

**Comhairle Contae Fingall
Fingal County Council**

Minutes of Howth/Malahide Area Committee (Services A - Operational Matters)

Wednesday, 7th May, 2025

PRESENT

Guerin, Jimmy
Haughey, Cathal
Healy, David

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

Karen Gallagher (Senior Engineer), Niamh Russell (Administrative Officer), Benjamin O' Regan (Executive Engineer), Niamh Russell (Administrative Officer), Patrick Wallace (Executive Engineer), Barbara Ryan (Senior Staff Officer)

HMA/73/25 (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.

HMA/74/25 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of the Howth/Malahide Area Committee (Services A Operational Matters) Meeting held on Wednesday the 2nd of April

Minutes of Meeting of Howth/Malahide Area Committee (Services A – Operational Matters) held on 2nd April 2025 which had been circulated, were Considered.

It was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey and seconded by Councillor B. McDonagh and **RESOLVED:**

“That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Howth/Malahide Committee Meeting (A) 2nd April 2025 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**”

HMA/75/25 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey and seconded by Councillor B. McDonagh and **RESOLVED:**

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions 2 – 23 inclusive be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**”

HMA/76/25 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor D. Healy - Public Transport to Council Events in this LEA - AI101658

HMA/77/25 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor D. Healy - Traffic and Road Safety Analysis - AI101659

HMA/78/25 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor D. Healy - Repair Dune Protection - Burrow and Claremont Beach - AI102327

HMA/79/25 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor D. Healy - Update on Traffic Calming for Carrickhill Road - AI102380

HMA/80/25 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor D. Healy - Speed Limit Reductions in this LEA - AI102382

HMA/81/25 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor D. Healy - Report on Walls in Dangerous Conditions in this LEA - AI102551

HMA/82/25 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor C. Haughey - Improvement of Pathway between Seapark and Seamount Park - AI102273

HMA/83/25 (Agenda Item No 9)
Councillor C. Haughey - Improvement of Roadway to Sutton Dinghy Club -
AI102275

HMA/84/25 (Agenda Item No 10)
Councillor C. Haughey - Replace Trees at St Peter's Terrace - AI102276

HMA/85/25 (Agenda Item No 11)
Councillor C. Haughey - Junction of Seapark and Coast Road - AI102330

HMA/86/25 (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor C. Haughey - Pruning Shrubbery between Gaybrook Lawns and
Castleheath - AI102367

HMA/87/25 (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor C. Haughey - Malahide Castle Concert Lottery - AI102379

HMA/88/25 (Agenda Item No 14)
Councillor C. Haughey - Improve Pedestrian Safety - Streamstown Lane -
AI102383

HMA/89/25 (Agenda Item No 15)
Councillor J. Hopkins - Replace Trees on Red Arches Road - AI102357

HMA/90/25 (Agenda Item No 16)
Councillor J. Hopkins - Clean Verge at Coast Road (Racecourse Side) - AI102358

HMA/91/25 (Agenda Item No 17)
Councillor J. Hopkins - Update on Water Fountain - Baldoyle - AI102506

HMA/92/25 (Agenda Item No 18)
Councillor J. Hopkins - Lamb Chop Playground Improvement Works - AI102508

HMA/93/25 (Agenda Item No 19)
Councillor J. Hopkins - Removal of Graffiti from Public Litter Bins in this LEA -
AI102510

HMA/94/25 (Agenda Item No 20)
Councillor J. Hopkins - Removal of Excess Litter Bins - Malahide Village - AI102511

HMA/95/25 (Agenda Item No 21)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Litter Bin Shelters - Portmarnock Beach - AI102514

HMA/96/25 (Agenda Item No 22)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Timeline for Replacement of Rotten Posts Portmarnock Beach - AI102515

HMA/97/25 (Agenda Item No 23)

Councillor B. McDonagh - Access to Sutton Dinghy Club - AI102475

OPERATIONAL, NEW WORKS, ETC

HMA/98/25 (Agenda Item No 24)

Traffic Calming Schemes for the Howth/Malahide Operational Area

A presentation was given to the Members by Benjamin O' Regan, Executive Engineer.

Following discussion, it was agreed that a meeting will take place on site at Red Arches with Councillor J. Hopkins and staff members to discuss the removal of trees which is required to facilitate the installation of the Traffic Calming at this location.

The Traffic Calming Scheme for the Howth/Malahide Operational Area was proposed by Councillor D. Healy and seconded by Councillor A. Tormey.

The Traffic Calming Scheme was **AGREED**.

MOTIONS

HMA/99/25 (Agenda Item No 25)

Councillor D. Healy - Outdoor Seating (Cafe and Public), Planting and Public Realm - Harbour Road, Howth - AI101115

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

The report was read by Karen Gallagher, Senior Engineer.

Following discussion Councillor D. Healy requested that the meeting be taken off camera so sensitive information could be discussed. This was **AGREED** to by the Area Chairperson, Councillor A Tormey, and the members.

Following further discussions, the meeting was returned to camera and the Motion was **AGREED**.

HMA/100/25 (Agenda Item No)

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

It was **AGREED** by the Area Chairperson, Councillor A. Tormey, and the Members to extend the meeting to finalise business.

HMA/101/25 (Agenda Item No 26)

Councillor C. Haughey - Installation of Benches on Strand Road between Baldoye and Sutton - AI102277

The attached motion, in the name of Councillor C. Haughey was **DEFFERED** until the June Area Committee Meeting.

HMA/102/25 (Agenda Item No 27)

Councillor C. Haughey - Public Toilets on Howth Pier - AI102288

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

The report was **ACCEPTED**.

HMA/103/25 (Agenda Item No 28)

Councillor D. Healy - Traffic Calming Measures - Carrickhill Road, Portmarnock - AI102381

The attached motion, in the name of Councillor D. Healy was **DEFFERED** until the June Area Committee Meeting.

The Meeting concluded at 18.25hrs.

AREA CHAIRPERSON

DATED

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**HOWTH/MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
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WEDNESDAY 4th JUNE 2025

ITEM NO. 02

TIME LIMIT FOR PARKING ON YELLOW WALLS ROAD - AI102781

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if there is a time-limit for parking on Yellow Walls Road, Malahide, as there is a car sharing vehicle that is frequently parked in a spot for days at a time, directly in front of a sign that states the maximum parking time is 2 hours, and to remove this sign if there is no limit?"

Reply:

Car Sharing Vehicles holding a valid Car Club permit from Fingal County Council are exempt from time limitation under the Parking Control Bye-Laws 2020.

Source of Reply:

Barbara Ryan, Senior Staff Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 03

**SIGNS WITH PHONE NUMBER FOR WARDENS IN MALAHIDE
CASTLE - AI102949**

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for signage to be installed around the grounds in Malahide Castle to include a phone number for the park wardens to alert them quickly if needed?"

Reply:

All the signs in Malahide Demesne have a phone number on them which directs the public to the Howth Malahide team or the out of hours contact.

The Howth/Malahide team are in direct contact with the rangers and the relevant staff working in Malahide Demesne.

Source of Reply:

Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 04

**REPAVE FOOTPATH OUTSIDE PLUNKETT COTTAGES,
PORTMARNOCK - AI102950**

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to repaving the footpath outside Plunkett Cottages, Portmarnock, (details supplied) as the slant leads to rainwater building up on the footpath instead of running back onto the road?"

Reply:

The Operations Department will be upgrading the road drainage at this location as part of the Capital Works Programme for 2025 in July and August. During this work the road kerbs will be re-laid and/or replaced, and the footpaths will be repaired.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 05

RAMP HEIGHT - PADDY'S HILL - AI102951

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the ramps at Paddy's hill will be inspected as, according to legislation SI 32/98 Road Traffic Act (Bollards and Ramps), ramps should not exceed 10cm and if above this height, will the ramps be replaced?"

Reply:

A road safety assessment was carried out on the scheme which included the ramps. No changes were recommended regarding the ramps. In addition, as outlined in the Traffic Management Guidelines (2003), there are no minimum or maximum dimensions currently prescribed for vertical deflection measures i.e. ramps. The ramps have been designed to promote pedestrian movement within the area which aligns with DMURS hierarchy.

The current speed limit is 30 km/h. Drivers travelling up to the car park must adhere to this speed limit. Cars travelling more than this speed will hit the ramps too quickly to navigate it safely. That is the purpose of the ramps to slow traffic down to an appropriate speed for the environment.

There are no plans to adjust the ramps currently in-situ leading up to Paddy's Hill Car Park in Portmarnock.

Source of Reply:

James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 06

REPAIR ENTRANCE TO KILBARRACK CEMETERY - AI102953

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to repairing the pillars at the entrance to Kilbarrack Cemetery, as pieces of the pillar have come off and have been left on the ground, and if consideration could also be given to replace or paint the gates at the same location?”

Reply:

The Operations Department have engaged a contractor to carry out repair works in the coming weeks to the pillars at the entrance.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 07

**PLAQUE FOR MEMORY TREE IN MEMORY FOR TALBOT IN
MALAHIDE CASTLE - AI102954**

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to marking the tree, planted by Lord Talbot in memory of Rose Talbot in the West Lawn of Malahide Castle, by the addition of a plaque, or a sign?”

Reply:

The Magonolia tree planted by Lord Talbot in memory of Rose Talbot is in the walled garden. It is very important tree in the garden, and the Operations Department will design a sign providing this information which will be installed beside the tree.

Source of Reply:

Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 08

CASUAL TRADING LICENSE LOCATION AT MALAHIDE ESTUARY - AI102958

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration could be given to a new casual trading license location, at Malahide Estuary, closer to where the Broadmeadow Greenway will start?"

Reply:

The addition of a new casual trading pitch would require an amendment to the Casual Trading Byelaws. This amendment would have to go through the formal process in which a draft document is brought to each of the Area Committee Meetings for approval to go out on public consultation. The public consultation report is then brought back to each Area Committee Meeting, then go to the Strategic Policy Committee/Corporate Policy Group for recommendation, to finally go to Full Council for adoption.

The Operations Department is planning a review of the current Casual Trading Byelaws for Q3/Q4 2025. Any new casual trading locations will be considered as part of that review process.

Source of Reply:

Stephen Callaghan, A/Administrative Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 09

NATOINAL SPEED LIMIT IMPLEMTATION – PHASE 2 UPDATE

Report:

A presentation will be given to members of the Howth Malahide Area Committee on the day.

Source of Report:

James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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Cycle Lane Review

Howth/Malahide ACM

04th June 2025

Summary



- Commitment given by DoS regarding review of existing cycle lanes that were **five years or older** within each respective LEA.
- Review has been completed and maintenance works will be carried out by Ops during Q3/Q4 2025
- Review carried out by each area and below are following ratings and totals for Howth/Malahide.

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Grade Rating	Number	Comment
1 - High	1	Maintenance to be carried out during 2025
2 - Medium	-	-
3 - Low	1	To be kept under review

Location Breakdown



Location	Grade Rating	Repair Details
Red Arches Road, Baldoyle	1 - High	Approx. 2.0 m by 0.5 km length of cycle lanes to be resurfaced (1000 m²). This is to include excavation/removal, stoning/base layer, laying of tarmacadam and refreshment of exiting line marking.
Swords Road – Malahide (Waterside)	3 - Low	To be kept under review.
Portmarnock PLC	3 - Low	To be kept under review. Line marking to refreshed where possible

Red Arches Road – Baldoyle – Inspection Photos



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ITEM NO. 11

INSTALLATION OF BENCHES ON STRAND ROAD BETWEEN BALDOYLE AND SUTTON - AI102277

Motion: Councillor C. Haughey

“That the Chief Executive install benches along Strand Road between Baldoyle and Sutton at the next available opportunity or work programme.”

Report:

Fingal County Council have an annual revenue budget which includes provision for the installation of public benches throughout the County. All requests received from the public are considered in line with the Operations Department Annual Works Programme.

We had not previously received any requests for benches at this location. However, consideration will now be given to your request for inclusion the 2026 Annual Works Programme.

Source of Report:

Karen Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 12

TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES - CARRICKHILL ROAD, PORTMARNOCK - AI102381

Motion: Councillor D. Healy

“That the Chief Executive bring forward proposals for traffic calming to reduce motor vehicle speeds and improve safety on Carrickhill Road Portmarnock.”

Report:

Carrickhill Road Upper and Middle (part of) will be listed for consideration for a Traffic Calming Scheme for the 2026 POW. The remaining part of the Carrickhill Road requires further review with respect to public lighting, ramp design and spacing between ramps. There are also nuisance noise levels to be considered along the section where the rear of houses are close to Carrickhill Road Middle.

For information, the works already completed since 2018 includes the following:

- Two Speed readers and extra signage installed on Carrickhill Road Middle as part of the 2024 Programme of Works.
- New kerbing and new road lining has been placed on Carrickhill Road Upper close to the school.

Source of Report:

Benjamin O’ Regan, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 13

30 KM/H FOR RED ARCHES ROAD - AI103022

Motion: Councillor J. Hopkins

“That the Chief Executive consider including Red Arches Road in the 30km/h review as this road, whilst not in a residential area, is unique in that it runs between north and south parts of the Racecourse Regional Park and this means that significant numbers of vulnerable road users, including children, will be crossing from amenities in the north of the park to the south on a regular basis.”

Report:

The criteria defined by The Department of Transport (DoT) Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland is applied to all roads in the Fingal administrative area. Currently, the Phase 2 Speed Limit Implementation review is ongoing. All local authorities are currently awaiting the DoT to formally publish the updated guidelines to allow the phase 2 to progress onto next phase.

The road section described will have three controlled crossing points for pedestrians as listed below;

1. A zebra crossing already exists on Red Arches Road by the Coast Road roundabout.
2. A new raised zebra crossing is under construction halfway along Red Arches.
3. A new signalised toucan crossing is proposed as per planning permission. The location is at adjacent to the 50/30 KPH change in limit location approaching the residential area.

The crossings will provide access to the amenities as required.

Source of Report:

Ben O' Regan, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 14

LITTER BINS IN MALAHIDE VILLAGE - AI103044

Motion: Councillor E. O'Brien

"That the Chief Executive liaise with Malahide Tidy Towns with a view to rationalising the number of litter bins in certain locations in the village in line with this year's judge's report."

Report:

The Operations Department are currently reviewing the number of street bins in Malahide Village. Where appropriate, any bins to be found in excess will be removed.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 15

TEMPORARY COMPOUND AT TUCKETT'S LANE, HOWTH - AI102952

Motion: Councillor C. Haughey

“That this Committee requests the Chief Executive not to proceed with the plans to use the site on Tuckett’s Lane as a temporary compound and to explore other nearby options instead, including the old Baily Court site.”

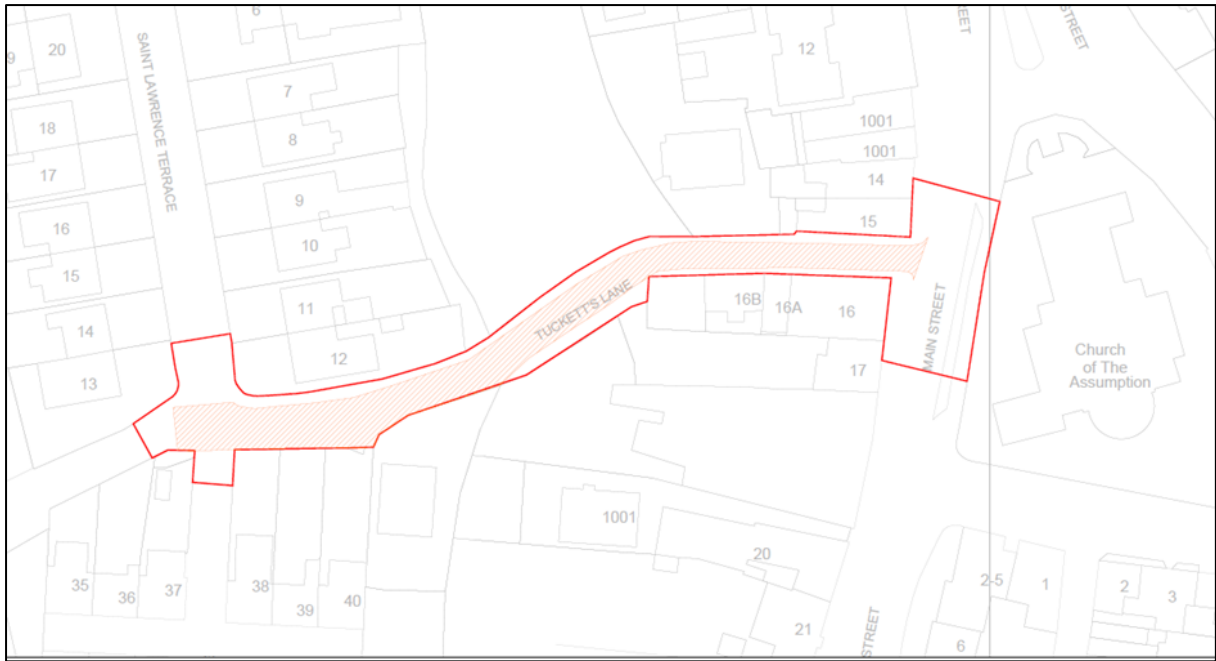
Report:

The Operations Department plans to undertake network improvement works along Tuckett's Lane later this year. These works will involve the installation of a new 225 mm diameter pipe to separate the existing combined sewer system at this location. Once completed, the project will enhance the capacity of the foul sewer network and eliminate existing misconnections.

The works are expected to last approximately eight weeks and are consistent with other surface water improvement projects currently being carried out by the local authority.

To support the project, the open space along Tuckett's Lane has been identified as a suitable site compound. The use of this area, which is owned by Fingal County Council and located adjacent to the work site, will help minimize disruption. Only the paved section at the front of the site will be used. Pedestrian access will remain unaffected throughout the duration of the works, and the open space will be reinstated to its original condition on completion.

A location map of the proposed works is provided below.



Source of Report:

Seamus Coyle, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 16

INSTALLATION OF SHOWERS, CHANGING ROOM AND TOILETS - PORTMARNOCK BEACH - AI103024

Motion: Councillor J. Hopkins

"That the Chief Executive make provision for the installation of showers, changing room and toilets at Portmarnock beach?"

Report:

There is an existing changing area and showering facility located near the toilet facilities on Portmarnock beach. The provision of a new changing room and shower facility would require funding and resources to implement a project of this size and nature.

The provision of new toilets at Portmarnock is intrinsically linked to the upgrade of the adjacent Wastewater Pumping station (WWPS). Fingal County Council have been liaising with Uisce Éireann on the progression of the WWPS upgrade which requires planning permission. When the upgrade is carried out, wheelchair accessible toilet facilities will be included as part of the final provision. Given that the final delivery is some time away and is wholly dependent on the planning permission and Uisce Éireann delivery programme, the Operations Department carried out some internal works to the existing toilets in the interim. A wheelchair accessible portaloo has been provided at the location for the use of those that need these facilities in the interim.

Source of Report:

James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 17

POWER WASHING PAVED AREA ON MALAHIDE VILLAGE GREEN - AI103045

Motion: Councillor E. O'Brien

"That the Chief Executive provide a report on the power washing schedule for the paved area on Malahide Village Green, including the frequency of cleaning visits and the number of times the area has been power washed by date since April."

Report:

The Village Green is inspected daily by the cleansing section in Howth/Malahide. The area is cleaned, on average, using a scrubber attachment twice a week. In addition, depending on level of cleanliness, it is power washed at least twice a month. This frequency of power washing may increase depending on time of year and increase in footfall.

The Operations Department have scheduled a deep clean / power wash to take place in the coming days.

Source of Report:

James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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