

**Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee for Economic Development  
& Enterprise held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 11.00 a.m. in  
the Training Room, Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis,  
Co. Clare.**

**In Attendance:**

Cllr. Richard Nagle  
Mr. Gerard Dollard  
Cllr. P J Ryan  
Cllr. Gabriel Keating  
Cllr. Clare Colleran Molloy  
Cllr. Ian Lynch  
Cllr. Johnny Flynn  
Mr. William Hanrahan  
Mr. Pat Morris  
Ms. Dympna O'Callaghan  
Ms. Theresa O'Donohoe  
Mr. Brian McCarthy

**Organisation:**

Chair  
Director of Services  
Elected Member  
Elected Member  
Elected Member  
Elected Member  
Elected Member  
Agriculture/Farming  
Ennis Chamber of Commerce  
Business/Commercial Sector  
Environment/Conservation  
Planning & Enterprise

**Also Present**

Ms. Monica Meehan	Tourism & Community Development
Mr. Padraic McElwee	Local Enterprise Office
Ms. Philomena O'Connell	Tourism & Community Development

**Apologies**

Cllr. Pat McMahan	Elected Member
Mr. Tom Floyd	Trade Union

**1. Minutes of meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 and matters arising. (attached)**

Minutes of meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 were proposed by Cllr. G. Keating, seconded by Cllr. C. Colleran Molloy and agreed.

**2. Presentation on the Draft Clare County Development Plan 2017 – 2023.**

B. McCarthy gave a presentation on the Draft Clare Development Plan 2017-2023. The Development Plan sets out an overall strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the County over a six year period. Public consultations are being held in different locations around the county during the month of

January. The draft plan is on public display from the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015 to the 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016 inclusive and submissions/observations can be made during this time. It was agreed that Clare FM and local media would be used to highlight the dates for public consultation.

**3. Action Plan for Jobs in the Mid-West Region 2015 – 2017**

The Action Plan was circulated and a lengthy discussion took place. A number of concerns were raised regarding the plan and its impact on Clare going forward. It was agreed that Clare needs to be pitched to the IDA and Enterprise Ireland as a good location to do business. It was agreed to hold a workshop on 8<sup>th</sup> February at 11am. A special meeting inviting the IDA & Enterprise Ireland to discuss the delivery of the Action Plan is also scheduled for Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016 at 11am.

**4. AOB**

With no other business the meeting concluded.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Cathaoirleach**

**Director:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Economic Development & Enterprise**