

**Comhairle Contae Fingal
Fingal County Council**

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

Wednesday, 1st April, 2026

PRESENT

Councillors

Haughey, Cathal
Healy, David
Hopkins, Joan

Councillors

McDonagh, Brian
O'Brien, Eoghan

The Area Chairperson, Councillor C. Haughey, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

David Storey (Director of Services; Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports); Ciara O hAodha (Senior Executive Officer); Aoife Lawler (Senior Executive Officer); Carmel Brennan (Senior Architect); Shane McMorrow (Senior Executive Engineer); Hugo van Wyk (Senior Executive Engineer); Hans Visser (Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer); Geraldine O'Hanlon Prunty (Senior Community Officer); Nuala Casey (Sports Development Officer); Andrew Rennie (Staff Officer).

HMB/64/26 (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.

The Area Chair informed the Members an Emergency Motion was received and is ruled in order. It was **AGREED** to take this item at the end of the meeting.

HMB/65/26 (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 March 2026

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

It was then **PROPOSED** by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor C. Haughey and **RESOLVED** –

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

HMB/66/26 (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 – 14 be **ADOPTED**.”

HMB/67/26 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor C. Haughey - Broadband for Marian Park - AI107538

HMB/68/26 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor D. Healy - Timetable for Sutton to Malahide Greenway Link

HMB/69/26 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor D. Healy - Timetable for Completion of Broadmeadow Greenway

HMB/70/26 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor D. Healy - Government Funding for Walking and Cycling Bridge near Malahide Community School

HMB/71/26 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor D. Healy - Pedestrian Counter on Railway Overbridge by Drumnigh Manor

HMB/72/26 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor D. Healy - Timetable for Kinsealy to Portmarnock Greenway

HMB/73/26 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor B. McDonagh - Examination of Council Housing - Portmarnock - AI107609

HMB/74/26 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Update on Newpark, Kinsealy Taking in Charge - AI107672

HMB/75/26 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Ownership of Boundary Trees at Island View - AI107674

HMB/76/26 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Ownership of Land Beside Holywell Community Centre - AI107678

HMB/77/26 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Ownership of St Peter's Terrace - AI107681

HMB/78/26 (Agenda Item No 13)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Bike Racks at Arabian Gym and Leinster Badminton Baldoyle Industrial Estate - AI107682

HMB/79/26 (Agenda Item No 14)
Councillor J. Hopkins - Robswall Taking In Charge - AI107690

HMB/80/26 (Agenda Item No 15)
Applications for Funding

HMB/81/26 (Agenda Item No 15a)
Applications for Community Funding

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

Ms. Geraldine O'Hanlon Prunty, Senior Community Officer; Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department read the report into the record.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor J. Hopkins and **AGREED**:

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

HMB/82/26 (Agenda Item No 15b)
Applications for Sports Funding

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

Ms. 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 B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor J. Hopkins and **AGREED**:

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

HOUSING BUSINESS

HMB/83/26 (Agenda Item No 16)
Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) for the Proposed demolition of one dwelling and construction of four dwellings and all associated site works at Malahide Road, Malahide, Co. Dublin, K36 EP89 (PARTXI/006/25)

Ms. Carmel Brennan, Senior Architect; Architects Department gave a presentation to the Members.

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

HMB/84/26 (Agenda 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 attached report, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**.

Ms. Aoife Lawler, Senior Executive Officer; Housing Department gave a presentation to the Members.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor D. Healy and **AGREED**:

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

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE ACTION, ACTIVE TRAVEL & SPORTS BUSINESS

HMB/85/26 (Agenda Item No 18)

New Street Update

Mr. Shane McMorrough, Senior Executive Engineer; Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports Department gave a presentation to the Members.

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

HMB/86/26 (Agenda Item No 19)

Correspondence

- a **Email dated 4th March 2026 from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine – Councillor J. Hopkins – Installation of Warning Ropes/Buoys**

The correspondence, which was received, was **NOTED**.

Following discussion, it was **AGREED** to bring this to a future meeting as a headed item.

CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS

It was **AGREED** to take item 20 and item 21 concurrently.

HMB/87/26 (Agenda Item No 20)

Councillor C. Haughey - Update on Portmarnock Sports Hub - A1107545

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**.

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

HMB/88/26 (Agenda Item No 21)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Proposals for Sports Hubs Portmarnock, Malahide and Baldoye - AI107324

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**.

Mr. Hans Visser, Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer; Transport and Infrastructure Department read the report into record.

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

MOTIONS

HMB/89/26 (Agenda Item No 22)

Councillor C. Haughey - Kinsealy to Portmarnock Walking and Cycling Scheme - AI107548

It was **AGREED** to take item 22 and item 27 concurrently.

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**.

Mr. Hugo van Wyk, Senior Executive Engineer; Transport and Infrastructure Department provided a summary of the report for the Members.

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

HMB/90/26 (Agenda Item No 27)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Lands in Kinsealy - Portmarnock - AI107668

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 circulate, was **CONSIDERED**.

Mr. Hugo van Wyk, Senior Executive Engineer; Transport and Infrastructure Department read the report into the record.

It was **AGREED** to bring this item back as a headed item in September 2026 under "Kinsealy to Portmarnock Walking and Cycling Scheme".

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

HMB/91/26 (Agenda Item No 23)

Councillor D. Healy - Progress Report on Tuckett's Lane Housing Project

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

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

Ms. Aoife Lawler, Senior Executive Officer; Housing Department read the report into the record.

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

HMB/92/26 (Agenda Item No 24)

Councillor B. McDonagh - Schools Places in Portmarnock - AI107598

The Motion, in the name of Councillor B. McDonagh, was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh 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/93/26 (Agenda Item No 25)

Councillor D. Healy - Flooding and Mud Deposition on Baldoyle/Portmarnock Greenway

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

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

Mr. Hans Visser, Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer; Transport and Infrastructure Department read the report into the record.

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

HMB/94/26 (Agenda Item No 26)

Councillor B. McDonagh - Swimming Pool Support - PSLC - AI107603

It was **AGREED** to take item 26 and the Emergency Motion concurrently.

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

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

Following discussion, the Motion was **AGREED**.

HMB/95/26 (Agenda Item No)

EMERGENCY MOTION

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

"That the Chief Executive engage with the Portmarnock Sports and Leisure Centre following the recent closure of the pool and sauna in the PSLC due to issues with the roof, which is having a devastating impact on the wider community and the schools in the area who use the pool for swimming lessons, and for the Council to offer any expert advice, financial support or any other assistance which may get the pool back open as soon as possible."

Mr. David Storey, Director of Services; Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports Department replied to the Emergency Motion and **AGREED** to facilitate a meeting with the PSLC.

Following discussion, the Motion was **AGREED**.

The Meeting concluded at 18:00

AREA CHAIRPERSON

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**HOWTH/MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
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WEDNESDAY 6th MAY 2026

ITEM NO. 02

REPLANTING OF TREES AT MABESTOWN - AI108102

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise if it is a requirement for the trees that have been cut down as part of the new development at Mabestown, planning reference F23A/0492, to be replanted, and any other details on the tree planting requirements?”

Reply:

Replacement planting consisting of a mixed native hedgerow and also the planting of a line of trees (Scots Pine, Beech, Horse Chestnut, Oak and Hazel) along the Malahide Road boundary of this estate are required as part of the overall landscape proposals for this planning permission.

Source of Reply:

Gemma Carr, Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Infrastructure and Transport Department

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ITEM NO. 03

UPDATE ON ACCESS TO BALSCADDEN BEACH - AI108105

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the plans for improved access to Balscadden Beach?"

Reply:

The improvement works were detailed and specified by a consultant team, and a construction tender was published on the 24th March, 2026. This tender closes on the 27th April, 2026. Provided a successful outcome of the tender process, a contractor will be appointed before Summer 2026.

The exact duration of construction will be determined by the winning contractor and will be specified in their tender. However, we estimate the construction stage will take around 13 weeks, once they have mobilised to site.

It won't be possible to allow public access to the site during the construction period, including weekends, for contractual and Health and Safety reasons.

The works are scheduled to commence in September 2026, outside of the busy summer period.

Source of Reply:

Shane McMorrow, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports

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ITEM NO. 04

**UPDATE ON THE TAKING IN CHARGE AND PLAYGROUND IN
BELCAMP - AI108161**

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the status of the taking in charge process for the Belcamp Estate, off the Malahide Road, as the playground in the estate remains unfinished for years?”

Reply:

The Council has not yet received a formal Taking in Charge request in relation to the open space areas in the Belcamp development. The developer, Glenveagh has acquired this area of Belcamp estate from the previous developer and have confirmed that a contractor has been employed to carry out playground repair works the week commencing the 13th of May.

Source of Reply:

Gemma Carr, Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Infrastructure and Transport Department

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ITEM NO. 05

KINSEALY TO PORTMARNOCK GREENWAY - AI108106

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of the specific number of landowners who have formally refused survey access for the Kinsealy to Portmarnock Greenway?"

Reply:

The Infrastructure & Transport Department can confirm that no landowners have refused access to their respective properties and engagement is ongoing.

Source of Reply:

Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure and Transport Department

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ITEM NO. 06

HOWTH LIBRARY WORKS DETAILS - AI108243

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

Councillor J. Hopkins - Howth Library Works Details - AI108243 "To ask the Chief Executive to outline the specifics of the upgrades to the Howth Library

Reply:

A feasibility study has been undertaken on the existing Howth Library site and several options were explored including adding an additional floor to the existing building & also expanding the building to take in the entire site. The site and available options present significant challenges with limited additional floor space to the existing building. In this context, consideration continues to be given to possible options that can lead to the upgrade of library facilities in Howth.

The Council's Capital Programme 2026-28 envisages the substantial expenditure being incurred in 2027, and the options assessment is largely on track to meet this timeline. It should be noted that the funding for the project is currently as "Under Assessment" in the 3 Year Programme, and a source of funds is yet to be identified.

Source of Reply:

Lilian Whelan, A/County Librarian, Economic, Community and Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 07

COMMUNICATION BOARDS FOR COMMUNITY CENTRES AND LIBRARIES IN THIS LEA - AI108244

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise when to expect the full rollout of communications boards including neurodiverse friendly boards for community centres/libraries etc. in this Local Electoral Area?"

Reply:

Digital Information screens are currently operational in Baldoyle, Howth and Malahide libraries, and at the Fingal Liam Rodgers Community Centre in Kinsealy. The Community Department is also actively examining the installation of a Digital Information Screen at Baldoyle Racecourse Community Centre. In addition, a Digital Information Screen will be incorporated into the Baldoyle Forum Centre as part of the planned refurbishment works.

Neurodiverse communication boards and aids are already in place at Baldoyle Racecourse Community Centre and the Liam Rodgers Community Centre in Kinsealy. These were delivered as part of the Sensory Pack Project, which supports Fingal County Council's commitment to creating welcoming, accessible and inclusive community spaces for all users.

Fingal County Council recognises the importance of inclusive communication supports and is committed to expanding the provision of neurodiverse friendly communication boards and aids across Community Centres and Libraries. Future rollout will be informed through engagement with the Council's Access Officer and relevant stakeholders to ensure that developments align with best practice in

accessibility and the council's inclusion policies and values, not only in this electoral area, but across the entire county.

Source of Reply:

Cormac Healy, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department

Lillian Whelan, A/County Librarian , Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department

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ITEM NO. 08

OPENING HOURS FOR BALDOYLE RACECOURSE CENTRE - AI108250

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise of the planned opening hours for Baldoyle Racecourse Centre once fully established, specifically detailing access at weekends and for public toilets?"

Reply:

The planned opening hours for Baldoyle Racecourse Centre once fully established will be as follows:

Monday - Friday 8.00 – 22.00

Saturday 8.00 – 18.00

Sunday 8.00 – 18.00

As the Community Centre continues to establish itself in the local community, and as demand continues to grow for increased usage, the Centre will continue to review current opening hours and will open as required and as permitted by staffing levels within the Centre.

The toilets within the Centre, that are accessible through the Community Centre reception, are available to the public during the opening hours of the Community Centre.

Source of Reply:

Cormac Healy, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Community and Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 09

MICHEAL HURLEY BALDOYLE HISTORIAN - AI108252

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise how many of Micheal Hurley's (Baldoyle Historian) 35 books are held in Baldoyle Library and could efforts be made to ensure that the full collection is held for reference?"

Reply:

A total of eleven titles by Michael Hurley are currently available in Baldoyle library. We would be happy to add any further books to Baldoyle Library stock should Mr. Hurley wish to donate copies. Purchasing for libraries is sourced through a national tender arrangement through Alan Hanna's website, which does not appear to have the titles in stock. Any initiative would require confirmation from the author that titles can be made available.

Source of Reply:

Lilian Whelan, A/County Librarian, Economic, Community and Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 10

**€50K BUDGETED FOR LANDSCAPE WORKS AT CLONGRIFFIN DART
STATION- AI108254**

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report detailing how the €50k budgeted for landscape works at Clongriffin DART Station was used and when can the works be expected to start?"

Reply:

The Council is continuing to work with relevant stakeholders on the procurement and implementation of the works as previously outlined. A further briefing on the programming of the works will be provided in due course.

Source of Reply:

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

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ITEM NO. 11

STAPOLIN SQUARE CRÈCHE - AI108255

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the Council plan for the proposed new crèche at Stapolin Square to be publicly run, as two thousand social and cost rental low-income households will require a community run crèche?"

Reply:

The Planning Authority recognises the importance of ensuring that essential community infrastructure, including childcare facilities such as crèches, is delivered in tandem with new housing. Objective CIO5028 of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 requires the provision of childcare facilities as part of all new residential developments in accordance with the provisions of the Childcare Facilities Guidelines for Planning Authorities 2001. Accordingly, for residential development comprising of more than 75 homes, a crèche or childcare facility must be provided. Crèche provisions have been included as part of the relevant permissions pertaining to the Stapolin development (including development as granted under planning reference number ABP-310418-21 -and as amended under LRD/0016/S3 & LRD/0073/S3E- and ABP Reg. Ref. TA06F.311016-21 / FCC Reg. Ref. SHD/016/21 – GA3. The delivery, operating and running of the creches is a matter for the applicant and childcare provider.

Source of Reply:

Colm McCoy, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Department

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ITEM NO. 12

PROGRESS REPORT - KILBARRACK INDUSTRIAL ESTATE MASTERPLAN - AI108261

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a progress report in preparing the Masterplan for Kilbarrack Industrial Estate and the anticipated timescale for finalising the Masterplan?"

Reply:

Kilbarrack Industrial Estate is included in the list of masterplans identified in the Development Plan for preparation (Ref. No. MP 10.A). Work on a brief for the masterplan was commenced in 2025. However, this was paused owing to the publication of the first revision of the National Planning Framework (NPF) and the 'NPF Implementation: Housing Growth Requirements' guidelines for Planning Authorities which required the Council to incorporate the contents of the Guidelines and updated NPF into the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029 (Variation No. 1 refers). Arising from this, the preparation of an Urban Area Plan for Dunsink has been prioritised in the short term in order to facilitate the activation of lands at Dunsink in accordance with the updated Development Plan core strategy.

Source of Reply:

Deirdre Fallon, Senior Planner, Planning & Development Department

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ITEM NO. 13

HOWTH/MALAHIDE URBAN AREA PLANS - AI108262

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise what Urban Area Plans are required to be produced for the Howth/Malahide Area, what order the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure intends to prepare them in, and what timescale is anticipated for each?"

Reply:

Tables 2.28 and 2.19 of the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029 details the following proposed framework plans/masterplans for the Howth/Malahide Area:

- Kilbarrack Industrial Estate (MP 10.A)
- Baldoyle Framework Plan (FP 10.D)
- Portmarnock Framework Plan (FP 12.B)
- Howth Framework Plan (FP 10.C)
- Sutton Cross Framework Plan (FP 10.B)
- Baldoyle Industrial Estate (FP 10.A)

The Development Plan states that following the adoption of the Plan, a list of framework plans and masterplans to be prepared over the lifetime of the Development Plan will be drafted by the Planning Department based on the Council's priorities and subject to resources. This was done in conjunction with the Elected Members and the list of plans to be progressed was agreed at the July 2023 Council meeting. The Kilbarrack Industrial Estate Masterplan was included in this list.

A number of the Plans on this list have been completed to date including the Clonsilla Framework Plan, Flemington Local Area Plan, Stephenstown Framework

Plan, Folkstown Framework Plan and Old School House Masterplan and Kilbarrack Masterplan.

Work on a brief for the Kilbarrack masterplan was commenced in 2025. However, this was paused owing to the publication of the first revision of the National Planning Framework (NPF) and the 'NPF Implementation: Housing Growth Requirements' guidelines for Planning Authorities which required the Council to incorporate the contents of the Guidelines and updated NPF into the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029 (Variation No. 1 refers). Arising from this, the preparation of an Urban Area Plan for Dunsink has been prioritised in the short term in order to facilitate the activation of lands at Dunsink in accordance with the updated Development Plan core strategy.

Source of Reply:

Deirdre Fallon, Senior Planner, Planning & Development Department

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ITEM NO. 14

UPDATE ON TUCKETT'S LANE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Department of Housing's consideration of the proposed housing development on Tuckett's Lane?"

Reply:

Following a full cost analysis review of the proposed housing development of 8 housing units. Fingal County Council submitted a revised funding application to the DHLGH in October 2025. A number of requests for an update on the funding application were sent to the DHLGH, with the most recent request being sent on 24th April.

Fingal County Council are currently awaiting a decision on the revised funding application from DHLGH. Once the revised 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.

Source of Reply:

Fiona Glynn, Administrative Officer, Housing Department

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ITEM NO. 15

PROGRESS ON FLOATING BOARDWALK - MALAHIDE - AI108267

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise what progress has been made or is anticipated in relation to Local Objective 33 of the Fingal Development Plan: investigate the provision of a Floating Boardwalk at Caves Marsh, Malahide connecting Caves Strand with Estuary Park?"

Reply:

The development of a floating boardwalk in close vicinity of an important roosting site for several migratory birds associated with the Malahide Estuary SPA is likely to have a significant impact on the designated site. The likelihood of successfully mitigating any disturbance impacts is low due to the close proximity to the birds. It should be noted that this roosting site is already under pressure from recreational use and dog walkers and it is an action in the Fingal Biodiversity Plan (7) to restore this important roosting site for migratory birds by keeping people away from the river mouth at Caves Marsh. Accordingly, there are no immediate plans to progress this Local Objective.

Source of Reply:

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

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ITEM NO. 16

PROGRESS ON PUBLIC SQUARE IN HOWTH – AI108268

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise what progress has been made or is anticipated in relation to Fingal Development Plan Local Objective 95: creation of a pedestrianised public square in the core of Howth?"

Reply:

Fingal Development Plan Local Objective 95 the creation of a pedestrianised public square in the core of Howth is not included in the current Capital Plan or the NTA works programme.

It will be considered for inclusion in a future capital plan and associated works programme, subject to the availability of funding.

Source of Reply:

Shane McMorrow, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports

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ITEM NO. 17

PROGRESS FOR MASTERPLAN FOR MALAHIDE ESTUARY - AI108269

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise what progress has been made or is anticipated in relation to Fingal Development Plan Map-based Objective GIM23: prepare and implement a masterplan for Malahide Estuary?"

Reply:

It is envisaged that the management of the Malahide Estuary would be organised in a similar fashion to the Howth SAAO model with a local steering committee overseeing the preparation and implementation of an Operational Plan or masterplan.

A number of supporting studies have been identified such as water quality monitoring, ecological studies on migratory birds, flora and marine life in the estuary, recreational usage and need studies and an impact assessment of recreational use on the various wildlife species in the estuary and until such time as the studies are progressed, it would not be prudent to proceed with the process at this time.

Source of Reply:

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

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ITEM NO. 18a

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
Georgian Hamlet Residents Association GA-003918	€2881	Gazebo Hire. Lawn mower & strimmer Gardening Materials Estate Stone First Aid Box	N	N/A	€2588

Malahide Seniors' Social GA-003885	€2280	Hall hire for 13 senior events Transport Insurance	Y	2025 - €720 2024 - €1514	€1490
Sutton Bridge Club GA-003921	€736	Insurance Bridge Gaming Equipment Bridge Gaming & Print Materials	N	N/A	€736
Howth Tidy Towns GA-003296	€2,250.00	2 Gazebo Compost workshop Regenerative farming & GYO Food & supply na Howth Foraging & Guests	N	N/A	€1,150.00

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ITEM NO. 18b

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
Sutton Lawn Tennis Club	€1500	Additional gym equipment - 3 x free weight wall racks with adjustable benches.	Y	2025, €4000	€1500 recommended as additional gym equipment allows the club to hold additional clases for over 65s

Howth Yacht Club	€4000	Purchase of 420 dinghy for junior training	N	N/A	€4000 recommended, purchase will increase activity amongst teen members and allow for further upskilling and training
Smith Nirvana Badminton Club	€1500 – Essential equipment grant	Purchase of quality rackets and shuttlecocks for training aids for general club use and training to support the running of the club	N	N/A	€1500 recommended for essential club equipment
Smith Nirvana Badminton Club	€500 – activity funding grant	Cost towards rent and supplies for a come and try social play, community activity	N	N/A	€500 recommended as activity funding as it is hoped it will act as introduction to the committee and recruit new members of all ages

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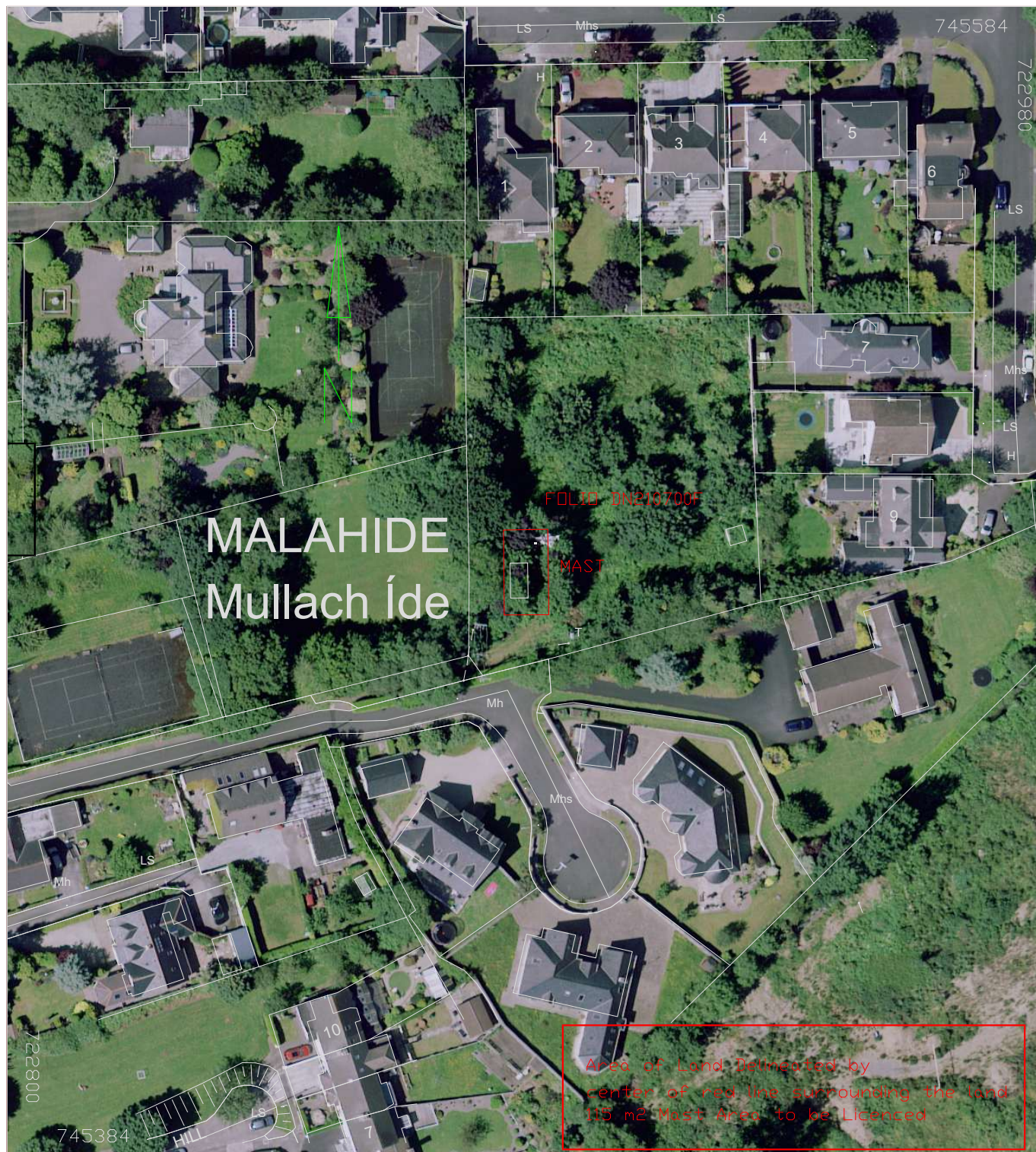
ITEM NO. 19a

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RENEWAL OF LEASE OF LAND AT THE HILL, MALAHIDE, CO. DUBLIN TO VANTAGE TOWERS LIMITED

It is proposed to issue Notice under Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) notifying the Council Members of the intention to grant a lease of land at The Hill, Malahide, Co. Dublin, as shown outlined in red on Drawing No. LA-7098-25 to Vantage Towers Limited, Mountainview, Leopardstown, Dublin 18.

A formal notice of disposal in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, will be submitted to the Meeting of the Council scheduled to be held on Monday 11th May 2026.

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 Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL	Dwg No: LA-7098-25		D.S.Ref:	
	Date: 09 Oct 2025		Drawn By: LJM	
Project: Land at The Hill Malahide	Scale: 1/1000		Checked:	
Land to be licenced to:	Dev. File No:		Job No. SM/98/25	
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	Road Area :			
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Dear Ms., Hartigan,

I refer to your recent email to the Minister for Education and Youth, Ms. Helen McEntee TD, regarding the building project for Malahide Portmarnock Educate Together National School.

The school building project for the school is being delivered under the Department's Design and Build Programme which uses a professional external Project Manager to progress the project through the relevant stages of architectural planning, tender and construction.

The project will deliver a new 16 classroom primary school and accommodation, including four classrooms, for children with special educational needs.

The Planning Permission application was submitted to Fingal County Council on 17th June 2024 and subsequently a Request for Further Information (RFI) was issued by the local authority on 9th August 2024.

The Response to the RFI issued to the Local Authority on 14th May 2025 and a decision to grant planning permission was issued by the Local Authority on 19th June 2025.

Subsequently, two third party appeals were lodged. Therefore the application has been referred to An Coimisiún Pleanála along with the Departments responses to the third party appeals.

It is not possible to provide a time-frame for the progression of the project to tender and construction stages until such time as the necessary statutory approvals have been secured.

The Department will continue to keep the school and it's patron body updated as the project progresses.

Yours sincerely,



Stephen O'Brien

Private Secretary

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Dear Ms. O hAodha,

Thank you for contacting the Minister for Education and Youth, Hildegard Naughton regarding special education needs classes in Malahide.

Please be assured that supporting children with additional needs is a priority for Minister Naughton in her role as Minister for Education and Youth, and for the Minister for Special Education, Minister Moynihan. Both Ministers are working to ensure that all children and young people with special educational needs are fully supported.

I have raised the specific details of your query with the relevant team in the Department for their attention. They are currently reviewing the matter, and you will receive a response shortly.

Thank you again for bringing this matter to the attention of the Minister.

Yours sincerely,



Eimear Kavanagh

Private Secretary

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ITEM NO. 21

TAKING IN CHARGE OF NEWPARK ESTATE - AI107962

Motion: Councillor C. Haughey

“That the Chief Executive provide an update on the taking in charge process of Newpark Estate in Kinsealy, detailing if there has been any communication between the developer and the Council regarding cracks in footpaths, eroding of steps, chips on corners of walls, different kerb heights, some kerbs being the same height as the road.”

Report:

No Taking In Charge (TIC) request has been received to date. The developer is aware that there are sections of footpath in need of replacement and/or repair. Building Control will be meeting with the developer in the coming weeks when they are ready to submit the TIC Request and progress snagging the development.

Source of Report:

Shane Harding, Executive Engineer, Planning and Development Department.

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ITEM NO. 22

UPDATE ON THE NAMING OF THE PARK AT OLD YELLOW WALLS ROAD, SEABURY - AI108032

Motion: Councillor E. O'Brien

"That the Chief Executive provide an update on whether the Naming and Commemorative Committee have yet considered the unanimous call by this Area Committee to rename the park at Old Yellow Walls Road, Seabury in honour of the late Philip Lynch."

Report:

The Naming and Commemorative Committee meets quarterly to review applications. The Committee's Q1 meeting of 2026 was the inaugural meeting of the Committee; which brought members together to review the Naming and Commemorative Memorial Policy, Naming and Commemorative Committee Terms of Reference, hold the election of a Chairperson and establish Committee procedures and timelines.

With the agreement of members; the Q2 meeting will deal with current applications. The Committee Chair will host the Q2 Naming and Commemorative Committee meeting in June 2026.

As part of the due diligence process for the Committee; following the passing of Motions at Area Committee, additional information, and a formal application is required. All current completed and validated applications will be considered by the Committee at their Q2 meeting in June 2026.

Source of Report:

Ciara O hAodha, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services.

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ITEM NO. 23

**PLANNING ENFORCEMENT REGARDING CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC
USING STREAMSTOWN LANE AND CAREY'S LANE - AI108173**

Motion: Councillor C. Haughey

“That the Chief Executive provide an update from the Planning Enforcement Section regarding construction traffic using Streamstown Lane and Carey's Lane, as the activity has continued.”

Report:

Following receipt of a representation in writing, a warning letter pursuant to Section 152 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, was issued on 31st March 2026. Investigations remain open and ongoing at present.

Source of Report:

Fearghal McSweeney, Administrative Officer, Planning and Development Department

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ITEM NO. 24

COUNCILLOR A. TORMEY - LITTERING AT BAYSIDE SQUARE - AI108208

Motion: Councillor A. Tormey

“That the Chief Executive investigate the ongoing issues of littering beside the bottle return bank and trolley bay at Aldi in Bayside Square and trollies left abandoned in the car park and take appropriate action via planning enforcement or litter wardens.”

Report:

The Litter Management Section have no record of any complaints regarding littering outside the Aldi premises in Bayside Square. This area is privately owned however the Litter Warden for the area will carry out an inspection under Section 6 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997, as amended, which states -

6. — (1) The occupier of a public place (not being a public road or a building or other structure) shall keep the place free of litter.

(2) The occupier of any land (other than land consisting of a building or other structure) that is not a public place shall keep the land free of litter that is to any extent visible from a public place.

If evidence of littering is found, a Warning Notice will issue. If the issue persists enforcement action will be taken.

Source of Report:

Grainne Carroll, Administrative Officer, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports

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ITEM NO. 25

BALDOYLE COMMUNITY HALL UPGRADES - AI108247

Motion: Councillor J. Hopkins

"That the Chief Executive provide an update on the building work for Baldoyle Hall, which has been ongoing 8 years."

Report:

Baldoyle Community Hall is one of a number of Fingal County Council owned community buildings which are programmed for upgrade and refurbishment. Condition Reports on the older community centres in Council ownership were commissioned and undertaken in 2018 and informed the development of a programme of phased improvements across the centres.

As part of that programme an integrated design team was appointed in 2021 to design and manage improvement works on five centres in a phased manner. That scope also included the upgrade of Baldoyle Library which was completed in 2025. This phased approach has assisted in adapting to lessons learned from earlier projects, with two centres now fully complete, one well advanced site and one expected to go to tender this month. Baldoyle Community Hall is currently preparing for the planning process and detail design, and development of a tender pack has commenced to allow for an efficient transition to procurement post planning decision.

The works at Baldoyle Forum as currently proposed are substantial with a current capital investment estimate in the region of €2million. The works proposed include small extensions to form an accessible entrance hall and provision of accessible toilet, replacement of stairs, replacement of the entire roof, fire safety and services upgrade, replacement of external cabin structures to meet TUSLA childcare standards and general site improvements. External funding is being

sought to support enhanced energy efficiency measures within the refurbishment works.

Statutory planning approval is required for the project to take account of proposed extensions and childcare use. The intention is to have the Baldoyle Community Hall refurbishment tendered and ready for commencement on site early in 2027 post receipt of planning approval. The onsite refurbishment works is expected to take up to 12 months to complete.

The Council's Capital Programme 2026-28 envisages the substantial expenditure being incurred in 2026 & 2027, and the project programme is largely on track to meet this timeline. It should be noted that the funding for the project is currently as "Under Assessment" in the 3 Year Programme, and a source of funds is yet to be identified.

Prior to commencement of major refurbishment works the Council will continue to assist and address urgent repairs and general maintenance at Baldoyle Community Hall and associated Montessori. In the last number of years Council contractors have inspected and repaired issues as reported.

Source of Report:

Cormac Healy, Senior Executive Officer, Economic Community and Cultural Development Department
Pat Boyle, Senior Architect, Architects Department

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ITEM NO. 26

PORTMARNOCK SWIMMING POOL - AI108253

Motion: Councillor J. Hopkins

“That the Chief Executive ensures that all councillors in Howth Malahide are kept updated of progress and or issues arising regarding works at PSLC pool.”

Report:

Fingal County Council recently met with members of the PSLC Board, and a further meeting is scheduled to take place in the coming weeks. The Council will provide an update to the members following this engagement.

Source of Report:

Emily Crawley, Sports Programme Administrative Manager, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports

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