

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

MINUTES for MEETING

**OF THE EASTERN AND MIDLAND
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

HELD ON

Friday, 12th May 2023

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON 12th OF MAY 2023.

Cllr Daryl Barron	Cllr Janet Horner
Cllr Emma Blain	Cllr Pamela Kearns
Cllr Aoife Breslin	Cllr Dermot Lacey
Cllr John Browne	Cllr Brigid Manton
Cllr Avril Cronin	Cllr Pdraig McEvoy
Cllr Laura Donaghy	Cllr Paddy Meade
Cllr Eamon Dooley	Cllr Declan Meenagh
Cllr Kate Feeney	Cllr Aisling Moran
Cllr Eddie Fitzpatrick	Cllr Colm Murray
Cllr Jim Gildea	Cllr Peter O'Brien
Cllr Alison Gilliland	Cllr Damien O'Reilly
Cllr David Gilroy	Cllr Aengus O'Rourke
Cllr Lyn Hagin Meade	Cllr Robert Power
Cllr David Healy	Cllr Gerry Walsh
Cllr Deirdre Heney	

Apologies received from: Cllr Emma Coffey

In Attendance:

Ms. Joan Martin, CEO, Louth County Council

Mr. Jim Conway, EMRA
Ms. Clare Bannon, EMRA
Ms. Bernie Roe, EMRA
Ms. Laure Antoniotti, EMRA
Mr. Simon Musial, EMRA
Mr. Alan Lambe, EMRA
Mr Ross Higgins, EMRA
Ms. Geraldine Kenny, EMRA
Ms. Sarah Campbell, EMRA
Dr. Owen Douglas, EMRA
Ms. Anne-Marie Wood Wolfe, EMRA
Ms. Eugenia Thompson, EMRA
Mr. Pdraig O'Shea, EMRA

Ms. Teresa, Lennon, IREO
Mr. Tadhg Browne, IREO

ITEM 1

Adoption of Minutes of meeting held on 14th April 2023

Minutes of the meeting of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly held on the 14th of April 2023 were proposed by Cllr P McEvoy and seconded by Cllr D Healy.

The minutes were **APPROVED**.

ITEM 2

Planning items

- i) EMRA Submission - Sustainable and Compact Settlements Guidelines for Planning Authorities, Proposed Policy Approach

Ms C Bannon, the Assistant Director informed the members of the EMRA's submission on Sustainable and Compact Settlements Guidelines for Planning Authorities, Proposed Policy Approach.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr P McEvoy, Cllr D Meenagh, Cllr D Lacey, Cllr D Healy, J Gildea, Cllr R Power and Mr J Conway.

This was **NOTED**.

- ii) EMRA Submission - Consultation Paper in advance of the preparation of Uisce Éireann's Investment Plan 2025-2029

Ms C Bannon, the Assistant Director informed the members of the EMRA's submission on Consultation Paper in advance of the preparation of Uisce Éireann's Investment Plan 2025-2029.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr D Healy, Cllr D Lacey, Cllr P McEvoy, Cllr L Hagin Meade, Cllr P Kearns, Cllr R Power, Cllr J Gildea, Ms C Bannon and Mr J Conway.

Members requested that the Assembly write to Uisce Éireann to note that the timelines provided for Members to respond is too short and ask for this to be taken into consideration in any future consultation with the Regional Assembly and to raise concern about pollution in the form of raw sewage being discharged on to the Region's beaches, including Sandymount strand.

This was **NOTED**.

ITEM 3

Marking 50 Years of Ireland's Membership of the European Union

Ms T Lennon gave the members a presentation on Ireland's 50 years as a Member State of the EU that covered topics such as: Our Membership, Free Movement, 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, 2000s, 2010s, Language/Teanga, Environment, Common Agriculture Policy, Health, Fostering Peace, Trade, and Innovation.

Cllr A Gilliland, Cllr A Breslin, Cllr E Dooley, Cllr P McEvoy and Cllr K Feeney also contributed to the presentation that was given.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr R Power, Cllr D Lacey and Cllr D Meenagh.

This was **NOTED**.

Ms T Lennon also gave the members an update on the IREO activities, covering topics such as: Impact of Irish Delegation to the Committee of the Regions, The EU Committee of the Regions, Irish Rapporteurs on CoR Opinions, Irish Members making an Impact, Highlights of the past year, CoR Delegation Meeting with Minister of State for EU Affairs, EU Funding Conference, Southern, Eastern & Midland Regional Programme 2021 – 27, Formal Launch of JTF Programme on 28th April 2023.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr R Power and Mr J Conway.

This was **NOTED**.

ITEM 4

Organisation of a study visit for Members in July

The director, Mr J Conway informed the members about an upcoming study visit to Brussels for the members planned for July 6th and 7th.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr R Power.

This was **NOTED**.

ITEM 5

Correspondence

None.

ITEM 6


Any other business


None.

ITEM 7

Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly will be held on, **Friday 9th of June 2023 at 11am.**

Signed: 
Cllr. Robert Power
Cathaoirleach EMRA


Mr. Jim Conway
EMRA

Date: 04/06 / 2023



