

Southern Regional Assembly

Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday 14th February 2020

Presiding: Cllr. Joe Carroll, Cathaoirleach.

Present: Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose, Cllr. Robert Beasley, Cllr. Maura Bell, Cllr. Pip Breen, Cllr. John Brennan, Cllr. Joe Carroll, Cllr. Michael Collins, Cllr. Noel Coonan, Cllr. Séamus Cosáí Fitzgerald, Cllr. Deirdre Forde, Cllr. PJ Kelly, Cllr. Thomas Kinsella, Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, Cllr. Conor McGuinness, Cllr. Gerard Murphy, Cllr. Deirdre O'Brien, Cllr. Alan O'Callaghan, Cllr. Shane O'Callaghan, Cllr. Sean O'Connor, Cllr. Michael O'Meara, Cllr. Michael O'Shea, Cllr. Thomas Phelan, Cllr. Terry Shannon, Cllr. John Sheahan, Cllr. Oliver Walsh.

Apologies: Cllr Ken Murnane.

Officials Present: Mr. David Kelly, Director; Mr. Kevin Lynch, Asst. Director/Senior Planner; Mr. Robert Fennelly, RPO; Mr. Bryan Riney, RPO; Ms. Derville Brennan Asst. Director; Ms. Siobhan Rudden, A/A.O.; Ms. Róisín Kiely, A.S.O.; Ms. Maria Murphy, C.O.; Ms. Samantha Richardson, Development Officer, Ms. Karen Coughlan, E.U. Projects Officer; Ms. Breda Curran, Development Officer.

1. Adoption of Minutes of Meeting held on 10th January 2020.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 10th January 2020 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Pip Breen and seconded by Cllr. John Brennan.

2. Matters Arising

Cllr Conor McGuinness queried if the Assembly intended to make a submission to the review of the Wind Energy Development Guidelines which (closing date 19 February 2020) . David Kelly confirmed that the Assembly would be making a submission.

3. Presentation by Ms. Carol O'Reilly, Dept. of Tourism, Transport and Sport:

Ms. Carol O'Reilly, Dept. of Tourism, Transport and Sport provided a detailed presentation. The Department were reviewing their Sustainable Mobility Policy and the presentation was part of that process. The Assembly were encouraged to make a submission by the closing date of 28th February.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Joe Carroll thanked Ms O'Reilly for her presentation.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr D. Forde, Cllr C. McGuinness, Cllr. S. Cosáí Fitzgerald, Cllr. R. Beasley.

Key issues discussed included:

- The a lack of bus shelters which should be addressed at the policy level;
- Ease of access for public to get to public transport;
- Need for continuous cycle lanes required in all areas.;
- Lack of taxis in rural areas and difficulty in obtaining new taxi licences in rural areas.
- Possibility of returning to concrete footpaths as flag paths are causing safety issues and rise in claims for LA.
- Possibility of services such as Uber being rolled out in rural areas.

Mr. David Kelly, thanked Ms. O'Reilly for a very detailed and informative presentation and confirmed that the Assembly will be making a detailed submission to Dept. of Tourism, Transport and Sport.

4. Draft Annual Work Programme

The Draft Annual Work Programme was adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Séamus Cosáí Fitzgerald and seconded by Cllr. Pip Breen.

5. Planning Submissions for noting

Mr. Kevin Lynch, briefed members on recent submission to Calow Co Co regarding variation at Graiguecullen.

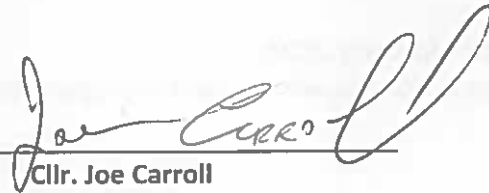
6. Confirm date of next Meeting

Members agreed to next Meeting date of Friday 20th March, 2020.

7. Any Other Business

The Cathaoirleach proposed a vote of sympathy to Cllr. Michael Murphy on his mother's death.

Signed:



Cllr. Joe Carroll
Cathaoirleach

Date: 17-7-2020