

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

MINUTES for MEETING

**OF THE EASTERN AND MIDLAND
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

HELD ON

Friday, 08th October 2021

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON 08th OCTOBER 2021.

Cllr John Browne	Cllr Vincent Jackson
Cllr Eamon Dooley	Cllr Pamela Kearns
Cllr Caroline Dwane Stanley	Cllr Dermot Lacey
Cllr Kate Feeney	Cllr Brigid Manton
Cllr Brian Fitzgerald	Cllr Tony McCormack
Cllr Catherine Fitzgerald	Cllr Padraig McEvoy
Cllr Eddie Fitzpatrick	Cllr Paddy Meade
Cllr Tom Fortune	Cllr Aisling Moran
Cllr Mary Freehill	Cllr Colm Murray
Cllr Jim Gildea	Cllr Damien O'Reilly
Cllr Mary Hanafin	Cllr Aengus O'Rourke
Cllr David Healy	Cllr Robert Power
Cllr Deirdre Heney	Cllr Gerry Walsh
Cllr Janet Horner	

In Attendance:

Ms. Joan Martin, CEO, Louth County Council

Mr. Jim Conway, EMRA

Ms. Laure Antoniotti, EMRA

Ms. Clare Bannon, EMRA

Ms. Pauline Riordan, EMRA

Ms. Nicci Nolan, EMRA

Mr. Simon Musial, EMRA

Mr. Ross Higgins, EMRA

Mr. Alan Lambe, EMRA

Ms. Geraldine Kenny, EMRA

Ms. Sarah Campbell, EMRA

Mr. Travis O'Doherty, EMRA

Dr. Owen Douglas, EMRA

Ms. Helena Stromberg, EMRA

Mr Justin Gleeson, AIRO

ITEM 1

Adoption of Minutes of meeting held on 10th September 2021

Minutes of the meeting of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly held on the 10th September 2021 were proposed by Cllr M Hanafin and seconded by Cllr M Freehill.

The minutes were **APPROVED**.

ITEM 2

Presentation on the Regional Development Monitor by AIRO

Mr Justin Gleeson from AIRO was invited to give a presentation to the members on the development of Ireland's regional development Monitor AIRO is undertaking for the three Regional Assemblies. The presentation covered topics such as; What is AIRO?, Irish Planning System, EMRA – Regional Spatial and Economics Strategy (RSES), Monitoring the Strategy, Regional Development Monitor, AIRO & Ordnance Survey Ireland (OSI), and Next Steps.

A discussion took place with contributions from Cllr M Freehill, Cllr D Lacey, Cllr E Dooley, Cllr B Fitzgerald, Cllr T Fortune, Cllr P McEvoy, Cllr J Horner, Cllr D Heney, Cllr D Healy, Mr J Conway and Ms C Bannon.

This was **NOTED**.

ITEM 3

Presentation on the PROGRESS project

Dr. O Douglas from the EMRA gave the members a presentation on the Interreg Europe project PROGRESS (**PRO**moting the **G**overnance of **R**egional **E**cosystem **S**ervices), which covered topics such as; Partners, Interreg Europe: Approach, Exchange of experience, EMRA Good Practicess, Handbooks, All-Ireland Pollinator Plan 2021-2025, Phase 1 – Pilot Action, Interregional Transfer, Relevance to the RSES, Pilot Action - Expected outcome, and Wider PROGRESS impact to date,

A discussion took place with contributions from Cllr B Manton, Cllr D Healy and Cllr P McEvoy.

This was **NOTED**.

ITEM 4

Programme of Work Q3 update

The Director Mr J Conway gave the members an update on the work undertaken by the EMRA in quarter 3 2021.

This was **NOTED**.

ITEM 5

Update on ENCORE conference

The Cathaoirleach Cllr D Heney and Director Mr J Conway gave the members feedback on the ENCORE conference organised by EMRA which took place online on September 23rd and 24th.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr D Heney, Cllr D Lacey, Cllr T Fortune, Cllr K Feeney and Ms J Martin.

This was **NOTED**.

ITEM 6

Update on last EU subcommittee meeting

Ms L Antoniotti from the EMRA gave the members an update on the development of the ERDF programmes and EU JTF programme and on the upcoming IREO/EMRA event “A Duologue for Strength and Resilience - Communicating Europe Initiative” which will take place online on November 5th.

This was **NOTED**.

ITEM 7

Correspondence

The Director informed the members of two circulars received by the EMRA: “Amendments to section 42 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended and associated Planning and Development Regulations 2001” and “Housing for all – Housing delivery action plans”.

This was **NOTED**.

ITEM 8

Any other business

The members were informed that An Cathaoirleach has approved the submission to the City Edge Project as the deadline was before the Assembly meeting.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr P Kearns.

This was **NOTED**.

ITEM 9

Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly is to be held on, **Friday 12th November 2021 at 11:00am.**

Signed:



Cllr. Deirdre Heney
Cathaoirleach EMRA



Mr. Jim Conway
EMRA

Date: 12th November 2021

