

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

MINUTES for MEETING

**OF THE EASTERN AND MIDLAND
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

HELD ON

Friday, 12th March 2021

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON 12th MARCH 2020.

Cllr Daryl Barron	Cllr Deirdre Heney
Cllr Emma Blain	Cllr Janet Horner
Cllr Aoife Breslin	Cllr Vincent Jackson
Cllr Fintan Brett	Cllr Pamela Kearns
Cllr John Browne	Cllr Conor Keelan
Cllr Avril Cronin	Cllr Dermot Lacey
Cllr Laura Donaghy	Cllr Brigid Manton
Cllr Eamon Dooley	Cllr Tony McCormack
Cllr Caroline Dwane Stanley	Cllr Pdraig McEvoy
Cllr Kate Feeney	Cllr Paddy Meade
Cllr Brian Fitzgerald	Cllr Aisling Moran
Cllr Catherine Fitzgerald	Cllr Colm Murray
Cllr Eddie Fitzpatrick	Cllr Peter O'Brien
Cllr Tom Fortune	Cllr Damien O'Reilly
Cllr Mary Freehill	Cllr Aengus O'Rourke
Cllr Jim Gildea	Cllr Robert Power
Cllr Mary Hanafin	Cllr Una Power
Cllr David Healy	Cllr Gerry Walsh

Apologies received from: Cllr E Coffey and Cllr A Gilliland

In Attendance:

Ms. Joan Martin, Louth County Council, Designated Chief Executive of the EMRA

Mr. Jim Conway, EMRA

Mr. Malachy Bradley, EMRA

Ms. Laure Antoniotti, EMRA

Ms. Clare Bannon, EMRA

Ms. Nicci Nolan, EMRA

Mr. Simon Musial, EMRA

Mr. Alan Lambe, EMRA

Mr. Ross Higgins, EMRA

Ms. Sarah Campbell, EMRA

Dr. Owen Douglas, EMRA

Ms. Helena Stromberg, EMRA/IREO

Ms. Teresa Lennon, IREO

ITEM 1

Adoption of Minutes of meeting held on 12th February 2021

Minutes of the meeting of the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly held on the 12th February 2021 were proposed by Cllr F Brett and seconded by Cllr P O'Brien.

This was **APPROVED**

ITEM 2

Planning Items

i) Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Co. Co. Draft County Development Plan 2022 -2028

The Assistant Director Mr M Bradley presented the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Co. Co. Draft County Development Plan 2022 -2028 to the members.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr K Feeney, Cllr D Lacey, Cllr P O'Brien, Cllr J Gildea, Cllr P McEvoy, Cllr P Kearns, Cllr D Heney, Cllr C Murray and Mr J Conway.

An amendment was proposed to include "EMRA is aware of upcoming guidance to issue from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and acknowledges that the absence of these guidelines at the this time will create challenges for some local authorities" and to remove reference to any upcoming Section 28 Guidelines.

This was proposed by Cllr Cllr K Feeney and seconded by Cllr J Gildea.

This was **AGREED**.

The amended Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Co. Co. Draft County Development Plan 2022 -2028 observations was proposed by Cllr K Feeney and seconded by Cllr P O'Brien.

This was **APPROVED**.

ii) Laois Co. Co Draft County Development Plan 2021-2027

The Assistant Director Mr M Bradley presented the Laois Co. Co Draft County Development Plan 2021-2027 to the members.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr E Fitzpatrick, Cllr K Feeney, Cllr D Heney, Cllr D Lacey, Cllr A Moran, Cllr C Dwane Stanley and Cllr C Fitzgerald.

An amendment was proposed to include “EMRA is aware of upcoming guidance to issue from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and acknowledges that the absence of these guidelines at the this time will create challenges for some local authorities” and to remove reference to any upcoming Section 28 Guidelines.

This was proposed by Cllr Cllr K Feeney and seconded by Cllr J Gildea.

This was **AGREED**.

The amended Laois Co. Co Draft County Development Plan 2021-2027 observations was proposed by Cllr C Fitzgerald and seconded by Cllr C Dwane Stanley.

This was **APPROVED**.

ITEM 3

Update on the last EU subcommittee meeting

Ms L Antoniotti of the EMRA gave the members an update of the EU subcommittee meeting.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr E Dooley, Cllr D Heney, Cllr M Freehill, Cllr C Keelan, Cllr G Walsh, Cllr B Manton and Mr J Conway

This was **NOTED**.

ITEM 4

Update on CoR activity

Ms T Lennon of the IREO gave the members an update on the activity of the Irish delegation to the CoR.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr M Freehill, Cllr A Breslin, Cllr K Feeney, Cllr B Manton, Cllr G Walsh, Cllr U Power and Mr J Conway

This was **NOTED**.

ITEM 5

Correspondence

None.

ITEM 6

Any other business

Ms L Antoniotti informed the members of a new initiative to be coordinated by EMRA as part of the Urbact programme. More information will be given to members at the next Assembly meeting.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr M Freehill and Mr J Conway

Cllr D Healy requested an updated on the current consultation on Marine Protected Areas Network. It was agreed to report at the next meeting.

ITEM 7

Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly is due to be held on **Friday 16th April 2021** at **11:00am**.

Signed:



Cllr. Pádraig McEvoy
Cathaoirleach EMRA



Mr. Jim Conway
EMRA

Date: 12 March 2021