

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

MINUTES MEETING

**OF THE EASTERN AND MIDLAND
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

HELD ON

Friday, 8th September 2017

IN

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON 8th September 2017, COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DUBLIN 2.

Cllr. Paddy Bracken	Cllr. Pat Hand
Cllr. Christy Burke	Cllr. David Healy
Cllr. Tommy Byrne	Cllr. Paddy Hill
Cllr. Thomas Cullen	Cllr. Ivan Keatley
Cllr. Kieran Dennison	Cllr. Dermot Lacey
Cllr. Eamon Dooley	Cllr. Lettie McCarthy
Cllr. Francis Duffy	Cllr. Padraig McEvoy
Cllr. Gaye Fagan	Cllr. Martin Miley
Cllr. Catherine Fitzgerald	Cllr. Derek Mitchell
Cllr. Brian Fitzgerald	Cllr. Maria Murphy
Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick	Cllr. PJ Reilly
Cllr. Mary Freehill	Cllr. Tommy Reilly
Cllr. Mary Hanafin	Cllr. Pat Vance

In Attendance:

Mr. Jim Conway, EMRA

Mr. Malachy Bradly, EMRA

Ms. Pauline Riordan, EMRA

Ms. Hazel Healy, EMRA

Mr. Ross Higgins, EMRA

Apologies received from; Cllrs; Mick Cahill, Ciaran Cuffe, Claire O'Connor & Barry Ward.
Chief executive Joan Martin

The members proposed to issue a letter of sympathy on behalf of EMRA to the family of the late Conal Kavanagh a former member of Mid-East Regional Authority, Southern & Eastern Regional Assembly and Wicklow County Council, who died suddenly.

This was **AGREED**.

ITEM 1

Adoption of Minutes of meeting held on 7th July 2017

Minutes of the meeting of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly held on the 7th July 2017 were proposed by Cllr. D Lacey and seconded by Cllr. L McCarthy.

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

ITEM 2

Planning items

i. **Proposed Draft Variation No.1 of the Wicklow County Draft Development plan 2016- 2022**

Mr. Malachy Bradley gave details of the proposed variation to the Wicklow County Draft Development Plan 2016-2022 for the members' consideration.

Discussion took place with contributions from: Cllr. D Mitchell, Cllr. B. Fitzgerald, Cllr. D. Lacey, Cllr. C Bourke, Cllr. D Healy, Cllr. P McEvoy, Cllr. K Dennison, Cllr. M Freehill, Cllr. T Byrne, Cllr. C Fitzgerald, Cllr. T. Cullen, Cllr. L. McCarthy and Cllr. P Vance.

Proposed Variation was **AGREED**.

Mr. Bradley advised that the draft National Planning Framework is due to go to cabinet and is expected to be published in the next 6 weeks. Throughout this process the Regional Assemblies have been clear to suggest to the Minister that it is necessary to initiate the RSES, in the context of the draft NPF. The next round of SPA meetings, scheduled to take place in the coming weeks, may provide the members the opportunity to consider the NPF and to discuss RSES.

It was **AGREED** to issue a letter to the Minister regarding the NPF, the upcoming RSES process and the current legislation.

Mr. Bradly also informed the members that EMRA are procuring the Strategic Environmental Assessment (incorporating a Regional Level Flood Risk Appraisal) and Appropriate Assessment for the RSES and once the tender has been awarded this service will commence in the coming months.

This was **NOTED**.

ITEM 3

Draft AFS 2016

The Director presented to the members the draft AFS 2016 which outlined expenses for 2016.

A discussion took place with contributions from Cllr. K Dennison, Cllr. M Freehill and Cllr. D Lacey

This was **AGREED**.

ITEM 4

Correspondence

This was **NOTED**.

ITEM 5

Any other business

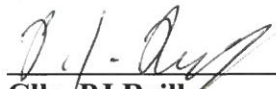
None.

ITEM 6

Date of next meeting

As agreed, the next meeting of the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly will be put forward by one week, in order to facilitate the members who wish to attend the AILG conference and will be held on, Friday 20th October 2017 at 11am in City Hall, Dublin 2.

Signed:



Cllr. PJ Reilly
Cathaoirleach EMRA



Mr. Jim Conway
EMRA

Date:

20/10/17.