



Southern Regional Assembly
10th June 2022, 12:00pm
Assembly House, Waterford and via GoToMeeting

Minutes

Presiding: Cllr. Pip Breen, Cathaoirleach

Present: Cllr. Dan Boyle

Remote Attendance via GoToMeeting: Cllr. Séamus Cosáí Fitzgerald, Cllr. John Brennan, Cllr. Michael Murphy, Cllr. Conor McGuinness, Cllr. Thomas Kinsella, Cllr. John Sheahan, Cllr. Alan O'Callaghan, Cllr. Joe Carroll, Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose, Cllr. Garret Kelleher, Cllr. Gerard Murphy, Cllr. Robert Beasley, Cllr. Noel Coonan, Cllr. Thomas Phelan, Cllr. Michael O'Meara, Cllr. PJ Kelly, Cllr. Maura Bell, Cllr. Kieran McCarthy, Cllr. Gillian Coughlan, Cllr. Deirdre Forde, Cllr. Tom Cronin, Cllr. Terry Shannon, Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, Cllr. Oliver Walsh, Cllr. Michael O'Shea, Cllr. Deirdre O'Brien, Cllr. Michael O'Shea and Cllr. Frankie Daly.

Apologies: None

Officials Present: David Kelly, Maria Murphy, Alice Byrne Kelly.

Officials Remote Attendance via GoToMeeting: Enda Hogan, Sarah Davoren, Karen Coughlan, Rose Power, Samantha Richardson, Eve Hayden, Marie Harnett, Edel Hunt, Yvonne Cooney, Catherine Connaughton.

Presenters Remote Attendance via GoToMeeting: Dr Brendan O'Keeffe, The International Centre for Local and Regional Development (ICLRD).

Colin Simpson and Colm O'Mahony, 3CEA.

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

1. Adoption of Minutes of Meeting held on 13th May

The Members adopted the minutes of the meeting held on 13^h May 2022, proposed by Cllr. Robert Beasley and seconded by Cllr. Gerard Murphy.

2. Matters Arising

Cllr. Boyle requested the consultation on the future of rail transport as part of an All-Island Strategic Rail Review be discussed at a future Regional Assembly meeting. Cllr. Michael O'Meara seconded Cllr. Boyle's request.

3. 'The 21st Century Councillor in Irish Local Government'- Dr. Brendan O'Keeffe, The International Centre for Local and Regional Development (ICLRD)

Dr. Brendan O'Keeffe of the ICLR D gave a presentation (copy available) on The 21st Century Councillor in Irish Local Government. A discussion followed with contributions from the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Carroll, Cllr. Forde, Cllr. Kelly, Cllr. Sheahan, Cllr. Boyle and Cllr. Kelleher.

Key issues discussed included:

- A need to engage and attract younger people to choose a role in local politics;
- The diminishing powers and rights of a councillor;
- The ALLG questionnaire is too time consuming for councillors to complete;
- A need to follow through on the councillors' questionnaire feedback.

4. EMPOWER Project - Energy Poverty Good Practice Guidebook - Colin Simpson, 3CEA

Rose Power introduced Colin Simpson, Consultant with 3CEA who presented their Energy Poverty Good Practice Guidebook for the Southern Region. A discussion followed with contributions from the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Boyle and Cllr. Kinsella.

Key issues discussed included:

- A need for local authorities to retrofit old houses;
- A need for to promote all retrofit schemes/options to raise public awareness;
- A need to instruct the public on how to use their energy efficiently.

The Cathaoirleach stated a training workshop for Members will be organised in the coming months.

5. Arrangements for Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting (AM) will take place in Assembly House and online via Go To Meeting for Members who can't attend the physical meeting. The date proposed and agreed for the AM is 8th July and Councillors will confirm if they can attend in person or online.

6. Any Other Business

- The Cathaoirleach offered his condolences to Cllr. Collins on the recent passing of his mother.

7. Date of Next Meeting

Friday, 8^h July 2022 Annual & Ordinary Meetings, in-person and online.

Signed: 
Cllr. Pip Breen
Cathaoirleach

Date: 18/07/22



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