

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

**MINUTES for MEETING**

**OF THE EASTERN AND MIDLAND  
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**HELD ON**

**Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

**IN**

**THE TULLAMORE COURT HOTEL  
TULLAMORE CO OFFALY**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019, TULLAMORE COURT HOTEL, TULLAMORE.**

Cllr Fintan Brett	Cllr Conor Keelan
Cllr John Browne	Cllr Steven Matthews
Cllr Micheál Carrigy	Cllr Tony McCormack
Cllr Emma Coffey	Cllr Padraig McEvoy
Cllr Eamon Dooley	Cllr Paddy Meade
Cllr Brian Fitzgerald	Cllr Damien O'Reilly
Cllr Eddie Fitzpatrick	Cllr Robert Power
Cllr Mary Freehill	Cllr William Priestley
Cllr David Healy	Cllr Gerry Walsh

Apologies received from Cllr K Feeney, Cllr C Fitzgerald, Cllr M Hanafin, Cllr L Hemmings, Cllr V Jackson, Cllr D Lacey, Cllr B Manton and Ms. Joan Martin, Louth County Council.

**In Attendance:**

**Mr. Jim Conway, EMRA**  
**Mr. Malachy Bradley, EMRA**  
**Ms. Nicci Nolan, EMRA**  
**Ms. Laure Antoniotti, EMRA**  
**Mr. Ross Higgins, EMRA**  
**Mr. Simon Musial, EMRA**  
**Mr. Alan Lambe, EMRA**

**ITEM 1**

**Adoption of Minutes of meeting held on 08<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Minutes of the meeting of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly held on the 08<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were proposed by Cllr P Meade and seconded by Cllr E Fitzpatrick.

**ITEM 2**

**Update on the Ministerial direction**

The Assistant Director Mr M Bradley gave the Assembly an update on the draft Ministerial direction regarding the RSES, the members were advised that the Minister has determined that a further SEA/AA screening is required and that further notification will be made by the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

**ITEM 3**

**Planning Items**

- i. Review of Wicklow County Development Plan and Preparation of new County Development Plan 2021 – 2027**

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr G Walsh, Cllr M Freehill, Cllr P McEvoy, Cllr S Matthews, Cllr D Healy and Cllr B Fitzgerald.

The submission was proposed by Cllr G Walsh and seconded by Cllr S Matthews.

This was **APPROVED**.

**ii. Proposed Variation No. 1 of the Monaghan County Development Plan 2019-2025**

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr P Meade and Cllr E Coffey

The submission was approved by An Cathaoirleach prior to the meeting.

This was **NOTED**.

**iii. Proposed Variation Number 7 to Dublin City Development Plan 2016 – 2022**

The variation was proposed by Cllr M Freehill and seconded by Cllr P McEvoy.

This was **APPROVED**.

**iv. Proposed Variations Number 8 - 27 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2016 – 2022**

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr M Freehill, Cllr W Priestley, Cllr B Fitzgerald, Cllr D Healy, Cllr P Meade, Cllr E Coffey, Cllr D O'Reilly and Cllr P McEvoy.

It was agreed to change the wording from “welcomed,” to “acknowledge in principle” in the submission.

The submission was proposed by Cllr E Coffey and seconded by Cllr P Meade.

This was **APPROVED**.

**v. Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment - Public Consultation on Ireland’s Long-term Strategy on Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction**

A discussion followed with contribution from Cllr P McEvoy and Cllr E Dooley.

The submission was proposed by Cllr P McEvoy and seconded by Cllr D Healy.

This was **APPROVED**.

**ITEM 4**

**Meetings schedule for 2020**

The director Mr J Conway gave the Assembly the proposed schedule of meetings for 2020.

This was **AGREED**.

The Director also noted that the re-commencement of SPA meetings would begin in 2020 and dates would follow.

**ITEM 5**

**Update on the START initiative**

The director Mr J Conway gave the Assembly an update on the START initiative.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr E Dooley, Cllr P McEvoy, Cllr M Carrigy and Cllr E Fitzpatrick.

**ITEM 6**

**Correspondence**

None.

**ITEM 7**

**Any other business**

Ms L Antoniotti gave the Assembly a presentation on the Corporate plan 2019-2024 and the next steps in preparing it.

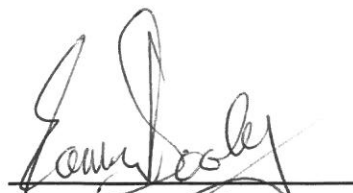
A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr D Healy, Cllr B Fitzgerald and Cllr P McEvoy.


**ITEM 8**

**Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly is to be held on, **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019** in City Hall, Dame Street, Dublin 2 at **11:00am**.

Signed:

  
Cllr. Eamon Dooley  
Cathaoirleach EMRA



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Mr. Jim Conway  
EMRA

Date: 17/01/2020



