

**Comhairle Contae Fingal
Fingal County Council**

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

Wednesday, 4th March, 2026

PRESENT

Councillors

Guerin, Jimmy
Haughey, Cathal
Healy, David
Hopkins, Joan

Councillors

McDonagh, Brian
O'Brien, Eoghan
Tormey, Aoibhinn

The Area Chairperson, Councillor Cathal Haughey, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Ciara OhAodha (Senior Executive Officer); Kevin Halpenny (Senior Parks and Landscape Officer); Pat Boyle (Senior Architect); Larry Bergin (Senior Executive Engineer); Shane Satell (Senior Executive Engineer); Shane Harding (Executive Engineer); Nuala Casey (Sports Development Officer); Sarah Jane Moonan (Senior Staff Officer).

HMB/40/26 (Agenda Item No)

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Area Chair, Councillor C. Haughey, at the start of the meeting reminded Members that Standing Orders would apply to all aspects of the meeting.

HMB/41/26 (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 4th of February 2026

Minutes of the Howth-Malahide Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday the 4th of February 2026 which had been circulated were **CONSIDERED**.

It was then **PROPOSED** by Councillor E. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor C. Haughey and **RESOLVED** –

“That the minutes of the Howth-Malahide Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday the 4th of February 2026 be **ADOPTED**.”

HMB/42/26 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor C. Haughey and **RESOLVED**:

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions 2 – 13 be **ADOPTED**.”

HMB/43/26 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor D. Healy - Update on Kilbarrack Industrial Estate Masterplan - AI106457

HMB/44/26 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor D. Healy - Coastal Communities Training on Beach and Sand Dune Care and Maintenance in this LEA - AI106912

HMB/45/26 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor C. Haughey - Ownership of Road to La Verna Day Care, Baldoyle - AI106999

HMB/46/26 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor C. Haughey - Plans for Floodlights at Pitches in Racecourse Park - AI107000

HMB/47/26 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor C. Haughey - Bushes and Hedges between Drumnigh Wood and Drumnigh Manor - AI107002

HMB/48/26 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor C. Haughey - Update on Taking in Charge of Greenwood Estate - AI107004

HMB/49/26 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor C. Haughey - Litter Wardens Action in this LEA - AI107009

HMB/50/26 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Priority for Clubs over Commercial Opportunities in Racecourse Community Centre - AI107059

HMB/51/26 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Water Leak - Earnan's Wood, Station Road, Portmarnock, Dublin 13 - AI107060

HMB/52/26 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Feasibility Study - Columbus Hall and Surrounding Buildings - AI107061

HMB/53/26 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Derelict Site - Tuckett's Lane, Howth - AI107062

HMB/54/26 (Agenda Item No 13)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Portmarnock to Baldoyle Greenway Cycle and Walk Lanes - AI107068

HMB/55/26 (Agenda Item No 14)

Applications for Funding

a Applications for Community Funding

It was noted there was no business on this item.

b Applications for Sports Funding

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

Nuala Casey, Sports Development Officer; Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports Department read the report into the record.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor J. Guerin, seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien and **AGREED**:

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

HMB/56/26 (Agenda Item No)

VARY THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

It was **AGREED** to take item 16 at this time.

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE ACTION, ACTIVE TRAVEL AND SPORTS

HMB/57/26 (Agenda Item No 16)

Stapolin Educate Together School

Larry Bergin, Senior Executive Engineer; Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports Department gave a verbal presentation to the Members.

Following discussion, the presentation was **NOTED**.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT

HMB/58/26 (Agenda Item No 15)

Taking in Charge Protocol in this LEA

Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks and Landscape Officer; Infrastructure and Transport Department gave a presentation to the Members.

Following discussion, it was **AGREED** the presentation would be circulated to the Committee Members. Following further discussions, it was also **AGREED** that this item will be brought to the Planning Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Development Strategic Policy Committee in June.

The presentation was **NOTED**.

CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS

HMB/59/26 (Agenda Item No 17)

**Councillor C. Haughey - Builders Vehicles using Streamstown Lane -
AI106998**

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

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was
CONSIDERED.

Shane Satall, Senior Executive Engineer; Infrastructure and Transport Department read the report into the record.

Following discussion, the report was **NOTED.**

MOTIONS

HMB/60/26 (Agenda Item No 18)

**Councillor J. Hopkins - Toilet Facilities in Changing Rooms in Racecourse
Park - AI106431**

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

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was
CONSIDERED.

Pat Boyle, Senior Architect; Architects Department read the report into the record.

Following discussion, the report was **ACCEPTED.**

HMB/61/26 (Agenda Item No 19)

**Councillor C. Haughey - Update on Taking in Charge of Entrance to Robswall
- AI107005**

The Motion, in the name of Councillor C. Haughey, was proposed by Councillor C. Haughey and seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien.

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

Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks and Landscape Officer; Infrastructure and Transport Department provided a summary of the report for the record.

Following discussion, the report was **NOTED**.

HMB/62/26 (Agenda Item No 20)

Councillor C. Haughey - Update on Taking in Charge of Brookfield Estate - AI107011

It was **AGREED** to take Agenda Item 20 and Item 21 concurrently.

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

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

Shane Harding, Executive Engineer; Planning and Development Department read the report into the record.

Following discussion, the report was **ACCEPTED**.

HMB/63/26 (Agenda Item No 21)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Condition of Greenwood Estate and Brookfield Kinsealy Malahide - AI107066

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

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

Shane Harding, Executive Engineer; Planning and Development Department read the report into the record.

Following discussion, the report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Meeting concluded at 16.30.

AREA CHAIRPERSON

DATED

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

WEDNESDAY 1st APRIL 2026

ITEM NO. 02

BROADBAND FOR MARIAN PARK - AI107538

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the Council is aware that residents from (details supplied) Marian Park, Baldoyle cannot get fibre broadband as a cable was potentially damaged in the area, and does the Council have any role in repairing this cable?”

Reply:

OpenEir have confirmed that this location in Marian Park, Baldoyle is included within the OpenEir Fibre Network rollout plan which will provide high-speed full fibre broadband to 1.9 million premises. The programme is well underway with over 1.4 million premises passed.

OpenEir do not currently have a go live date for this location. The rollout is planned in six-month delivery phases, and this location is not included in the current six-month phase.

Information on the rollout can be found via the OpenEir Broadband Checker at <https://www.openeir.ie/fibre/broadband-checker>. OpenEir have suggested checking later in the year to see if the location is included in the next six-month phase.

Source of Reply:

Steven Flynn, Digital Programme Officer, Digital Services

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ITEM NO. 03

TIMETABLE FOR SUTTON TO MALAHIDE GREENWAY LINK

Question: Councillor D. Healy

“To ask the Chief Executive to outline the timetable for delivery of the Sutton to Malahide Greenway link?”

Reply:

The Sutton to Malahide Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme is a high-quality pedestrian and cycle route that is being developed by Fingal County Council with support from the National Transport Authority. It will connect Malahide, Portmarnock, Baldoyle and Sutton.

The Proposed Scheme will improve accessibility and connectivity between these four towns and villages and provide an attractive route for walking and cycling.

It will be designed so that people of all ages and mobility levels can travel safely on foot, by scooter, by wheelchair and bike, and will offer a route separated from on road vehicles for the majority of the route for increased safety and comfort.

Sutton to Malahide Walking and Cycling scheme has recently completed the Phase 3 Preliminary Design gateway for the NTA project management guidelines.

The Scheme is now entering Phase 4: Planning & CPO Stage. The planning submission is being prepared which includes an Environmental Impact Assessment, Natura Impact Statement and Compulsory Purchase Order Documents and a planning submission is expected to be made to An Coimisiún Pleanála in 2026.

If the scheme receives planning permission, we will proceed to Phase 5: Detailed Design and Procurement Stage. This is estimated to take one year. Phase 6: Construction will follow.

Source of Reply:

Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure and Transport Department

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ITEM NO. 04

TIMETABLE FOR COMPLETION OF BROADMEADOW GREENWAY

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the timetable for completion of the Broadmeadow Greenway?"

Reply:

Progress on the detailed design phases of the other elements of this project is continuing. Engagement with Irish Rail and with the National Transport Authority is ongoing for the causeway works.

A stage 1 Tender assessment has been completed in advance of a 2-stage tender process to establish a framework for works contractors for the various landward works contracts. The landward elements of the Broadmeadow Way in Donabate i.e. from Newbridge Demesne, through Kilcrea lands to the east side of Corballis railway underpass will be delivered through this framework.

Construction of this environmentally and technically challenging project has been divided into different works packages which will be delivered in stages:

Construction of the Broadmeadow Estuary Bridge took place in 2024. Works are complete.

The tender for the construction of the greenway along Causeway has been issued. It is expected that construction of the Northern Causeway will not be completed until 2027

Construction of the greenway along the Southern Causeways will commence during the summer months of 2026.

Construction of the Donabate landward works and the Malahide landward works will take place during 2026 and 2027.

Due to the seasonal constraints of working within the estuary, along with the technical challenges of building on the Northern Causeway, it is expected that the opening of the Broadmeadow Way will be in late 2027 or early 2028.

Source of Reply:

Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure & Transport

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ITEM NO. 05

**GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR WALKING AND CYCLING BRIDGE
NEAR MALAHIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

Question: Councillor D. Healy

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise whether central government funding has been sought for the walking and cycling bridge over the railway line near Malahide Community School?”

Reply:

The walking and cycling bridge over the railway near Malahide Community School is not included on the Capital works programme and as such central government funding has not been sought to bring the project forward by the Infrastructure and Transport Department.

Source of Reply:

Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure and Transport Department

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ITEM NO. 06

PEDESTRIAN COUNTER ON RAILWAY OVERBRIDGE BY DRUMNIGH MANOR

Question: Councillor D. Healy

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise whether a counter has been installed on the reopened railway overbridge by Drumnigh Manor and if so what the pedestrian/cycle traffic counts are?”

Reply:

A Nomad – NM52 Combi Tracker was installed at the Portmarnock Railway Bridge on the 18th Feb 2026. The counter captures the number of Active Travel movements per day across the bridge. Due to the electrical field of the railway line, it was not possible to install a sensor that could differentiate between pedestrians and cyclists. I have outlined a report below

**Portmarnock Railway Bridge
Summary Report
Fingal Active Travel
18 Feb 2026 to 19 Mar 2026**

Total Traffic counts for Period	12,156
Monthly Average	12,359
Weekly Average	2,836
Daily Average	405
Busiest day of the year	6 Mar 2026
Busiest day of the week	Wednesday

Busiest hour of the day	17:00
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Source of Reply:

Stephen McGinn, Walking Cycling Officer, Active Travel Unit

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ITEM NO. 07

TIMETABLE FOR KINSEALY TO PORTMARNOCK GREENWAY

Question: Councillor D. Healy

“To ask the Chief Executive to outline the timetable for delivery of the greenway link from Kinsealy to Station Road, Portmarnock and to set out the reasons for the delay?”

Reply:

Fingal County Council's Infrastructure and Transport Department is progressing the Kinsealy Walking and Cycling Scheme in accordance with the National Transport Authority's (NTA) capital project appraisal guidelines and the various phases that are required in order to ensure that the project meets all statutory obligations, and that funding can be secured to deliver the project following the consent process. This project aims to provide high-quality walking and cycling routes between Kinsealy and Portmarnock train station and is now in Phase 3 (Preliminary Design & Environmental Screening) with a view to preparing and submitting a planning application in 2027. Subject to receipt of a planning permission, detailed design phase will commence thereafter, with a view to preparing a tender package for construction, subject to funding.

We are currently engaging with landowners to obtain access to private lands to carry out the required surveys as part of the consent process.

Source of Reply:

Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure and Transport Department

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ITEM NO. 08

EXAMINATION OF COUNCIL HOUSING - PORTMARNOCK - AI107609

Question: Councillor B. McDonagh

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to engage in a full examination of the council housing at the Earnan's Wood Estate in Portmarnock with a view to remedy construction defects to and engage with all residents to ensure a full safety audit takes place and that leak damage is adequately repaired?"

Reply:

Full inspections of Earnan's Wood are underway. A repair strategy will be devised. Once the inspections are complete, reports have been written and recommendations forwarded to the Housing Department. In the interim response maintenance repairs will be dealt with by our Maintenance contractors.

Source of Reply:

Fionnuala May, County Architect, Architects Department

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ITEM NO. 09

UPDATE ON NEWPARK, KINSEALY TAKING IN CHARGE - AI107672

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a status update on the taking in charge of Newpark, Kinsealy?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council (FCC) has not received a Taking In Charge (TIC) request for the Newpark, Kinsealy development to date. The developer has stated that they are currently completing the development to TIC standard with a view to making a TIC request to FCC in the coming months.

Source of Reply:

Shane Harding, Executive Engineer, Planning and Development Department

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ITEM NO. 10

OWNERSHIP OF BOUNDARY TREES AT ISLAND VIEW - AI107674

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise or/and establish the ownership and responsibility of the trees/boundary at (details supplied) Island View, Malahide?"

Reply:

The Council has established that the land was taken in charge in 1983.

The Council's Operations Department has confirmed that they have responsibility for the maintenance of trees at this location.

Source of Reply:

Aoife Sheridan Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise Tourism & Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 11

OWNERSHIP OF LAND BESIDE HOLYWELL COMMUNITY CENTRE - AI107678

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if the Council own the open space beside Holywell Community Centre and if it is deemed a suitable place for a potential community garden?"

Reply:

The open space beside Holywell Community Centre has been taken in charge by the Council.

The Operations Department advise that they are engaging with local residents to develop a community garden in Holywell Park.

This request for the consideration of the use of open space beside Holywell Community Centre for a potential community garden has been shared with the Operations and Community Services Departments.

Source of Reply:

Aoife Sheridan Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Community & Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 12

OWNERSHIP OF ST PETER'S TERRACE - AI107681

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if (details supplied) St Peter's Terrace was previously or is currently owned by the Council and what is the status of its proposed sale?"

Reply:

This property is owned by the Council. There is currently no consideration being given for the sale of the property and there is no active Tenant Purchase application in respect of the property.

Source of Reply:

Ashley McGovern, Administrative Officer, Housing Department

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ITEM NO. 13

**BIKE RACKS AT ARABIAN GYM AND LEINSTER BADMINTON
BALDOYLE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE**

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the Active Travel Department to liaise with the Arabian Gym and Leinster Badminton Club regarding the provision of bike racks?"

Reply:

The Active Travel Unit has reached out to both the Arabian Gym and Leinster Badminton Club regarding the provision of bicycle racks. After discussions, if it is agreed that bicycle parking is required, the Council will order bicycle racks and supply them to these premises for installation on their property.

Source of Reply:

Shane McMorrow, Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel Unit.

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ITEM NO. 14

ROBSWALL TAKING IN CHARGE - AI107690

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide specific details on the underground works issues with Robswall?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council (FCC) Building Control has requested accurate as-built information including as-built drawings for all below ground services including structures/tanks. FCC Building Control has issued an outstanding works list to the developer of all items that could be inspected to date. The developer is currently carrying out work to bring the Public Lighting up to the standard/design/layout requested by FCC Public Lighting.

Source of Reply:

Shane Harding, Executive Engineer, Planning and Development Department

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ITEM NO. 15a

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
Bayside Community Association GA-003763	€2,994	Garden Tools/Equipment Replacement Playhouses BHP Community Insurance Garden fine mulch Easy access Timber composter Plants	Y	2024 - €2127	€2,994
Greenfield Bridge Club GA-003796	€ 3,000	Digital Bridge Mates Refurbished laptop Bridge mate charger & server Bridge mate caddy	N	NA	€2,878

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ITEM NO. 15b

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
Howth Sailing and Boating Club	€3114	Yamaha F9.9JMHL Outboard motor	No	N/A	€3114 This engine will make sailing more accessible with support and encouragement for people of all ages and and ability to partake in sailing and

					boating activities.
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ITEM NO. 17

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO APPROVED HOUSING BODIES UNDER THE CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME - CALL FOR CAS 2017 TO PROVIDE UNITS OF LIVING ACCOMMODATION IN THE FINGAL AREA

The Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government Circular: Housing 30/2017, advised of the availability of capital funding for the construction or acquisition of social housing to cater for the priority groups under the Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) such as homeless persons, elderly persons, and people with a disability, with a particular emphasis, but not exclusively, on moving people with a disability from a congregated setting to community living. All proposals must comply with the terms of the CAS scheme as set out in memorandum VHU 2/02 and must reflect actual housing need as identified in the latest Housing Needs Assessment.

Applications received from Approved Housing Bodies are considered by the Council. Applications have been received for the following projects in Fingal and the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage is committed to providing funding under the Capital Assistance Scheme for these projects:

<i>Approved Housing Body</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Category of Need</i>	<i>No. of Housing Units of Accommodation</i>	<i>Approved Funding €</i>
Housing Association for	Myrtle House, Longfield Road, Baldoye, Co. Dublin	Mental Health	1	€ 367,948.26

Integrated Living (HAIL)				
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The housing bodies listed in the above table are Approved Voluntary Housing Bodies for the purpose of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992. Under Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, the Council may give financial assistance to approved voluntary organisations to provide housing accommodation, or any substitute property up to a similar amount, in accordance with the requirements of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous) Act, 1992.

These loans are subject to mortgage agreements on the properties for a term of 30 years. Under the Capital Assistance Scheme, repayments on the loans will be waived by the Council for as long as the terms and conditions outlined in the mortgage agreements are complied with to the satisfaction of the Council. A capital grant for the full amount of each loan will be received from the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage.

Source of Reply:

Aoife Lawler, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department.



**An Roinn Talmhaíochta,
Bia agus Mara**
Department of Agriculture,
Food and the Marine

Ciara O hAodha & Nikki Halleran
Corporate.Services@fingal.ie

4th March 2026

Ref: DAFM-MDO-00078-2026

Reference Number DAFM-MDO-00078-2026 and previously responded under DAFM-MHO-00252-2025, DAFM-MDO-00624-2025 and DAFM-MDO-00432-2025

Dear Ciara,

I refer to your representation to Minister Dooley regarding Velvet Strand, Portmarnock. I also refer to your earlier representations of January 2025, September 2025 and December 2025 to which you received responses from both Minister Heydon's and Minister Dooley's offices, and copies of which have been resent previously.

Your representation refers to a motion passed by Fingal County Council in January 2025 in regard to installation of warning ropes/buoys at Velvet Strand. You would be aware that Velvet Strand is managed by Fingal County Council in cooperation with the local community, and as such responsibility for its development and maintenance rests with the local authority in the first instance and with your parent department, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage thereafter.

It is a matter for Fingal County Council to explore the possibility of installing warning ropes/buoys at the rocks.

This is not a matter for this Department

Yours Sincerely,

Timmy Dooley, TD

Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine with special responsibility for Fisheries

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ITEM NO. 20

UPDATE ON PORTMARNOCK SPORTS HUB - AI107545

Motion: Councillor C. Haughey

“That the Chief Executive provide an update on the proposed Portmarnock Sports Hub.”

Report:

The Council is pursuing the transfer of the Class 1 Open Space lands adjacent to the Jameson Orchard Development with a view to this area being developed as an Active Recreational Hub. Following a request late last year from the developer of Jameson Orchard, the boundary of taking in charge maps was slightly adjusted to take account of the situation on the ground. The Council’s Property Section is working with the Parks and Green Infrastructure Division to ensure the legal transfer of the lands without further delay. As soon as the legal taking in charge process is complete, planning for the active recreational facilities will commence.

Source of Report:

Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Infrastructure and Transport Division.

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ITEM NO. 21

PROPOSALS FOR SPORTS HUBS PORTMARNOCK, MALAHIDE AND BALDOYLE - AI107324

Motion: Councillor J. Hopkins

“That the Chief Executive give a presentation on the proposals for the two new sports hubs in Baldoyle/Portmarnock at Moyne Road and in Malahide/Portmarnock at Paddy's Hill.”

Report:

Provision has been made for the inclusion of a Recreational Hub at Racecourse Park with an entrance to the facility off the Moyne Road. It is intended to procure the work on the approved pitches later this year and to progress their development following the appointment of a suitable contractor.

In relation to recreational facilities at Malahide/Portmarnock, work on the upgrade of 3 sports pitches at Broomfield is nearing completion with a view to having these facilities available to clubs later this year or early next year. The Council is also pursuing the transfer of the Class 1 Open Space lands adjacent to the Jameson Orchard Development with a view to this area being developed as an Active Recreational Hub. Following a request late last year from the developer of Jameson Orchard, the boundary of taking in charge maps was slightly adjusted to take account of the situation on the ground. The Council's Property Section is working with the Parks and Green Infrastructure Division to ensure the legal transfer of the lands without further delay. As soon as the legal taking in charge process is complete, planning for the active recreational facilities at this location will commence.

Source of Report:

Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Infrastructure and Transport Division.

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ITEM NO. 22

KINSEALY TO PORTMARNOCK WALKING AND CYCLING SCHEME - AI107548

Motion: Councillor C. Haughey

“That the Chief Executive provide a report on whether discussions have happened with landowners who own land on the preferred route on the Kinsealy to Portmarnock Walking and Cycling scheme, and does the Council expect to Compulsory Purchase Order land in order to complete this project.”

Report:

Fingal County Council's Infrastructure and Transport Department is progressing the Kinsealy Walking and Cycling Scheme in accordance with the National Transport Authority's (NTA) capital project appraisal guidelines and the various phases that are required in order to ensure that the project meets all statutory obligations, and that funding can be secured to deliver the project following the consent process. This project aims to provide high-quality walking and cycling infrastructure between Kinsealy and Portmarnock train station and is now in Phase 3 (Preliminary Design & Environmental Screening).

To deliver this project, land acquisition by means of Compulsory Purchase Orders will be necessary. Topographical surveys are necessary to prepare detailed drawings of the land required, and we are continuing to engage with landowners to obtain access to private lands to carry out the required surveys as part of the consent process.

Source of Report:

Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure and Transport Department

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ITEM NO. 23

PROGRESS REPORT ON TUCKETT'S LANE HOUSING PROJECT

Motion: Councillor D. Healy

"That the Chief Executive provide a report on the current status of proposals for housing on Tuckett's Lane Park, giving full details of the reasons for the delays in the project approved in 2019 and the current intentions of the Council, and report on the condition of the park in the meantime"

Report:

The Tucketts Lane site is a difficult site, and there was significant delay in getting agreement on the use of the laneway from all adjoining residents, with engagement commencing back in February 2017 and the last agreement only being signed in May 2024. The delay in getting all of the agreements signed resulted with the Council being unable to proceed with the project during that time frame. Construction costs had increased across the board since the project received approval, which has resulted in the costs for the 8 units planned for the site coming in quite high. Following the signing of all agreements Fingal County Council carried out a full cost analysis review and have submitted a revised funding application to the DHLGH for the delivery of the 8 units that were planned for the site. Fingal County Council are currently awaiting a decision on the revised funding application from the DHLGH.

Once the funding application for the planned 8 units has been confirmed, we will be in a position to work through the plan for the site with this Area Committee.

Works were carried out by Fingal County Council's Operations Department, on the Stormwater Section at Tuckett's Lane in recent weeks. This included the completion of the installation of a new surface water drainage pipe along this road. This pipe runs from the junction of Tuckett's Lane / St. Nessan's Terrace to the junction of Tuckett's Lane / Main Street, the works were completed by Fingal

County Council's own Direct Labour crews with the use of the Fingal County Council owned site at Tuckett's Lane as a temporary compound.

A road closure was in place for the duration of the works and in accordance with all required statutory procedures, with pedestrian access maintained. The work was completed on time within the 8 weeks duration of the road closure and although the final account is not yet completed it is likely within budget. Following completion of the works, the temporary compound, located on Fingal County Councils owned lands under the responsibility of the Housing Department has been fully reinstated to its original condition. This reinstatement included repairs to the site entrance boundary wall and additional repairs were carried out to the wall that predated our use of the site as a temporary compound. The Operations Department have now vacated the site and have handed it back to the Housing Department.

The Operations Department are currently in the process of procuring a contractor to undertake a full road width reinstatement for the permanent reinstatement of the road in the coming weeks. Please note that the drainage works were only completed recently, the road has been reinstated and is now open to traffic. The full width road reinstatement works are due to be completed in the coming weeks.

Source of Report:

Fiona Glynn, Administrative Officer, Housing Department

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ITEM NO. 24

SCHOOLS PLACES IN PORTMARNOCK - AI107598

Motion: Councillor B. McDonagh

“That the Chief Executive write to the Department of Education to provide adequate local primary school places for Portmarnock in light of the huge waiting list and refusal of places to children.”

Report:

If this motion is passed the terms therein will be forwarded to the Department of Education and when a reply is received the Area Committee will be informed.

Source of Report:

Ciara O hAodha, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services.

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ITEM NO. 25

FLOODING AND MUD DEPOSITION ON BALDOYLE/PORTMARTNOCK GREENWAY

Motion: Councillor D. Healy

“That the Chief Executive provide a report on the shallow flooding and mud deposition on the pedestrian path on the Baldoyle/Portmarnock Greenway and what steps can be taken to prevent this.”

Report:

Groundwater is flowing onto the western side of the pedestrian walkway of the Portmarnock to Baldoyle greenway following persistent rainfall. The dimension of the swale located on the westside of the pedestrian route is not big enough to cater for the quantity of ground water present, which results in flooding of part of the pedestrian route. It is proposed to install a french drain to intercept the water and guide the water to the wetland located between the coast road and the cycleway. This work will be carried out this summer.

Source of Report:

Hans Visser, Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Parks & Green Infrastructure Division

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ITEM NO. 26

SWIMMING POOL SUPPORT - PSLC - AI107603

Motion: Councillor B. McDonagh

“That the Chief Executive urgently provide all and any necessary support to ensure the swimming pool at the Portmarnock Sports and Leisure Centre opens and is available for lessons and activities to the public as early as possible.”

Report:

Fingal County Council is aware of the maintenance issues concerning the swimming pool at the Portmarnock Sports and Leisure Centre. Council officials will engage with the Centre and will arrange a meeting with the Chairperson to discuss the situation in detail and explore the appropriate next steps.

Source of Report:

David Storey, Director of Services, Environment Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports

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ITEM NO. 27

LANDS IN KINSEALY - PORTMARNOCK - AI107668

Motion: Councillor J. Hopkins

“That the Chief Executive provide a full detailed report of lands around Malahide Road, Kinsealy Lane, Chapel Road, Station Road that are required in order to provide adequate footpaths/safe routes to schools and the preferred routes for greenways.”

Report:

Fingal County Council's Infrastructure and Transport Department is progressing the Kinsealy Walking and Cycling Scheme in accordance with the National Transport Authority's (NTA) capital project appraisal guidelines and the various phases that are required in order to ensure that the project meets all statutory obligations, and that funding can be secured to deliver the project following the consent process. This project aims to provide high-quality walking and cycling infrastructure between Kinsealy and Portmarnock train station and is now in Phase 3 (Preliminary Design & Environmental Screening). To deliver this project, land acquisition by means of Compulsory Purchase Orders will be necessary.

The Active Travel Section is responsible for developing and delivering the Safe Routes to School project, and their planned activities in the area are to be delivered by reallocating existing road space, without the need to acquire private land.

Fingal's Operations Department has constructed a section of the footpath on Chapel Road and, subject to budget, plans to deliver another section of footpath along Kinsealy Lane in Q2/2026.



Source of Report:

Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure and Transport Department