

**Comhairle Contae Fingall  
Fingal County Council**

**Minutes of Marine and Coastal Management Strategic Policy Committee**

**Wednesday, 27th November, 2024**

**PRESENT**

Councillor P. Mulville  
Councillor G. Maguire  
Maire O'Brien  
Charles Sargent

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillor Cathal Boland.

The Area Chairperson, Councillor A. Donnelly, presided.

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

David Storey (Director of Services), Catherine O'Donovan (Senior Executive Officer), Aoife Sheridan (Senior Executive Officer), Kevin Halpenny (Senior Parks Superintendent), Ala Kerzzo (Executive Engineer), Grainne Carroll (Administrative Officer), Maria Hand (Senior Staff Officer).

**MCM/32/24** (Agenda Item No 1)

**Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of the Marine and Coastal Management SPC meeting held on the 13th March 2024**

The minutes were proposed by Councillor A. Donnelly and seconded by Councillor P. Mulville.

The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 were **AGREED**.

**MCM/33/24** (Agenda Item No 2)

**Outdoor Recreation Plan**

A presentation on the Outdoor Recreation Plan (ORIS) scheme which detailed the guidelines, eligibility and timelines of the scheme was given by Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic Development.

The presentation was **NOTED**

**MCM/34/24** (Agenda Item No 3)

**Update on Balleally Landfill**

Ala Kerzzo, Executive Engineer, Environment Department gave an update on the aftercare of Balleally Landfill.

The presentation was **NOTED**.

**MOTIONS**

**MCM/35/24** (Agenda Item No 4)

**M. O'Brien - Co-ordinated Response to Coastal Erosion**

The Motion in the name of Marie O'Brien was proposed by Marie O'Brien and seconded by Councillor A. Donnelly.

Kevin Halpenny read the report and a discussion followed with the members.

The report was **ACCEPTED**.

**MCM/36/24** (Agenda Item No 5)

**Councillor P. Mulville - MARA Application for Portrane Coastal Protection Scheme - AI099455**

The Motion in the name of Councillor P. Mulville was proposed by Councillor P. Mulville and seconded by Councillor A. Donnelly.

Kevin Halpenny read the report, and a discussion followed with the members.

The report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Meeting concluded at 17:35

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**CHAIRPERSON**

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**DATED**

## COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

### MARINE & COASTAL MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2025

#### Item 04

#### ESTABLISHMENT OF COASTAL LIAISON COMMITTEES

##### **Motion: C. Sargent**

"That this Committee recommends the establishment of Coastal Liaison Committees reporting back to this Strategic Policy Committee and to the relevant Area Committees for the different sections of the Fingal coast, with community and other stakeholder participation."

##### **Report:**

The governance structures of the Council, including Standing Committees and other committees, are a matter for full Council. This is not a matter for the Strategic Policy Committee.

##### **Source:**

Mary Egan, Director People, Corporate and Digital Services



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### MARINE & COASTAL MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2025

#### ITEM 05

#### PRESENTATION OF MARINE FRAMEWORK – AI100746

##### **Motion: Councillor C. Boland**

“That the Chief Executive make a presentation to this Committee on the National Marine Planning Framework 2021 and Maritime Area Planning act 2021 and how it interlinks with and informs the work of this Committee.”

##### **Report:**

As requested under the motion, a presentation will be provided to the Marine and Coastal Management Strategic Policy Committee Meeting in relation to Project Ireland 2040- National Marine Planning Framework and the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021.

##### **Source:**

Patricia Cadogan, Senior Planner, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

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### MARINE & COASTAL MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2025

#### ITEM 06

#### REPORT ON PROGRESS TO IMPROVE PUBLIC ACCESS ALONG COASTLINE – AI100749

**Motion: Councillor P. Mulville**

“That the Chief Executive reports on progress around protecting public rights of way, as per policy CMP11, Objectives CMO14 and CMO15 of the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029, in particular given the need to improve public access to places of natural beauty along our coastline.”

**Report:**

The Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 contains Policy and Objectives in relation to preserving and identifying Public Rights of Way within the county. The following in particular are noted in this regard.

**Objective CMP11 Protection of Public Rights of Way**

*Protect public rights of way as set out in Table 6.2 that give access to areas of natural beauty or recreation.*

**Objective CMO14 Mapping of Public Rights of Way**

*Identify further Public Rights of Way during the lifetime of the Development Plan and to update the ‘Public Rights of Way’ mapping.*

**Objective CMO15 – Engagement towards Improved Access**

*The Local Authority will continue to engage with landowners, public bodies, adjoining Local Authorities and state agencies to improve access to publicly owned lands and to investigate opportunities for additional permissive access paths wherever possible and appropriate.*

In addition, there are a number of Greenway and active travel schemes which when delivered, will further improve general public access (via active travel) to places of natural beauty along the coastline. The Fingal coastal Way, the Broadmeadow Way and the Sutton to Malahide greenway are currently being progressed by the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department. Subject to planning approval and funding being in place, these schemes will generally improve public access on a year-round basis.

**Source:**

Patricia Cadogan, Senior Planner, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure