

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

MINUTES for MEETING

**OF THE EASTERN AND MIDLAND
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

HELD ON

Friday, 11th June 2021

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON 11th JUNE 2021.

Cllr Daryl Barron	Cllr Mary Hanafin
Cllr Emma Blain	Cllr David Healy
Cllr Aoife Breslin	Cllr Janet Horner
Cllr Fintan Brett	Cllr Vincent Jackson
Cllr John Browne	Cllr Dermot Lacey
Cllr Avril Cronin	Cllr Brigid Manton
Cllr Eamon Dooley	Cllr Tony McCormack
Cllr Caroline Dwane Stanley	Cllr Suzanne McEaney
Cllr Kate Feeney	Cllr Pádraig 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 Larry O'Toole
Cllr Jim Gildea	Cllr Robert Power
Cllr Alison Gilliland	Cllr Gerry Walsh

Apologies received form: Cllr P Kearns and Cllr C Keelan

In Attendance:

Ms. Joan Martin, Louth County Council, Designated Chief Executive of the EMRA

Mr. Jim Conway, EMRA

Mr. Malachy Bradley, EMRA

Ms. Laure Antoniotti, EMRA

Ms. Pauline Riordan, EMRA

Ms. Clare Bannon, EMRA

Mr. Simon Musial, EMRA

Mr. Ross Higgins, EMRA

Ms. Geraldine Kenny, EMRA

Ms. Sarah Campbell, EMRA

Dr. Mike Brennan, EMRA

Ms. Helena Stromberg, EMRA/IREO

Ms. Teresa Lennon, IREO

Ms. Agata Kolodynska , IREO

ITEM 1

Adoption of Minutes of meeting held on 14th May 2021

Minutes of the meeting of the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly held on the 14th May 2021 were proposed by Cllr D Lacey and seconded by Cllr P Meade.

This was **APPROVED**

ITEM 2

Planning Items

i) Roscommon Draft County Development Plan 2021-2027

The Assistant Director Mr M Bradley presented the draft observations on the Roscommon Draft County Development Plan 2021-2027 to the members.

Roscommon Draft County Development Plan 2021-2027 observations was proposed by Cllr P Meade and seconded by Cllr K Feeney.

This was **AGREED**.

ii) Eirgrid - Shaping Our Electricity Future

The Assistant Director Mr M Bradley presented the draft submission to Eirgrid - Shaping Our Electricity Future to the members.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr B Fitzgerald, Cllr J Gildea, Cllr P McEvoy and Cllr T Fortune.

The submission to Eirgrid - Shaping Our Electricity Future was proposed by Cllr D Lacey and seconded by Cllr G Walsh.

This was **AGREED**.

iii) Mid-term review of the National Peatlands Strategy

The Assistant Director Mr M Bradley presented the submission to the Mid-term review of the National Peatlands Strategy to the members.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr D Healy, Cllr E Dooley, Cllr B Fitzgerald and Cllr E Fitzpatrick.

The submission to the Mid-term review of the National Peatlands Strategy was proposed by Cllr D Healy and seconded by Cllr M Hanafin.

This was **AGREED**.

iv) Transboundary Environmental Impact Assessment in relation to the proposed extension to the operational life of the Doel 1 & 2 nuclear power plants, from 2015 to 2025

The Assistant Director Mr M Bradley presented the draft submission to the Transboundary Environmental Impact Assessment in relation to the proposed extension to the operational life of the Doel 1 & 2 nuclear power plants, from 2015 to 2025 to the members.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr P McEvoy, Cllr T Fortune, Cllr D Healy, Cllr A Gilliland and Cllr D Lacey. Cllr T Fortune expressed his serious reservations about the draft submission.

The submission to the Transboundary Environmental Impact Assessment in relation to the proposed extension to the operational life of the Doel 1 & 2 nuclear power plants, from 2015 to 2025 was proposed by Cllr R Power and seconded by Cllr D Healy.

This was **AGREED**.

v) DART+ West Public Consultation

The Assistant Director Mr M Bradley presented the submission to the DART+ West Public Consultation to the members.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr D Lacey and it was requested that a map of current transport projects be circulated to members.

This was **NOTED**.

vi) Draft National Investment Framework for Transport in Ireland

The Assistant Director Mr M Bradley presented the submission to the Draft National Investment Framework for Transport in Ireland to the members.

This was **NOTED**.

ITEM 3

Annual report 2020

The Director Mr J Conway presented the EMRA Annual report 2020 to the members.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr P McEvoy, Cllr A Gilliland, Cllr D Lacey and Cllr J Gildea.

The Annual report was proposed by Cllr P Meade and seconded by Cllr E Fitzpatrick.

This was **AGREED**.

ITEM 4

Update on last EU subcommittee meeting

Ms L Antoniotti gave the members and Update on last EU subcommittee meeting which included an update on the preparation of the future ERDF and EU JTF programmes, an update on the National Recovery and Resilience plan and the announcement of the successful application of the IREO to the Communicating Europe Initiative.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr M Freehill, Cllr P McEvoy, Cllr T Fortune, Mr J Conway and Ms T Lennon from the IREO.

ITEM 5

Circular NRUP 02/2021 on application of residential densities in towns and villages

The Assistant Director Mr M Bradley presented the Circular NRUP 02/2021 on application of residential densities in towns and villages, covering topics; the roles and functions of the Assembly, the RSES, the RSES policy on compact growth, the RSES policy on density and the circular.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr T Fortune, Cllr B Fitzgerald, Cllr G Walsh and Cllr P McEvoy.

ITEM 6

Correspondence

None.

ITEM 7

Any other business

A moment's silence was observed for the passing of Cllr D Barron's father.

Cllr E Fitzpatrick brought up the issue of designations of national roads and their status in the region, a discussion followed with contributions from Mr M Bradley, Mr J Conway and Ms J Martin.

An Cathaoirleach welcomed the EMRA's newest member Cllr S McEneaney.

ITEM 8

Date of next meeting

A discussion took place on how the EMRA will hold its AMG next month with the Director Mr J Conway informing the members of what other local authorities are doing and what options the Assembly can take. Contributions from Cllr J Gildea, Cllr M Hanafin, Cllr P Meade, Cllr K Feeney, Cllr C Murray and Cllr P McEvoy.

Cllr K Feeney proposed that the AGM be held online only and this was seconded by Cllr E Dooley. Cllr J Gildea proposed to hold the meeting in person and this was seconded by Cllr C Murray.

A roll call vote was held on Cllr K Feeney's proposal of holding the meeting online with the following results: Cllr C Fitzgerald, Cllr E Fitzpatrick, Cllr E Dooley, Cllr D Barron, Cllr G Walsh, Cllr M Hanafin, Cllr K Feeney, Cllr S McEneaney, Cllr J Browne, Cllr B Manton and Cllr P McEvoy FOR the motion. Cllr P Meade, Cllr J Gildea and Cllr C Murray AGAINST.

11 For and 3 against, the EMRA AGM will be held online.

The next meeting of the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly is due to be held on **Friday 9th July 2021** at **11:00am**.

Signed:

Deirdre Heney

**Cllr. Deirdre Heney
Cathaoirleach EMRA**

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**Mr. Jim Conway
EMRA**

Date: 9 July 2021



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