

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

MINUTES

***MEETING OF THE EASTERN AND MIDLAND
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY***

HELD ON

FRIDAY 13th FEBRUARY, 2015

IN

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DUBLIN 2

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ON 13 FEBRUARY 2015 IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DUBLIN.**

Cllr. Paddy Bourke	Cllr. Paddy Hill
Cllr. Paddy Bracken	Cllr. Gerry Horkan
Cllr. Tommy Byrne	Cllr. Ivan Keatley
Cllr. Mick Cahill	Cllr. Dermot Lacey
Cllr. Thomas Cullen	Cllr. Colm Markey
Cllr. Kieran Dennison	Cllr. Lettie McCarthy
Cllr. Eamon Dooley	Cllr. Padraig McEvoy
Cllr. Francis Duffy	Cllr. Seamas McGrattan
Cllr. Kate Feeney	Cllr. Maria Murphy
Cllr. Catherine Fitzgerald	Cllr. PJ Reilly
Cllr. Brian Fitzgerald	Cllr. Tommy Reilly
Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick	Cllr. Pat Vance
Cllr. David Healy	

In Attendance:

Mr. Daniel McLoughlin, Designated Chief Executive EMRA
 Mr. Jim Conway, EMRA
 Mr. Malachy Bradley, EMRA
 Mr. Pat Lonergan, EMRA
 Ms. Susan Mahon, EMRA

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Lord Mayor Christy Burke, Cllr.s, Mary Freehill, Sean Haughey, Fiona O'Loughlin, and Neale Richmond

An Cathaoirleach Cllr. Gerry Horkan presided

ITEM 1

Adoption of Minutes

Minutes of meeting of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly held on the 16th January 2015 were **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**

It was proposed that a letter be written to the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation, R. Bruton, and the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government indicating the Assembly's disappointment that it was not notified or included in any of the recent events relating to Regional Enterprise Strategies.

This was agreed.

ITEM 2

Appointment of Director

The Cathaoirleach Cllr. Gerry Horkan indicated that a report had been received recommending the Appointment of Mr Jim Conway as Director following a Public Appointment Service competition for the position.

It was proposed by Cllr. G. Horkan, seconded by Cllr. D. Lacey

“That Mr. Jim Conway be appointed Director of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly”.

Agreed.

ITEM 3

Planning

i. Review of the NTA Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area

Mr. Malachy Bradley presented the draft submission on the review of the NTA Strategy for the GDA and stated that this is the initial stage of the process and that this initial consultation period was open until 2nd March 2015. Mr Bradley outlined the status of the current NTA strategy 2011 and Implementation Plan and the possible timelines in delivery of a new Strategy for the GDA. Cllr D. Lacey asked about proposals for an eastern bypass in the strategy and Mr Bradley explained that it may be one of many infrastructure proposals included in the review.

The submission was approved by the Members

ii. Supply of Abbreviations/acronyms of Planning

A separate report was also circulated outlining Acronyms/Abbreviations for European terminology.

Both reports were noted by the Members.

ITEM 4

Programme of Work 2015

The Director introduced the Programme of Work 2015 and outlined the various sections of the document. He also confirmed that as yet there was no communications in relation to the Members travel and subsistence or conferences from the DECLG.

Following discussion it was agreed that the issuing of Agenda to Members would be reviewed. An agreed communication in relation to the role of the Members and the Assembly will be developed and a letter will be issued to the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government requesting clarity for the Members for their planning functions.

ITEM 5

Committee of the Regions Update

The Director reported that a meeting of the Committee of the Regions took place on Friday 6th February of full members and alternates. Members of the Committee of the Regions automatically become Members of the Regional Assembly. It was also explained that alternate members will become Members of the appropriate Regional Assembly. The Director explained that travel and subsistence for the Committee of the Regions are not available yet. The National Delegation meetings will continue to be held domestically and supported by the EMRA.

Cllr K. Feeney introduced herself as a Member of the Committee of the Regions.

ITEM 6

Webcasting Report

The Director outlined that Dublin City Council would provide the Chambers' webcasting facilities at no cost to the Assembly but that it has to be carried out by the Assembly's resources.

It was agreed in principle to go ahead with the webcasting of future meetings when trained staffing resources are available to the Assembly.

ITEM 7

Budget 2015

The Director presented the Budget 2015 to the Members. It set out the details of the Budget and explained that as Members travel and subsistence were yet to be agreed but the budget was an estimate but he did not envisage substantial changes. He also explained that the Payroll will not have full costs in 2015 due to the recruitment of staff during the year. There are also start-up costs included.

The budget for 2015 was proposed by Cllr. McCarthy, seconded by Cllr Cahill and was agreed.

ITEM 8

Correspondence

Correspondence received from the Northern and Western Regional Assembly requested the nomination of one elected member for the National Operational Programme Monitoring Committee.

An Cathaoirleach Cllr. G. Horkan requested nominations for the Northern and Western Programme Monitoring Committee.

It was proposed by Cllr. C. Fitzgerald, seconded by Cllr. PJ Reilly "That Cllr. P Bracken be nominated for the Committee".

Agreed.

Correspondence received from the Southern Regional Assembly requested the nomination of two elected member for the OP Monitoring Committees, one from Dublin and one from the Midland.

An Cathaoirleach Cllr. G. Horkan requested nominations for the Dublin Operational Programme Monitoring Committee.

It was proposed by Cllr. D Lacey, seconded by Cllr. P. Vance
"That Cllr. L. McCarthy be elected for the Committee".

Agreed.

An Cathaoirleach Cllr. G. Horkan requested nominations for the Midland Operational Programme Monitoring Committee.

It was proposed by Cllr. Markey, seconded by Cllr. Dennison
"That Cllr. I. Keatley be elected for the Committee".

It was then proposed by Cllr. Cullen, seconded by Cllr. P. Vance
"That Cllr. Tom Reilly be elected to the Committee".

A roll call vote was taken.

FOR CLLR. Keatley 07 Seven

FOR CLLR. Reilly 16 Sixteen

Cllr. Tommy Reilly was nominated to the Committee.

Correspondence was also received from Irish Public Bodies (IPB) requesting a nominee for Membership.

An Cathaoirleach Cllr. G. Horkan requested nominations for the IPB Membership.

It was proposed by Cllr. D. Lacey, seconded by Cllr. McCarthy
"That Cathaoirleach be nominated to the IPB Committee" and that each subsequent Cathaoirleach be so nominated.

All agreed.

ITEM 9

Any Other Business

No conferences for approval was reported to the Members. Noted that there was no conference allocation available to new members at the time of the meeting.

ITEM 11

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly will be held on Friday 20th March, 2015 at 11am in Dublin City Council chamber, City Hall, Dame Street, Dublin 2.

Signed:

Cllr. Gerry Horkan
Cathaoirleach EMRA

Mr. Jim Conway
EMRA

Date:
