

Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly

Tionól Reigiúnach Oirthir agus Lár-Tíre

MINUTES for MEETING

**OF THE EASTERN AND MIDLAND
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

HELD ON

Friday, 11th March 2022

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

Cllr Daryl Barron	Cllr David Healy
Cllr Aoife Breslin	Cllr Deirdre Heney
Cllr Fintan Brett	Cllr Janet Horner
Cllr John Browne	Cllr Pamela Kearns
Cllr Avril Cronin	Cllr Dermot Lacey
Cllr Laura Donaghy	Cllr Brigid Manton
Cllr Eamon Dooley	Cllr Pdraig McEvoy
Cllr Caroline Dwane Stanley	Cllr Aisling Moran
Cllr Kate Feeney	Cllr Colm Murray
Cllr Catherine Fitzgerald	Cllr Peter O'Brien
Cllr Eddie Fitzpatrick	Cllr Damien O'Reilly
Cllr Tom Fortune	Cllr Aengus O'Rourke
Cllr Mary Freehill	Cllr Una Power
Cllr Jim Gildea	Cllr Gerry Walsh
Cllr Mary Hanafin	

Apologies received: Cllr E Blain, Cllr A Gilliland, Cllr C Keelan and Cllr R Power.

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

Dr. Travis O'Doherty, EMRA

Ms. Helena Stromberg, EMRA

Mr. Simon Musial, EMRA

Mr. Alan Lambe, EMRA

Mr. Ross Higgins, EMRA

Ms. Geraldine Kenny, EMRA

Ms Teresa Lennon, IREO

ITEM 1

Adoption of Minutes of meeting held on 11th March 2022

Minutes of the meeting of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly held on the 11th March 2022 were proposed by Cllr D O'Reilly and seconded by Cllr K Feeney.

The minutes were **APPROVED**.

ITEM 2

Presentation from IREO: update on CoR delegation and IREO activities

Ms T Lennon of the IREO gave the members a presentation covering topics including: Introduction to the Irish Regions European Office, Objectives of the IREO, Communicating Europe, Committee of the Regions President Visit to Ireland, European Week of Regions and Cities, Priorities of the Committee of the Regions, Irish Delegation to the Committee of the Regions, Current Irish Rapporteurs, 8th Cohesion Report–'Cohesion in Europe towards 2050', Trans-European Transport Network – Implications for Ireland, Interreg North West Europe, NER 300 Financial Support, European Entrepreneurial Region and European Week of Regions and Cities.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr D O'Reilly, Cllr D Lacey, Cllr C Murray, Cllr M Freehill, Cllr T Fortune, Cllr D Healy, Cllr J Horner, Cllr G Walsh, Cllr K Feeney, Cllr J Gildea, Ms J Martin, Cllr D Heney, Cllr E Fitzpatrick and Mr J Conway.

Members requested that they be subscribed to the IREO newsletter.

This was **NOTED**.

ITEM 3

EU subcommittee update

Ms L Antoniotti gave the members an update on the EU subcommittee meeting, giving details on the new Interreg North West Europe programme and the launch of the 1st call on March 22nd.

M J Conway informed Members that a study visit to Brussels for members was in preparation for the end of June. This is a joint initiative with the two other Regional Assemblies and a programme is currently being developed by the IREO. The Director will further discuss this with the Cathaoirleach and the chair of the EU subcommittee.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr D Heney, Cllr M Freehill, Cllr D Lacey and Cllr P McEvoy.

This was **NOTED**.

ITEM 4

Correspondence

None

ITEM 5

Any other business

Cllr D O'Reilly brought up the subject of the upcoming census and how it will affect the EMRA's RSES.

A discussion followed with contributions from the Director Mr J Conway.

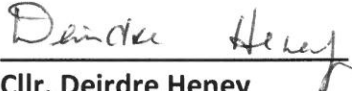
The Director informed the members of the appointment of Mr Tadhg Browne as EU support officer in the IREO and that Ms Clare Bannon had been successful in the recruitment of the EMRA's Assistant Director/Senior Planner position and would be taking up the role.

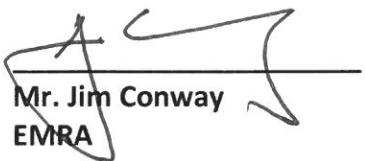
ITEM 6

Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly is to be held on, **Friday 08th April 2022.**

Signed:


Cllr. Deirdre Heney
Cathaoirleach EMRA


Mr. Jim Conway
EMRA

Date: 08th April 2022