

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

MINUTES MEETING

**OF THE EASTERN AND MIDLAND
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

HELD ON

Friday, 1st December 2017

IN

**COUNCIL CHAMBER,
CITY HALL,
DUBLIN 2**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON 1st December 2017, COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DUBLIN 2.

Cllr. Paddy Bourke	Cllr. Pamela Kearns
Cllr. Mick Cahill	Cllr. Dermot Lacey
Cllr. Kieran Dennison	Cllr. Colm Markey
Cllr. Andrew Duncan	Cllr. Padraig McEvoy
Cllr. Gaye Fagan	Cllr. Derek Mitchell
Cllr. Catherine Fitzgerald	Cllr. Maria Murphy
Cllr. Brian Fitzgerald	Cllr. PJ Reilly
Cllr. Mary Hanafin	Cllr. Tommy Reilly
Cllr. Pat Hand	Cllr. Pat Vance
Cllr. David Healy	Cllr. Barry Ward
Cllr. Paddy Hill	

In Attendance:

Ms. Joan Martin, Designated Chief Executive, Louth County Council

Mr. Malachy Bradly, EMRA

Ms. Pauline Riordan, EMRA

Ms. Hazel Healy, EMRA

Mr. Ross Higgins, EMRA

Apologies received from: Cllr. M. Freehill; Cllr. T. Cullen; Cllr. I. Keatley; Cllr. P. Bracken and Cllr. M. Miley

Also Jim Conway, Director.

ITEM 1

Adoption of Minutes of meeting held on 11th November 2017

Minutes of the meeting of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly held on the 11th November 2017 were proposed by Cllr. D. Lacey and seconded by Cllr. C. Fitzgerald.

The minutes were **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.

ITEM 2

The Circular Economy

Dr. Sarah Miller, CEO, Rediscovery Centre, Ballymun delivered a presentation to the members describing the activities undertaken at the centre including programmes such as: Rediscover cycling; Rediscover furniture; Rediscover paint; Rediscover fashion. The centre was established to be a National Centre of Excellence, provides opportunity for local employment, training for students, research and innovation in the Circular Economy, the centre also has an Eco store.

Discussion followed with contributions from Cllr. M. Murphy; Cllr. D. Lacey; Cllr. P. McEvoy; Cllr. D. Healy; Cllr. M. Hanafin and Cllr. B. Fitzgerald.

It was **AGREED** to coincide a joint SPA Committee meeting in 2018 with a visit to the Rediscovery Centre.

ITEM 3

i) Adoption of Minutes of Joint SPA Committee

The minutes were **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.

- ii) Mr. M. Bradley briefed members on the commencement of the RSES process with the current public display and highlighted the various stages of the process and key dates in the process for the members.

It was noted that the next SPA meeting will take place on the **8th December in the Council Chamber, Kildare County Council, Naas at 11am** the focus will be to commence work in the development of RSES including a vision of the region for the Strategy.

Discussion followed with contributions from Cllr. D. Lacey; Cllr. P. Kearns, Cllr. M. Cahill; Cllr. P. Vance and Cllr. D. Healy.

ITEM 4

Schedule of meetings for 2018

Dates as circulated were **AGREED**. Mr. Bradley noted that RSES process will require a number of key meeting dates in 2018.

ITEM 5

Correspondence

None

ITEM 6

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The Cathaoirleach thanked the members for their cooperation with succinct speaking time during Assembly meetings.

Finance matters, schedule of payment dates were noted.

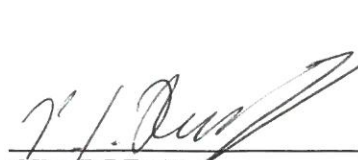
Upcoming Members conferences: Members attendance at the training seminar scheduled to be held 15th and 16th December in Galway was **AGREED** in principal, members to check their remaining conference allowance in advance.

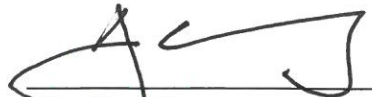
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Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday 12th January in City Hall.

Signed:


Cllr. PJ Reilly
Cathaoirleach EMRA


Mr. Jim Conway
EMRA

Date: 12.01.2018