

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

MINUTES for MEETING

**OF THE EASTERN AND MIDLAND
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

HELD ON

Friday, 10th December 2021

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON 10th DECEMBER 2021.

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

In Attendance:

Ms. Joan Martin, CEO, Louth County Council

Mr. Jim Conway, EMRA

Ms. Laure Antoniotti, EMRA

Ms. Clare Bannon, EMRA

Ms. Nicci Nolan, EMRA

Mr. Simon Musial, EMRA

Mr. Alan Lambe, EMRA

Mr. Ross Higgins

Ms. Geraldine Kenny, EMRA

Dr. Travis O'Doherty, EMRA

Dr. Owen Douglas, EMRA

Ms. Helena Stromberg, EMRA

Mr Noel Regan, Department of Environment, Climate and Communications

Ms Sarah Ni Ruairc, Department of Environment, Climate and Communications

Ms Justina Corcoran, Department of Environment, Climate and Communications

ITEM 1

Adoption of Minutes of meeting held on 12th November 2021

Minutes of the meeting of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly held on the 12th November 2021 were proposed by Cllr K Feeney and seconded by Cllr C Fitzgerald.

The minutes were **APPROVED**.

ITEM 2

Presentation on Climate Action Plan 2021 by the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications.

The Director Mr J Conway introduced Mr Noel Regan, Ms Sarah Ni Ruairc and Ms Justina Corcoran from the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications who gave the members a presentation on Irelands Climate Action plan with the following topics: Policy Context, Ireland's Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Key Features, Informing the Climate Action Plan, Emissions Reductions by Sector, Electricity, Enterprise, Buildings, Residential Retrofit, Transport, Agriculture, Land Use, Public Sector Leading by Example, Just Transition, Citizen and Community Engagement, and Climate Planning in 2022.

A discussion took place with contributions from Cllr D Heney, Cllr M Freehill, Cllr G Walsh, Cllr J Browne, Cllr E Dooley, Cllr J Gildea, Cllr D Healy, Cllr D O'Reilly, Cllr P Meade, Cllr P Kearns and Cllr E Fitzpatrick.

ITEM 3

Planning item

Draft submission on the NTA Draft Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2022-2042.

Mr J Conway introduced the draft submission on the NTA Draft Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2022-2042. Ms C Bannon gave the members more context on the submission and presented the submission to the members for their approval.

A discussion took place with contributions from Cllr D Lacey and Cllr P McEvoy. Cllr P McEvoy suggested new wording that was circulated by email to all members. These changes were accepted.

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

This was **APPROVED**.

ITEM 4

Update on the last EU subcommittee

Mr J Conway informed the members that the appointment of EMRA as Managing Authority of the EU Just Transition Fund.

Ms L Antoniotti gave the members further details of the role that the EMRA would play with the EU Just Transition Fund.

A discussion took place with contributions from Cllr E Dooly and Cllr T McCormack.

This was **NOTED**.

ITEM 5

Adoption of the meeting schedule for 2022

An Cathaoirleach presented the proposed meeting schedule for 2022 Assembly meetings.

This was **AGREED**.

ITEM 6

Correspondence

None.

ITEM 7

Any other business

Cllr D Lacey asked could the Dublin Bay Authority bill be circulated to members.

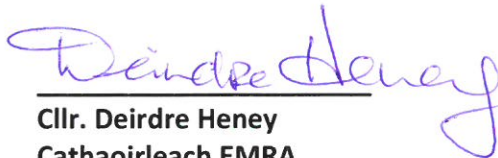
Mr J Conway informed the members that Ms Pauline Riordan had resigned from the EMRA and has taken up a new role in the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

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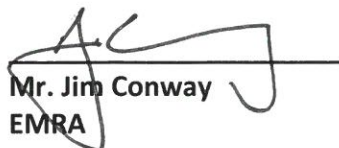
Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly is to be held on, **Friday 14th January 2022 at 11:00am.**

Signed:



Cllr. Deirdre Heney
Cathaoirleach EMRA



Mr. Jim Conway
EMRA

Date: 14th January 2022