

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

**MINUTES for MEETING**

**OF THE EASTERN AND MIDLAND  
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**HELD ON**

**Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON  
10th MAY 2024.**

<b>Cllr Aoife Breslin</b>	<b>Cllr David Healy</b>
<b>Cllr Fintan Brett</b>	<b>Cllr Deirdre Heney</b>
<b>Cllr Mick Cahill</b>	<b>Cllr Vincent Jackson</b>
<b>Cllr Laura Donaghy</b>	<b>Cllr Conor Keelan</b>
<b>Cllr Caroline Dwane Stanley</b>	<b>Cllr Dermot Lacey</b>
<b>Cllr Kate Feeney</b>	<b>Cllr Brigid Manton</b>
<b>Cllr Catherine Fitzgerald</b>	<b>Cllr Pdraig McEvoy</b>
<b>Cllr Jim Gildea</b>	<b>Cllr Declan Meenagh</b>
<b>Cllr Alison Gilliland</b>	<b>Cllr Colm Murray</b>
<b>Cllr David Gilroy</b>	<b>Cllr Robert Power</b>
<b>Cllr Lyn Hagin Meade</b>	<b>Cllr Gerry Walsh</b>

**Apologies received from:  
None**

**In Attendance:**

**Ms Joan Martin, Louth CE  
Ms Bernie Roe, EMRA  
Ms Laure Antoniotti, EMRA  
Ms Anne-Marie Wood Wolfe, EMRA  
Mr Pádraig O'Shea, EMRA  
Mr Simon Musial, EMRA  
Mr Ross Higgins, EMRA  
Ms Sarah Campbell, EMRA  
Ms Ruth Kilcullen, EMRA  
Dr Owen Douglas, EMRA  
Mr Rory O'Sullivan, EMRA  
Ms Kiara Abbey, EMRA**

**Apologies received from Clare Bannon, A/Director, EMRA**

An Cathaoirleach welcomed back Cllr Mick Cahill to the Assembly following his appointment by the Minister to the Irish delegation to the CoR, replacing Cllr E Dooley.

## **ITEM 1**

### **Adoption of Minutes of meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024.**

Minutes of the meeting of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of April 2024 were proposed by Cllr G Walsh and seconded by Cllr D Lacey.

The minutes were **APPROVED**.

## **ITEM 2**

### **Planning items**

- i. Submission on the draft South Dublin LECP

The Submission was circulated prior to the meeting and was presented by Ms. Anne-Marie Wood Wolfe, EMRA.

The Submission was proposed by Cllr L Hagin Meade and seconded by Cllr L Donaghy.

This was **APPROVED**.

- ii. Submission on Variation No. 1 to the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027

- iii. Submission on Variation No. 2 to the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027

The Submissions were circulated prior to the meeting and presented by Ms. Anne-Marie Wood Wolfe. The submissions had to be made before the EMRA's monthly meeting could take place, as a result of the public consultation period closing in advance of the Assembly meeting date. The protocol for submissions was applied and the submissions were approved by the Cathaoirleach.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr D Lacey, Cllr D Gilroy, and Cllr G Walsh

This was **NOTED**.

## **ITEM 3**

### **Adoption of the 2023 Annual report**

The Assistant Director, Ms B Roe, presented the 2023 Annual report to the Members.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr L Hagin Meade, Cllr A Gilliland, Cllr J Gildea, Cllr D Lacey, Cllr P McEvoy, Cllr G Walsh, and Cllr K Feeney.

The 2023 Annual report was proposed by Cllr A Gilliland and seconded by Cllr J Gildea.

This was **APPROVED**.

#### **ITEM 4**

##### **Presentation: update on the IREO and CoR activities**

Ms T Lennon gave the members a presentation covering the following topics; The Irish Regions European Office, IREO Strategy Moving Forward, Impact of EU policies on Local & Regional Authorities, Irish Delegation - European Committee of the Regions, Irish Rapporteurs – Opinions, Useful Resources from the CoR – Studies, Shaping the Future of Cohesion Policy post 2027 – Setting the Scene, Report of the High-Level Group on the Future of Cohesion Policy (Feb 2024) - Findings, 9th Report on Economic, Social and Territorial Cohesion (April 2024) – Findings, Letta Report on Empowering the Single Market, Committee of the Regions – Future of Cohesion Policy, and Future of Cohesion Policy - What's Next?.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr D Meenagh, Cllr M Cahill, Cllr J Gildea, Cllr D Heney, Cllr D Healy, Cllr A Gilliland, Cllr G Walsh, Cllr P McEvoy, and Cllr K Feeney.

#### **ITEM 5**

##### **Correspondence**

None.

#### **ITEM 6**

##### **Any other business**

Cllr P McEvoy updated the Members on a presentation given to the Seanad Public Consultation Committee public hearing on the Future of Local Democracy, on behalf of the Members. A further written contribution based on this presentation will be sent to Senator Daly as a follow-up.

Discussion followed with contributions from Cllr D Lacey.

This was **NOTED**.

Ms A-M Wood Wolfe and Dr O Douglas informed the members of submissions made with regard to the Planning and Development Bill (No.81a of 2023). An overview of the recommendations of the three Assemblies was presented.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr G Walsh and Cllr P McEvoy.

This was **NOTED**.

Ms B Roe informed that the McGill conference is upcoming and will be covered by the EMRA budget for Members to attend.

Cllr K Feeney thanked the Members for their contributions to the Assembly and wished the Members luck with the next steps. Appreciation was also extended to Ms J Martin.

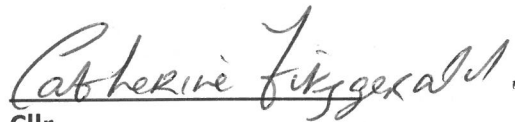
Ms B Roe thanked the Members for their contributions to the Assembly and wished them all the best for the future.

**ITEM 7**

**Date of next meeting**

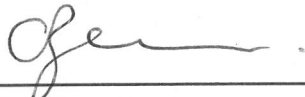
The next meeting of the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly is due to be held on Friday 12th of July 2024 (tbc) at 11:00am.

Signed:



Cllr

Cathaoirleach EMRA



Ms. Clare Bannon

EMRA

Date:

12/07/2024.

