

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

MINUTES for MEETING

**OF THE EASTERN AND MIDLAND
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

HELD ON

Friday, 14th April 2023

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON 14th OF APRIL 2023.

Cllr Emma Blain.	Cllr Janet Horner
Cllr Aoife Breslin	Cllr Vincent Jackson
Cllr Fintan Brett	Cllr Pamela Kearns
Cllr Laura Donaghy	Cllr Conor Keelan
Cllr Eamon Dooley	Cllr Dermot Lacey
Cllr Caroline Dwane Stanley	Cllr Brigid Manton
Cllr Kate Feeney	Cllr Padraig Mc Evoy
Cllr Catherine Fitzgerald	Cllr Aisling Moran
Cllr Eddie Fitzpatrick	Cllr Colm Murray
Cllr Mary Freehill	Cllr Damien O'Reilly
Cllr Jim Gildea	Cllr Aengus O'Rourke
Cllr Alison Gilliland	Cllr Danny Owens
Cllr Lyn Hagin Meade	Cllr Robert Power
Cllr Mary Hanafin	Cllr Una Power
Cllr David Healy	Cllr Gerry Walsh
Cllr Deirdre Heney	

Apologies received from: Cllr. J Browne and Cllr D Gilroy.

In Attendance:

Ms. Joan Martin, CEO, Louth County Council

Mr. Jim Conway, EMRA
Ms. Clare Bannon, EMRA
Ms. Laure Antoniotti, EMRA
Mr. Terry Connolly, EMRA
Mr. Simon Musial, EMRA
Mr. Alan Lambe, EMRA
Ms. Geraldine Kenny, EMRA
Ms. Sarah Campbell, EMRA
Dr. Karl Murphy, EMRA
Ms. Helena Stromberg, EMRA
Dr. Owen Douglas, EMRA
Ms. Anne-Marie Wood Wolfe, EMRA
Ms. Eugenia Thompson, EMRA

Mr. David Clements, NTA
Mr. Hugh Creegan, NTA

An Cathaoirleach, Robert Power advised the members that Cllr Brian Fitzgerald has resigned from the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly. Cllr D Lacey proposed that a letter of thanks be sent to Cllr B Fitzgerald for his work with the Regional Assembly.

This was **AGREED**.

Cllr David Gilroy has been nominated to the Assembly by Meath County Council. An Cathaoirleach Robert Power welcomed Cllr D Gilroy to the Assembly and acknowledged his apology for the meeting.

ITEM 1

Adoption of Minutes of meeting held on 10th of March 2023

Minutes of the meeting of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly held on the 10th of March 2023 were proposed by Cllr G Walsh and seconded by Cllr P Mc Evoy.

The minutes were **APPROVED**.

ITEM 2

Presentation by National Transport Authority (NTA): Briefing of the recently adopted GDA Transport Strategy 2022-2042.

Mr David Clements from The NTA gave a presentation on the recently adopted GDA Transport Strategy 2022-2042. The presentation outlined: the background and development of the GDA transport strategy 2022-2042, the previous GDA strategy transport 2016-2035, review and update of the strategy, the strategy consultation, the transport strategy content, aims and objectives, what's in the strategy, planning for sustainable transport, integration and inclusion, walking, accessibility and public realm, cycling and personal mobility, public transport – bus, light rail, Dart + and rail, roads, traffic management and travel options, freight, climate action management, cost and indicative delivery programme,

An Cathaoirleach R Power thanked the NTA for their presentation. A discussion took place with contributions made by Cllr M Hanafin, Cllr A Gilliland, Cllr G Walsh, Cllr D Lacey, Cllr M Freehill, Cllr D Heney, Cllr J Horner, Cllr L Hagin Meade, Cllr P Kearns, Cllr P Mc Evoy, Cllr J Gildea, Cllr D Healy, and Cllr R Power.

ITEM 3

Planning Items

The Assistant director, Ms C Bannon, gave the members details of recent planning submissions including;

- i) Submission - Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) Statement of Strategy 2023 - 2025

A discussion followed by Cllr D Lacey and Cllr P Mc Evoy, in relation to the notice given to reply to the submission. Mr Jim Conway and Ms Clare Bannon replied the submission was responded to within the time frame provided.

This was **NOTED**

- ii) Submission - Draft Offshore Renewable Energy Development Plan II (A National Spatial Strategy for the transition to the Enduring Regime)

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr G Walsh and Cllr J Gildea.

The submission for the Draft Offshore Renewable Energy Development Plan II was proposed by Cllr D Lacey and seconded by Cllr G Walsh.

This was **AGREED**

ITEM 4

Programme of Works - Q1 update

The Director Mr J Conway updated the members on the work the EMRA undertook for Quarter 1 of 2023.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr P Mc Evoy and Cllr D Lacey

This was **NOTED**.

ITEM 5

Presentation of the unaudited AFS 2022

The Director, Mr J Conway presented the unaudited AFS 2022 to the members.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr J Gildea, and Cllr R Power.

This was **NOTED**.

ITEM 6

Correspondence

None

ITEM 7

Any other business

The Director Jim Conway reminded the members, the European Territorial Co-Operation Conference event organised by the IREO in Athlone is on the 19th of April and was approved as a conference for members at the last EMRA meeting.

Cllr P Mc Evoy asked if the Assembly has received any feedback from NOAC following the publication of the 2-year monitoring report. The Director answered that no feedback has been received to date.

Cllr D Lacey and Cllr K Feeney attended a meeting of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities held in Ireland and will circulate a follow up report when available.

Cllr M Freehill advised the members that she is taking leave of absence and will return at a later date.

Cllr A Gilliland, Cllr J Gildea and Cllr D Lacey thanked Cllr M Freehill and acknowledged her support on Dublin City Council and the Regional Assembly.

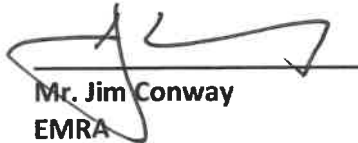
ITEM 8

Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly will be held on, **Friday 12th of May 2023 at 11am.**

Signed:


Cllr. Robert Power
Cathaoirleach EMRA


Mr. Jim Conway
EMRA

Date:

12.5.23



