

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

MINUTES for MEETING

**OF THE EASTERN AND MIDLAND
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

HELD ON

Friday, 08th November 2019

IN

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON 08th NOVEMBER 2019, COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DUBLIN 2.

Cllr Fintan Brett	Cllr Paddy Hill
Cllr Joe Costello	Cllr Vincent Jackson
Cllr Avril Cronin	Cllr Conor Keelan
Cllr Eamon Dooley	Cllr Dermot Lacey
Cllr Francis Duffy	Cllr Steven Matthews
Cllr Catherine Fitzgerald	Cllr Padraig McEvoy
Cllr Brian Fitzgerald	Cllr Peter O'Brien
Cllr Mary Freehill	Cllr Robert Power
Cllr David Healy	Cllr William Priestley
Cllr Deirdre Heney	Cllr Gerry Walsh

Apologies received from;

In Attendance:

Ms. Joan Martin, Louth County Council

Mr. Jim Conway, EMRA

Mr. Malachy Bradley, EMRA

Ms. Pauline Riordan, EMRA

Ms. Clare Bannon, EMRA

Ms. Nicci Nolan, EMRA

Ms. Laure Antoniotti, EMRA

Mr. Ross Higgins, EMRA

Mr. Simon Musial, EMRA

ITEM 1

Adoption of Minutes of meeting held on 11th October 2019

Minutes of the meeting of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly held on the 11th October 2019 were proposed by Cllr P Hill and seconded by Cllr B Fitzgerald.

ITEM 2

Presentation by Niall Cussen, Chief Executive and Planning Regulator at the Office of the Planning Regulator

Mr Niall Cussen gave the Assembly a presentation on the role, activities, strategy and priorities of the Office of the Planning Regulator that covered the following topics: Purpose, Establishment, Strategy Statement, Plan Making & OPR, Legislation, Objectives, Climate Change, Environment, Complaints, Reviews and Public & Planning.

A discussion took place with contributions from Cllr D Heney, Cllr D Lacey, Cllr P McEvoy, Cllr G Walsh, Cllr J Costello, Cllr D Healy, Cllr M Freehill & Cllr B Fitzgerald.

ITEM 3

Planning Items

i. Review of existing Longford County Development Plan 2015-2021 and Preparation of new Longford County Development Plan 2021-2027

The submission was proposed by Cllr G Walsh and seconded by Cllr B Fitzgerald.

This was **APPROVED**.

ii. Review of the Louth County Development Plan 2015-2021 and to prepare a new Louth County Development Plan 2021-2027

A discussion followed with contribution from Cllr C Keelan.

The submission was proposed by Cllr C Keelan and seconded by Cllr R Power.

This was **APPROVED**.

iii. Proposed Amendments to the North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock Strategic Development Zone

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr D Healy, Cllr J Costello, Cllr P McEvoy, Cllr D Lacey and Cllr M Freehill.

The submission was proposed by Cllr D Healy and seconded by Cllr P McEvoy.

This was **APPROVED**.

iv. Proposed Variation No. 4 of the South County Dublin Development Plan

The submission was approved by An Cathaoirleach prior to the meeting.

This was **NOTED**.

v. Proposed Variation No. 5 of the South County Dublin Development Plan

The submission was approved by An Cathaoirleach prior to the meeting.

This was **NOTED**.

ITEM 4

Adoption of budget 2020

The Director presented the Assembly with the EMRA 2020 budget, a discussion followed with contributions from Cllr D Lacey.

The budget was proposed by Cllr B Fitzgerald and seconded by Cllr G Walsh.

This was **APPROVED**.

ITEM 5

Programme of Works 2019 – Q3 update

Leas Cathaoirleach, Cllr P McEvoy took over as chair at this point.

The Director gave the Assembly an update on the Programme of works for Q3 2019

This was **NOTED**.

ITEM 6

CoR activities Q3 update

The Director gave the Assembly an update on the Committee of Regions activities for Q3.

This was **NOTED**.

ITEM 7

Correspondence

The Director informed the members that the Inspector's report regarding the Ministerial draft direction was expected to be issued on this day and that the executive will keep the members informed.

ITEM 8

Any other business


The Director invited the members to the RSES launch event in Maynooth on Wednesday the 13th November 2019.

ITEM 9

Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly is to be held on, **Friday 13th December 2019** in Tullamore Court Hotel, Tullamore, Co. Offaly at **10:30am**.

Signed:



Cllr. Eamon Dooley
Cathaoirleach EMRA



Mr. Jim Conway
EMRA

Date: 13/12/2019

