

Assembly Meeting - Minutes

11th July 2025, 12.00pm

Assembly House, Waterford



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Southern Regional
Assembly

Presiding: Cathaoirleach Andrew McGuinness.

Present: Cllr. Anthony Barry, Cllr. Dan Boyle, Cllr. Pip Breen, Cllr. Kay Dawson, Cllr. Deirdre Kelly, Cllr. Ken Murnane, Cllr. Barbara Anne Murphy, Cllr. Bridín Murphy, Cllr. Tony O'Brien, Cllr. Niall O'Callaghan, Cllr. Peggy Ryan, Cllr. Terry Shannon, Cllr. Bill Slattery, Cllr. Michael Smith, Cllr. Oliver Walsh.

Remote Attendance: Cllr. John Brennan, Cllr. Alan Coleman, Cllr. Clare Colleran Molloy, Cllr. Michael Collins, Cllr. Gillian Coughlan, Cllr. Frankie Daly, Cllr. Jim D'Arcy, Cllr. Joe Kavanagh, Cllr. Kieran McCarthy, Cllr. Mairín McGrath, Mayor John Moran, Cllr. Norma Moriarty, Cllr. Sheila O'Callaghan, Cllr. Bobby O'Connell, Cllr. Thomas Phelan, Cllr. John Sheahan.

Officials Present: David Kelly, Cormac Laphorne, Enda Hogan, Ian Ludlow, Anna Sellars, Padraig O'Shea, Omer Sunguroglu, Richard Jordan, Rhiannon Carey Bates, Lorraine Barron, Laoise Doyle, Maria Murphy

Remote Attendance: Oonagh Messette, Claire Breen, Michael Buckley, Elayne McDonnell, Pauline Toomey, Samantha Richardson, Lisa Slater, Denis Cotter, Sarah Davoren, Adam Hearne, Áine Whelan, Breda Curran, Rose Power.

1. Adoption of Minutes of Meeting held on 13th June 2025

The Members adopted the minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2025, proposed by Cllr. Pip Breen and seconded by Cllr. Oliver Walsh.

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Draft Submission on Proposed Variation No. 2 to the Kerry County Development Plan 2022 - 2028

Padraig O'Shea, Regional Planning Officer, presented the Assembly's proposed submission to the proposed Variation No. 2 to the Kerry County Development Plan 2022 – 2028, which provides a settlement plan for the Killarney Municipal District Area, replacing the Killarney Town Development Plan.

There were contributions from Members Cllr. Niall O'Callaghan, Cllr. Bill Slattery, Cllr. Barbara Anne Murphy, and Cllr. Dan Boyle on the proposed submission.

The submission was proposed by Cllr. Niall O'Callaghan, and seconded by Cllr. Ken Murnane.

4. Eurobarometer insights into "Public opinion on urban challenges and investment in cities"

Anna Sellars, Economist/Policy Analyst presented the findings of the Flash Eurobarometer 561, "Public opinion on urban challenges and investment in cities".



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The aim of the survey was to gauge public opinion on challenges and investment across urban and rural areas.

The presentation was followed by contributions from Cllr. Dan Boyle, Mayor John Moran, Cllr. Peggy Ryan, and Cllr. Barbara Anne Murphy who requested that the survey be distributed to Members for further review.

5. Update on proposals for deep fabric retrofit for Assembly House

Director David Kelly updated the Members on the proposed retrofit project to Assembly House. The project is currently at tender stage, with an evaluation currently underway to appoint an architect led design team.

5. Any other business

Director David Kelly briefed the Members on the stakeholder consultation process for the Local Democracy Taskforce, with further information to be circulated to Members.

The Director also welcomed Cllr. Bridín Murphy to the Assembly along with new staff members Laoise Doyle and Richard Jordan.

Cllr. Dan Boyle requested that the Assembly have a wider discussion on Marine protection areas and suggested this could take place at the next Assembly meeting.

10. Date of Next Meeting

12th September at noon, at Assembly House, Waterford.

Signed: _____

Cllr. Andrew McGuinness
Cathaoirleach

Date: _____



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