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## Minutes of the Economic Development & Enterprise Support Strategic Policy Committee meeting held via Teams on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024

**Present:** Mr Alan McArdle, PPN Rep  
Ms Sarah Daly, PPN Rep  
Cllr Pio Smith  
Cllr Andrea McKeivitt  
Cllr Declan Power  
Cllr Dolores Minogue  
Mr Paddy Malone, PPN Rep

**Officials:** Ms Colette Moss, LCC  
Ms Susan Murphy, LCC  
Mr Finbar Gethins, LCC  
Ms Pamela Kerr, LCC

**Apologies:** Cllr Emma Coffey  
Mr T.J. Meegan, PPN Rep

A quorum was reached and the meeting proceeded.

Agenda item	Action
<p><b>1. Minutes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minutes of the meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> November were approved. Proposed by Cllr Pio Smith and <b>Seconded by Ms Sarah Daly</b></li><li>• Minutes of the meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> September were approved. Proposed by Cllr Pio Smith and <b>seconded by Ms Sarah Daly</b></li></ul>	
<p><b>2. Matters Arising:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• None</li></ul>	
<p><b>3. LECP Process update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DRAFT LECP and DRAFT LECP Implementation Plan put forward for approval by the SPC – discussion followed by adoption. Proposed by Cllr Pio Smith, <b>seconded by Cllr Andrea McKeivitt</b></li></ul>	

**4. Update on Economic Development & Tourism**

Update given on recent and upcoming events: Brigid 1500 Festival, Drogheda Comedy Festival, Shared Island Feasibility Study submitted.

Query raised re Ardee Castle and current status: A request was submitted to the National Monument Service and consent received in December 2023 to proceed with the works. RFT due to issue Q1 2024.

**5. Update on Business Supports and Local Authority Incentives**

Overview given to end of 2023 and plans for 2024. Local Enterprise Week taking place 4-8<sup>th</sup> March.

**6. Shop Front Grants**

Proposal made to extend Shop Front Grants to full county. Proposed to run April to September 2024.

Approved, proposed by Cllr Dolores M nogue and seconded by Mr Paddy Malone

**7. Calendar of dates for 2024 SPC**

26<sup>th</sup> March

21<sup>st</sup> May

24<sup>th</sup> September

19<sup>th</sup> November

**8. AOB**

Cross Border Trade and Economic Conference taking place 6<sup>th</sup> March in the Carrickdale

That concluded the business of the meeting at 4:20pm

Next meeting to take place online Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm

Confirmed at Meeting held on:

26.3.24

Signed:

  
Chairperson