

Southern Regional Assembly

9th December 2022, 12:00pm Assembly House, Waterford and via GoToMeeting

Minutes

Presiding: Cllr. Oliver Walsh, Cathaoirleach.

Present: Cllr. Pip Breen, Cllr. Tom Cronin, Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose, Cllr. Shelia O'Callaghan.

Remote Attendance via GoToMeeting: Cllr. Dan Boyle, Cllr. Sean O'Connor, Cllr. Maura Bell, Cllr. Gillian Coughlan, Cllr. PJ Kelly, Cllr. Alan O'Callaghan, Cllr. Thomas Kinsella, Cllr. Michael Murphy, Cllr. Kieran McCarthy, Cllr. Michael O'Meara, Cllr. John Brennan, Cllr. Gerard Murphy, Cllr Robert Beasley, Cllr. John Sheahan, Cllr. Noel Coonan, Cllr. Séamus Cosaí Fitzgerald, Cllr. Frankie Daly, Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, Cllr. Thomas Phelan, Cllr. Michael O'Shea, Cllr. Terry Shannon, Cllr. Joe Carroll, Cllr. Conor D McGuinness, Cllr. Garret Kelleher, Cllr. Ken Murnane.

Apologies: None.

Officials Present: David Kelly, Kevin Lynch, Dominic Walsh, Robert Fennelly, Brigh Ryan, Maria Murphy, Alice Byrne Kelly, Catherine Connaughton.

Officials Remote Attendance via GoToMeeting: Michael Buckley, Karen Coughlan, Breda Curran, Samantha Richardson, Elayne McDonnell, Anna Higgins.

External Presenters Present: Aoife Fleming, Department of Transport (DoT).

External Presenters Attendance via GoToMeeting: Aoife O'Grady, Department of Transport (DoT), Teresa Fallon, Department of Transport (DoT).

A record of attendance was taken by means of roll call.

Adoption of Minutes of Meeting held on 11th November

The Members adopted the minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2022, proposed by Cllr. Pip Breen and seconded by Cllr. Michael O'Shea.

2. Matters Arising

None.

3. EV Infrastructure Strategy – Zero Emissions Vehicles Ireland

David Kelly introduced Aoife O'Grady and Teresa Fallon from the Department of Transport (DoT) who gave a presentation (copy available) on EV Infrastructure Strategy – Zero Emissions Vehicles Ireland (ZEVI).

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr. Breen, Cllr. Ambrose, Cllr. McCarthy and Cllr. Boyle.

Sustainable Mobility Policy (SMP) Pathfinder Projects

David Kelly introduced Aoife Fleming from the Department of Transport (DoT) who gave a presentation (copy available) on Sustainable Mobility Policy and the Pathfinder Programme.

SMP Pathfinder Project 30 - Training, Education and Capacity Building Workshop Programme

Robert Fennelly, Southern Regional Assembly gave an overview on Pathfinder 30. A training, education and capacity building workshop programme to support Local Authorities and Stakeholders in each of the three Regions to design and implement smart and sustainable mobility projects under the National Sustainable Mobility Policy (SMP) Action Plan 2022-2025.

A combined discussion on Items 4 & 5 followed with contributions from Cllr Sheila O'Callaghan, Cllr. Breen, Clir. Ambrose, Clir. Phelan, Clir. McCarthy and Clir. Boyle.

Planning Update

Kevin Lynch gave a Regional Planning Update:

- SRA had made a submission on the Proposed Variation No 1 of the Cork City Council Development
- The Proposed Material Amendments to the Draft Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029 were published on the 28th November. The Regional Assembly will make a submission by the closing date of 3rd January 2023.
- The three Regional Assemblies launched the Regional Development Monitor (RDM) on 29th November 2022.

Any Other Business

The following points were raised:

David Kelly informed the Assembly of the successful launch of the Southern, Eastern and Midland Regional Programme 2021-27 with €663 million investment from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) by the Minister for Public Expenditure, Michael McGrath TD on 29th November 2022. A regional launch will take place in Q1 2023.

David Kelly introduced Brigh Ryan as the new Regional Planning Officer taking over from Bryan Riney who left to take up a new position as Senior Planner in Cork County Council

Date of Next Meeting 8.

Friday, 13th January 2023 in-person and online.

Signed:

Cllr. Oliver Walsh Cathaoirleach



AGENDA 9th December 2022

- 1. Adoption of Minutes of Meeting held on 11^{th} November 2022
- 2. Matters Arising
- 3. EV Infrastructure Strategy Zero Emissions Vehicles Ireland
- 4. Sustainable Mobility Policy (SMP) Pathfinder Projects: Aoife Fleming DoT
- 5. SMP Pathfinder Project 30 training, education and capacity building workshop programme: Robert Fennelly, SRA
- 6. Planning Update
- 7. Any Other Business
- 8. Date of Next Meeting