

Assembly Meeting - Minutes

12th September 2025, 12.00pm

Assembly House, Waterford



Tionól Réigiúnach
an Deiscirt

Southern Regional
Assembly

Presiding: Leas Cathaoirleach Peggy Ryan.

Present: Cllr. Pip Breen, Cllr. Alan Coleman, Cllr. Joe Hannigan, Cllr. Joe Kavanagh, Cllr. Deirdre Kelly, Cllr. Mairín McGrath, Cllr. Ken Murnane, Cllr. Barbara Anne Murphy, Cllr. Niall O'Callaghan, Cllr. Sheila O'Callaghan, Cllr. Terry Shannon, Cllr. Bill Slattery, Cllr. Oliver Walsh.

Remote Attendance: Cllr. John Brennan, Cllr. Norma Moriarty, Cllr. Kay Dawson, Cllr. Kieran McCarthy, Cllr. Jim D'Arcy, Cllr. John Sheahan, Cllr. Thomas Phelan, Cllr. Gillian Coughlan, Cllr. Frankie Daly, Cllr. Dan Boyle, Cllr. Clare Colleran Molloy.

Officials Present: Enda Hogan, Kevin Lynch, Ian Ludlow, Pdraig O'Shea, Omer Sunguroglu, Richard Jordan, Gary Burke, Samantha Richardson, Naomi Flood, Maria Murphy, Lisa Slater.

Remote Attendance: Áine Whelan, Oonagh Messette, Eve Hayden, Denis Cotter, Claire Breen, Elayne McDonnell, Colm Walsh, Michael Buckley, Anna Sellars, Edel Hunt.

1. Adoption of Minutes of Meeting held on 11th July 2025

The Members adopted the minutes of the meeting held on 11th July 2025, proposed by Cllr. Ken Murnane and seconded by Cllr. Oliver Walsh.

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Presentation from Housing Infrastructure Services Company (HISco) – Niall Morrissey, CEO

Assistant Director Kevin Lynch introduced Niall Morrissey, CEO of HISco who gave a presentation on his company which is a joint venture between the Ireland Strategic Investment Fund (ISIF) and Cork County Council. Mr. Morrissey outlined who they are, their objectives and principles centred around infrastructure and supports to progress residential developments Mr. Morrissey also showcased examples of the company's current projects.

There were contributions from several Members. Common themes centred around funding, Uisce Éireann, costs, planning, infrastructure, waste-water treatment and project size viability.

4. Nominations for alternate members of the Association of Irish Regions (AIR) (x2)

The 1st nomination was Cllr. Pip Breen, proposed by Cllr. Barbara Anne Murphy and seconded by Cllr. Gillian Coughlan. The 2nd nomination was Cllr. Joe Kavanagh, proposed by Cllr. Oliver Walsh, and seconded by Cllr. Bill Slattery.



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5. Submission on Kilkenny CDP Variation – For Discussion and approval

Assistant Director, Kevin Lynch, presented the Assembly's proposed submission to the proposed Variation No. 6 to the Kilkenny City and County Development Plan 2021 -2027 (draft Ferrybank/Belview Framework Plan).

The submission was proposed by Cllr. Oliver Walsh, and seconded by Cllr. Joe Kavanagh.

6. Submission on Waterford CDP Variation – For Discussion and approval

Assistant Director, Kevin Lynch, presented the Assembly's proposed submission to the proposed Variation No. 1 of the Waterford City & County Development Plan 2022 - 2028.

Member Cllr. Thomas Phelan contributed on the proposed submission.

The submission was proposed by Cllr. Thomas Phelan, and seconded by Cllr. Jim D'Arcy.

7. Standing orders for SPA's – For approval

The Members adopted the Standing orders for SPA's, proposed by Cllr. Joe Kavanagh, and seconded by Cllr. Barbara Anne Murphy.

8. Any other business

Assistant Director, Enda Hogan, advised the Members the evaluation of THRIVE fund has been completed, and the announcement of the successful applications is imminent.

The Assistant Director also welcomed new staff member Naomi Flood who has commenced with the Regional Programme team.

Ian Ludlow advised that the Assembly will have a presence at the Ploughing Championships Sept 16 – 19, and asked Members to share any social media posts is possible.

Mr. Ludlow advised that an advertising awareness campaign is expected to be rolled out in October/November at local level to help create a link between the Assembly, Members, and the public.

Mr. Ludlow updated Members on the Assembly House retrofit and confirmed that local company, DHB Architects has been appointed as design team lead.

9. Date of Next Meeting

10th October at noon, at Assembly House, Waterford.

Signed: _____

Cllr. Andrew McGuinness
Cathaoirleach

Date: _____



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