

Southern Regional Assembly

Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday 13th September 2019

Presiding: Cllr. Joe Carroll, Cathaoirleach.

Present: Cllr. R. Beasley, Cllr. Maura Bell, Cllr. P. Breen, Cllr. John Brennan, Cllr. J. Carroll, Cllr. Clare Colleran Molloy, Cllr. Noel Coonan, Cllr. Séamus Cosáí Fitzgerald, Cllr. Deirdre Forde, Cllr. Thomas Kinsella, Cllr. Ken Murnane, 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. Padraig O'Sullivan, Cllr. Thomas Phelan, Cllr. Terry Shannon, Cllr. Oliver Walsh.

Apologies: Cllr. Michael Murphy, Cllr. Kieran McCarthy, Cllr. John Sheahan.

Officials Present: Mr. David Kelly, Director; Mr. Kevin Lynch, Senior Planner & Assistant Director; Mr. Robert Fennelly, RPO; Ms. Derville Brennan A/Assistant Director; Ms. Sharon Murray, Programme Executive; Ms. Róisín Kiely, A.S.O.; Ms. Samantha Richardson, Development Officer, Mr. Enda Hogan, Programme Executive; Ms. Rose Power, EU Projects Officer, Ms. Elaine Gallagher; CO, Ms. Anna Higgins; CO.

1. Adoption of Minutes of Meeting held on 12th July 2019.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 12th July 2019 were adopted on the proposal of **Cllr. Oliver Walsh** and seconded by **Cllr. Pip Breen**.

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Presentation by Mr. John Moran, Chairperson of The Land Development Agency:

Mr. John Moran, Chairperson of The Land Development Agency provided a detailed presentation to all attendees.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Joe Carroll thanked Mr Moran for his presentation and added that he agreed with Mr. Moran but felt the IDA had little interest in rural Ireland.

A lengthy discussion followed with contributions from Cllr D Forde, Cllr J Brennan, Cllr P Breen, Cllr S O'Callaghan, Cllr M O'Shea, Cllr T Shannon, Cllr K Murnane, Cllr T Phelan, Cllr D O'Brien. Key issues discussed included:

- The balance of priority investments throughout the region and prioritisation between the cities;
- The importance of cooperation between the cities of the region and balanced regional development;
- The importance of regional and local level involvement in decision making on investment priorities;
- The need to ensure rural areas are not neglected and the necessity for proper infrastructure across the region.

Mr. Kevin Lynch Assistant Director & Senior Planner noted that the idea of cooperation between all Local Authorities and bodies within our region was already set out in the RSES and that all three cities are targeted for substantial growth of between 50-60%.

Mr. David Kelly, Director SRA again thanked Mr. Moran for a very detailed and informative presentation. He noted the fact that the Land Development Agency were looking to the SRA & RSES showed the importance of the RSES and that there was therefore a lot of power within the Assembly Chamber to get the RSES right. He said that funding follows policy so we in the SRA can affect this sea change for future development of Ireland.

4. Update on RSES

Mr. Kevin Lynch provided an update on RSES. He began by informing attendees that the RSES team had launched the proposed Material Amendments the previous day; 12th September 2019, until the 11th October, 2019. He said there were 145 such proposed Material Amendments. Mr. Lynch said they were now waiting on public submissions and hoped to bring these to the November SRA Meeting and also have the RSES fully adopted at the November Meeting. He said the focus at the moment is on the Material Amendments agreed and bringing a Directors Report on submissions to the November Meeting.

5. Joint Regional Assembly Submission to DPER ON Review of Structures for Delivery of ERDF Post 2020

Mr. David Kelly spoke briefly regarding this topic, advising the Members that the submission circulated to them was a joint submission on behalf of the 3 Regional Assemblies to DoPER with regard to the Review and structures for the delivery of EU funds.

The Members unanimously supported the Submission.

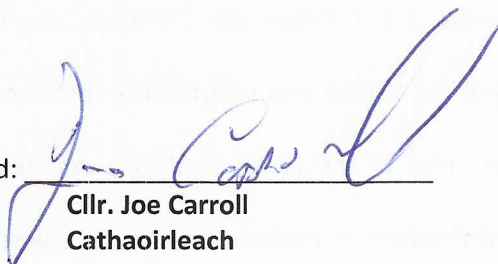
6. Change of Date for next Meeting to 18th October 2019

Members agreed to keep the original Meeting date of Friday 11th October, 2019.

7. Any other business

None.

Signed:


Cllr. Joe Carroll
Cathaoirleach

Date:

11/10/19