

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

MINUTES for MEETING

**OF THE EASTERN AND MIDLAND
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

HELD ON

Friday, 11th November 2022

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON 11th NOVEMBER 2022.

Cllr Fintan Brett	Cllr Janet Horner
Cllr Aoife Breslin	Cllr Vincent Jackson
Cllr Darren Barron	Cllr Mary Hanafin
Cllr Avril Cronin	Cllr Pamela Kearns
Cllr Caroline Dwane Stanley	Cllr Dermot Lacey
Cllr Laura Donaghy	Cllr Brigid Manton
Cllr Eamon Dooley	Cllr Lyn Hagin Meade
Cllr Catherine Fitzgerald	Cllr Padraig McEvoy
Cllr Eddie Fitzpatrick	Cllr Paddy Meade
Cllr Mary Freehill	Cllr Aisling Moran
Cllr Tom Fortune	Cllr Colm Murray
Cllr Jim Gildea	Cllr Damien O'Reilly
Cllr Alison Gilliland	Cllr Robert Power
Cllr David Healy	Cllr Danny Owens
Cllr Deirdre Heney	Cllr Gerry Walsh
Cllr Emma Blain	

Apologies received from:

Cllr Brian Fitzgerald
Cllr Kate Feeney
Cllr John Browne

In Attendance:

Ms. Joan Martin, CE Louth County Council
Mr. Jim Conway, EMRA
Ms. Laure Antoniotti, EMRA
Ms. Clare Bannon, EMRA
Mr. Simon Musial, EMRA
Ms. Geraldine Kenny, EMRA
Ms. Sarah Campbell, EMRA
Mr. Terence Connolly, EMRA
Mr. Karl Murphy, EMRA
Ms. Helena Stromberg, EMRA
Ms. Teresa Lennon, IREO
Mr. Tadhg Browne, IREO

ITEM 1

Adoption of Minutes of meeting held on 14th October 2022

Minutes of the meeting of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly held on the 14th of October 2022 were proposed by Cllr Padraig Mc Evoy and seconded by Cllr L Hagin Meade.

Discussion regarding item 2, raised by Cllr G Walsh, Cllr J Gildea, Cllr D H and Cllr R Power. Ms Clare Bannon EMRA will follow up with DECC.

The minutes were **APPROVED**.

ITEM 2

Adoption of the 2023 budget

The Director, Mr J Conway presented the draft 2023 budget to the members and thanked the Designated Chief Executive of the EMRA, Ms. Joan Martin and Ms. Bernie Woods, Head of Finance Louth County Council, for their assistance in preparing the budget.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr E Dooley, Cllr B Manton, Cllr J Gildea, Cllr D Heney, and Cllr R Power.

Proposed by Cllr D Lacey and seconded by Cllr L Hagin Meade.

The budget was **APPROVED**.

ITEM 3

Members' study visit to Brussels.

The Director, Mr J Conway and Ms T Lennon IREO gave the members details of the Brussels study visit. The study visit found the delegation of seven Councillors and EMRA Director, J Conway, undertaking a two-day itinerary of policy lectures and meetings on 26th and 27th of October 2022.

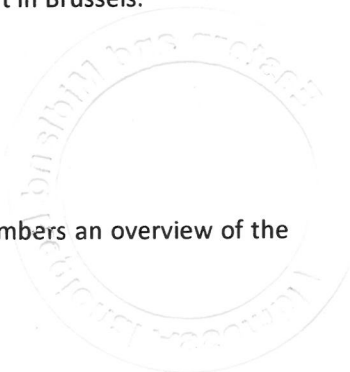
A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr D Lacey, Cllr A Conin, Cllr M Freehill, Cllr E Fitzpatrick, Cllr G Walsh, Cllr P Mc Evoy, Cllr D Heney, Cllr L Hagin Meade. The members thanked Teresa Lennon and Tadhg Browne (IREO) and EMRA for organising the event in Brussels.

This was **NOTED**.

ITEM 4

Presentation on the EU JTF –State of play

The Director Jim Conway presented EU JTF State of Play and gave the members an overview of the EU Just Transition Fund and its objectives.



Ms Laure Antoniotti gave the members details of the Preparation of the programme, the territory, main challenges and policy responses, the draft programme centred on the 3 key priorities (Generating employment, restoration of degraded peatland, Smart Sustainable Mobility) and the next steps.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr L Hagin Meade, Cllr E Dooley, Cllr D Owens, Cllr G Walsh, Cllr D Lacey and Cllr D Heney.

ITEM 5

Correspondence

None

ITEM 6

Any other Business

Cllr Robert Power reminded the members to register for the Regional Development Plan launch in the National Gallery of Ireland on the 29th of November.

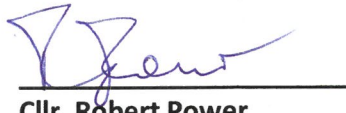
Cllr. A Gilliland's COR opinion entitled "Towards a structural inclusion of Cities and Regions in UNFCCC COP 27", was circulated prior to the meeting.

ITEM 7

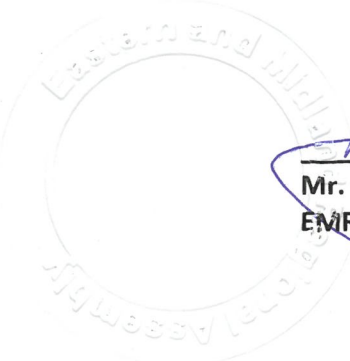
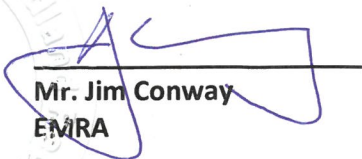
Date of next meeting 9th December 2022.

The next meeting of the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly is to be held on, **Friday 9th December 2022.**

Signed:



Cllr. Robert Power
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Mr. Jim Conway
EMRA

Date: 9th December 2022