

Minutes of the Economic Development & Enterprise Support Strategic Policy Committee, hybrid meeting - in person (Seatown Room, Town Hall, Dundalk) and on Teams; 3.30pm, Thursday 22nd January 2026

SPC Members Present: Cllr Declan Power (acting Chair)
Cllr Sean Kelly (online)
Cllr Sionnan McCann (online)
Cllr Dolores Minogue (online)
Ms Sarah Daly, PPN Rep
Ms Miriam Simon, Business Rep (online)
Ms Evylyn Nomayo, PPN Rep
Mr Edward McDaniel, CIF Rep (online)

Louth County Council Officials:

Ms Olivia McCormack
Ms Nikki Campbell
Ms Leah Harrison (online)
Ms Susan Murphy

Apologies:

Cllr Pio Smith
Cllr Andrea McKevitt
Mr Thomas McEvoy
Ms Mercedes Rodriguez
Mr Willie Walsh
Ms Roisin McAuley

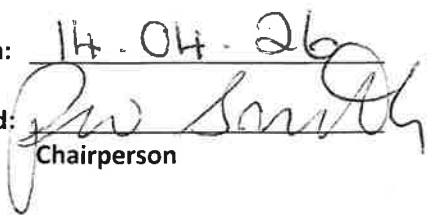
Agenda item	Action
1. Welcome and introductions A quorum was reached and the meeting proceeded. In the absence of Cllr Smith, it was agreed that Cllr Power would chair the meeting.	
2. Minutes of the meeting 6th November 2025. No matters arising. Minutes proposed by Sarah and seconded by Miriam.	
3. Rates Waiver Scheme Advised the Scheme opened to applications on the 5 th of January with Local Enterprise Office (LEO) dealing with applications and queries. LEO are working on a program of work to promote the scheme. Query	

raised re promotion of the scheme and confirmation given LEO are holding meetings with local Trading rep/committees in each MD.	
4. LECF No update at present.	
5. Workplan for 2026 Proposed workplan agreed by consensus. Dates for 2026 meetings confirmed as: 14 th April – Drogheda 18 th August - Ardee 17 th November – County Hall, Dundalk	
6. Update on Economic Development & Tourism Presentation given by Olivia with an update on projects and initiatives: Brigid 2026, Lú Festival of Light 2026, Brigid's Way, An Táin Trail – reimagined, Tourism Strategy, Public Relations, Night Time Economy and Shared Island Funding.	
7. Update on Business Supports and Local Authority Incentives An update was given on supports available from the Local Enterprise Office. Local Enterprise week taking place week commencing the 2 nd March. Events being held for businesses to meet with LEO staff. Increase in net jobs and clients via LEO in 2025.	
8. AOB Query re Shared Island Funding – addressed by Olivia.	

That concluded the business of the meeting.

Next meeting: Tuesday 14th April 2026 in Drogheda.

Confirmed at Meeting held on: 14.04.26

Signed: 

Chairperson