

Comhairle Contae Fine Gall Fingal County Council

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

Wednesday, 4th February, 2026

PRESENT

Councillor Cathal Haughey
Councillor David Healy
Councillor Eoghan O'Brien
Councillor Brian McDonagh
Councillor Aoibhinn Tormey
Councillor Jimmy Guerin

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillor Joan Hopkins.

The Area Chairperson, Councillor Cathal Haughey, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Karen Gallagher (Senior Engineer), James Culhane (Senior Executive Engineer), Niamh Russell (Administrative Officer), Barbara Ryan (Senior Staff Officer), Patrick Wallace (Executive Engineer), Ben O'Regan (Executive Engineer), Karen Leeson (Senior Executive Engineer) and Kevin Broderick (Executive Engineer).

HMA/12/26 (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 14th of January 2026

Minutes of Meeting of Howth Malahide Area Committee (Services A – Operational Matters) held on 14th January 2026 which had been circulated, were **CONSIDERED**.

It was proposed by Councillor C. Haughey and seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien and **RESOLVED**:

"That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Howth/Malahide Committee Meeting (A) 14th January 2026 be **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**."

HMA/13/26 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien, and seconded by Councillor C. Haughey and **RESOLVED**:

"That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions 2-17 inclusive be **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**."

HMA/14/26 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor C. Haughey - Upgrade Playground in Moyclare - AI106391

HMA/15/26 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor C. Haughey - Update on Pedestrian Safety - Posey Row - AI106397

HMA/16/26 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor C. Haughey - Installation of Pull Up Bars at Green Space behind Bayside N.S - AI106444

HMA/17/26 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Exposed Sewer Pipe on Burrow Beach, Sutton - AI106405

HMA/18/26 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Waste Removal - Malahide Estuary - AI106408

HMA/19/26 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Installation of Pull Up Bars at Bayside School - AI106409

HMA/20/26 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Improvements to Lane in the Binn Eadair View/Sutton Water Treatment Plant - AI106418

HMA/21/26 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Plan for Coach Parking in Howth - AI106423

HMA/22/26 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Additional Cleaning/Road Sweeping in Baldoyle - AI106424

HMA/23/26 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Pothole at Junction of Grange Road and Grange Park - AI106429

HMA/24/26 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor B. McDonagh - Inspection of Road Surface Portmarnock Bridge - AI106432

HMA/25/26 (Agenda Item No 13)

Councillor B. McDonagh - Repair of Pothole on Carrick Hill Road - AI106435

HMA/26/26 (Agenda Item No 14)

Councillor D. Healy - Report on Road Openings on Church Street - AI106451

HMA/27/26 (Agenda Item No 15)

Councillor D. Healy - Timeline for Resurfacing of Dunbo Hill - AI106452

HMA/28/26 (Agenda Item No 16)

Councillor D. Healy - Light Shielding on Harbour Road - AI106453

HMA/29/26 (Agenda Item No 17)

Councillor D. Healy - List of Bus Shelters in this LEA - AI106456

CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS

HMA/30/26 (Agenda Item No 18)

Councillor C. Haughey - Garage on Road to Abington/Castleheath - AI106392

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

The report was read into the record by Ben O'Regan, Executive Engineer.

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

MOTIONS

HMA/31/26 (Agenda Item No 19)

Councillor E. O'Brien - Parking Enforcement at Scoil an Duinnínigh and Malahide Portmarnock ETSS - AI106326

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

It was proposed and **AGREED** to discuss Item 24 alongside Item 19 for efficiency of the meeting.

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

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

HMA/32/26 (Agenda Item No 24)

Councillor E. O'Brien - Dangerous Parking in the Vicinity of Scoil an Duinnígh and Malahide Portmarnock ETSS - AI106327

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 James Culhane, Senior Executive Officer.

Following discussion, James Culhane agreed to meet with Active Travel to discuss if any interim work is possible.

The Motion was **AGREED**.

HMA/33/26 (Agenda Item No 20)

Councillor C. Haughey - Update on New Malahide Taxi Rank/Loading Bay - AI106395

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

The report was read into the record by Ben O'Regan, Executive Engineer.

Following discussion, it was agreed that Ben would liaise with An Garda Síochána in relation to issuing fines after the warden hours.

The report was **NOTED**.

HMA/34/26 (Agenda Item No 21)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Public Lights on Portmarnock to Baldoyle Greenway - AI106407

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

The report was read into the record by Karen Leeson, Senior Executive Engineer.

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

HMA/35/26 (Agenda Item No 22)

Councillor B. McDonagh - Road Safety - Chapel Road Kinsealy - AI106433

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

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

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

HMA/36/26 (Agenda Item No 23)

Councillor D. Healy - Resurface the Road at the Junction of Church Street and Harbour Road - AI106449

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

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

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

HMA/37/26 (Agenda Item No 25)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Speeding in Grange Park - AI106428

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

The report was read into the record by Ben O'Regan, Executive Engineer.

The report was **NOTED**.

HMA/38/26 (Agenda Item No 26)

Councillor D. Healy - Replacement of Bollards between Sutton Cross and Howth - AI106450

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

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

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

The Meeting concluded at 16.10 hrs.

AREA CHAIRPERSON

DATED

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**HOWTH/MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
(Services A – Operational Matters)**

WEDNESDAY 4th MARCH 2026

ITEM NO. 02

**INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL BINS IN SAINT MARNOCK'S BAY
AREA - AI107001**

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive, due to the increased foot fall from the new pedestrian bridge over the Portmarnock railway tracks, if consideration can be given for additional bins to be installed at the following locations proposed by residents: the bridge, the playground at Skylark Place, the playground at The Lawn, the gate between Saint Marnock's Bay and the DART station car park?"

Reply:

The Operations Department will carry out a more detailed assessment of the area and if feasible then additional bins will be installed in the coming months in locations taken in charge by Fingal County Council.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 03

TUCKETT'S LANE ROAD AND FOOTPATHS - AI107006

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the road and path at Tuckett's Lane will be repaired on completion of the current works, as these works have caused damage?"

Reply:

The condition of footpaths and road was assessed prior to works commencing and monitoring is ongoing to ensure that the surface water drainage works do not cause damage to adjacent surfaces.

If any damage is detected to footpaths this will be rectified along with the full width reinstatement of the road once works are complete.

Source of Reply:

James Walls, Senior Executive Engineer, Storm Water, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 04

FOOTPATHS AT PLUNKETT COTTAGES - AI107007

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for footpath repairs at Plunkett Cottages, Portmarnock, as large puddles accumulate whenever it rains, previously raised at June 2025 ACM ref AI102950?”

Reply:

The Operations Department will carry out repairs to the path in late April 2026 once the drainage has been installed. The excessive rainfall since December 2025 has delayed these works.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 05

DRAINAGE AT O'HANLON'S LANE - AI107008

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to have all the gullies/manholes at O'Hanlon's Lane, Malahide examined, following the lane flooding during the recent storm?"

Reply:

The Operations Department has investigated the cause of the flooding, and it was found that the surface water outlet had become blocked with debris generated by the recent storms and high tides. The outlet was jetted by the Operations Department and cleared, and the issue is now resolved.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 06

**FENCING AT JUNCTION OF FELTRIM ROAD AND MELROSE PARK -
AI107010**

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the fencing/barrier, that was damaged by a vehicle at the junction of Feltrim Road and Melrose Park, will be repaired or replaced?"

Reply:

The Operations Department will replace the fence/barrier in Q2/2026.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 07

TREE INSPECTION - PORTMARNOCK WALK - AI107056

Question: Councillor B. McDonagh

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to inspect a tree at the junction beside (details supplied) Portmarnock walk?"

Reply:

The Operations Department have carried out an inspection of the tree in question and it has now been removed.

Source of Reply:

Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 08

REPAIRS TO PORTMARNOCK BRIDGE - AI107057

Question: Councillor B. McDonagh

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to inspect and carry out appropriate repairs to the road surface at Portmarnock Bridge?"

Reply:

This work has been tendered by the Operations Department. This section of the road will be resurfaced in late Q2/2026 once the weather allows.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 09

INSTALLATION OF BIN AT RACECOURSE PARK - AI107063

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to install a bin in Racecourse Park at the end of the new car park?"

Reply:

The Operations Department will install a new bin at this location when the next batch of ordered bins are delivered.

Source of Reply:

James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 10

TRAFFIC WARDENS TO ATTEND STAPOLIN EDUCATE TOGETHER - AI107064

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to have traffic wardens attend Stapolin Educate Together School in the early mornings?"

Reply:

This location is already listed for enforcement by Fingal Parking Wardens on a rotational basis, and as resources allow.

Myrtle Road, Myrtle Square and Longfield Road at Stapolin Educate Together are listed for patrol at school drop-off and collection times.

These locations were added to the enforcement roster in September 2023. Since then, 111 Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued to vehicles found to be parked illegally.

Source of Reply:

Barbara Ryan, Senior Staff Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 11

YELLOW LINES OUTSIDE STAPOLIN EDUCATE TOGETHER NATIONAL SCHOOL - AI107065

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to install double yellow lines on the corner at the entrance to the Stapolin Educate Together National School, as vehicles parking on this corner are obstructing visibility for both drivers and pedestrians, causing safety concerns for people crossing the road, and restricting the buses which transport children to special classes from entering the school grounds?"

Reply:

The Operations Department have included a proposal for augmenting the existing double yellow lines and yellow zig zag lines by the school entrance at this location, in the latest submission to the Garda Traffic Division for their consideration.

Pending a positive outcome from AGS, the Operations Department will then make arrangements for their installation.

Please bear in mind that the installation of double yellow lines is weather dependant.

Source of Reply:

Benjamin O' Regan, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 12

BALDOYLE BOXING CLUB CASUAL TRADING LICENCE - AI107069

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the space outside Baldoyle Boxing Club could be considered for a casual trading licence to service Seagrang Park?"

Reply:

The location in question is within the licensed area of the Boxing Club and not within Seagrang Park itself. The Boxing Club must adhere to the terms and conditions of their licence, and this may or may not allow the siting of a casual trader on their licenced land.

If it is permissible, the decision to allow a casual trader to base themselves and trade from this location is for the Club to make, and not the Operations Department.

If the Club are agreeable, it will be their responsibility to ensure that the trader has all the relevant health and safety and insurance documents, etc.

Source of Reply:

Barbara Ryan, Senior Staff Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 14

UPDATE ON ENTRANCE TO CLAREMONT BEACH - AI107003

Motion: Councillor C. Haughey

“That the Chief Executive provide an update on any plans to upgrade or improve the entrance to Claremont Beach, as there are old unused toilets and general unsightliness at the location.”

Report:

The Operations Department resurfaced the location in question in 2025. In addition, cleansing and gully maintenance work was carried out in the past week.

The existing door to the unused toilet block will be blocked up and rendered with plaster to improve the overall appearance. The wall caps damaged due to storm weather and high tides will be replaced as well during Q2/2026.

Going forward the Operations Department will monitor the location to see if additional cleansing and sweeping is required.

Source of Report:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 15

OVERFLOW AT BALDOYLE BAY - AI106421

Motion: Councillor J. Hopkins

“That the Chief Executive liaise with National Parks and Wildlife Services on the extreme overflow events into Baldoyle Bay.”

Report:

The structure in question is a long existing storm water outfall that functions to discharge water from a pump station at Admiral Park designed to manage surface water in the Baldoyle / Seagrang areas. It is not a foul sewer overflow, otherwise known as a Combined Sewer Overflow or Storm Water Overflow.

It was installed as part of the Baldoyle Flood Relief Scheme in 2002 and is operated and maintained by Fingal County Council Operations Department under licence granted by the relevant Government Department.

There is no requirement to engage with the National Parks and Wildlife Services as there is no plan or project being considered at this location and all necessary consents would have been obtained at time of construction.

It would certainly have seen much more activity in recent weeks due to the exceptional rainfall but will see less as the weather improves. However, the outfall is working as designed.

Source of Report:

James Walls, Senior Executive Engineer, Storm Water, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 16

BUS SHELTER AT HOWTH SUMMIT - AI106952

Motion: Councillor D. Healy

“That the Chief Executive provides a bus shelter at the terminus bus stop at Howth Summit.”

Report:

The Operations Department has upgraded the existing bus stops at the Howth Summit under the National Transport Authority Bus Stop Enchantment Scheme (BSES) Grant. Work is progressing on the other bus stop locations in the Howth/Malahide Area that were approved by the NTA in 2025.

This location is not included as part of the 2026 BSES. Access to funding is managed directly by the NTA through a multi-stage review and approval process applied to each individual bus stop.

It should be noted that the installation of bus shelters at any given stop is contingent upon the feasibility of providing such infrastructure. This assessment includes, but is not limited to, a review of available widths, the presence and location of existing underground utilities, visibility/sightline requirements, planning requirements and any other physical or operational constraints at the site. These factors will inform the scope and nature of any works. Where substantial or complex works would be necessary to accommodate a shelter, the overall feasibility of the proposal may be significantly reduced and would not progress.

The Operations Department will list this location for consideration under the next round of BSES funding to get a design carried out to determine if the location is feasible. This is subject to NTA approval.

Source of Report:

James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 17

REPAIR OF BEACH SLEEPERS PORTMARNOCK BEACH - AI107058

Motion: Councillor B. McDonagh

“That the Chief Executive conduct extensive repair and restoration of the sleepers acting as coastal defences on the beach in Portmarnock.”

Report:

The Operations Department will carry out a detailed study of the works required in the coming months and will liaise with the Biodiversity Officer in regard to any environmental screening which may be required to carry out the works.

Source of Report:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department
James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 18

**CYCLE ROUTE FROM RACECOURSE PARK TO BAYSIDE VIA
SEAGRANGE PARK - AI106422**

Motion: Councillor J. Hopkins

“That the Chief Executive examine the potential of widening the path through Seagrang Park to facilitate Active Travel in the area?”

Report:

The Operations Department will carry out a tender process to determine a cost to widen the existing path in Seagrang Park. Once the pricing is determined, we will liaise with our colleagues in Active Travel regarding the availability of funding.

Source of Report:

Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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