

***Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee for Economic Development & Enterprise held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016 at 11.00 a.m. in the Training Room, Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare.***

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**In Attendance:**

Cllr. Richard Nagle  
Mr. Gerard Dollard  
Cllr. Pat McMahon  
Cllr. P J Ryan  
Cllr. Gabriel Keating  
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  
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Elected Member  
Elected Member  
Agriculture/Farming  
Ennis Chamber of Commerce  
Business/Commercial Sector  
Environment/Conservation  
Planning & Enterprise

**Also Present**

Mr. Michael Neylon                      Tourism & Community Development  
Ms. Kathy Lordan                        Tourism & Community Development

**Apologies**

Cllr. Clare Collieran Molloy        Elected Member  
Mr. Tom Floyd                         Trade Union

At the outset, G. Dollard informed the meeting that the IDA were unable to attend as they have a itinerary in the region. They will be invited to the next SPC meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

Cllr. P. McMahon advised that a delegation, including the Cathaoirleach, had a productive meeting with the IDA in New York last week.

Cllr. Flynn referred to the potential sale of the 32 Acre site at Ennis Information Age Park and that this should be included on any agenda with the IDA.

D. O'Callaghan indicated that the sale of this site to the IDA would benefit the offering that Ennis could provide to any investor interested in locating in the town. It was agreed that this would be followed up.

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

Minutes of meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016 were proposed by Cllr. P.J. Ryan, seconded by Cllr. P. McMahon and agreed.

**2) Consider draft of the Local Economic & Community Plan 2015-2021:**

G. Dollard advised the meeting that there have been a number of steps to preparing this Plan. Following an analysis of the relevant data and a series of public consultations, a socio economic statement and high level goals were prepared which led to a detailed Action Plan. This SPC has responsibility for the economic element of this Plan. The LCDC has responsibility for the community element of the Plan. Following adoption by the SPC and LCDC the Plan will go before the full Council for adoption.

Following consideration, it was proposed by Cllr. G. Keating, seconded by Cllr. P.J. Ryan, and agreed to adopt the Draft Local Economic & Community Plan 2015-2021.

**3) Date of next meeting:**

Noted that date of next meeting is 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

**4) AOB:**

With no other business the meeting concluded.

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**Cathaoirleach**

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**Director, Economic Development  
& Enterprise**