

**Comhairle Contae Fingal
Fingal County Council**

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

Wednesday, 3rd December, 2025

PRESENT

Councillors

Haughey, Cathal

Healy, David

Hopkins, Joan

Councillors

McDonagh, Brian

O'Brien, Eoghan

Tormey, Aoibhinn

APOLOGIES for inability to attend were received for Councillor Jimmy Guerin.

The Area Chairperson, Councillor Cathal Haughey, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

HMA/187/25 (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 5th of November 2025.**

Minutes of Meeting of Howth Malahide Area Committee (Services A –
Operational Matters) held on the 5th of November 2025 which had been
circulated, were **Considered**.

It was proposed by Councillor E. O 'Brien and seconded by Councillor J. Hopkins and **RESOLVED:**

"That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Howth/Malahide Committee Meeting (A) 5th of November 2025 be **ADOPTED**

HMA/188/25 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor J. Hopkins and seconded by Councillor E. O 'Brien and **RESOLVED:**

"That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions 2 – 11 inclusive be **ADOPTED."**

HMA/189/25 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor C. Haughey - Update on Works in Ard Na Mara - AI105064

HMA/190/25 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor C. Haughey - Pruning of Overhanging Trees - Carrickhill Close - AI105353

HMA/191/25 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor C. Haughey - Entrance and Exit at Balgriffin Hall - AI105423

HMA/192/25 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor C. Haughey - Installation of Ramps - Blackwood Lane - AI105424

HMA/193/25 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Installation of Double Yellow Lines - Burrow Court, Portmarnock - AI105170

HMA/194/25 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Footpath Repairs - Grange Road - AI105371

HMA/195/25 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Hedge Cutting - Stapolin Lawns - AI105452

HMA/196/25 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Operational Staffing Requirements - Racecourse Regional Park - AI105461

HMA/197/25 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Courts Flooding - Trackside Tennis Club - AI105462

HMA/198/25 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor D. Healy - Parking Wardens - Earnan's Wood - AI105478

HMA/199/25 (Agenda Item No)

CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS

HMA/200/25 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor C. Haughey - Installation of Hidden Disability Parking Spaces in this LEA - AI105421

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

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

HMA/201/25 (Agenda Item No 13)

Councillor D. Healy - Bus Shelters in this LEA - AI104965

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

Following the discussion, James Culhane agreed to contact the NTA regarding the bus shelters and request an update on the expected timelines for the works.

The report was **NOTED**.

HMA/202/25 (Agenda Item No 14)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Installation of Double Yellow Lines - Earnon's Wood, Portmarnock - AI105171

The motion, in the name of Councillor J. Hopkins was proposed by Councillor J. Hopkins and seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien.

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

HMA/203/25 (Agenda Item No 15)

**Councillor E. O'Brien - Report on the Current Upkeep of New Street,
Malahide - AI105374**

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

The report was read into the record by Niamh Russell, Administrative Officer.

Following discussion, Niamh Russell agreed to organise a meeting with Fingal County Council, Malahide Tidy Towns, and the businesses on New Street. The umbrellas were taken down during the storm for health and safety purposes will be returned to the businesses.

The report was **NOTED**.

HMA/204/25 (Agenda Item No 16)

Councillor C. Haughey - Flooding on Station Road, Portmarnock - AI105422

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

The report was read into the record by James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer.

Following discussion, James Culhane agreed to liaise with The Stormwater Section and Building Control to discuss this.

The report was **NOTED**.

HMA/205/25 (Agenda Item No 17)

Councillor B. McDonagh - Access Issues - Burrow Court - AI105454

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

Following discussion, Ben O'Regan confirmed that the Gardai have given permission to install double yellow lines.

The motion was **NOTED**.

HMA/206/25 (Agenda Item No 18)

Councillor B. McDonagh - Parking at Beach Car Parks - Portmarnock Beach - AI105455

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

The report was read into the record by Niamh Russell, Administrative Officer.

The report was **NOTED**.

The Meeting concluded at 16.00 hrs.

AREA CHAIRPERSON

DATED

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**HOWTH/MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
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WEDNESDAY 14th JANUARY 2026

ITEM NO. 02

PROVISION OF STREET BENCH - GRANGE ROAD - AI105466

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to provide the agreed street bench for Grange Road as a matter of priority as previously discussed?”

Reply:

The Operations Department has ordered this bench, and it is anticipated that upon delivery this will be installed in February 2026.

Source of Reply: Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 03

INSTALLATION OF 'KEEP CLEAR' ROAD MARKING - BALGRIFFIN HALL - AI105973

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to installing a 'Keep Clear' road marking outside Balgriffin Hall, as the hall is losing patrons and businesses due to it now not being possible to enter and exit the hall from both directions?"

Reply:

The junction was upgraded as part of planning permission granted for the new development opposite Balgriffin Hall. Consideration was already given to a 'Keep Clear Box' as an alternative to a 'Yellow Box' as requested previously at this location, however this was not deemed possible by the developer's designer. This is related to the positioning of the stop line and traffic light poles.

1. This would remove the right turn lane into College Avenue which is required for the signalised junction to work efficiently. Removing this right turn lane would lead to excessive queuing on the south-bound lane.
2. The introduction of an extended yellow box would move the south-bound stop line further north. This would lengthen the signalised junction by approximately 6m and would decrease the efficiency of south bound traffic as the green time would have to reduce.
3. The introduction of an extended yellow box would move the south-bound stop line further north. This would result in a new traffic signal design which would require the relocation of traffic lights and the realignment of traffic ducts and associated chambers.

A 'Keep Clear Box' is not advised on any of the southbound lanes for the same reasons a 'Yellow Box' cannot be used and as advised by the developer's designer.

This junction is operated on Fingal County Council's behalf by Dublin City Council (DCC) and is in the process of being handed over from the developer to DCC.

Source of Reply: James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 04

TREE CUTTING IN THIS LEA - AI105974

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if it is the Council's responsibility to cut overhanging branches from trees, where the tree is growing in a private estate but the branches overhang onto Council owned green space?"

Reply:

Overhanging branches in a public open space which are causing an issue, can be cut back by the Council. If a private homeowner has branches overhanging their property, the homeowner is also entitled to cut back these branches.

However, it should be noted that in the case of private estates, the Operations Department issue Hedge Cutting Notices to the property owner / management company for them to deal with the overhanging branches in the first instance.

Source of Reply: Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 05

STREETLIGHTS ON HARBOUR ROAD, HOWTH - AI105975

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on when the decorative lights on Harbour Road Howth will be repaired?”

Reply:

Eight (8) no. decorative lights on Harbour Road were repaired on 22nd December 2025. All lights should now be operational at this location.

Source of Reply: Karen Leeson, Senior Executive Engineer, Public Lighting, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 06

FOOTPATH OUTSIDE ST. SYLVESTER'S CHURCH - AI105976

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to repairing the stretch of footpath outside St Sylvester's Church in Malahide, and to remove the pole at this location which has a business sign on it, and a similar pole on the opposite side of the road?"

Reply:

The Operations Department will repair the path and the sign at the bus stop will be removed as it is currently too close to the bus stop pole.

Source of Reply: Mr. Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 07

MOVE LITTER BIN ON THE HILL, MALAHIDE - AI105978

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to moving the litter bin on The Hill, Malahide a few yards north, to the other side of the pedestrian crossing, across the road from the business at Eircode K36 X258 (details supplied)?"

Reply:

The bin located across the road from Hilltop Stores in Malahide is scheduled to be moved to the other side of the pedestrian crossing in the coming weeks by the Operations Department.

Source of Reply: Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 09

UPDATE ON PUBLIC LIGHTING - AI105971

Motion: Councillor C. Haughey

“That the Chief Executive provide an update on when the public lighting in Streamstown Wood, Park Avenue and Wellfield will be switched on, and to engage with ESB and the developer if action is required by them?”

Report:

Fingal County Council’s Public Lighting Section has no control over when ESB Networks schedule the making of new supply connections.

After a developer’s electrical contractor submits their pre-connection completion certs to Safe Electric, ESB Networks directly notifies the developer’s electrical contractor, when the supply connections are completed and made live so that the electrical contractor can connect the lights and complete their post-connection test cert and submit to Safe Electric. Fingal County Council Public Lighting Section is not notified of when the connections are made live. We will only get confirmation that a connection is live when the developer’s electrical contractor provides us with a copy of their post-connection cert or when the TMPRN for a connection point appears on our energy bills.

It is the responsibility of the developer’s electrical contractor to submit the pre and post connection completion certs to Safe Electric. It is also for the developer’s electrical contractor to check the Safe Electric site for updates on the status of these connections, and to contact ESB Networks if they have not received notification the connections have been energised.

The developer's electrical contractor is also required to provide a copy of test record sheets and the pre and post connection completion certs to Fingal County Council Public Lighting for our records.

Fingal County Council Public Lighting last sent a request to ESB Networks on behalf of the developer for an update on the status of the new public lighting supply connections on 11th November 2025. Copies of the pre-connection completion certs that the developer's electrical contractor had submitted to Safe Electric were also included in that correspondence for reference.

We have not received anything back from ESB Networks regarding this status update request, and we will not get any update notifications on the status of these connections as we are not the electrical contractor who submitted the pre-connection completion certs.

The Public Lighting Inspector also attended the Streamstown/Wellfield site on Tuesday 6th January 2026 to see if ESB Networks had carried out any of their works on the seven (7) no. new public lighting connections in the development. While it appears ESB Networks have carried out some works with regards to bringing their service into three of the lighting pillars, they have not yet installed their cut-outs or isolators in these three pillars or carried out any works on the other four connection points.

Please also note that if a planning condition with regards to public lighting was placed on this development as part of the granted planning permission, it is generally conditioned that the public lighting be provided and operational prior to making any dwelling available for occupation.

Source of Report: Karen Leeson, Senior Executive Engineer, Public Lighting, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 10

**UPDATE ON INSTALLATION OF FOOTPATHS - KINSEALY
LANE AND CHAPEL ROAD - AI104892**

Motion: Councillor J. Hopkins

“That the Chief Executive provide an update on when footpaths will be installed at the agreed locations on Kinsealy Lane and Chapel Road.”

Report:

The Operations Department are constructing the agreed section of footpath on Chapel Road, and these works will be completed by the end of February 2026.

The Operations Department are completing footpaths on Kinsealy Lane in Q2 2026.

Source of Report: Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

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