



Southern Regional Assembly

11th December 2020, 12:00pm via GoToMeeting

Draft Minutes

Presiding: Cllr. John Sheahan, Cathaoirleach

Present: Cllr Robert Beasley, Cllr. Pip Breen, Cllr. PJ Kelly, Cllr. John Brennan, Cllr. Joe Carroll, Cllr. Noel Coonan, Cllr. Séamus Cosáí Fitzgerald, Cllr. Thomas Kinsella, Cllr. Ken Murnane, Cllr. Gerard Murphy, Cllr. Deirdre O'Brien, Cllr. Alan O'Callaghan, Cllr. Sheila O'Callaghan, Cllr. Michael O'Shea, Cllr. Thomas Phelan, Cllr. Oliver Walsh, Cllr. Conor D. McGuinness, Cllr. Deirdre Forde, Cllr. Kieran McCarthy, Cllr. Maura Bell, Cllr. Garret Kelleher, Cllr. Terry Shannon; Cllr. Frankie Daly; Cllr. Gillian Coughlan; Cllr. Dan Boyle

Officials Present: David Kelly, Director; Kevin Lynch, Senior Planner/Assistant Director; Derville Brennan Asst. Director; Dominic Walsh, Regional Planning Officer; Siobhan Rudden, S.S.O.; Breda Curran, Development Officer; Rose Power, E.U. Projects Officer; Karen Coughlan, E.U. Projects Officer; Edel Hunt, Acting Senior F.L.C.; Eve Hayden, Senior F.L.C.; Marie Harnett, Senior F.L.C.; Maria Murphy, C.O.; Alice Byrne Kelly, C.O.; Anna Higgins, C.O.; Catherine Connaughton, C.O.; Teresa Burke, C.O.

Cathaoirleach Cllr. Sheahan took a roll call of Members present.

1. Adoption of Minutes of Meeting held on 20th November 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th November 2020 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Breen and Cllr. Beasley seconded.

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Presentation: Ireland in the Metropolitan Century by Professor Niamh Moore-Cherry & Dr. Carla Kayanan, University College Dublin

Professor Moore-Cherry and Dr. Kayanan gave a detailed presentation on the project (of which the Assembly is an advisory member). Cllr. Sheahan thanked both for their presentation.

4. Proposal on Members' involvement in the development of the Regional Operational Programme 2021-27 – for approval

Derville Brennan, gave an update on the development of the Partnership Agreement and Regional Operational Programmes 2021-27 in the context of the recent appointment by Minister McGrath of the SRA as Managing Authority on the Regional Operational Programmes (ROP) 2021-27.

David Kelly introduced the proposal on how the Regional Assembly will engage with the Development of the OP and work in partnership with EMRA in this regard. He set out three high

level principles to move forward – the RSES for SRA and EMRA forming the foundation for the OP; Consultation; and Collaboration. He requested that the meeting formally:

- a) Agree to principles as set out in the high-level framework;
- b) agree for discussions to commence with EMRA, Department and other relevant in the context of preparing the programme;
- c) establish of a representative Sub-Committee to work with officials in this regard.

Cllr. McCarthy and Cllr. Murphy welcomed the appointment of the SRA to manage the ROP 2021-27 which was a significant achievement and expressed support for the three frameworks outlined.

Cllr. Phelan requested that minority parties be represented on the Committee and it was agreed that this would be facilitated.

Cllr. Sheahan, Cathaoirleach proposed and Cllr. Shannon seconded.

5. Southern Regional Assembly Communications Strategy 2021-24 – for approval

The SRA Communications Strategy 2021-24 was approved; Cllr. Daly proposed and Cllr. Breen seconded.

6. Regional Plan Update

Kevin Lynch advised that the statutory submission had been made to Wexford County Council on the Draft Plan following circulation to Assembly members and meeting with Wexford Members. Work was in progress on submission to the NDP Review and the RSES Implementation Strategy and a report would be presented on both in the New Year.

Cllr. Breen noted the consultation on the Assembly submission and indicated strong concern regard the tone and content of the submission from the OPR.

7. Any Other Business

None.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Southern Regional Assembly was agreed to be held on **Friday 15th January 2021.**

Signed: _____


Cllr. John Sheahan
Cathaoirleach

Date: 22.01.2021

APPENDIX

AGENDA

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5. Southern Regional Assembly Communications Strategy 2021-24 – for approval
6. Regional Planning Update
7. Any other business
8. Date for next meeting & Meetings 2021