

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

MINUTES
ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE EASTERN AND MIDLAND
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

HELD ON

FRIDAY 8th JULY 2016

IN

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DUBLIN 2

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON 8th JULY 2016, COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DUBLIN 2.

Cllr. Sylvester Bourke	Cllr. Mary Freehill
Cllr. Paddy Bracken	Cllr. Pat Hand
Cllr. Mick Cahill	Cllr. David Healy
Cllr. Jennifer Cuffe	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. Brian McDonagh
Cllr. Enda Fanning	Cllr. Pdraig McEvoy
Cllr. Kate Feeney	Cllr. Maria Murphy
Cllr. Catherine Fitzgerald	Cllr. PJ Reilly
Cllr. Brian Fitzgerald	Cllr. Tommy Reilly
Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick	Cllr. Pat Vance

In Attendance:

Ms. Joan Martin, Designated Manager EMRA

Mr. Jim Conway, EMRA

Dr. Travis O'Doherty EMRA

Ms. Clare Bannon, EMRA

Ms. Susan Mahon, EMRA

Mr. Ross Higgins, EMRA

Apologies received from Cllr. T. Brabazon & A. Duncan

An Cathaoirleach Pat Vance wished to begin the meeting by welcoming the two new assembly members Cllrs. Jennifer Cuffe & Pat Hand. An Cathaoirleach also thanked Members and officials for the valuable work they had carried out in establishing the Assembly and establishing it during the last 12 months and for their participation and support during his year as Cathaoirleach.

Cllr. D Lacey, on behalf of the Labour Party thanked An Cathaoirleach for his time as Cathaoirleach.

ITEM 1

Election for Cathaoirleach

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr. P. Vance asked for nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach.

It was proposed by Cllr. L. McCarthy, seconded by Cllr. P. Kearns, that Cllr. Dermot Lacey be elected Cathaoirleach.

This was **AGREED**.

Councillor Dermot Lacey was deemed elected as Cathaoirleach for the coming year.

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Dermot Lacey took the chair. An Cathaoirleach thanked the Members for their vote, he welcomed the new Members Cllrs. Cuffe and Hand and added he looked forward to the coming year.

ITEM 2

Election for Leas-Cathaoirleach.

An Cathaoirleach asked for nominations for the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Kearns, seconded by Cllr. PJ. Reilly, that Cllr. Lettie McCarthy be elected Leas-Cathaoirleach.

Cllr. Lettie McCarthy was deemed elected as Leas-Cathaoirleach for the coming year. Leas Cathaoirleach took the opportunity to thank the Members.

Cllr. K. Dennison on behalf of Fine Gael, thanked the outgoing Cathaoirleach Pat Vance and extended best wishes to the new Cathaoirleach Dermot Lacey.

Cllr. P. Vance on behalf of Fianna Fáil extended best wishes to an Cathaoirleach.

Cllrs. P. Hand and M. Cahill wished an Cathaoirleach well and congratulated to the outgoing Cathaoirleach.

ITEM 3

Standing Orders

The Director Mr. Jim Conway pointed out an anomaly in standing orders which required that minutes of each Strategic Planning Area (SPA) meetings would have to be agreed at the Assembly meeting prior to them being agreed at the SPA.

The Director proposed the addition of the following text into Section 11.1

“Minutes of proceedings at a meeting of a committee of the Regional Assembly shall be drawn up and signed by the Cathaoirleach of the committee or the next ensuing meeting and shall be noted at the next Assembly meeting.”

This was **AGREED**.

ITEM 4

Adoption of Minutes

Minutes of meeting of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly held on the 10th June 2016 were proposed by Cllr. L. McCarthy and seconded by Cllr. K. Feeney. The minutes were **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.

ITEM 5

Planning - Kildare Draft County Development Plan 2017-2023

Submission on the Kildare County Development Plan 2017-2023 was circulated to Members for their consideration. Mrs. Clare Bannon outlined that there was nothing contentious in the Development plan.

Cllr. P. McEvoy proposed that the following amendment be made to the submission:

“In light of Table 12, Regional Green Infrastructure Classifications and Actions, of the RPGs, which lists ‘Castletown and attendant demesnes’, consideration should be given to the removal of the reference to Donaghcumper Demesne at Section 9.4.4 of the DDP (including any related policies and objectives) pending the preparation and completion of a holistic Local Area Plan for Celbridge.”

This was **AGREED**.

ITEM 6

Celtic Seas Partnership Presentation

The Director introduced Dr. Travis O’Doherty, Research and Policy Officer who is working on Celtic Seas Partnership.

Dr. O’Doherty presented the Dublin Bay Strategic Management Framework as part of the Celtic Seas Partnership to the Members of the Assembly. His presentation outlined:

- About Celtic Seas Partnership
- Project Objectives
- Main Challenges
- Strategic Management Framework for Dublin Bay
- Draft Structure
- Timelines and Activities
- Conference

An Cathaoirleach D. Lacey, thanked Dr. O’Doherty for his presentation. A discussion took place with contributions from Cllrs. B. McDonagh, S. Bourke, P. Kearns, D. Healy, T. Byrne and M. Murphy around the spatial planning dimension of Dublin Bay, the Ringsend plan, the need for a plan for further along the East coast and Brexit.

ITEM 7

Committee of the Regions

Cllr. Kate Feeney informed the Assembly of the activities of the Committee of the Regions members including the meeting with the Permanent Representative to the EU, Ambassador Kelliher on 16th June, the summit in Bratislava and advised the next plenary will be held on 10th October.

Cllr. Feeney also informed the Assembly of the new Members nominated to the Committee of the Regions: Cllrs. Michael Murphy, Deirdre Forde, Gerry Murray, Barry Ward, Irene Winters and Eamon Dooley. Cllrs. Ward and Winters will automatically become new Members of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly.

ITEM 8

Correspondence

No correspondence

ITEM 9

Any other business

Cllr. B McDonagh raised the issue of Brexit for the Ireland Wales Programme. An Cathaoirleach suggested a discussion be arranged with EU Officer.

A discussion took place with contributions from Cllrs. E. Fitzpatrick, P. McEvoy, T. Byrne, Cathaoirleach D. Lacey and Leas Cathaoirleach L. McCarthy in relation to accessibility for people with disabilities.

ITEM 8

Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly is due to be held on, Friday 9th September 2016 at 11am in City Hall, Dublin 2.

Signed:



Cllr. Dermot Lacey
Cathaoirleach EMRA



Mr. Jim Conway
EMRA

Date:

9/9/16

