

Comhairle Contae Fine Gall Fingal County Council

Minutes of Howth/Malahide Area Committee
(Services B - Strategic & General Matters)

Wednesday, 7th May, 2025

PRESENT

Councillors:

Guerin, Jimmy
Haughey, Cathal
Healy, David

Councillors:

Hopkins, Joan
McDonagh, Brian
Tormey, Aoibhinn

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillor Eoghan O'Brien.

The Area Chairperson, Councillor Aoibhinn Tormey, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Ciara O hAodha (Senior Executive Officer); Noel McManus (Sports Development Officer); Patricia Cadogan (Senior Planner); Gráinne Carroll (Administrative Officer); Aoife Lawlor (Senior Executive Officer); Fiona Glynn (Administrative Officer); Laura Burke (Senior Executive Engineer); John Daly (Senior Engineer); Shane Harding (Executive Engineer); Roisin Burke (Senior Planner); Andrew Nolan (Senior Executive Engineer); Colin Gallagher (Senior Engineer); Sinead Murphy (Senior Engineer); Liz Hartigan (Administrative Officer).

HMB/76/25 (Agenda Item No)

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Area Chairperson, Councillor A. Tormey, at the start of the meeting reminded Members that Standing Orders would apply to all aspects of the meeting.

Councillor Tormey, on behalf of the Committee, extended condolences to Councillor Eoghan O'Brien and his family on the passing of his father, Pádraig O'Brien.

The Area Chairperson, Councillor A. Tormey, advised an Emergency Motion had been received; which was ruled in order; and would be considered at the conclusion of business in line with Standing Orders.

HMB/77/25 (Agenda Item No 1)

**Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of the Howth/Malahide Area
Committee (Services B - Strategic and General Matters) Meeting held on
Wednesday the 2nd of April**

Minutes of the Howth-Malahide Area Committee Meeting held on the 2nd of April 2025 which had been circulated were **CONSIDERED**.

It was then **PROPOSED** by Councillor A. Tormey, seconded by Councillor D. Healy and **RESOLVED** –

“That the minutes of the Howth-Malahide Area Committee Meeting held on the 2nd of April 2025 be **ADOPTED**.”

HMB/78/25 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey, seconded by Councillor J. Hopkins and **RESOLVED**:

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions 2 - 21 be **ADOPTED**.”

HMB/79/25 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor D. Healy - Update on Bridge over Railway Tracks South of Portmarnock Station - AI101656

HMB/80/25 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor D. Healy - Update on Active Travel Access to the Primary Schools and NZone - Kinsealy - AI101657

HMB/81/25 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor D. Healy - Dune Protection Signage in this LEA - AI102328

HMB/82/25 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor D. Healy - Stapolin Avenue and Racecourse Court - AI102553

HMB/83/25 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor D. Healy - Tuckett's Lane Park - AI102554

HMB/84/25 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor D. Healy - Planting between Stapolin Avenue and Racecourse Court - AI102555

HMB/85/25 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor D. Healy - F16A/0412 Taking in Charge - AI102557

HMB/86/25 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor C. Haughey - Update on Pedestrian Access between Grove Lawn and Seamount Park - AI102274

HMB/87/25 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor C. Haughey - Removal of Concrete Slabs Installed at Stapolin Avenue and Racecourse Court - AI102280

HMB/88/25 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor C. Haughey - Cross Paving EV Chargers in Stapolin Avenue - AI102287

HMB/89/25 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor C. Haughey - Meeting with Carmelite Monastery, Malahide - AI102361

HMB/90/25 (Agenda Item No 13)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Invasive Species of Plants at Techrete Site - Howth - AI102509

HMB/91/25 (Agenda Item No 14)

Councillor J Hopkins - Update on Bus Shelters in Baldoyle - AI102354

HMB/92/25 (Agenda Item No 15)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Update on Howth Castle Lease Proposal - AI102355

HMB/93/25 (Agenda Item No 16)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Benches for Sutton/Baldoyle Promenade and Baldoyle/Portmarnock Greenway - AI102356

HMB/94/25 (Agenda Item No 17)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Update on Wind Farm Plans Howth/Malahide - AI102512

HMB/95/25 (Agenda Item No 18)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Skateboard Park in Racecourse Park - AI102517

HMB/96/25 (Agenda Item No 19)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Update on Old Baldoyle Community Hall Renovation - AI102518

HMB/97/25 (Agenda Item No 20)

Councillor B. McDonagh - Installation of Additional Benches on the Baldoyle/Portmarnock Greenway - AI102472

HMB/98/25 (Agenda Item No 21)

Councillor B. McDonagh - Childcare Provision - Portmarnock - AI102473

HMB/99/25 (Agenda Item No 22)

Applications for Funding

HMB/100/25 (Agenda Item No 22a)

Applications for Community Funding

It was **NOTED** that there was no business on this item.

HMB/101/25 (Agenda Item No 22b)

Applications for Sports Funding

The attached report, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey, seconded by Councillor C. Haughey and **AGREED**:

“That this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the funding set out in the foregoing report.”

HMB/102/25 (Agenda Item No)

MOTIONS

HMB/103/25 (Agenda Item No 23)

Councillor D. Healy - Redesign of Howth Railway Station Forecourt - AI101647

The Motion, in the name of Councillor D. Healy, was proposed by Councillor D. Healy and seconded by Councillor C. Haughey.

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. Following discussion, the Motion was **AGREED**.

HMB/104/25 (Agenda Item No 24)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Litter Warden, Baldoyle - AI101045

The Motion, in the name of Councillor J. Hopkins, was proposed by Councillor J. Hopkins and seconded by Councillor D. Healy.

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. Following discussion, the report was **ACCEPTED**.

HMB/105/25 (Agenda Item No 25)

Councillor C. Haughey - Site off Tuckett's Lane, Howth - AI102278

The Motion, in the name of Councillor C. Haughey, was proposed by Councillor C. Haughey and seconded by Councillor A. Tormey.

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. Following discussion, the Motion was **AGREED**, and a commitment was given to bring this topic as a headed item to the September meeting of the Committee.

HMB/106/25 (Agenda Item No 26)**Councillor E. O'Brien - Balgriffin Hall Lining - AI102366**

The Motion, in the name of Councillor E. O'Brien, was, in Councillor O'Brien's absence and authorised by Cllr O'Brien, proposed by Councillor C. Haughey and seconded by Councillor A. Tormey.

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. Following discussion, the Motion was **AGREED**.

HMB/107/25 (Agenda Item No 27)**Councillor B. McDonagh - Report on Portmarnock Railway Overbridge OBB21 - AI102445**

This Motion, with the permission of the meeting, was withdrawn by Councillor B. McDonagh.

HMB/108/25 (Agenda Item No 28)**Councillor D. Healy - Noise Action Plan Implementation - AI101652**

The Motion, in the name of Councillor D. Healy, was proposed by Councillor D. Healy and seconded by Councillor A. Tormey.

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. Following discussion, the Motion was **AGREED**.

HMB/109/25 (Agenda Item No 29)**Councillor C. Haughey - Update on Taking in Charge for Streamstown Meadow and Clairville Lodge - AI102279**

The Motion, in the name of Councillor C. Haughey, was proposed by Councillor C. Haughey and seconded by Councillor B. McDonagh.

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. Following discussion, the report was **NOTED**.

HMB/110/25 (Agenda Item No 30)**Councillor J. Hopkins - Crèche in Robswall - AI102359**

The Motion, in the name of Councillor J. Hopkins, was proposed by Councillor J. Hopkins and seconded by Councillor A. Tormey.

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. Following discussion, the Motion was **AGREED**, and a commitment was given to bring this topic as a headed item to the September meeting of the Committee.

HMB/111/25 (Agenda Item No)

EMERGENCY MOTION

HMB/112/25 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor J. Hopkins - School Warden – Stapolin Educate Together School

The Motion, in the name of Councillor J. Hopkins, was proposed by Councillor J. Hopkins and seconded by Councillor A. Tormey.

Mr. Andrew Nolan, Mr. Colin Gallagher and Ms. Sinead Murphy gave the Members verbal updates in relation to this matter.

Following discussion, the Motion was **AGREED**, and a commitment was given to bring this topic as a headed item to the June meeting of the Committee.

The Meeting concluded at 4:57pm.

AREA CHAIRPERSON

DATED

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

HOWTH/MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING (Services B – Strategic & General Matters)

WEDNESDAY 4th JUNE 2025

ITEM NO. 02

UPDATE ON SUTTON-MALAHIDE GREENWAY - AI101655

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the timeline for the Sutton-Malahide Greenway?"

Reply:

The preliminary design drawings have been reviewed by the NTA and the stage 2 road safety audit has been completed. All recommendations will be considered and incorporated into the scheme where required.

Pavement design drawings and drawings to identify the locations of utilities within the scheme are being progressed and where required, the project will liaise with utilities to discuss any required diversion works. Drainage and Public Lighting preliminary design is progressing.

The latest revision of the Cycle Design Manual has led to some improvements being incorporated into the overall scheme design including revised layouts for crossings and bus stops to comply with the new standards.

Ground Investigation Works have been complete with final reinstatements completed in January 2025. Design for structures along the route is progressing using the findings from the Ground Investigations. This includes design of the Malahide Tennis Boardwalk, promenade extension at Baldoyle, Sluice River Bridge, Station Road culvert and Burrow Court retaining wall.

Wintering bird surveys have been completed which are required to feed into the planning application. An updated scoping report has been completed and will be circulated to prescribed bodies.

A revised scoping report will be circulated to prescribed bodies in the coming weeks. The scoping study is a key element of the EIAR process and signifies commencement of the development of an EIAR. 'Scoping' is a process of deciding what information should be contained in an EIAR and what methods should be used to gather and assess that information.

Following completion of the preliminary design, documents will be prepared for a planning application to An Bord Pleanála. This includes preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement, Natura Impact Statement and Compulsory Purchase Order documentation.

Engagement with potentially impacted property owners, businesses and stakeholders is ongoing. On completion of the preliminary design, the project team will contact landowners to discuss the compulsory purchase order process and the scheme and acquisition requirements.

Meetings have been held with Uisce Éireann to ensure coordination of the scheme with planned and existing assets. A search of unregistered lands is ongoing for production of the deposit maps for the land acquisition.

Source of Reply:

Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 03

UPDATE ON VACANT COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES IN THIS LEA - AI102387

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on how many properties liable for commercial rates which are believed to be vacant in the Howth/ Malahide Area?"

Reply:

The Council does not keep a register of vacant commercially rated properties. A measure of the level of vacancy in an area is the number of applications for Vacancy Abatement submitted by the owners of such properties.

No Vacancy Abatement is available for 2025 and as such no figures are available for the current year. The most recently available figures relate to the 2024 financial year and valid Vacancy Abatement applications were received in respect of 9 properties within the LEA for that year.

Source of Reply:

George Curran, Administrative Officer, Finance Department

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ITEM NO. 04

VACANT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES IN THIS LEA - AI102388

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on how many residential units are believed to be vacant in the Howth/Malahide Area?"

Reply:

Outside of the residential properties coming back into use via the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant scheme, the Vacant Homes Team is presently tracking 35 vacant privately owned vacant dwellings in the Howth/Malahide Local Electoral Area.

Potentially vacant private residential properties can be reported via www.vacanthomes.ie.

Upon receipt of the report, the Vacant Homes Team will initiate an investigation.

Source of Reply:

Gene Griffin, A/Senior Executive Officer, Housing and Community Department

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ITEM NO. 05

VACANT PROPERTIES IN THIS LEA - AI102389a

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise what contact the Council has made with owners of residential properties which have been vacant for long periods of time in the Howth/Malahide area, detailing what powers the Council has in relation to bringing the properties into use and whether the Council has exercised such powers in relation to any particular properties in the last 5 years?"

Reply:

The Council's Vacant Homes Team engages with the owners of vacant properties on an on-going basis through various means such as by way of correspondence, both e-mail and letter, and by phone call where phone contact details are available. House calls are also conducted by the housing inspectors. Vacant properties are identified through reports made to the Vacant Homes Team by members of the public and by way of survey of lists of potentially vacant properties supplied by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage arising from Geo-Directory data.

1 vacant property has come into the Council's possession after a compulsory purchase order process and is now tenanted as part of the Council's social housing stock. The Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant scheme has been available since 2022 and is promoted by the Council as a mechanism to address vacancy and/or dereliction of residential properties. 71 applications have been received with respect to Howth\Malahide LEA with 54 applications approved and further applications moving to approval stage. In addition to this, 4 properties have come back into use via private market sale or rented on the private market following engagement by the Council with the owner(s).

Where there are concerns regarding dereliction with respect to Vacant Residential Properties, the properties are referred to the Derelict Sites Section for investigation and appropriate action under the Derelict Sites Act 1990, as amended.

Vacant private residential properties can be reported via www.vacanthomes.ie.

Source of Reply:

Gene Griffin, A/Senior Executive Officer, Housing and Community Department

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ITEM NO. 06

VACANT COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES IN THIS LEA - AI102389b

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise what contact the Council has made with owners of commercial properties which have been vacant for long periods of time in the Howth/Malahide area, detailing what powers the Council has in relation to bringing the properties into use and whether the Council has exercised such powers in relation to any particular properties in the last 5 years?"

Reply:

The Finance Department has contact with Ratepayers in the County in the normal course of its billing and debt collection processes. Additional contact arises in circumstances where the owner of a Vacant property submits an application for Vacancy Relief / Abatement.

The Finance Department does not have any powers to compel the owners of vacant commercially rated properties to bring such properties back into use. The Council has though, over successive years, gradually reduced the % of rates which may be claimed back in respect of vacant properties, including a full reduction to 0% for 2025. It is hoped that this measure will help to incentivise the productive use of commercially rated properties.

Source of Reply:

George Curran, Administrative Officer, Finance Department

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ITEM NO. 07

CHILDCARE IN PORTMARNOCK - AI102948

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline what data and analysis the Council maintains of the situation regarding childcare in the Portmarnock area, including information on current levels of demand, anticipated future demand as new housing is built and occupied, current total childcare spaces in the area, including the availability of vacant spaces, if any, within that total, and length of waiting lists in excess of available spaces, anticipated future childcare spaces for which provision is made in planning permissions commenced and not yet commenced and to advise on the degree to which the current arrangements are meeting the childcare need of families in the area?"

Reply:

As part of the requirement to monitor the progress of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029, the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department maintains a database of residential, commercial and community-related planning applications submitted to the planning authority.

A review of commercial applications indicates that no planning applications for the development of private childcare / creche facilities in the Portmarnock area were received since April 2023.

Childcare facilities as a use class is permitted in principle or is open for consideration across a wide range of land use zonings within the county. Furthermore, in discharging decisions in relation to planning applications lodged within it, the Planning Authority is cognisant of the requirements of Ministerial Guidelines issued under Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. This includes the DEHLG Childcare Facilities – Guidelines for Planning Authorities 2001 in relation to applications for childcare facilities.

Furthermore, detailed standards required for such facilities are contained in Section 14.14.2 'Childcare Facilities' Chapter 14 Development Management Standards of the Development Plan. It should be noted that this section states that:

In assessing applications for new childcare facilities, the Planning Authority will consult with the Fingal County Childcare Committee to assess the need for the type of facility proposed at the intended location.

It should also be noted that the Fingal County Childcare Committee (FCCC) was formed to act in an advisory capacity to all childcare services in Fingal, providing advice, information and assistance on a wide variety of topics in the childcare field. As stated on the FCCC website, data relating to current and future levels of demand for childcare is collected and published by Tusla, the Child and Family Agency, which maintains a comprehensive list of all registered services in Ireland. The register includes details of each service including:

- type of service is offered
- how many children the service can accommodate
- the age profile of children in attendance

(See: https://www.tusla.ie/uploads/content/Dublin_MAR25.pdf)

The register lists a total of 9no. early years services in Portmarnock which can accommodate a total of 389no. children.

Source of Reply:

Patricia Cadogan, A/Senior Planner, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 08

LDA DEAL TO PURCHASE STAPOLIN LANDS BALDOYLE - AI102093

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the terms of the Land Development Agency's deal with Richmond Homes/Avestus, the amount paid, how the LDA proposes to work with Fingal with respect to phasing, the completion of the train station, the completion of Racecourse Park and facilities and the completion of 1,900 affordable/cost rental homes?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council are not party to the details of any agreement between the LDA and Richmond Homes/Avestus.

Pre-planning consultation affords applicants an opportunity to seek advice from the Planning Authority on a proposed development. This advice can include indicating the relevant objectives and policies of the development plan that may have a bearing on the decision of the application.

Source of Reply:

Roisin Burke, Senior Planner, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 09

CLOTHES BANKS IN THIS LEA - AI102516

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

“To ask the Chief Executive to outline future plans for clothes banks in this Local Electoral Area which are constantly subject to dumping?”

Reply:

Fingal County Council has in place a contracted service for the provision of textile collection and recycling in Fingal.

The current contract is a temporary service contract (6 months) that was quickly put in place at the beginning of 2025, following the evident difficulties in the current market as a result of a retraction in the potential markets for recycled textile due to conflicts and other issues in key markets.

The Environment Department is aware that there have been some issues with overflowing textile banks in Fingal recently and are working with our contractor to address these.

A handful of textile banks that are experiencing a large amount of ongoing illegal dumping at their site, will be assessed with a view to installation of CCTV cameras in the coming months.

The Council intend to maintain a contracted service for the collection and recycling of textile and will advertise tenders shortly.

Source of Reply:

Catherine O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer, ECAATS Department

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ITEM NO. 10

NUMBER OF SOCIAL HOMES AVAILABLE IN THIS LEA - AI102519

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a breakdown of how many homes are either in the ownership of the Council or the occupants are in receipt of HAP or other housing supports broken down by area i.e. Howth, Sutton, Baldoyle, Bayside, Kinsealy, Portmarnock and Malahide?"

Reply:

The number of units in the ownership of Fingal County Council including units managed by Approved Housing Bodies and leased units in the Howth/Malahide electoral area is: 611

The total number of mainstream HAP tenancies in the Howth Malahide Electoral Area is: 157

Source of Reply:

Paul Carroll, Director of Services, Housing Department

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ITEM NO. 11

PROJECT COSTS - TUCKETT'S LANE, HOWTH - AI102520

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the costs associated with plans and designs over the last decade relating to the Tuckett's lane project?"

Reply:

The costs associated with the Tucketts Lane project to date are broken down as follows:

Surveys	Consultants/ Professional fees	Legal fees	Utilities	Other	Total
€10,814.52	€101,135.72	€19,000.44	€7,943.87	€15,153.96	€154,048.51

Source of Reply:

Fiona Glynn, Administrative Officer, Housing Department

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ITEM NO. 12

BUILDING OF SOCIAL HOMES - HOWTH - AI102521

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise what plans the Council has to build social homes for the community of Howth?”

Reply:

The Council is looking at options for the delivery of social housing on the Tuckett's Lane site and will be submitting the current revised costings for the 8 social units to the Department for approval. Details on the Tuckett's Lane project, as it progresses, will be made available in the Monthly Chief Executive's Report.

The Part V obligation of the apartment scheme under construction adjacent to the DART station is under negotiation and will be made available soon.

The Council continues to look at new development site opportunities throughout the County as they arise and to engage with the developers in the area to deliver on their Part V obligations.

Source of Reply:

Fiona Glynn, Administrative Officer, Housing Department

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ITEM NO. 13

LITTER POLICY FOR PRIVATE OWNERS OF SHOPS IN THIS LEA - AI102522

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide the details of the policy/responsibility of owners of private shops, specifically the car parks, with regards to litter picking and general cleanliness in this Local Electoral Area?"

Reply:

The Litter Pollution Act 1997 outlines responsibilities for businesses regarding litter. Businesses are prohibited from creating litter in public places or places visible from public areas within 100 metres of their business. This includes depositing any waste, loading, transporting, unloading, or handling goods, and operating a mobile outlet without providing litter bins or removing litter.

Breaching these rules can result in fines, including €150 on-the-spot fines or €3,000 in court if legal proceedings are initiated. The Litter Wardens issue fines under Section 6 and Section 16 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997.

Source of Reply:

Grainne Carroll, Administrative Officer, ECAATS Department

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ITEM NO. 14

Update on Public Consultation for Kinsealy/Portmarnock Greenway - AI103003

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the public consultation which took place 6 months ago and to advise on the next steps and timeline for the Kinsealy/Portmarnock Greenway?”

Reply:

The Kinsealy Walking and Cycling scheme aims to provide a high-quality walking and cycling route between Kinsealy and Portmarnock train station and will form a link from Kinsealy to sustainable transport at Portmarnock train station.

A non-statutory public consultation concluded in January 2025 and this yielded more than 100 submissions on the proposed walking & cycling scheme. These submissions have been categorised, analysed and used to inform the process to progress from the Emerging Preferred Route stage to the Preferred Route stage.

Following the non-statutory public consultation, the Options Report (closing out Phase 2 of the project appraisal guidelines) is expected in Q2 of 2025, indicating the preferred route to be developed. This will immediately be followed by Phase 3 (Preliminary Design and Environmental Evaluation) of the route, which is required to secure planning (Phase 4). Phase 3 will take 6 months to complete.

At this stage of the project, it is not possible to indicate any timelines for Phase 4 or any of the phases thereafter (construction, etc.). The exact statutory instrument to deliver this project is not yet known and will become clear only after the preliminary designs and necessary screenings have been completed.

There are requirements to obtain privately owned land to realise this project and these compulsory purchase orders are a matter for An Bord Pleanála.

Source of Reply:

Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 15

UPDATE ON WALKWAY FROM DRUMNIGH MANOR TO PORTMARNOCK TRAIN STATION - AI102955

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the walkway from Drumnigh Manor to Portmarnock Train Station?”

Reply:

Improvement works to existing overpass railway bridge OBB21 (which is currently grassed and formerly used as a cattle pass) will facilitate a safe and direct active travel route from Drumnigh Manor to Portmarnock Train Station and beyond via a new linear park which runs north-south, parallel to the railway track within the Saint Marnock's Bay/Sky Lark Development.

The bridge is located over the Dublin to Belfast Railway line c500m south of Portmarnock Train Station. It is in the ownership of Irish Rail and is currently fenced off and not in use.

The proposed improvement works involve re-surfacing the existing bridge deck with an SMA surface and this will become a shared two-way footpath/cycleway.

Detailed design is complete and a set of documents required for the works has been prepared. The bridge works licence agreement with Irish Rail is being finalised.

The legal access agreement with the landowner to the west is also being finalised. Engagement with the landowner to the east has come to a halt for reasons beyond P&SI control, however, we will continue our attempts to engage.

Access for construction talks had been progressed with the landowner to the east, however, it is now required to bring construction access in from the western side. Negotiations in relation to this have commenced with the landowner to the west.

Once all legal agreements are in place and sufficient notice has been issued to Irish Rail, works can proceed and will likely take up to 3 weeks to complete.

Source of Reply:

Linda Lally, A/Senior Engineer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 16

UPDATE ON SEAMOUNT ROAD FOOTPATH CONNECTIVITY PROJECT - AI102990

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Seamount Road Footpath Connectivity Project and detail if any planning enforcement files at this location have been closed recently, to allow this project to go ahead?"

Reply:

The contract for the design consultants has been awarded for the project, the initial project meeting with the design team is scheduled to take place in the last week of May 2025. There are no active planning enforcement files relating to development along the section of Seamount Road in which the project works will take place.

Source of Reply:

Linda Lally, A/Senior Engineer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 17

PORTMARNOCK ADVENTURE CLUB LAND - AI102991

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise and display what part of the lands at Portmarnock Adventure Club will be subject to a Compulsory Purchase Order as part of the Sutton to Malahide Cycle Scheme, who this land will be acquired from, and any other plans the Council may have for this site?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council in partnership with the National Transport Authority is progressing the Sutton to Malahide Pedestrian & Cycle Scheme which aims to develop a high-quality pedestrian and cycle route that will connect the coastal towns of Malahide, Portmarnock, Baldoyle and Sutton. The Proposed Scheme is 8.2km long and will connect the recently constructed Baldoyle to Portmarnock Greenway and will build upon the success of that scheme by linking more communities together.

The preliminary design is progressing

For Compulsory Purchase Orders, the land is acquired from the landowner, leasees or occupier. The Council has conducted enquiries to determine the ownership of the property.

The Design Team will prepare land acquisition drawings to form part of the formal CPO application to An Bord Pleanála. The CPO application will be lodged with the planning application for the scheme.

The Council does not have any further plans for the site as it is not in Council ownership. If Portmarnock Adventure Centre CLG wishes to engage with the

Council regarding the property, they may contact the Property Services Section to arrange a meeting.

Source of Reply:

Linda Lally, A/Senior Engineer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department.

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ITEM NO. 18

UPDATE ON KINSEALY TO PORTMARNOCK WALKING AND CYCLING SCHEME - AI102995

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Kinsealy to Portmarnock Walking and Cycling Scheme, and if there are plans to complete different sections of the scheme in different phases?"

Reply:

The Kinsealy Walking and Cycling scheme aims to provide a high-quality walking and cycling route between Kinsealy and Portmarnock train station and will form a link from Kinsealy to sustainable transport at Portmarnock train station.

A non-statutory public consultation concluded in January 2025 and this yielded more than 100 submissions on the proposed walking & cycling scheme. These submissions have been categorised, analysed and used to inform the process to progress from the Emerging Preferred Route stage to the Preferred Route stage.

Following the non-statutory public consultation, the Options Report (closing out Phase 2 of the project appraisal guidelines) is expected in Q2 of 2025, indicating the preferred route to be developed. This will immediately be followed by Phase 3 (Preliminary Design and Environmental Evaluation) of the route, which is required to secure planning (Phase 4). Phase 3 will take 6 months to complete.

At this stage of the project, it is not possible to indicate any timelines for Phase 4 or any of the phases thereafter (construction, etc.). The exact statutory instrument to deliver this project is not yet known and will become clear only after the preliminary designs and necessary screenings have been completed.

There are requirements to obtain privately owned land to realise this project and these compulsory purchase orders are a matter for An Bord Pleanála.

The walking and cycling route between Kinsealy and Portmarnock is being prioritised. The route between Kinsealy and Malahide Castle and gardens will be delivered as phase 2 of this scheme.

Source of Reply:

Linda Lally, A/Senior Engineer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department.

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ITEM NO. 19a

APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY FUNDING

Applications for funding under the Council's Community Funding Scheme have been received from the organisations listed below. It is proposed to make funding available to these organisations, in accordance with the conditions of the scheme up to the amount set out hereunder: -

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application.	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Biscayne/Lambay Residents Association GA 003549	€ 850.00	Under 4yr bouncy castle Over 4yr bouncy castle medals	NO	N/A	€ 810.00

MillView Residents Association GA 003515	€ 3,000.00	Brass Band Hire of Marquee for Christmas Event Face-painting	YES	2023-€ 2,978.00 2024-€ 2,357.44	€ 3,000.00
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REMEDIAL WORKS MULTI PURPOSE FACILITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application.	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Naomh Mearnog GAA Club GA 003542	€ 60,000.00	Replacement of Lift Club Hall Works WC Females Refurbishment	NO	N/A	€ 60,000.00

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ITEM NO. 19b

APPLICATIONS FOR SPORTS FUNDING

Applications for funding under the Council's Sports Funding Scheme have been received from the organisations listed below. It is proposed to make funding available to these organisations, in accordance with the conditions of the scheme up to the amount set out hereunder: -

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Portmarnock Athletic Club	€1,483	Agility Hurdles Adjustable Hurdles HaeST Long Jump Set and including additional mat Arrow floor markers Training cones Medicine Balls	No		€1,483
Mid Sutton Gymnastics club	€1,500	12m long training air track from AlrtrackNordic	No		€1,500

Baldoyle Boxing Club	€1,500	Gloves and pads	Yes	2023 - €1,801 2021 - €2,000	€1,500
Howth sea Angling club	€1,500	Defibrillator	No		€1,500
Howth Celtic Football Club	€4,000	9V9 goalposts and nets	Yes	2022 - €2,973	€4,000

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ITEM NO. 24

POWER OUTAGES KINSEALY - AI102956

Motion: Councillor C. Haughey

“That the Chief Executive write to the ESB to request information on how many power outages have taken place in the last 12 months impacting residents on Baskin Lane and the Feltrim Road and surrounding roads on the same power lines, detailing how many were planned and unplanned and what actions the ESB will take to limit the number of outages going forward.”

Report:

If the Motion is passed the terms therein will be forwarded to the ESB, when a reply is received the Area Committee shall be informed.

Source of Report:

Ciara OhAodha, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services

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ITEM NO. 26

PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE BRIDGE ACROSS THE RAILWAY LINE IN MALAHIDE - AI103046

Motion: Councillor E. O'Brien

"That the Chief Executive report on the progress of the delivery of the Development Plan map-based objective to provide a pedestrian and cycle bridge across the railway line in Malahide between the development lands off the Back Road and lands to the rear of Pobal Scoil Íosa."

Report:

The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department is focused on the delivery of an extensive work programme as provided for in the approved Capital Programme. The inclusion of additional projects can be considered in the context of the current list of projects and the finite resources available to deliver these projects as part of the Capital Programme review later in the year.

Source of Report:

Linda Lally, A/Senior Engineer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department.

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ITEM NO. 27

DART TIMETABLE AT WEEKENDS IN THE HOWTH/MALAHIDE AREA - AI102971

Motion: Councillor D. Healy

“That the Chief Executive write to the NTA and Iarnród Éireann in relation to the DART timetable, to request that, in their next timetable review, they increase the frequency of trains at weekends to address the situation experienced in the summer months at coastal stations in the Howth/Malahide Area e.g. long waits for trains, overcrowded station platforms and overcrowded trains, and to invite them to meet with this Committee before the next revision of the timetable.”

Report:

If the Motion is passed the terms therein will be forwarded to the National Transport Authority, when a reply is received the Area Committee shall be informed.

Source of Report:

Ciara OhAodha, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services

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ITEM NO. 28

UPDATE ON MALAHIDE/PORTMARNOCK EDUCATE TOGETHER SCHOOL - AI102999

Motion: Councillor C. Haughey

“That the Chief Executive provide an update from the Planning Department regarding the planning application for the new Malahide/Portmarnock Educate Together School, the Department of Education requested and were granted a three-month extension to provide further information and the deadline for this was May 16th.”

Report:

Reg. Ref. F24A/0541E seeks permission for development on a c. 1.8 Ha site on lands at Broomfield, Malahide, Co. Dublin. The development comprises the provision of a new 2 no. storey, 16 no. classroom primary school, including a multi-purpose hall and all ancillary teacher and pupil facilities. A new vehicular, pedestrian and cycle access is proposed to the west of the site, connecting to Brookfield Housing Estate. The proposed development will also include the provision of 2 no. external ballcourts; hard and soft landscaping including play areas; cycle and scooter parking; car and bus set-down areas; car parking facilities, including universal access and EV parking facilities; 1 no. ESB substation and associated switch room; external store; refuse store; signage; boundary treatments; site lighting; piped infrastructure and ducting; plant; SUDS; PV panels; 1 no. attenuation tank; 3 no. flagpoles; changes in level and all associated site development and excavation works above and below ground. The Department of Education is the applicant.

Fingal County Council sought additional information in August 2024, in relation to 4 issues. Additional information was lodged on 14th May, this was subsequently declared significant and revised public notices were received on 23rd May 2025. A decision in relation to this application is due on 19th June 2025.

Source of Report:

Roisin Burke, Senior Planner, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department.