

Minutes of the Economic Development & Enterprise Support Strategic Policy Committee, hybrid meeting - in person (Dermot O'Brien meeting room, Ardee Civic Offices) and on Teams, 3.30pm, Tuesday 18th February 2025

SPC Members Present:

Cllr Pio Smith (chair)
Cllr Declan Power (online)
Cllr Sionainn McCann(online)
Cllr Dolores Minogue(online)
Cllr Andrea McKevitt(online)
Cllr Sean Kelly(online)
Ms Sarah Daly, PPN Rep
Ms Mercedes Rodriguez, PPN Rep
Ms Miriam Simon, Business Rep

Louth County Council Officials:

Ms Susan Murphy
Mr Thomas McEvoy, (online)
Ms Colette Moss

Invited Guests:

Trevor Connolly, Love Drogheda BID
Hubert Murphy, Drogheda Cahmber of Commerce
Paddy Malone, Dundalk Chamber of Commerce
Gary Dunne, Ardee Traders Association

Apologies: None

A quorum was reached and the meeting proceeded.

Agenda item	Action
1. Welcome and introductions Acknowledgement of Cllr Minogue joining SPC after inter SPC exchange agreed at February Council meeting.	

<p>2. Rate abatement and waiver schemes</p> <p>Discussion took place around the Department Circular and Statutory Instruments in relation to the 'Abatement of Rates in respect of Vacant Properties' Regulations 2024 and 'Waiver of Rates' Regulations 2024.</p> <p>Discussion re possible options open within the guidelines and implementation.</p> <p>Request for one page overview of current schemes to be sent to all attendees.</p> <p>Consensus was reached for all interested parties to email a submission by 12th March and return to next meeting on the 25th March.</p>	<p>Susan to arrange</p>
<p>3. Next meeting 25th March 2025</p>	

That concluded the business of the meeting at 5.00pm

Confirmed at Meeting held on: 25 · 3 · 2025

Signed:


 Chairperson