



Northern & Western Regional Assembly

MINUTES OF THE NORTHERN & WESTERN REGIONAL ASSEMBLY MEETING HELD ON 13TH DECEMBER 2019 IN THE ASSEMBLY CHAMBER AT 11.00 AM

Present:

Cllr Declan Bree	Cllr David Maxwell	Cllr Gerry Murray
Cllr Tim Broderick	Cllr Frank McBrearty	Cllr Jack Murray
Cllr Donal Gilroy	Cllr Jimmy McClearn	Cllr John Naughten
Cllr Christy Hyland	Cllr Brian McKenna	Cllr Joe Sheridan
Cllr Donal Lyons	Cllr Jarlath Munnely	Cllr Enda Stenson
Cllr Orla Leyden	Cllr Niall McNelis	Cllr Enda McGloin,
Cllr David Collins.	Cllr Justin Warnock	Cllr Patrick McGowan,

Mr. Seamus Neely,
Designated Chief Executive,

Cllr Declan McDonnell **PRESIDED**

Apologies:

Cllr Craig Lovett, Cllr Sean Smith, Cllr John Caulfield.

Officials: Northern & Western Regional Assembly:

Mr David Minton (Director)
Mr Denis Kelly (Assistant Director & Senior Planner)
Mr Gerry Doyle (Assistant Director)
Mr Frank Flanagan (Senior Executive Planner)
Mr Conall McGettigan (Senior Executive Planner)
Ms Brenda Finn (Clerical Officer)

1. Adoption of Minutes of Meeting of Northern & Western Regional Assembly held 15th November 2019

Proposed by: Cllr Enda Stenson
Seconded by: Cllr Donal Gilroy
Resolved:

“That the minutes of the meeting of the Northern & Western Regional Assembly held on 15th November 2019 be adopted.”

2. Matters Arising

With regards to the proposed meeting with the MEP's Cllr Donal Gilroy suggested that the Director contact them directly to extend the invitation to the meeting.

3. Planning and Economic Development

RSES Update

The meeting continued to consider the Directors Report on the proposed material amendments, the consequential SEA/AA report, the Directors Report on the proposed non-material amendments and the addendum to the Directors Report on proposed material and non-material amendments (issued on day of meeting).

Members took a ten minute recess to examine the Addendum Report that had been issued at the meeting.

After the recess, Mr Denis Kelly took the members through the proposed material amendments and recommendations in the Directors Report. It was agreed to take about 5 material amendments at a time and a consolidated table of contents for the Director's reports was circulated at the meeting for guidance.

Proposed by: Cllr Jimmy Mc Clearn

Seconded by: Cllr Brian McKenna

Resolved:

"that proposed material amendments 1-5 be accepted."

Proposed by: Cllr David Maxwell

Seconded by: Cllr Brian McKenna

Resolved:

"that proposed material amendments 6-12 be accepted."

Proposed by: Cllr Frank McBrearty

Seconded by: Cllr Brian McKenna

Resolved:

"that proposed material amendments 13-18 be accepted."

Proposed by: Cllr Gerry Murray

Seconded by: Cllr Jack Murray

Resolved:

"that proposed material amendment 20 not be accepted."

Proposed by: Cllr Jimmy Mc Clearn

Seconded by: Cllr Brian McKenna

Resolved:

“that proposed material amendments 19, 21-26 be accepted.”

Proposed by: Cllr Enda Stenson

Seconded by: Cllr Donal Gilroy

Resolved:

“that proposed material amendment 27 not be accepted.”

Non Material Amendments, Section 1:

Cllr Enda McGloin sought a commitment by the Regional Assembly Director that the Sligo Regional Growth Centre map will not be used to determine the extent of influence of Sligo for the purposes of Rural Housing Policy in Leitrim County Council's forthcoming County Development Plan and this was unanimously agreed by the members.

Cllr Leyden proposed a strong reference to include the EU Commission's 'European Green Deal' and Ireland's new Climate Action Plan, specifically financial supports available through the Just Transition Fund. It should reflect that the Just Transition Fund recognises that Ireland's necessary transition away from carbon-intensive sources of energy, towards more sustainable, renewable energy sources, will have a significant impact on existing workers in these carbon-intensive sectors, their families. This has had a particular impact on the midlands (which includes Roscommon) with the closing of two peat-burning plants. It was considered that this should be reflected in sections 1,5 and 10.

Proposed by: Cllr Enda Stenson

Seconded by: Cllr Niall McNeils

Resolved:

“that proposed non-material amendments 1-8 be accepted together with proposed non-material amendment proposed by Cllr Leyden.”

Proposed by: Cllr Brian McKenna

Seconded by: Cllr David Maxwell

Resolved:

“that proposed non-material amendments 9-17 be accepted.”

Non Material Amendments, Section 2:

Proposed by: Cllr John Naughton

Seconded by: Cllr Frank McBrearty

Resolved:

“that proposed non-material amendments 1-10 be accepted.”

It was further agreed that the decisions made during the meeting would be incorporated into the Draft RSES with the intention of making the RSES at the Assembly meeting scheduled for 24th January, 2020.

Mr David Minton thanked the Chair, the members and the planning team for all their hard work and commitment throughout 2019. He also acknowledged the considerable role played by the CE Designate Seamus Neely in supporting the NWRA.

4. Conferences/Training

No conferences/training to note.

5. Correspondence

No correspondence to note.

6. Assembly Meeting Dates - 2020

Proposed dates for Assembly meeting in 2020 were presented to the members.

7. Any other Business

It was suggested that each County Council would nominate one representative to attend the meeting scheduled for 22nd January in Dublin.

Cathaoirleach thanked Cllr Gerry Murray and Cllr Niall McNelis who have come to the end of their term on the Committee of the Regions.

Cllr McNelis raised the point that one full member representing the region on the European CoR is not enough. Cathaoirleach noted Cllr McNelis point and assured him that he had raised this issue at a CoR meeting in Dublin recently.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Date: _____