

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

MINUTES MEETING

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

HELD ON

FRIDAY 21st October 2016

IN

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DUBLIN 2

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY
HELD ON 21st October 2016, COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DUBLIN 2.**

Cllr. Paddy Bourke	Cllr. David Healy
Cllr. Sylvester Bourke	Cllr. Paddy Hill
Cllr. Thomas Cullen	Cllr. Pamela Kearns
Cllr. Kieran Dennison	Cllr. Dermot Lacey
Cllr. Eamon Dooley	Cllr. Lettie McCarthy
Cllr. Gaye Fagan	Cllr. Pdraig McEvoy
Cllr. Catherine Fitzgerald	Cllr. Martin Miley
Cllr. Brian Fitzgerald	Cllr. PJ Reilly
Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick	Cllr. Tommy Reilly
Cllr. Mary Freehill	Cllr. Pat Vance
Cllr. Pat Hand	Cllr. Barry Ward

In Attendance:

Mr. Jim Conway, EMRA
 Mr. Malachy Bradley, EMRA
 Dr. Juan Martinez Covarrubias, EMRA
 Ms Clare Bannon, EMRA
 Ms Pauline Riordan, EMRA
 Ms. Susan Mahon, EMRA

Apologies received from Ms. Joan Martin, Designated Manager EMRA, Cllrs. T.Brabazon, M. Murphy, F. Duffy and T. Byrne

An Cathaoirleach, Dermot Lacey began by offering sympathy to the family of the late former Lord Mayor Fergus O'Brien.

ITEM 1

Adoption of Minutes of meeting held on 9th September 2016

Minutes of meeting of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly held on the 9th September 2016 were proposed by Cllr. L. McCarthy and seconded by Cllr. PJ Reilly.

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

ITEM 2

DHPCLG National Planning Framework – Presentation Mr. Colm McCoy

Mr. Colm McCoy from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government gave a presentation on the National Planning Framework. IN his presentation

Mr McCoy outlined:

- Opportunity and Challenges
- Planning Policy Hierarchy
- Experience and Ambition
- Team and Governance
- Key Areas of Work Programme
- Timetable
- Consultation
- Framework Development
- Environmental Assessment
- Draft DHPCLG Position Paper
- Regional Assembly input

An Cathaoirleach D. Lacey thanked Mr. McCoy for his presentation. A discussion took place regarding the National Planning Framework and the involvement of the Regional Assembly with contributions made by Cllrs., P. Vance, C. Fitzgerald, B. Fitzgerald, K. Dennison, P. McEvoy, D. Healy, L. McCarthy, M. Miley, M. Freehill, P.J. Reilly, S. Bourke, E. Fitzpatrick, P. Kearns, E. Dooley and Cathaoirleach D. Lacey.

ITEM 3

Planning

Minutes of SPA meetings

Mr. Malachy Bradley presented minutes of the three Strategic Planning Area meetings to the Assembly for noting as per amended standing orders.

These were **AGREED** and **NOTED**.

ITEM 4

Committee of the Regions

Cllr. M. Freehill gave an update of the CoR Week of Cities and Regions in which a presentation to the Chamber of Commerce took place. The Director Mr. Jim Conway added that a full presentation of the Week of Cities and Regions would take place at the next Assembly meeting.

ITEM 5
ENCORE Conference

The Director gave a presentation on ENCORE and the conference in Carinthia that he and Leas-Cathaoirleach Cllr. L. McCarthy attended. The Director informed the Members of the opportunities that are available through these channels and that the 2020 Encore conference will be held in Galway in conjunction with Capital of Culture. Cllr. L. McCarthy added that the conference illustrated that the importance that other countries place on regional governance.

ITEM 6
Correspondence

No correspondence.

ITEM 7
Any other business

No items to discuss.

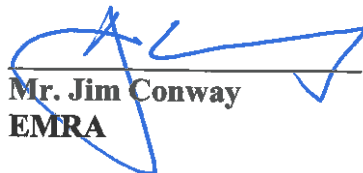
ITEM 8
Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly is due to be held on, Friday 11th November 2016 at 11am in City Hall, Dublin 2.

Signed:



Cllr. Dermot Lacey
Cathaoirleach EMRA



Mr. Jim Conway
EMRA

Date:

11/11/2016