

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Border, Midland and Western Regional Assembly held on the  
23<sup>rd</sup> April 2010 in the Knightsbrook Hotel, Trim, Co. Meath at 11.30 a.m.**

**Present:**

Cllr. Owen Bannigan	Cllr. Andrew Boylan	Cllr. Aidan Boyle
Cllr. Charlie McConalogue	Cllr. Cyril Burke	Cllr. Tom Crosby
Cllr. Michael J. Crowe	Cllr. Pdraig Conneely	Cllr. Frank Dolan
Cllr. Eamon Dooley	Cllr. James Deegan	Cllr. Joe Flanagan
Cllr. Damien Ryan	Cllr. Gerry Finnerty	Cllr. Imelda Henry
Cllr. Peter Feeney	Cllr. Larry Bannon	Cllr. James Daly
Cllr. Tiernan Walsh	Cllr. Peter Savage	

**Apologies**

Cllr. Terry Brennan	Cllr. Gerard Corcoran	Cllr. Matt Carthy
Cllr. Marie Therese Gallagher	Cllr. Martin Connaughton	Cllr. Connie Hanniffy
Cllr. Dara Mulvey	Cllr. Terence Slowey	Cllr. Eugene Lavin

**Officials:**

Mr. Gerry Finn, Director,	BMW Regional Assembly
Mr. Kieran Moylan, Asst. Director	BMW Regional Assembly
Mr. Gerry Lavelle, Programme Executive	BMW Regional Assembly
Mr. Adrian O'Donoghue, Policy & Research	BMW Regional Assembly

**1. Adoption of Minutes of the Meeting of the Border, Midland and Western Regional Assembly held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2010**

**PROPOSED** by Cllr. James Deegan

**SECONDED** by Cllr. James Daly

**RESOLVED**

“That the minutes of the Meeting of the Border, Midland and Western Regional Assembly held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2010 be **ADOPTED**.”

**2. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising

**3. Noting of Minutes of Joint Sub-Committee Meetings held on 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2010**

**i. National Development Plan Sub-Committee**

**PROPOSED** by Cllr. Pdraig Conneely

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Tom Crosby

**RESOLVED**

“That the minutes of the meeting of the National Development Plan Sub-Committee Meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2010 be **NOTED**.”

## ii. Regional And Rural Affairs Sub-Committee

**PROPOSED** by Cllr. Damien Ryan

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Cyril Bourke

**RESOLVED**

“That the minutes of the meeting of the Regional And Rural Affairs Sub-Committee Meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2010 be **NOTED**.”

## 4. Adoption of BMW Annual Financial Statement for the Year Ending 2009

Mr. Gerry Finn briefed the members on the Annual Financial Statement.

**PROPOSED** by Cllr. Peter Savage

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Aidan Boyle

**RESOLVED**

“That the BMW Annual Financial Statement for the Year ending 2009 be **ADOPTED**”

## 5. Adoption of the BMW Annual Report 2009

Mr Gerry Finn informed the members that the draft Annual Report had now been prepared and outlined the activities of the Assembly under the following headings :-

- BMW Regional Operational Programme 2000 - 2006
- BMW Regional Operational Programme 2007 - 2013
- Significant Activities During 2009
- EU Initiatives – Innovative Actions and Interreg Programmes
- Membership of the BMW Regional Assembly
- BMW Regional Operational Programme Monitoring Committee
- BMW Joint Sub-Committees
- Statement of Accounts for the Period ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2009

**PROPOSED** by Cllr. Joe Flanagan

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Peter Feeney

**RESOLVED**

“That the BMW Annual Report 2009 and BMW Annual Financial Statement for the Year ending 2009 be **ADOPTED**.”

## 6. EU Workshop 27<sup>th</sup> April - “Impact of EU Environmental Policy in Ireland”

Mr Gerry Lavelle informed the meeting that the BMW Assembly in association with talktoeu will host a workshop on the 27<sup>th</sup> April, in the Assembly Chambers. “talktoeu” is a programme by the European Commission Representation in Dublin, which aims to engage Irish citizens, and let them know what the EU does, and can do for them. The workshop will be addressed by Mr. Patrick Wegerdt DG Envir EU Commission, Mr Brian Sheerin, CEO Southern Fisheries and Dr. Tony McNally River Basin District Coordination, Donegal Co Co.

## 7. Correspondence

There was no correspondence

**8. Rescheduling of Sub Committee Meeting**

The Subcommittee meetings had been originally arranged for the 16<sup>th</sup> April. As this was the only date available for the Tánaiste Ms. Mary Coughlan TD, to attend the Assembly's annual conference, it had been agreed to reconvene the subcommittee meeting to a later date. It was then **AGREED** that the next Sub-committee meeting would be held on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> June.

**9. Any Other Business**

**PROPOSED** by Cllr. Tiernan Walsh

**SECONDED** by Cllr. Tom Crosby

**RESOLVED**

“That a speaker be invited to address the next Regional and Rural affairs subcommittee meeting on the NUTURA Directive especially in relation to the turf cutting ban”.

The foregoing minutes are confirmed

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**Cathaoirleach**

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**Director**

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**Date**