



## Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes

### Planning, Economic Development, Enterprise and European Affairs SPC

**24 March 2023, Buvinda House and Hybrid**

**Attendees - Councillors:** Cllrs. Stephen McKee (presided) Alan Tobin (Online), Joe Fox, Tommy Reilly, Padraig Fitzsimons (Online), Aisling Dempsey (Online)

**Apologies:** Cllrs., Elaine McGinty, Aisling O’Neill, Brian Fitzgerald, Sarah Reilly

**Attendees - Sectoral Representatives:** Gary Plunkett, Michael Wall (Online), Sean Boyle (Online)

**Apologies:** John Curran,

**Officials:** Des Foley Seán Clarke, Joe English, Majella Farrell, Alison Condra

Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p><b><u>To adopt the minutes of the meeting of 13 July 2022</u></b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2022 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. J. Fox and seconded by Cllr. A. Tobin.</p>
2.	<p><b><u>To receive a presentation on compliance with the Ethical Framework for Non-Councillor Members of Committees</u></b></p> <p>Members of the SPC received a short presentation from Seán Clarke, Senior Executive Officer on their obligations with respect to Part 15 of the Local Government Act and in particular Sections 168, 169, 170 177(4) and 177.</p> <p>He referred to the email that had been sent to all Non-Councillor Members on 13 February 2023 and advised that this will be included as a standing item on each agenda to highlight to all present, that a member of a committee may be required to disclose a pecuniary or other beneficial interest at a meeting and the Committee Administrator should advise a member of the appropriate course of action and record such a disclosure in the meeting minutes.</p>
3.	<p><b><u>To receive a briefing on the Meath County Council Economic Development projects being funded by the EU Commission.</u></b></p> <p>Joe English, Senior Executive Officer, Local Enterprise Office, gave a presentation with respect to Meath County Council’s Economic Development projects being funded by the EU Commission.</p>



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	<p>Members of the committee raised questions under the following areas;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Plans to fund Public/Private Partnership with respect to Remote Working Hubs</li><li>• EU Funding available with respect to Tech projects</li><li>• Proposed to review the Commuter Survey to reflect the current situation post Covid.</li></ul> <p>Mr. English advised the SPC that his team was constantly monitoring any funding coming through the R.E.D.F. scheme that could be availed of.</p>
4.	<p><b><u>To receive a presentation on a proposed change to the Linguistic Impact Assessment carried out as part of one -off rural development applications in the Gaeltachts.</u></b></p> <p>Alison Condra, Administrative Officer made a presentation with respect to the introduction of a standardized Linguistic Impact Assessment form to ensure consistency in the information being provided to assess an applicant's compliance with RD OBJ 19 of the County Development Plan.</p> <p>Members were advised of the Section 28 guidelines which would create a national standard and which were due to be published shortly and this measure being presented was temporary pending the publication of the guidelines and to satisfy the office of Coimiseiner na Teanga.</p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr. T. Reilly, seconded by Cllr. J. Fox, the new procedure was agreed.</p>
5.	<p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Appointment of a replacement to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Kieran Cummins</li><li>• Site visit to Tara Mines to be arranged</li><li>• Request to write to Deputies Dara O'Brien and Kieran O'Donnell with respect to extension of duration provisions for one-off houses</li><li>• Branding at motorways with respect to Meath Economic supports</li><li>• Members requested a presentation from Solar and Windfarm operators as an agenda item for the next SPC</li><li>• Members requested a representative from the Transportation Department to attend the next SPC with respect to the policy on cycle lanes.</li></ul>
6.	<p><b><u>Next Meeting</u></b></p> <p>Date to be confirmed but will be held at end of June</p>

The meeting concluded at 4.00pm