

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

**MINUTES for MEETING**

**OF THE EASTERN AND MIDLAND  
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**HELD ON**

**Friday, 7th July 2017**

**IN**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
CITY HALL,  
DUBLIN 2**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017, COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DUBLIN 2.**

Cllr. Paddy Bourke	Cllr. Mary Hanafin
Cllr. Paddy Bracken	Cllr. David Healy
Cllr. Christy Burke	Cllr. Paddy Hill
Cllr. Tommy Byrne	Cllr. Dermot Lacey
Cllr. Mick Cahill	Cllr. Colm Markey
Cllr. Ciarán Cuffe	Cllr. Lettie McCarthy
Cllr. Thomas Cullen	Cllr. Brian McDonagh
Cllr. Kieran Dennison	Cllr. Padraig McEvoy
Cllr. Eamon Dooley	Cllr. Martin Miley
Cllr. Gaye Fagan	Cllr. Maria Murphy
Cllr. Enda Fanning	Cllr. Claire O'Connor
Cllr. Kate Feeney	Cllr. PJ Reilly
Cllr. Catherine Fitzgerald	Cllr. Tommy Reilly
Cllr. Brian Fitzgerald	Cllr. Pat Vance
Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick	Cllr. Barry Ward
Cllr. Mary Freehill	

**In Attendance:**

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

**Mr. Jim Conway, EMRA**

**Mr. Malachy Bradly, EMRA**

**Ms. Hazel Healy, EMRA**

**Mr. Ross Higgins, EMRA**

**Apologies received from; Cllr Ivan Keatley and Cllr Derek Mitchell.**

**ITEM 1**

**Adoption of Minutes of meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

Minutes of the meeting of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly held on the 09<sup>th</sup> June 2017 were proposed by Cllr. T Reilly and seconded by Cllr. P Vance.

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

**ITEM 2**

**Election of Cathaoirleach**

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr. D Lacey requested nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach. It was proposed by Cllr. M Cahill, seconded by Cllr. P Hill, that Cllr. PJ Reilly be elected Cathaoirleach.

This was **AGREED**.

Councillor PJ Reilly was deemed elected as Cathaoirleach for the coming year.

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. PJ Reilly took the chair. An Cathaoirleach thanked the Members for their vote.

The members thanked the outgoing Cathaoirleach for his service during his term.

### **ITEM 3**

#### **Election of Leas Cathaoirleach**

An Cathoirleach requested nominations for the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach.

It was proposed by Cllr. P Bracken, seconded by Cllr. E Fitzpatrick, that Cllr. C Fitzgerald be elected Leas-Cathaoirleach.

This was **AGREED**.

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

An Cathoirleach offered condolences to Cllr Mary Hanafin whose father had passed away, a minutes silence was observed.

### **ITEM 4**

#### **National Planning Framework update**

The Assistant Director M. Bradley gave an update on the National Planning Framework to the members discussing key aspects of the document that would be relevant to the Assembly and the upcoming RSES process.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr P McEvoy, Cllr B McDonagh, Cllr D Lacey, Cllr C Cuffe, Cllr B Fitzgerald, Cllr M Murphy, Cllr L McCarty, Cllr K Dennison, Cllr D Healy and Cllr P Kearns.

This was **NOTED**

### **ITEM 5**

#### **Committee of the Regions**

The Director J. Conway gave a Committee of the Regions briefing for quarter 2 of 2017.

This was **NOTED**

### **ITEM 6**

#### **7<sup>th</sup> Cohesion Forum/Future of EU funding update**

The Director J. Conway gave an update on the ongoing discussions on the future of EU funding post 2020 and a report from the 7<sup>th</sup> Cohesion Forum that he attended on behalf of the Assembly.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr C. Cuffe and Cllr P McEvoy.

This was **NOTED**

### **ITEM 7**

#### **Programme of Works Quarter 2 update**

The Director J. Conway presented an update for the quarter 2 Programme of Works to the members.

This was **NOTED**

**ITEM 8**  
**Correspondence**

Confirmation that a letter issued to Minister Donoghue as requested in the last assembly meeting.

This was **NOTED**.

It was **AGREED** that a letter will be issued to the Minister requesting the NPF & RSES timelines.

**ITEM 9**  
**Any other business**

Cllr D Lacey proposed that a letter be sent to the Department of the Taoiseach requesting local government representation at the national economic dialog form, this was seconded by Cllr P Vance.

This was **AGREED**.

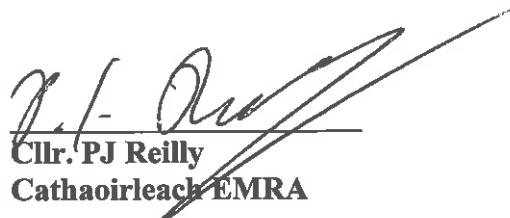
Approval for attendance at the MacGill Summer School was **AGREED**.

**ITEM 10**

**Date of next meeting**

As agreed, the next meeting of the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly is to be held on, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 11am in City Hall, Dublin 2.

Signed:

  
Cllr. PJ Reilly  
Cathaoirleach EMRA

  
Mr. Jim Conway  
EMRA

Date: 9/9/17