

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

MINUTES for MEETING

**OF THE EASTERN AND MIDLAND
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

HELD ON

Friday, 13th September 2019

IN

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON 13th SEPTEMBER 2019, COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DUBLIN 2.

Cllr Daryl Barron	Cllr Conor Keelan
Cllr John Browne	Cllr Dermot Lacey
Cllr Jennifer Carroll MacNeill	Cllr Brigid Manton
Cllr Emma Coffey	Cllr Steven Matthews
Cllr Eamon Dooley	Cllr Tony McCormack
Cllr Francis Duffy	Cllr Padraig McEvoy
Cllr Brian Fitzgerald	Cllr Paddy Meade
Cllr Eddie Fitzpatrick	Cllr Aisling Moran
Cllr Mary Hanafin	Cllr Damien O'Reilly
Cllr David Healy	Cllr Peter O'Brien
Cllr Deirdre Heney	Cllr Robert Power
Cllr Vincent Jackson	Cllr Gerry Walsh

In Attendance:

Ms. Joan Martin, Louth County Council

Mr. Jim Conway, EMRA

Mr. Malachy Bradley, EMRA

Ms. Pauline Riordan, EMRA

Ms. Nicci Nolan, EMRA

Ms. Laure Antoniotti, EMRA

Mr. Ross Higgins, EMRA

ITEM 1

Adoption of Minutes of meeting held on 12th July 2019

Minutes of the meeting of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly held on the 12th July 2019 were proposed by Cllr E Fitzpatrick and seconded by Cllr D Heney.

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

ITEM 2

Director's Report on Notice of Intent to issue a Ministerial Direction

The Assistant Director Mr. M Bradley gave the Assembly an update on the Notice to Issue a Ministerial Direction on the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Region and the steps to be taken thereafter.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr D Lacey, Cllr P McEvoy, Cllr E Fitzpatrick, Cllr D Heney, Cllr B Fitzgerald, Cllr M Hanafin, Cllr E Dooley, Cllr C Keelan, Cllr F Duffy, Cllr D Healy and EMRA's designated CEO Ms J Martin.

Cllr McEvoy asked that three points be recorded in the minutes:

- There is a reciprocal conflict in legislation regarding the consistency between the NTA GDA Strategy and the RSES
- There is an opportunity for EMRA to influence the upcoming NTA review particularly in light of climate obligations to reduce emissions
- He proposed that the Director writes to the Minister to invite him to meet the members in order to discuss his draft ministerial direction.

This was **AGREED** by the members.

ITEM 3

Planning Items

The Assistant Director Mr Malachy Bradley presented the following planning items;

i) Offaly Development Plan review

Cllr E Fitzpatrick proposed and Cllr B Fitzgerald seconded, the planning submission was **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.

ii) IDA FDI strategy review

Cllr G Walsh proposed and Cllr P McEvoy seconded, the planning submission was **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.

iii) Review of the Planning Provisions regarding Strategic Housing Developments

Mr. M Bradley stated that these submissions were submitted under the agreed approval process when the Assembly schedule does not accord with consultation dates, and that they are now for noting.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr D Lacey, Cllr B Fitzgerald, Cllr D Heney, Cllr D O'Reilly, Cllr P O'Brien, Cllr D Healy, Cllr M Hanafin and Cllr P McEvoy.

Cllr D Healy proposed that the Assembly writes to the Minister to express the members' disagreement with the possible extension of the SHD function for ABP. This was seconded by CllrD Heney and **AGREED**.

This submission was **NOTED**.

iv) Public Consultation on Marine Planning Policy Statement

This submission was **NOTED**.

ITEM 4

Presentation of ENCORE and working group

The Director J Conway gave the Assembly a presentation on ENCORE. A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr E Dooley and Cllr P McEvoy.

ITEM 5

Corporate Plan working group

Ms. L. Antoniotti informed the members of the creation a corporate plan working group for the new plan that the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly will need to produce. A discussion followed with contribution from Cllr E Dooley and Cllr P McEvoy.

ITEM 6

Nomination of alternate to SE ROP PMC

An Cathaoirleach requested that the members nominate an alternate member to the SE ROP PMC.

Cllr P McEvoy proposed that Cllr S Matthews be nominated, this was seconded by Cllr M Hanafin.

Cllr S Matthews was nominated as the alternate to the SE ROP PMC.

ITEM 7

Programme of Works Q2 update

The Director presented the Assembly with the programme of Works for Q2 to the members.

This was **APPROVED**.

ITEM 8

CoR Q2 update

The Director gave the Assembly an update on CoR activities for Q2 2019.

ITEM 9

Joint position of the three Assemblies regarding the post-2020 architecture

The Director presented to the Assembly the joint position of the 3 Regional Assemblies on post 2020 architecture for the delivery of EU funds in Ireland. A discussion followed with a contribution from Cllr D Healy, suggesting the Cathaoirleach should act at a political level on this issue.

ITEM 10

Correspondence

Members were informed that a letter has been sent to the Minister by the Cathaoirelach regarding the post-2020 delivery model for EU structural funds.

ITEM 11

Any other business

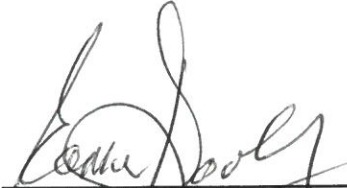
Cllr C Keelan brought to the attention of the Assembly of the passing of Cllr Tommy Byrne and proposed a vote of sympathy for his family. This was seconded by Cllr E Fitzpatrick.

ITEM 12

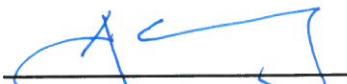
Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly is to be held on, **Friday 11th October 2019** in City Hall, Dame Street, Dublin 2 at **11:00am**.

Signed:



Cllr. Eamon Dooley
Cathaoirleach EMRA



Mr. Jim Conway
EMRA

Date: 11/10/2019

