

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

MINUTES MEETING

***OF THE EASTERN AND MIDLAND
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY***

HELD ON

FRIDAY 13th MAY 2016

IN

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DUBLIN 2

**MINUTES OF EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON 13th MAY
2016 COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DUBLIN 2.**

Cllr. Paddy Bourke	Cllr. Catherine Fitzgerald
Cllr. Sylvester Bourke	Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick
Cllr. Tom Brabazon	Cllr. Mary Freehill
Cllr. Paddy Bracken	Cllr. David Healy
Cllr. Mick Cahill	Cllr. Paddy Hill
Cllr. Thomas Cullen	Cllr. Dermot Lacey
Cllr. Kieran Dennison	Cllr. Lettie McCarthy
Cllr. Eamon Dooley	Cllr. Brian McDonagh
Cllr. Francis Duffy	Cllr. Pdraig McEvoy
Cllr. Gaye Fagan	Cllr. Maria Murphy
Cllr. Kate Feeney	Cllr. PJ Reilly
Cllr. Brian Fitzgerald	Cllr. Pat Vance

In Attendance:

Ms. Joan Martin, Designated Manager EMRA
Mr. Jim Conway, EMRA
Mr. Malachy Bradley, EMRA
Ms. Clare Bannon, EMRA
Ms. Susan Mahon, EMRA
Dr. Michael Brennan, EMRA
Mr. Jim Nolan, EMRA
Dr. Juan Martinez-Covarrubias, Economist for the 3 Regional Assembly's.
Mr. Ross Higgins, EMRA

Apologies received from Cllr Ivan Keatley

The Director introduced Dr. Michael Brennan, Project Officer for RESILENS to the Assembly.

ITEM 1

Adoption of Minutes held on 8th April 2016

Minutes of meeting of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly held on the 5th February 2016 were proposed by Councillor D.Lacey and seconded by Councillor PJ Reilly

The Minutes were **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.

ITEM 2

Election of Leas Cathaoirleach

The Director invited nominations for the post of Leas Cathaoirleach.
It was proposed by Cllr. M.Cahill, seconded by Cllr. E. Fitzpatrick
"That Cllr. PJ Reilly be elected Leas Cathaoirleach".

This was **AGREED**.

ITEM 3

Regional Economic Planning

A Presentation on “EMRA Economic Dimension,” was given by Dr. Juan Martinez-Covarrubias. The presentation covered areas such as:

- Economic Principles
- Reform of Regional Planning
- National Planning Framework,
- Economic Dimension to policy,
- Strategic Planning Areas,
- Plan and Monitoring

A discussion took place after the presentation. Contributions were made by Councillors; K. Feeney, D. Lacey, B. Fitzgerald, D. Healy, B. McDonagh, P. McEvoy, L. McCarthy, S. Bourke & An Cathaoirleach.

Cllr. S. Bourke wished it to be noted that in his view the National Transport Authority’s GDA Transport Strategy is not consistent with Wicklow County Councils Core Strategy in the County Development Plan and that it needs to be addressed.

Issues where addressed by Mr. J. Conway, Mr. M. Bradley & Dr. J. Martinez-Covarrubias.

An Cathaoirleach thanked Dr. Martinez-Covarrubias for the presentation.

ITEM 4

LECP – Longford County Council

Longford County Council’s draft LECP and statements were circulated to members for their consideration.

Mr. Malachy Bradley outlined that the LECP was consistent with Section 66c of the Local Government Act 2001.

The statement on the Longford LECP was proposed by Cllr. P.J. Reilly and seconded by Cllr. D. Lacey.

The statement was **APPROVED**.

ITEM 5

Strategic Planning Areas

The Director advised the members that dates where being sought for holding Strategic Planning Area meetings in June.

Members where advised that an email would be sent out to seek suitable dates.

ITEM 6

Committee of the Regions

An update on the Committee of the Regions was given by Cllrs. K. Feeney and M Freehill. Cllr. D. Lacey also contributed.

ITEM 7

Project updates

Mr. Jim Nolan, Project Manager IE Network gave the assembly a presentation on "IE Network – Who We Are". Mr Nolan outlined how the network has grown and helped people all over Dublin in the past 5 years.

A discussion took place with contributions made by Councillors; P. McEvoy, M. Freehill, S. Bourke, B. McDonagh, P. Kearns, L. McCarthy & An Cathaoirleach P. Vance.

An Cathaoirleach thanked Mr. Jim Nolan for the presentation.

Mr M. Bradley gave the assembly a presentation on the 2 EU funded projects RESILENS and Celtic Seas Partnership. This included an update on the work completed to date, and notification of an upcoming CSP workshop.

ITEM 8

Correspondence

Two letters were issued by the Assembly to Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council & the Little Museum of Dublin.

Correspondence was **NOTED**.

ITEM 9

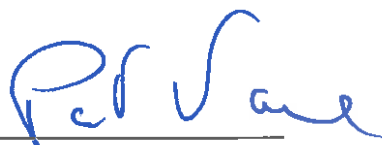
Nothing to be noted.

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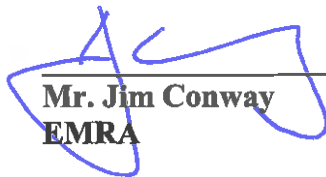
Date of next meeting

The Next meeting of the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly is due to be held on, Friday 10th June 2016 at 11am

Signed:



Cllr. Pat Vance
Cathaoirleach EMRA



Mr. Jim Conway
EMRA

Date: 10th June 2016