

**ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of Economic Enterprise & Rural Development Strategic Policy Committee Meeting**

**Location: Council Chamber & Microsoft Teams**

**Date Tuesday, 29 April 2025**

**Time: 11.30am**

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**PRESIDING:** Councillor Garry Murtagh

**PRESENT:** Councillor Mark Casey, Niall Gannon, Martin Monaghan,  
Seamus Butler, Loretto Grogan, John Coyle

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr. Paul Newell – A/Director of Services

**APOLOGIES:** Fintan McGill, John Kiernan, Margaret McDonald, John  
Brannigan

**MEETINGS**

**ADMINISTRATOR:** Ms. Lorraine McKee

**1. INTRODUCTION**

Chairperson Gary Murtagh welcomed the members to the Economic Enterprise & Rural Development Strategic Policy Committee meeting.

**2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

No declaration of interests declared.

**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE AND RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT SPC MEETING HELD ON 19 FEBRUARY 2025**

The minutes of the meeting of the Economic, Enterprise and Rural Development SPC

on 19 February 2025 were adopted by Councillor Seamus Butler seconded by Councillor Niall Gannon.

#### **4 NIGHTTIME ECONOMY PRESENTATION FROM KAREN REILLY**

Karen Reilly Night-Time Economy Officer made a detailed presentation to the committee members. This included the following key points.

- What is the Night-Time Economy
- Why is Night-Time Economy Important
- Key Pillars of Longford's Night-Time Economy Strategy
- What was achieved
- What is next

The members raised questions on the presentation, which Karen responded to.

#### **5 COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUES AND MONUMENTS POLICY REVIEW**

On the proposal of Councillor Seamus Butler seconded by Councillor Niall Gannon, the SPC considered and approved the Council's Commemorative Plaques and Monuments Policy review and recommended it for consideration and approval by the CPG at their May meeting.

#### **6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The proposed date for the next meeting of the Economic Enterprise & Rural Development Strategic Policy Committee is 22 July 2025 to which the members unanimously agreed.

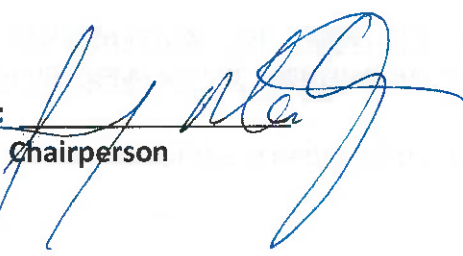
This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

  
Lorraine McKee  
Meetings Administrator

Confirmed and adopted at Economic Enterprise & Rural Development Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on the 22 July 2025.

Signed:

  
Chairperson