

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

MINUTES for MEETING

**OF THE EASTERN AND MIDLAND
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

HELD ON

Friday, 10th March 2023

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON 10th MARCH 2022.

Cllr Emma Blain	Cllr David Healy
Cllr Aoife Breslin	Cllr Deirdre Heney
Cllr John Browne	Cllr Vincent Jackson
Cllr Laura Donaghy	Cllr Dermot Lacey
Cllr Caroline Dwane Stanley	Cllr Brigid Manton
Cllr Kate Feeney	Cllr Pdraig McEvoy
Cllr Brian Fitzgerald	Cllr Paddy Meade
Cllr Eddie Fitzpatrick	Cllr Aisling Moran
Cllr Mary Freehill	Cllr Colm Murray
Cllr Jim Gildea	Cllr Damien O'Reilly
Cllr Alison Gilliland	Cllr Danny Owens
Cllr David Gilroy	Cllr Robert Power
Cllr Lyn Hagin Meade	Cllr Gerry Walsh

Apologies received form: Cllr A Gilliland, & Cllr B Manton.

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

Mr. Simon Musial, EMRA

Mr. Alan Lambe, EMRA

Mr. Ross Higgins, EMRA

Ms. Geraldine Kenny, EMRA

Ms. Sarah Campbell, EMRA

Dr. Karl Murphy, EMRA

Ms. Helena Stromberg, EMRA

Dr. Owen Douglas, EMRA

Ms. Anne-Marie Wood Wolfe, EMRA

Mr. Pdraig O'Shea, EMRA

Ms. Eugenia Thompson, EMRA

ITEM 1

Adoption of Minutes of meeting held on 10th February 2023

Minutes of the meeting of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly held on the 10th February 2023 were proposed by Cllr J Gildea and seconded by Cllr G Walsh.

The minutes were **APPROVED**.

This was **AGREED**.

ITEM 2

Draft Planning and Development Bill 2022

i) Draft Planning and Development Bill 2022 and Regional Assemblies

The Assistant director, Ms C Bannon gave the members a presentation covering the following topics: background, conduct of the review, engagement with stakeholders, purpose of the Bill, main provisions of the Bill, Regional Assemblies – enhanced functions, Regional Assemblies – changes, next steps.

ii) Joint Submission of the Executives of the Regional Assemblies on the Draft Planning and Development Bill 2022

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr D Lacey, Cllr D Heney, Cllr G Walsh, Cllr M Freehill, Cllr R Power, Cllr J Gildea, Cllr P McEvoy, Mr J Conway and Ms C Bannon.

Cllr McEvoy proposed that all three Cathaoirlioh of the Regional Assemblies submit a letter to the Joint Committee on Housing, Local Government and Heritage, supporting the submission from the executives of the three Regional Assemblies to the Draft Planning and Development Bill 2022, this was seconded by Cllr K Feeney.

This was **AGREED**.

ITEM 3

Adoption of the audited AFS 2021

The director, Mr J Conway presented the audited AFS 2021 to the members for adoption.

The audited AFS 2021 was proposed by Cllr J Gildea and seconded by Cllr P McEvoy.

This was **APPROVED**.

ITEM 4

Update on the first EU Just Transition Fund Programme Monitoring Committee

The Assistant Director, Ms B Roe gave the members an update on the first EU Just Transition Fund Programme Monitoring Committee.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr R Power, Cllr D Heney and Mr J Conway.

This was **NOTED**.

ITEM 5

Submission to the European Semester 2023 and National Reform Programme

The Assistant Director, Ms C Bannon informed the members that the Assembly had been invited by the Dept of the Taoiseach to make a submission to the National Reform Programme as part of the European Semester process.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr P McEvoy, Cllr D Healy, Mr J Conway and Dr O Douglas.

This was **NOTED**.

ITEM 6

Correspondence

None.

ITEM 7

Any other business

The director, Mr J Conway informed the members about the upcoming European Territorial Co-Operation conference organised by the IREO on the 19th April 2023 in Athlone.

Cllr P McEvoy proposed that members attendance at the conference would be approved by EMRA. This was seconded by Cllr D Healy.

This was **AGREED**.

Cllr E Fitzpatrick brought up a concern relating to the SPA meetings as there was a low turnout at the last Midland SPA meeting and the quorum had not been met.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr C Dwane Stanley.

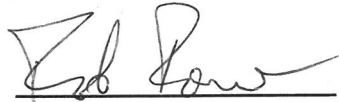
This was **NOTED**.

ITEM 8


Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly is to be held on, **Friday 14th April 2023.**

Signed:



**Cllr. Robert Power
Cathaoirleach**


**Mr. Jim Conway
EMRA**

Date: 14th April 2023



