other nominations received.

This was **APPROVED**.

Cllr R Power thanked the members for the nomination and looked forward to working with An Cathaoirleach and the Assembly for the year ahead.

## **ITEM 3**

### **Adoption of Minutes of meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Minutes of the meeting of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly held on the 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021 were proposed by Cllr K Feeney and seconded by Cllr D Lacey.

The minutes are **APPROVED**.

#### **ITEM 4**

##### **RSES Monitoring Report**

The Director Mr J Conway informed the members that the EMRA are required, under section 25A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), to prepare a report (called a Monitoring Report) on the progress in achieving the objectives of the RSES every 2 years.

As required by the Act, the Monitoring Report specifies the progress made in securing the overall objectives of the RSES, including that indicated by the required public bodies and local authorities. The Monitoring Report also documents the progress made by the Assembly.

In accordance with the aforementioned Act, the Monitoring Report is to be submitted to the National Oversight and Audit Commission for consideration and, where appropriate, the making of recommendations to the Minister, in relation to relevant measures to further support the implementation of the RSES. It was stated that this report is an important milestone in the implementation of the RSES.

The Assistant Director Mr M Bradley gave the members a presentation on the RSES Monitoring Report that cover topics such as: the responses received from Government Departments and Local Authorities the progress made by the Regional Assembly, the contents of the report and the suggested recommendations for NOAC to consider, and next steps. The responses by the Government Departments and Local Authorities were also acknowledged.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr P McEvoy, Cllr J Gildea, Cllr B Manton, Cllr D Heney, Cllr B Fitzgerald, Cllr F Brett, Cllr G Walsh, Cllr D Healy, and Cllr T Fortune.

This report was **APPROVED**.

#### **ITEM 5**

##### **Planning items**

##### **i) Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2021 -2027**

The Assistant Director Mr M Bradley presented the draft submission on the Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2021 -2027 to the members for their approval.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr G Walsh, Cllr T Fortune and Ms J Martin.

The Draft Wicklow County Development Plan 2021 -2027 was proposed by Cllr G Walsh and seconded by Cllr M Freehill.

This was **APPROVED**.

**ii) Draft Cavan County Development Plan incorporating a Local Area Plan for Cavan Town, 2022– 2028**

The Assistant Director Mr M Bradley presented the draft submission on the Draft Cavan County Development Plan incorporating a Local Area Plan for Cavan Town, 2022– 2028 to the members for their approval.

The Draft Cavan County Development Plan incorporating a Local Area Plan for Cavan Town, 2022– 2028 was proposed by Cllr P Meade and seconded by Cllr P McEvoy.

This was **APPROVED**.

**ITEM 6**

**Programme of Work Q2 update**

The Director Mr J Conway gave the members an update on the quarter 2 of 2021 Programme of Works.

This was **NOTED**.

**ITEM 7**

**Nomination to the Association of Irish Regions**

An Cathaoirleah requested two nominations from the members to the Association of Irish Regions.

Cllr M Freehill nominated Cllr D Lacey and Cllr A Gilliland seconded.

Cllr C Murray nominated Cllr J Gildea and Cllr F Brett seconded.

Cllr D Lacey and Cllr J Gildea were nominated to the Association of Irish Regions.

This was **APPROVED**.

**ITEM 8**

**Update on last EU subcommittee meeting**

Ms L Antoniotti gave the members an update on the last EU subcommittee meeting.

A discussion followed with a contribution from Cllr M Freehill.

This was **NOTED**.

**ITEM 9**

**Correspondence**

None

**ITEM 10**

**Any other business**

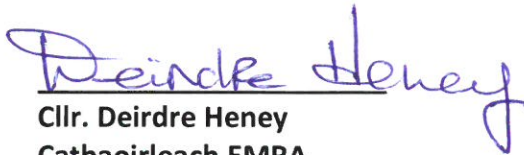
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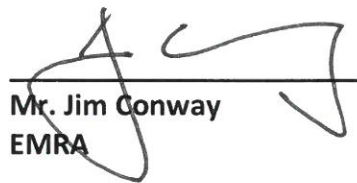
**Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly is to be held on, **Friday 10th September 2021 at 11:00am.**

Signed:



**Cllr. Deirdre Heney  
Cathaoirleach EMRA**



**Mr. Jim Conway  
EMRA**

**Date:10<sup>th</sup>September2021**