

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

***MINUTES MEETING***

***OF THE EASTERN AND MIDLAND  
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY***

***HELD ON***

***Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017***

***IN***

***Council Chambers, County Hall,  
Fingal County Council,  
Swords, Co. Dublin.***

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017, Council Chambers, County Hall, Fingal County Council, Swords, Co. Dublin.**

<b>Cllr. Paddy Bourke</b>	<b>Cllr. David Healy</b>
<b>Cllr. Paddy Bracken</b>	<b>Cllr. Paddy Hill</b>
<b>Cllr. Christy Burke</b>	<b>Cllr. Pamela Kearns</b>
<b>Cllr. Tommy Byrne</b>	<b>Cllr Ivan Keatley</b>
<b>Cllr. Mick Cahill</b>	<b>Cllr. Dermot Lacey</b>
<b>Cllr. Thomas Cullen</b>	<b>Cllr. Colm Markey</b>
<b>Cllr. Kieran Dennison</b>	<b>Cllr. Lettie McCarthy</b>
<b>Cllr. Andrew Duncan</b>	<b>Cllr. Pdraig McEvoy</b>
<b>Cllr. Gaye Fagan</b>	<b>Cllr. Derek Mitchell</b>
<b>Cllr. Kate Feeney</b>	<b>Cllr. Maria Murphy</b>
<b>Cllr. Catherine Fitzgerald</b>	<b>Cllr. PJ Reilly</b>
<b>Cllr. Brian Fitzgerald</b>	<b>Cllr. Tommy Reilly</b>
<b>Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick</b>	<b>Cllr. Pat Vance</b>
<b>Cllr. Mary Freehill</b>	<b>Cllr. Barry Ward</b>

**In Attendance:**

**Ms. Joan Martin, Designated Chief Executive**

**Mr. Jim Conway, EMRA**

**Mr. Malachy Bradly, EMRA**

**Ms. Andrea Corrigan, EMRA**

**Mr. Richard Kenneally, EMRA**

**Mr. Ross Higgins, EMRA**

Apologies received from **Cllr Francis Duffy** and **Cllr Ciarán Cuffe**

**ITEM 1**

**Adoption of Minutes of meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

Minutes of the meeting of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly held on the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017 were proposed by Cllr. K Dennison and seconded by Cllr. P Bracken.

The minutes were **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.

## **ITEM 2**

### **Realising our Rural Potential: The Action Plan for Rural Development.**

William Parnell accompanied by Sinéad Copeland from Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs gave a presentation on Realising our Rural Potential: The Action Plan for Rural Development.

The presentation dealt with a number of rural development issues and the Action Plan for Rural Development the presentation included: Rural Demographics, Objectives of the Action Plan, A joined-up approach, The 5 Pillars of the Plan, Examples of investment, Ensuring Delivery and Communications.

An Cathaoirleach D. Lacey thanked William Parnell for his presentation. A discussion took place regarding the Action Plan for Rural Development and the involvement of the Regional Assembly with contributions made by Cllrs T. Cullen, C. Fitzgerald, L. McCarthy, P. McEvoy, I. Keatley, M. Murphy, M. Cahill, T. Byrne, C. Markey, B. Fitzgerald, P. Hill, D. Healy and E. Fitzpatrick, and by Director Jim Conway.

## **ITEM 3**

### **Planning**

#### **i) Proposed draft variation no.2 of Navan Development Plan 2009-2015**

The Assistant Director, Mr. Malachy Bradley presented the submission to the proposed draft variation no.2 of Navan Development Plan 2009-2015. This submission had been approved by the An Cathaoirleach and submitted in accordance with Assembly agreed procedures.

**NOTED**

#### **ii) Proposed draft variation no.1 of Kells Development Plan 2013-2019**

The Assistant Director, Mr. Malachy Bradley presented the submission to the proposed draft variation no.1 of Kells Development Plan 2013-2019. This submission had been approved by the An Cathaoirleach and submitted in accordance with Assembly agreed procedures.

**NOTED**

## **ITEM 4**

### **Strategic Planning Area Committees**

M Bradley presented the minutes of the 6 Strategic Planning Area Committee meetings for Dublin, Eastern and the Midland for noting.

**NOTED.**

## **ITEM 5**

### **Programme of Works – Q1**

The Director gave an update on the revised programme of works for quarter 1 2017.

**AGREED**

## **ITEM 6**

### **Committee of the Regions update.**

The Director gave an update on the Committee of the Regions, detailing the role the members of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly have performed on the national delegation to the Committee of the Regions.

A discussed took place on how Assembly members can engage with Committee of the Regions business, contributions by Cllrs. K. Dennison, P. McEvoy, K. Feeney, D. Healy and An Cathaoirleach D Lacey.

**AGREED.**

## **ITEM 7**

### **Public Consultation for Mid-Term Review of the Capital Plan.**

M Bradley presented the Public Consultation for Mid-Term Review of the Capital Plan by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform to the members of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly.

A discussion took place highlighting certain projects that should be promoted, contributions by Cllrs. D. Mitchell, P. McEvoy, D. Healy, T. Byrne, P. Vance and D Lacey.

It was proposed to issue the to issue the members submission to the National Planning Framework: Ireland 2040 Our Plan Issues and Choices, and to reference the following issues specifically;

- The upgrade of the N11/M50.
- The Dart underground and interconnector.
- All projects should work towards the national climate change transition objectives.
- Improved access roads for the port of Drogheda.
- The Luas extension from Brides Glen should go to Bray with a spur to Fassaroe.

**AGREED.**

**ITEM 8**

**Correspondence.**

**Letter to Minister Coveney regarding Wind energy guidelines.**

**NOTED.**

**ITEM 9**

**Any other business.**

An Cathaoirleach welcomed the new member of staff to the Eastern and Midland Regional assembly, RESILENS project officer, Andrea Corrigan.

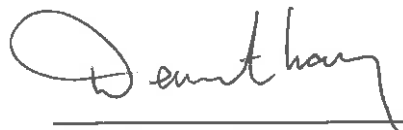
The Director advised the members of the AIR training event that would take place on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May 2017.

**ITEM 10**

**Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly is due to be held on, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 11am in City Hall, Dublin 2.

**Signed:**



**Cllr. Dermot Lacey  
Cathaoirleach EMRA**



**Mr. Jim Conway  
EMRA**

**Date:**

19/5/17.

