

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

**MINUTES for MEETING**

**OF THE EASTERN AND MIDLAND  
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**HELD ON**

**Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2022.**

Cllr Emma Blain	Cllr Deirdre Heney
Cllr Fintan Brett	Cllr Janet Horner
Cllr John Browne	Cllr Vincent Jackson
Cllr Avril Cronin	Cllr Dermot Lacey
Cllr Laura Donaghy	Cllr Brigid Manton
Cllr Eamon Dooley	Cllr Padraig McEvoy
Cllr Kate Feeney	Cllr Aisling Moran
Cllr Brian Fitzgerald	Cllr Colm Murray
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 Danny Owens
Cllr Alison Gilliland	Cllr Robert Power
Cllr Lyn Hagin Meade	Cllr Una Power
Cllr Mary Hanafin	Cllr Gerry Walsh
Cllr David Healy	

**Apologies received from:** Cllr P Kearns

**In Attendance:**

**Ms. Joan Martin, CEO, Louth County Council**

**Mr. Jim Conway, EMRA**

**Ms. Clare Bannon, 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**

**Mr. Terence Connolly, EMRA**

**Ms. Teresa Lennon, IREO**

**Mr Philip Newsome, Department of the Environment. Climate and Communication.**

**Mr Paul O'Neill, Department of the Environment. Climate and Communication**

**Ms. Alanna Johnston, Department of the Environment. Climate and Communication**

## **ITEM 1**

### **Adoption of Minutes of meeting held on 09<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Minutes of the meeting of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly held on the 09<sup>th</sup> September 2022 were proposed by Cllr J Gildea and seconded by Cllr P McEvoy.

The minutes were **APPROVED**.

This was **AGREED**.

## **ITEM 2**

### **“Securing renewable energy” presentation by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communication**

Mr Philip Newsome, Principal Officer gave the members a presentation on “Securing renewable energy” that covered topics such as: Need for Accelerated transition to Renewable Electricity, Europe’s Response – REPowerEU Plan, Ireland’s Response - Replacing Fossil Fuels with Indigenous Renewable Electricity, Ireland’s Renewable Electricity Targets, Ireland’s Renewable Electricity Actions, Involvement of the Regional Assemblies, Examples of Irish Renewable Energy Developments Millvale Solar Farm, Co. Wicklow, Examples of Irish Renewable Energy Developments Galway Wind Farm, Co. Galway, Examples of International Renewable Energy Developments Walney Extension, UK, Community Energy - Framework of Supports, RESS Community Elements, Community Enabling Framework – 500 MW of community projects by 2030, The Clean Export Guarantee (CEG), Small-Scale Generation Support Scheme (SSG), Solar PV Planning Exemptions, and RESS Community Measures Impact Evaluation Baseline Survey.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr D Lacey, Cllr K Feeney, Cllr D Healy, Cllr E Dooley, Cllr G Walsh, Cllr J Gildea, Cllr P McEvoy, Cllr A Gilliland, Cllr V Jackson, Cllr R Power, Mr P O’Neill, Ms C Bannon, and Mr J Conway.

This was **NOTED**.

## **ITEM 3**

### **Programme of Works update for Quarter 3**

The Director, Mr J Conway gave the members the quarter 3 update on the Programme of Works.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr P McEvoy and Ms C Bannon.

This was **NOTED**.

**ITEM 4**

**Correspondence**

None

**ITEM 5**

**Any other business**

The EMRA welcomed a new staff member Mr Terry Connolly, who is taking up a role in relation to the management of the EUJTF programme.

The EMRA also welcomed a new member Cllr D Owens and noted that Cllr Tony McCormack had resigned from the EMRA.


Cllr K Feeney congratulated Cllr A Gilliland on the adoption of her opinion 'Towards a structural inclusion of Cities and Regions in UNFCCC COP27' at the last CoR Plenary meeting.

**ITEM 6**

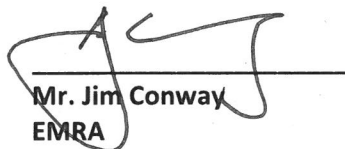
**Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly is to be held on, **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022.**

Signed:



**Cllr. Robert Power**  
**Cathaoirleach**



**Mr. Jim Conway**  
**EMRA**

**Date: 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

