

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

MINUTES for MEETING

**OF THE EASTERN AND MIDLAND
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

HELD ON

Friday, 11th February 2022

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON 11th FEBRUARY 2022.

Cllr Emma Blain	Cllr Janet Horner
Cllr Fintan Brett	Cllr Vincent Jackson
Cllr Avril Cronin	Cllr Conor Keelan
Cllr Laura Donaghy	Cllr Brigid Manton
Cllr Eamon Dooley	Cllr Tony McCormack
Cllr Caroline Dwane Stanley	Cllr Pdraig McEvoy
Cllr Kate Feeney	Cllr Aisling Moran
Cllr Brian Fitzgerald	Cllr Colm Murray
Cllr Catherine Fitzgerald	Cllr Peter O'Brien
Cllr Eddie Fitzpatrick	Cllr Damien O'Reilly
Cllr Mary Freehill	Cllr Aengus O'Rourke
Cllr Jim Gildea	Cllr Robert Power
Cllr Alison Gilliland	Cllr Una Power
Cllr David Healy	Cllr Gerry Walsh
Cllr Deirdre Heney	

Apologies received: Cllr D Lacey, Cllr P Kearns, Cllr M Hanafin and Cllr J Browne.

In Attendance:

Ms. Joan Martin, CEO, Louth County Council

Mr. Jim Conway, EMRA

Ms. Laure Antoniotti, EMRA

Ms. Clare Bannon, EMRA

Ms. Nicci Nolan, EMRA

Mr. Simon Musial, EMRA

Dr. Owen Douglas, EMRA

Mr. Ross Higgins, EMRA

Ms. Geraldine Kenny, EMRA

Dr. Travis O'Doherty, EMRA

Ms. Helena Stromberg, EMRA

Ms. Sarah Campbell, EMRA

ITEM 1

Adoption of Minutes of meeting held on 14th January 2022

Minutes of the meeting of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly held on the 14th January 2022 were proposed by Cllr K Feeney and seconded by Cllr M Freehill.

The minutes were **APPROVED**.

ITEM 2

Planning items

Draft Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028

The Acting Assistant Director, Ms C Bannon presented the Draft Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028 to the members.

A discussion took place with contributions from Cllr J Horner and Cllr D Healy.

The Draft Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028 was proposed by Cllr D Healy and seconded by Cllr L Donaghy.

This was **AGREED**.

ITEM 3

Programme of Work 2022

The Director, Mr J Conway presented the Programme of Works for 2022 to the members.

This was **NOTED**.

ITEM 4

Update on EU INTERREG projects

The Acting Assistant Director, Ms C Bannon introduced Dr O Douglas and Ms Helena Stromberg to the Assembly, a presentation was given covering the Next2Met and PROGRESS EU projects, and the role of the EMRA in these two projects.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr D Heney, Cllr M Freehill, Cllr G Walsh and Mr J Conway.

ITEM 5

Director's contract

An Cathaoirleach informed the Members that the Director's contract has been extended by agreement.

This was **AGREED**.

ITEM 6

Correspondence

None.

ITEM 7

Any other business

An Cathaoirleach indicated to the members that it was intended that the EMRA would hold the next meeting in person and the Director was to investigate the possibility for this to be in Tullamore Co Offaly.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr C Dwane Stanley, Cllr A Gilliland, Cllr K Feeney, Cllr J Gildea, Cllr V Jackson, Cllr L Donaghy and Cllr U Power.

This was proposed by Cllr C Fitzgerald and seconded by Cllr K Feeney.

This was **AGREED**.

Cllr G Walsh raised the TII improvement works on the N11.

Cllr F Brett raised the proposal from Cllr N Cribbin in relation to the EU Just Transition Fund consultation that the Fund should provide grants to support people to move from solid fuels to pellet stoves. It was agreed that the Assembly would contribute to the consultation in this regard. A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr J Gildea, Cllr M Freehill and Mr J Conway.

ITEM 8

Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly is to be held on, **Friday 11th March 2022 at 11:00am in Tullamore, Co Offaly.**

Deirdre Heney

Signed:

**Cllr. Deirdre Heney
Cathaoirleach EMRA**



**Mr. Jim Conway
EMRA**

Date: 11th March 2022



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