

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

MINUTES for MEETING

**OF THE EASTERN AND MIDLAND
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

HELD ON

Friday, 15th February 2019

IN

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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON 15th
FEBRUARY 2019, COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DUBLIN 2.**

Cllr Paddy Bourke	Cllr David Healy
Cllr Paddy Bracken	Cllr Paddy Hill
Cllr Christy Burke	Cllr Dermot Lacey
Cllr Thomas Cullen	Cllr Colm Markey
Cllr Kieran Dennison	Cllr Lettie McCarthy
Cllr Francis Duffy	Cllr Padraig McEvoy
Cllr Gaye Fagan	Cllr Derek Mitchell
Cllr Catherine Fitzgerald	Cllr Maria Murphy
Cllr Brian Fitzgerald	Cllr PJ Reilly
Cllr Eddie Fitzpatrick	Cllr Tommy Reilly
Cllr Mary Freehill	Cllr Pat Vance
Cllr Pat Hand	

In Attendance:

Ms. Joan Martin, Designated Chief Executive, Louth County Council

Mr. Jim Conway, EMRA

Mr. Malachy Bradley, EMRA

Ms. Pauline Riordan, EMRA

Mr. Ross Higgins, EMRA

Mr. Hertese O. Da Silva, EMRA

Apologies received from: Cllr C Cuffe, Cllr E Dooley, Cllr M Hanafin, Cllr M Cahill, Cllr P Kearns & Cllr I Keatley

The Director opened the meeting by informing the Assembly of the death of Hazel Healy.

Cllr PJ Reilly proposed a minute of silence, which was observed.

ITEM 1

Adoption of Minutes of meeting held on 11th January 2019

Minutes of the meeting of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly held on the 11th January 2019, it was agreed to amend to include the attendance of Cllr T. Cullen. The Minutes were proposed by Cllr L McCarthy and seconded by Cllr P Bracken.

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

ITEM 2

Director's report on the submissions to the Draft RSES

The Assistant Director, Mr M Bradley presented the Director's Report on the outcome of the public consultation on the Draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy. This report is for consideration at the next meeting of the Assembly. Access to the submissions received will also be issued to the members. A presentation was given that covered the following topics; Key milestones in making an RSES, Public Consultation, Directors Report, Breakdown of Submissions, Categorisation of Submissions, Key Issues, Material Amendments and Final Stages of the RSES process. A procedure for Motions to Draft stating that the members must submit any motions proposing amendments based on the submissions received during the public consultation, these motions must be in writing to the executive by 24th February. The Director will prepare a report in response to these motions and issue before the Assembly meeting of 1st March. At this meeting the motions will be considered, then the Director's Report and then the Draft RSES.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr L McCarthy, Cllr M Murphy, Cllr K Dennison, Cllr T Cullen, Cllr D Healy, Cllr D Lacey, Cllr P Vance, Cllr C Fitzgerald, Cllr B Fitzgerald, Cllr P McEvoy, Cllr PJ Reilly, Cllr P Bracken and Joan Martin.

ITEM 3

EMRA submission to NWRA draft RSES

The Assistant Director, Mr M Bradley informed the members that the EMRA had made a high level submission to the NWRA draft RSES.

The submission was **NOTED**.

ITEM 4

Programme of Works 2019

The Director, Mr J Conway gave the Assembly an update on the work that would be undertaken during 2019.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr P McEvoy and Cllr M Freehill.

ITEM 5

Correspondence

The Director, Mr J Conway informed the members of a new circular LG 05/2018 Expenses and allowances for Assembly members. With regarding further payments to be made.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr D Lacey, Cllr P Vance and Cllr C Fitzgerald.

ITEM 6

Any other business

The Director, Mr J Conway wished to introduce Hertes O Da Silva who would be joining the corporate team.

Cllr P Bourke wished to remind the members of the upcoming ALIG conference

ITEM 7


Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly is to be held on, **Friday 1st March 2019** in City Hall, Dublin 2, at 11am.

Signed:



Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick
Cathaoirleach EMRA



Mr. Jim Conway
EMRA

Date: 01/03/2019