

Minutes of the Economic Development & Enterprise Support Strategic Policy Committee, hybrid meeting - in person (Seatown meeting room, Town Hall, Dundalk) and on Teams; 3.30pm, Tuesday 25th March 2025

SPC Members Present:

CLr Pio Smith (chair) (online)
CLr Declan Power (online)
CLr Sionainn McCann(online)
Ms Sarah Daly, PPN Rep
Ms Evelyn Nomayo, PPN Rep
CLr Dolores Minogue (online)
CLr Sean Kelly (online)
Ms Mercedes Rodriguez, PPN Rep

Louth County Council Officials:

Ms Susan Murphy
Mr Niall Gallagher
Mr Thomas McEvoy
Ms Nikki Campbell
Ms Colette Moss
Mr Mark Davies

Guests: For item no 3 on the agenda:

Mr Hubert Murphy, Drogheda Chamber (online)
Mr Martin McElligott, Dundalk BIDS

Apologies:

CLr Andrea McKeivitt
Ms Miriam Simon, Business Rep

A quorum was reached and the meeting proceeded.

Agenda item	Action
1. Welcome and introductions	
2. Minutes of the meeting 21st January 2025 No matters arising from the minutes. Proposed by Dolores and seconded by Declan	
3. Rates abatement scheme	

<p>A discussion took place in relation to the submissions received on the proposed incoming scheme. Various options on how to proceed were considered and discussed.</p> <p>A consensus was reached on proposing the following waivers: Year one: 100%, year two: 50% and year three: 25%. Proposed by Pio and seconded by Dolores.</p> <p>This information will be sent to Head of Finance to prepare a report for consideration at the next meeting.</p> <p>Based on this a draft proposal will be brought to the next meeting.</p>	<p>Susan to email Head of Finance re same.</p>
<p>4. LECP Monitoring committee in place, no date to meet in place as yet.</p>	
<p>5. Update on Economic Development and Tourism Updates were given on: Shared Island funding award, Shop Front Improvement Grant opening on the 7th of April, the Tain Trail, coverage of the Visit Louth relaunch, New York St Patrick's Day visit and Age Friendly Business workshops.</p>	
<p>6. Update on Business Supports and Local Authority Incentives An update was given on financial supports available from the Local Enterprise Office, Enterprise week and Embassy visits.</p>	
<p>7. AOB None</p>	
<p>8. Date of next meeting 29th April, venue TBC.</p>	

That concluded the business of the meeting at 5.25pm

Confirmed at Meeting held on:

8.5.2025

Signed:

Chairperson

