



# Southern Regional Assembly

11<sup>th</sup> February 2022, 12:00pm via GoToMeeting

## Minutes

**Presiding:** Cllr. Pip Breen, Cathaoirleach

**Present:** Cllr. Gerard Murphy; Cllr. Robert Beasley; Cllr. Dan Boyle; Cllr. Deirdre O'Brien; Cllr. John Brennan; Cllr. Séamus Cosáí Fitzgerald; Cllr. Deirdre Forde; Cllr. P.J. Kelly; Cllr. Garret Kelleher; Cllr. Kieran McCarthy; Cllr. Andrew McGuinness; Cllr. Ken Murnane; Cllr. Sheila O'Callaghan; Cllr. Michael O'Meara; Cllr. Michael O'Shea; Cllr. Gillian Coughlan; Cllr. Alan O'Callaghan; Cllr. Terry Shanahan; Cllr. Oliver Walsh; Cllr. Sean O'Connor; Cllr. Thomas Kinsella; Cllr. Joe Carroll; Cllr. Noel Coonan.

**Apologies:** Cllr. Thomas Phelan; Cllr. Conor D McGuinness; Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose.

**Officials Present:** David Kelly; Dominic Walsh; Robert Fennelly; Michael Buckley; Siobhán Rudden; Sarah Davoren; Rose Power; Karen Coughlan; Eve Hayden; Marie Harnett; Edel Hunt; Yvonne Cooney; Alice Byrne Kelly; Maria Murphy.

**Presenters:** Dr Rob Mooney, Sarah Ni Ruairc, Neil Gannon of Department of the Environment, Climate & Communications (DECC).

A record of attendance was taken by means of roll call.

### 1. Adoption of Minutes of Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January

The Members adopted the minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022, proposed by Cllr. G. Murphy and seconded by Cllr. Walsh.

### 2. Matters Arising

It was confirmed that letters issued on behalf of the Members regarding Rescue 117 and National Road allocations. Both letters have been acknowledged by the Department.

The issue of the Flemish Decree was also raised.

### 3. Presentation on Climate Action Plan 2021

Dr Rob Mooney, Sarah Ni Ruairc, Neil Gannon of Department of the Environment, Climate & Communications (DECC) gave a presentation (copy available) on the Climate Action Plan 2021.

A discussion followed with contributions from the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Kinsella, Cllr. S. O'Callaghan, Cllr. Boyle, Cllr. McCarthy, Cllr. Carroll and Cllr. Murnane. Key issues discussed included:

- a roll out of agriculture digestors,
- reimbursement for farmers with unproductive land,
- achieving a reduction of Irelands Greenhouse Gas Emissions,
- simplifying of the National Retrofitting Scheme,
- adapting a Climate Action Plan for each region,

- increased funding and training for local authorities,
- concern regarding lack of public awareness/ knowledge.

#### 4. Draft Annual Work Programme for approval

The Annual Work Programme 2022 was adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Kinsella and seconded by Cllr. Forde.

#### 5. Any Other Business

The following points were raised:

- Draft Cork County Council Development Plan submissions are due on 15 February,
- Draft Kerry Development Plan submissions due by 23 February and will be sent to Members for comment on 11 February,
- Draft Clare Development Plan is out for consultation and a draft will be issued to Members for comment,
- A training workshop for Members will be organised in coming months and a small delegation to Brussels. Further details will be provided.

#### 6. Date of Next Meeting

Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Members will be notified prior to meeting whether in person or on-line.

Signed:   
Cllr. Pip Breen  
Cathaoirleach

Date: 23rd March 2022



# AGENDA

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2. Matters Arising
3. Presentation on Climate Action Plan – Speak from DECC TBC
4. Draft Annual Work Programme – for approval
5. Any Other Business
6. Date of Next Meeting - 11 Mar 2022