

MINUTES MEETING OF REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM SOUTH

**Wednesday 9th of December 2020 at 12.30pm
Webex Meeting**

Present:

Cllr Pat Barden
Cllr Declan Burgess
Cllr Peter Cleere
Cllr John Coonan
Cllr Pat Dunphy
Cllr Mark Fitzgerald
Cllr Michael Gleeson
Cllr Niall Kelleher
Cllr Roger Kennedy

Cllr Eileen Lynch
Cllr Michael McCarthy
Cllr Susan McCarthy
Cllr Arthur McDonald
Cllr John McDonald
Cllr Conor McGuinness
Cllr Norma Moriarty
Cllr Katie Murphy

Apologies:

Cllr Audrey Buckley
Cllr Mary Linehan Foley
Cllr James Tobin

In Attendance:

Mr Gerry O'Dwyer, Chief Executive Officer, South/South West Hospitals Group
Members of the HSE South Forum Office staff

1. Chairperson's address

Cllr. Arthur McDonald, Chairperson, Regional Health Forum South, addressed the members present by thanking the HSE Management that he had worked with through out his Chairmanship. He thanked Mr Gerry O'Dwyer, CEO, South/South West Hospital Group; he thanked Dr Orla Healy, Acting Chief Operations Officer who is standing in for Dr Gerard O'Callaghan and Dr O'Callaghan for his work and support he provided. He thanked Michael Fitzgerald, Chief Officer, Cork Kerry Community Healthcare and Ms Kate Killeen White, Chief Officer, South East Community Health Care for their ongoing support. He thanked Ms Annette O'Connell in the Regional Health Forum Office for her help throughout his time as Chairperson.

Cllr McDonald thanked all of the Regional Health Forum members their support and said he found each one courteous and cordial and have been very good in their job and leaders in their Communities. The people they represent should be very proud of all of

them. He explained to the members that it had been a difficult year with new obstacles to overcome to hold these meetings and but was happy to have been Chairperson to a Health Forum in the year of a pandemic. He finished by saying we would look to the future and to 2021 and the election of a new Chairperson.

2. Election of Chairperson

Due to the COVID 19 Pandemic this year the December 2020 meeting of the Forum is the Annual General Meeting of the Regional Health Forum South and elections of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson were to take place. Cllr Arthur McDonald invited nominees from the floor for the position of Chairperson.

Cllr. Declan Burgess was proposed by Cllr. Pat Dunphy and seconded by Cllr. Eileen Lynch as there were no other nominations Cllr. Burgess was elected. On assuming the Chair Cllr. Burgess thanked his proposer, seconder and the members for electing him as Chairperson for the coming year. He said he was looking forward to his role as Chair and as one of the youngest members of the Forum he would maybe rely on the members guidance from time to time. He hoped to ensure the maximum benefit to the members during the coming year of the Forum. If members needed anything or any particular information on the Agenda, do not hesitate to contact himself or Annette O'Connell to follow through on this.

3. Election of Vice Chairperson

Cllr. Eileen Lynch was proposed by Cllr. Mike Kenneally and seconded by Cllr. Susan McCarthy as Vice Chairperson of the Regional Health Forum, as there were no other nominations, Cllr. Lynch was deemed elected.

A number of members thanked Cllr McDonald and welcomed Cllr Burgess and Cllr Lynch. Cllr Pat Dunphy, Chairperson of the South East Committee wished James Tobin and his family the best at this difficult time, the Chairperson and outgoing Chairperson also gave best wishes to the Tobin family.

Mr Gerry O'Dwyer thanked the outgoing Chairperson, Cllr McDonald, for his support and ongoing work during the year and with the Pandemic in particular. He offered congratulations to Cllr Declan Burgess as the new Chairperson and Cllr Eileen Lynch as the new Vice Chairperson of the Regional Health Forum South. He thanked all of the Regional Health Forum Members on behalf of HSE Executive for the dignity and respect shown over the past year and he was sure that will continue. He assured members that he wanted to work closely with the Forum within the framework provided and wanted to acknowledge all of the issues raised by members in connection with their own communities. He acknowledged how difficult a year it has been for all councillors to practice as councillors right throughout the region and that is acknowledged, he hoped that the Executive have helped in every possible way. Finally Mr O'Dwyer gave his best wishes to the Tobin Family at this difficult time.

Again a number of members thanked the outgoing Chairperson for a fair, formal Chairmanship in a very difficult year. They welcomed Cllr Declan Burgess as the new Chair and wished him well.

4. Date and time of next meeting

Members were informed that next meeting of the Regional Health Forum South would be held on Thursday 25th February 2021 at 2pm. Virtual meeting.