

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

MINUTES for MEETING

**OF THE EASTERN AND MIDLAND
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

HELD ON

Friday, 13th January 2023

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON 13th JANUARY 2023.

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| Cllr Daryl Barron | Cllr Vincent Jackson |
| Cllr Emma Blain | Cllr Pamela Kearns |
| Cllr Fintan Brett | Cllr Conor Keelan |
| Cllr John Browne | Cllr Dermot Lacey |
| Cllr Avril Cronin | Cllr Brigid Mahon |
| Cllr Eamon Dooley | Cllr Lyn Hagin Meade |
| Cllr Caroline Dwane Stanley | Cllr Padraig McEvoy |
| Cllr Kate Feeney | Cllr Aisling Moran |
| Cllr Brian Fitzgerald | Cllr Janet Horner |
| Cllr Catherine Fitzgerald | Cllr Colm Murray |
| Cllr Eddie Fitzpatrick | Cllr Robert Power |
| Cllr Mary Freehill | Cllr Damien O'Reilly |
| Cllr Jim Gildea | Cllr Danny Owens |
| Cllr Alison Gilliland | Cllr Una Power |
| Cllr Mary Hanafin | Cllr Gerry Walsh |
| Cllr Deirdre Heney | |

Apologies received: Cllr A O'Rourke

In Attendance:

Ms. Joan Martin, CEO, Louth County Council

Mr. Jim Conway, EMRA

Ms. Clare Bannon, EMRA

Ms. Bernie Roe, EMRA

Ms. Laure Antoniotti, EMRA

Ms. Helena Stromberg, EMRA

Dr. Owen Douglas, EMRA

Mr. Ross Higgins, EMRA

Ms. Geraldine Kenny, EMRA

Dr. Karl Murphy, EMRA

Ms. Anne-Marie Wood Wolfe, EMRA

Mr. Padraig O'Shea, EMRA

Ms. Eugenia Thompson, EMRA

Ms. Teresa Lennon, IREO

Mr. Tadhg Browne, IREO

Mr. Tim Hayes, Head of Communication, European Commission Representation in Ireland

Cllr K Feeney began the meeting as Chair.

ITEM 1

Adoption of Minutes of meeting held on 09th December 2022

Minutes of the meeting of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly held on the 09th December 2022 were proposed by Cllr J Gildea and seconded by Cllr D Lacey.

The minutes were **APPROVED**.

ITEM 2

Presentation of the "Building Europe with local councillors" initiative

Mr. Tim Hayes, Head of Communication, European Commission Representation in Ireland gave the members a presentation on Building Europe with local councillors that covered such topics as: What is "Building Europe with Local Councillors", How to join, Who can be a member, What are the benefits of participating in this network, What are network members expected to do, & Joining the network what happens next.

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr R Power resumed his position as chair of the meeting.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr K Feeney, Cllr D Heeney, Cllr A Moran, Ms J Martin, Cllr D Lacey, Cllr J Gildea, Cllr G Walsh, Cllr J Horner, Cllr M Hanafin, Cllr M Freehill, Cllr A Gilliland, Cllr P McEvoy, and Cllr R Power.

This was **NOTED**.

ITEM 3

Presentation of the new Urbact 2021-2027 Programme and launch of the first call for Action Planning Networks

Dr K Murphy of the EMRA, gave a presentation to the members that covered such topics as: The National URBACT Point (NUP), How does it work, Tailored responses using the URBACT Method, Who is eligible?, Geographical spread, URBACT IV programme begins, the types of networks under URBACT IV, Levels of development, New type of network under URBACT IV, URBACT IV builds on URBACT III legacy, Cork City and the Playful Paradigm, National Practice Transfer Initiative (NPTI), Novelties under URBACT IV, and Principles to be considered.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr D Lacey, Cllr P McEvoy, Cllr J Horner, Cllr B Manton, Cllr C Keelan, Cllr F Brett, Cllr R Power, Cllr A Moran, Cllr A Gilliland, Cllr G Walsh, and Ms T Lennon.

This was **NOTED**.

ITEM 4

Programme of Works 2022 Q4 update

The director Mr J Conway updated the members on the work the EMRA undertook for quarter 4 of 2022.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr P McEvoy, Cllr R Power, and Mr J Conway.

This was **NOTED**.

ITEM 5

Update on the EU Just Transition Fund Programme

Ms L Antoniotti of the EMRA gave the members a presentation on the following topics: Milestone 2022: adoption of the Programme and Plan, The EU Just Transition Fund – main features, The EU Just Transition Fund –objective, The Territory, The Territory – European view, Article 8 Eligible Actions, Programme Priorities, Focus on Action 1.2, Budget by Priority, and Next steps.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr E Fitzpatrick, Cllr D Owen, Cllr P McEvoy, and Mr J Conway.

This was **NOTED**.

ITEM 6

Correspondence

None

ITEM 7

Any other business

Following the resignation of Cllr M Hanafin from her position as member of the SEM Programme Monitoring Committee and the unavailability of her alternate to attend the upcoming meeting, Cllr M Hanafin nominated Cllr D O'Reilly to attend. This was seconded by Cllr D Heney.

No other nomination was given.

It was **AGREED** that Cllr D O'Reilly would sit on this committee.

The Director informed members that a review of the different monitoring committees' membership will be undertaken in the coming months.

The Director Mr J Conway introduced the new staff members of the EMRA Ms B Roe and Ms E Thompson, the staff members were welcomed by Cllr R Power and Cllr D Heney on behalf of the members.

Cllr D Lacey proposed that the Members expressed their support for Cllr V Jackson for the difficult incident at his home the previous evening.

This was **AGREED**.

The Director J Conway gave an update on the AIR seminar and training event and encouraged members to attend and promote.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr J Gildea, and Cllr G Walsh.

An Cathaoirleach informed the members that Cllr E Dooley is to chair the next meeting.

This was **NOTED**.

ITEM 8

Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly is to be held on, **Friday 10th February 2023**.

Signed:



Cllr. Robert Power
Cathaoirleach



Mr. Jim Conway
EMRA

Date: 10th February 2023



