

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

MINUTES for MEETING

**OF THE EASTERN AND MIDLAND
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

HELD ON

Friday, 13th December 2024

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON 13th OF DECEMBER 2024.

Cllr Mike Bray	Cllr David Healy
Cllr Danny Byrne	Cllr Deirdre Heney
Cllr Mick Cahill	Cllr Feljin Jose
Cllr Avril Cronin	Cllr Dermot Lacey
Cllr Kevin Duffy	Cllr Mícheál MacDonncha
Cllr Caroline Dwane Stanley	Cllr Pádraig Mc Evoy
Cllr Catherine Fitzgerald	Cllr Justin Moylan
Cllr Eddie Fitzpatrick	Cllr Garry Murtagh
Cllr Declan Flanagan	Cllr Oisín O'Connor
Cllr Joe Fox	Cllr Robert Power
Cllr Niall Gaffney	Cllr Paul Ross
Cllr David Gilroy	Cllr Joanna Tuffy
Cllr Patsy Glennon	

Apologies received from: Cllr Tom O'Leary

In Attendance:

Mr. Kieran Kehoe, CE, Meath County Council

Ms. Clare Bannon, EMRA

Ms. Anne-Marie Wood Wolfe, EMRA

Ms. Laure Antoniotti, EMRA

Mr. Simon Musial, EMRA

Ms. Katarzyna Kaczmarek, EMRA

Ms. Ruth Kilcullen, EMRA

Mr. Ross Higgins, EMRA

Ms. Geraldine Kenny, EMRA

Dr. Owen Douglas, EMRA

Ms. Shane O'Donnell, EMRA

Mr. Rory O'Sullivan, EMRA

Ms. Kiara Abbey, EMRA

Ms. Cara Farrell, EMRA

Ms. Teresa Lennon, IREO

An Cathaoirleach paid respects to Fianna Fáil member, the former Lord Mayor of Dublin Michael Donnelly, who passed away on 8th of December.

An Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr Kieran Kehoe, the designated Chief Executive to the EMRA, to the Chamber.

Cllr Paula Butterly, Cllr Tony McCormack and Cllr Shane Moynihan have been elected to the Dáil and the Cathaoirleach acknowledged their contribution to EMRA. Cllr P Mc Evoy proposed to send a letter of thanks for their work with the assembly.

ITEM 1

Adoption of Minutes of meeting held on 8th of November 2024.

Minutes of the meeting of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly held on the 8th of November 2024 were proposed by Cllr P Mc Evoy and seconded by Cllr R Power.

The minutes were **APPROVED**.

ITEM 2

Planning Items

Ms Anne-Marie Wood Wolfe gave the members an outline of the following:

i. Draft EMRA submission on the Pre-Draft Stage of the Bray Municipal District LAP 2025

Ms Anne-Marie Wood Wolfe presented the Submission on the on the Pre-Draft Stage of the Bray Municipal District LAP 2025 to the Members of the Assembly.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr D Healy, Cllr J Moylan, Cllr P Mc Evoy, and Cllr O O'Connor.

The Submission was proposed by Cllr P Mc Evoy and seconded by Cllr D Healy.

This was **APPROVED**.

ITEM 3

Presentation on the ORIGINN project

Ms Ruth Kilcullen gave the members an update on the ORIGINN project, that included the following topics: what is ORIGINN, Challenges in the Midland region, what will ORIGINN deliver, Key RSES objectives to be supported through ORIGINN, themes in focus, project so far, study visit to the Midlands, study visit to Centru, Romania, and the next steps in the project.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr P Mc Evoy, Cllr J Tuffy, Cllr E Fitzpatrick, Cllr M Cahill, Cllr R Power, Cllr C Fitzgerald, Ms C Bannon and Mr K Kehoe.

ITEM 4

Presentation on the Planning and Development Act 2024

Ms C Bannon introduced the presentation and provided the background for same. Ms A Wood Wolfe introduced the Planning and Development Act 2024 amendments to the members, focusing on Legislation relevant to Regional Assemblies, Provision of an RSES, Review of an RSES, Consultation of an RSES, Consultation re RSES, Contents of the RSES, Differences between Acts with respect contents of RSES, Monitoring of the RSES, Oversight of the RSES, Oversight of the RSES by the OPR, Additional Functions of the RAs, Consequences of NPS for RSES, Differences between Acts with respect additions, Omitted Functions of the RAs, Differences between Acts with respect to omissions, and the next steps for the Planning and Development Act 2024 which will be enacted in stages over next 18-24 months.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr P Ross, Cllr D Healy, Cllr P Mc Evoy, Cllr C Fitzgerald, Cllr J Tuffy, Ms C Bannon and Mr K Kehoe.

ITEM 5

Corporate Plan workshop for Members

Ms L Antoniotti gave the members an update on the preparation of the Corporate Plan, including that questionnaires were sent out to staff, stakeholders and the general public. An in-person workshop for members will be held on the 24th of January 2025 in City Hall, Dame Street in preparation for the new Corporate plan.

ITEM 6

Correspondence

NONE

ITEM 7

Any other business

Ms C Bannon advised the members the AIR training event will be held on the 5th and 6th of February in the Radisson Blu hotel, Athlone. The themes for the events will be Evolving Governance in Ireland, EU - Role of place-based policies and development strategies, and Opportunities in an evolving planning space. The members were reminded to register for the event and share the registration link within their local authorities.

Cllr D Lacey had a query in relation to CoR membership and appointment by the Local Authority, Ms C Bannon to confirm and revert.

ITEM 8

Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly will be held on, **Friday the 17th of January 2025 at 11.00am.**

Signed: Catherine Fitzgerald
Cllr Catherine Fitzgerald
Cathaoirleach EMRA

Clare Bannon
Ms. Clare Bannon
EMRA

Date: 17/01/2025