



Tionól Réigiúnach an Deiscirt  
Southern Regional Assembly

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14<sup>th</sup> April 2023, 12:00pm

Assembly House, Waterford and via MS Teams

## Minutes

**Presiding:** Cllr. Pip Breen.

**Present:** Cllr. Dan Boyle, Cllr. Garret Kelleher, Cllr. Ken Murnane and Cllr. Tom Cronin.

**Remote Attendance via MS Teams:** Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose, Cllr. Robert Beasley, Cllr. Maura Bell, Cllr. John Brennan, Cllr. Joe Carroll, Cllr. Michael Collins, Cllr. Noel Coonan, Cllr. Séamus Cosáí Fitzgerald, Cllr. Frankie Daly, Cllr. PJ Kelly, Cllr. Kieran McCarthy, Cllr. Conor D McGuinness, Cllr. Michael Murphy, Cllr. Deirdre O'Brien, Cllr. Alan O'Callaghan, Cllr. Sheila O'Callaghan, Cllr. Thomas Phelan, Cllr. Sean O'Connor, Cllr. Michael O'Meara, Cllr. Michael O'Shea, Cllr. Terry Shannon and Cllr. John Sheahan.

**Apologies:** Cllr. Oliver Walsh, Cathaoirleach and Cllr. Andrew McGuinness.

**Officials Present:** David Kelly, Kevin Lynch, Dominic Walsh, Marie Harnett, Rebecca Walsh, Colm Walsh, Maria Murphy.

**Officials Remote Attendance via MS Teams:** Brigh Ryan, Michael Buckley, Sarah Davoren, Breda Curran, Samantha Richardson, Lisa Moran, Áine Whelan, Elayne McDonnell, Catherine Connaughton.

The Cathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach expressed their apologies for being unable to attend the meeting. A proposal was put forward by Cllr. Boyle for Cllr. Breen to chair the meeting, which was seconded by Cllr. Sheahan.

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

A motion of sympathy was passed and moment of silence was held to honour the memory of the brother of Anna Higgins, a member of the staff, and Craig Breen, a renowned rally driver, and who recently passed away.

### 1. Adoption of Minutes of Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March

The adoption of minutes for the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023 was deferred to the next meeting as they were not issued to Members.

### 2. Matters Arising

None.

### 3. SRA Submission on Kilkenny LECP

Dominic Walsh gave an update on the submission of the Kilkenny Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) based on the report circulated to Members. A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr. Breen, Cllr. Kelly, Cllr. Boyle and Cllr. McCarthy.

The submission was adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Brennan and seconded by Cllr. Beasley.

#### 4. Draft Planning and Development Bill

Kevin Lynch and David Kelly briefed the Members on the Draft Planning and Development Bill, highlighting the key concerns of the Regional Assembly. A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr. Boyle, Cllr. Sheahan, Cllr. Murnane, Cllr. Kelly, Cllr. O'Shea, Cllr. Breen and Cllr. McCarthy. Points arising included:

- Cllr. McCarthy proposed a workshop on the Draft Planning and Development Bill for the Members, as soon as possible, with a representative from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in attendance.

#### 5. Proposal for Members Trip to Brussels

David Kelly presented a proposal for a small delegation of Members to travel to Brussels in June or July to gain a deeper understanding of how their roles as Assembly Members intersect with the role of the European Commission. It was proposed to draw up a list of Members who previously made trips to Brussels in 2019 and 2022, and Members were asked to revert with nominations.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllr. Sheahan, Cllr. Breen, Cllr. McCarthy, Cllr. O'Callaghan, Cllr. O'Shea and Cllr. Phelan. Points arising included:

- It was proposed to have two trips to Brussels, one in June and second in October, with seven or more Members.
- It was agreed that the Director would discuss the logistics with IREO and come back with options.

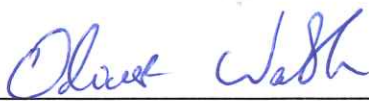
#### 6. Any Other Business

Kevin Lynch informed the Members that an email regarding the Draft SRA Submission to National OREDP II was issued on 13<sup>th</sup> April, and Members were invited to revert with any comments to Robert Fennelly by 1.00 pm on 20<sup>th</sup> April.

#### 7. Date of Next Meeting

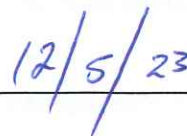
Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023 in-person and online.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



Cllr. Oliver Walsh  
Cathaoirleach

Date: \_\_\_\_\_





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