

Comhairle Contae Fine Gall Fingal County Council

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

Wednesday, 1st April, 2026

PRESENT

Councillors

Haughey, Cathal
Healy, David
Hopkins, Joan

Councillors

McDonagh, Brian
O'Brien, Eoghan

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillor Jimmy Guerin and Councillor Aoibhinn Tormey

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), Therese Casey (Executive Parks and Landscape Officer), Patrick Wallace (Executive Engineer).

HMA/59/26 (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.

HMA/60/26 (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 4th March 2026

Minutes of Meeting of Howth Malahide Area Committee (Services A – Operational Matters) held on 4th March 2026 which had been circulated, were **CONSIDERED**.

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

"That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Howth/Malahide Committee Meeting (Services A – Operational Matters) 4th March 2026 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**."

HMA/61/26 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor D. Healy, and seconded by Councillor C. Haughey and **RESOLVED**:

"That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions 2–25 inclusive be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**."

HMA/62/26 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor C. Haughey - Pedestrian Safety on Golf Links Road Portmarnock - AI107419

HMA/63/26 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor C. Haughey - Cleaning Portmarnock Beach Car Park, Strand Road - AI107539

HMA/64/26 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor C. Haughey - Update from Uisce Éireann - Dune Erosion on Burrow Beach - AI107541

HMA/65/26 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor C. Haughey - Repair Footpath at Steps on Dublin Road - Bayside - AI107542

HMA/66/26 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor C. Haughey - Repair Potholes in Malahide Beach Car Park - AI107543

HMA/67/26 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor C. Haughey - Traffic Monitoring in Malahide Village - AI107544

HMA/68/26 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor C. Haughey - Repair Wall at Dunbo Hill and Church Road Junction - AI107546

HMA/69/26 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor C. Haughey - Upgrade Ard na Mara Footpaths - AI107547

HMA/70/26 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor C. Haughey - Replant Trees in Biscayne - AI107562

HMA/71/26 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor D. Healy - Update on Reinstatement of Cycle Lane Bollards between Howth and St. Fintan's High School

HMA/72/26 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor D. Healy - Flood Damage Repair - Broadmeadow Estuary

HMA/73/26 (Agenda Item No 13)

Councillor D. Healy - Update on Link between Claremont Road and Claremont Beach

HMA/74/26 (Agenda Item No 14)

Councillor B. McDonagh - Repair or Replace Benches - Duck Green, Portmarnock - AI107613

HMA/75/26 (Agenda Item No 15)

Councillor B. McDonagh - Inspection of Litter Bins - Portmarnock - AI107645

HMA/76/26 (Agenda Item No 16)

Councillor B. McDonagh - Summer Refuse Provision - Portmarnock Beach - AI107646

HMA/77/26 (Agenda Item No 17)

Councillor B. McDonagh - Restoration of Tourist Trail Signage - Portmarnock - AI107647

HMA/78/26 (Agenda Item No 18)

Councillor B. McDonagh - Anti Graffiti Materials for Tidy Towns in this LEA - AI107648

HMA/79/26 (Agenda Item No 19)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Toilets at Summit Car Park - AI107675

HMA/80/26 (Agenda Item No 20)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Update on Zebra Crossings for Bayside Square - AI107677

HMA/81/26 (Agenda Item No 21)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Repair Light in Potato Skin Lane, Portmarnock - AI107679

HMA/82/26 (Agenda Item No 22)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Safety Review of Junction at Bridgefield Malahide -
AI107683

HMA/83/26 (Agenda Item No 23)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Repair Footpath - Stapolin Lawns - AI107684

HMA/84/26 (Agenda Item No 24)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Repair Footpath - Stapolin Lawns - AI107685

HMA/85/26 (Agenda Item No 25)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Repair Footpath at Carrick Court, Portmarnock - AI107686

CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS

HMA/86/26 (Agenda Item No 26)

Councillor C. Haughey - Repairing Potholes in this LEA - AI107540

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

The report was taken as read.

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

MOTIONS

HMA/87/26 (Agenda Item No 27)

**Councillor B. McDonagh - Investment to Restore Road Surfaces in this LEA -
AI107649**

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

The report was taken as read.

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

HMA/88/26 (Agenda Item No 28)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Security at Racecourse Park, Baldoyle - AI107666

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

The report was read into the record by Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer.

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

HMA/89/26 (Agenda Item No 29)

**Councillor J. Hopkins - Enhanced Cleaning at Grange Road, Baldoyle
Industrial Estate - AI107671**

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

The report was taken as read.

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

The Meeting concluded at 15.25 hrs.

AREA CHAIRPERSON

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ITEM NO. 02

**INSTALLATION OF PATH THROUGH GREEN AT CARRICK COURT,
PORTMARNOCK - AI107687**

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to install a path through the green at (details supplied) Carrick Court Portmarnock?"

Reply:

Residents in the two estates will be consulted about a proposal for a path over the open space. It will then be considered for inclusion in the 2027 Works Programme.

Source of Reply:

Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 03

REPAIR DRAIN ISSUE OUTSIDE CARRICK COURT - AI107688

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to repair the drain issue outside (details supplied) Carrick Court, Portmarnock?"

Reply:

The gullies were not placed originally in the optimal location. The Operations Department will install two new gullies at the correct location in Q4 2026

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 04

**WIDEN FOOTPATH BETWEEN CARRICK HILL AND KINGSFORD
MEDICAL - AI107689**

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to widen the footpath between (details supplied) Carrick Hill and Kingsford Medical?"

Reply:

This work requires land purchase however after consultation with private property owners unfortunately a number do not want to engage with Fingal County Council to sell their land voluntarily.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 05

INSTALLATION OF SPEEDING SIGNS IN ARD NA MARA- AI107691

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to install speeding signs around Ard Na Mara?"

Reply:

There are no plans for additional speed limit signs around Ard Na Mara as the existing signage is considered sufficient.

The Operations Department will request 30km/hr roundels to be marked on the road located at each entrance into the residential area.

Source of Reply:

Benjamin O' Regan, Executive Engineer, Operations Department,

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ITEM NO. 06

MAINTENANCE OF GRANGE ROAD PERIMETER OF BALDOYLE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE - AI108251

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the maintenance of the area from (details supplied) Grange Road up to the bridge past the industrial estate, including power washing the brick wall, regular sweeping and weeding, cutting back hedging, litter picking and painting and repair of railings both on the bridge and perimeter of the industrial estate."

Reply:

Currently the Operations Department maintains the public road, public lighting, drainage, and the grass verge that are Taken in Charge. The Industrial Estate perimeter wall and railing is not maintained by the Operations Department.

Road sweeping is carried out on a rotational basis and Grange Road is included in this regime. This area is swept on a fortnightly sweeper rota and if the team have additional capacity then additional sweeping to address litter may be carried out at this location. Hedge cutting to allow for pedestrian passage is carried out across the County during the annual Winter Maintenance Programme.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 07

ROAD SWEEPER REQUIRED FOR BALDOYLE - AI108257

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to ensure the road sweeping schedule includes the following areas which are continuously missed the outside of the greenway Coast Road; the footpath along Red Arches/Racecourse on the Fingal County Council side of Red Arches Drive, outside Silverbanks Development?"

Reply:

The above listed locations are included on a scheduled road sweeping rota operating on a fortnightly basis. On occasion, certain sections of the carriageway may not be fully reached due to constraints such as overhanging vegetation and the presence of parked vehicles, which can limit access for the road sweeper.

The Operations Department will continue to monitor these areas, and where feasible, take appropriate measures to address any issues.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 08

**ACCESSIBLE PARKING SIGN OUTSIDE MALAHIDE TRAIN STATION -
AI107716**

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise when the accessible parking space sign pole located outside Malahide Train Station will be moved, as has been requested previously, in order to allow wheelchair users to open their car doors fully?"

Reply:

The Operations Department had already listed these works and checking the programme, the sign is to be moved week commencing the 11.05.2026

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 09

FOOTPATH ON STREAMSTOWN LANE - AI108100

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise when it is expected the footpath on Streamstown Lane, from Carlin House to the Malahide Road will be delivered?”

Reply:

The Operations Department has scheduled these works to commence in September 2026.

Source of Reply:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 10

BEANN EADAIR GAA ROAD SIGNS - AI108101

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on applications by Beann Eadair GAA club for two road signs which were submitted in 2024?”.

Reply:

The Operations Department were contacted by Beann Eadair GAA on 11th February 2024 enquiring on how to apply for Finger Post Signage. The application was forwarded to them on 12th February 2024. A completed application was never returned to the Howth Malahide Operations Team.

Contact was again made by Beann Eadair GAA on 1st April 2026 and following this an application by the Club was received. On 16th April 2026, the Operations Department Traffic Engineer met with a Club Representative and agreed the location of three new finger post signs at three locations as requested.

Source of Reply:

Benjamin O’ Regan, Executive Engineer, and Barbara Ryan, Senior Staff Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 11

PARKING PERMITS FOR HARBOUR ROAD, HOWTH - AI108104

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise if paid parking comes into effect on Harbour Road in Howth, when would residents of Harbour Road get the opportunity to apply for a parking permit, would it be in advance of paid parking being introduced or would it be after it is introduced?”

Reply:

The proposed paid parking scheme for Harbour Road, Howth is currently on public display. Submissions or representations in relation to this proposal may be made in writing to the Operations Department, Fingal County Council, via one of the following methods only:

- Online via the Council’s Online Consultation Portal:
<https://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse>
- By post addressed to Administrative Officer, Howth Malahide Operations, Fingal County Council, Grove Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15

All submissions must be received no later than 4.00 pm on Wednesday 13th May 2026.

Following the close of the public consultation period, and subject to the review of submissions received, residents of Harbour Road who meet the eligibility criteria may apply for a residents parking permit. This application process will commence a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the scheme becoming operational, ensuring sufficient time for permits to be issued in advance of the commencement date.

Please note that not all residents will automatically qualify for an on-street parking permit. Full details of the conditions and eligibility criteria for residents parking permits are outlined on pages 20 and 21 of the Fingal County Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2026 which can be located on the Council's website under the following link: <https://www.fingal.ie/fingal-county-council-parking-control-bye-laws-2026>

Source of Reply:

Niamh Russell, Administrative Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 12

UPDATE ON IMPROVEMENTS AT SEAGRANGE PARK - AI108209

Question: Councillor A. Tormey

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on what improvement works have been completed in Seagrang Park over recent years and what is planned in the near future?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council, in conjunction with Baldoyle Wild Towns, are continuously carrying out improvements to Seagrang Park.

These include:

- Bulb Planting
- Art Work at various entrances
- Tree planting, including an Orchard and Tree Trial with Ogham Stakes
- Hedge Planting

Seagrang Park is a Biodiverse linear park and a major feeding ground for the protected Brent Geese. All improvement works to date have been carried out in a sensitive manner to protect the these feeding grounds.

The programme of works for 2026 include:

- Extending the width and resurfacing the existing footpath network.
- Resurfacing the basketball court.

Source of Reply:

Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 13

DRAFT SPEED LIMIT BYE-LAW MAPS IN THIS LEA - AI108258

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on progress in producing draft Bye-Law maps for all urban/built up areas in the Howth Malahide area for the purposes of implementing reduced speed limits?"

Reply:

The Operations Department is progressing Phase 2 of the National Speed Limit Implementation Review. Phase 2 is focusing on speed limits within urban and built-up areas. Any proposed changes will be carried out in accordance with the updated Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits as published by the Department of Transport.

At present, the Traffic Unit is progressing on analysing data obtained from automatic traffic count surveys which will inform on any potential speed limit changes within this LEA and across the built-up areas within the county. These changes to speed limits will be presented in a map-based format.

Once this analysis stage is completed the Operations Department intend to meet with each LEA informally to outline proposed changes during late Q2/2026.

Source of Reply:

James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 14

REPORT ON SPEED SURVEYS IN THIS LEA - AI108259

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report detailing any progress in carrying out speed surveys to gather data on speed and vehicular movements in the Howth/Malahide Area to inform planned reductions in speed limits in urban/built up areas?"

Reply:

As part of the Phase 2 – Urban Speed Limit review, the Operations Department is carrying out analysis on all urban and built-up areas. To assist in this analysis stage, the Traffic Operations unit has commissioned a series of automatic traffic turning count (ATC) surveys to gather data on vehicular speeds and movements. These surveys will assist in informing of any proposed changes to the existing speed limits.

Source of Reply:

James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 15

URBAN SPEED LIMITS IN THIS LEA - AI108260

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline when it is intended to commence the statutory consultation on urban speed limits in this LEA?"

Reply:

As part of the Urban Speed Limit Review the Operations Department is intending to carry out statutory consultation in accordance with Section 9 of the Road Traffic Act (2004) as amended during Q3/Q4 2026 for the entire administrative area of Fingal County Council.

Source of Reply:

James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 16

BURROW BEACH MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS - AI108266

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise what analysis has been done of the potential to alter the beach maintenance and cleaning regime on Burrow Beach to encourage dune restoration since this was discussed with local residents in February 2026?"

Reply:

The Operations Department currently carries out the following beach maintenance and cleaning regime on Burrow Beach:

Winter Months (Non-Bathing Season 36 weeks)

The beach is attended to 4 days per week by the cleansing crew. The bins are emptied and bags removed, and any discarded litter is removed from around the bin areas. If required, the bin emptying frequency is increased as monitoring spot checks dictate.

The beach is not mechanically raked for 36 weeks of the year. i.e. during the non-bathing season.

Summer Months (Bathing Season 16 weeks)

In the run up to the Bathing season, additional bins are placed on/adjacent to areas throughout the County with highest footfall and needs which includes beaches. These bins are serviced 7 days per week by the cleansing crew. The bins are emptied and bags removed, and again any discarded litter is removed from

around the bin areas. The frequency of this bin emptying is increased during hotter/drier weather conditions.

For the Bathing Season, the beach is mechanically raked 3-5 times per week dependent on weather forecasts and more frequently in the run up to Bank Holidays/hot weekends/holidays etc when large numbers are expected. On advice from the Fingal Biodiversity Team, the mechanical raking operation does not occur within 2 metres of the foot of the dunes to protect both the dune ecosystem and to encourage sand deposition.

The product of the raking operation consists of both rubbish/litter and organic seaweed/natural material. These rakings are already hand combed and the seaweed separated by hand from the rubbish. The rubbish is then removed off the beach for disposal. The seaweed is then deposited approximately 1 meter in front of the dunes at various locations along the beach. This seaweed (a) acts as a natural fertiliser for Maram Grass growth promotion, whose roots are essential for the stabilisation of sand dunes, and (b) to act as an anchor point to encourage sand deposition, the precursor of new dune formation.

Update since February 2026

Since the meeting in February, the Operations Department has reviewed the additional budget and additional staff numbers which would be required to be recruited to replace the 3-5 days of mechanical raking with a team of staff recruited for the 16 week Bathing season alone to hand litter pick the beach during the Season.

To cover the same area that takes the mechanical rake 3-5 days per week could take approx. 10-15 men working 7 days per week (i.e no overtime multipliers). This would cost a minimum of €14,649 per staff member for the Bathing Season at the 1st point of the incremental General Operative scale. 10 persons recruited for 16 weeks would cost €146,490 for the Bathing season period rising to €219,744 for 15 staff.

Budget Costs & Resources

The budgeted cost for the management of beaches across the County in 2026 is €432,800. There is no provision within the 2026 budget for manual litter picking on the beaches or for the recruitment of additional seasonal staff for the Bathing

Season. It is also very difficult to recruit people to carry out seasonal work such as manual litter picking.

To redeploy existing staff to carry out this required level of hand litter picking for Burrow Beach would divert them away from their primary duties and would result in other essential works not being carried out.

By way of comparison, the additional costs for manual litter picking for Balcarrick Beach, Donabate ranges from €28,857.92 to €32,235.84 for the 16- week Bathing Season however this beach manual work is heavily supplemented by community volunteers.

In addition to the budgetary cost, manual litter picking deflects staff resources away from their primary duties. The mechanical beach raking process ensures that the Operations Department staff can be allocated to their primary vital tasks which enhance surrounding areas enjoyment for all users. A clean and well-maintained beach enhances its overall appearance and reduces complaints from recreational beachgoers expecting a clean beach. Beach raking removes debris, often perceived to be unsightly, making the beach more attractive for visitors, tourists and families. The improved aesthetic appeal positively impacts tourism and community well-being, contributing to a positive perception of the coastal area.

Conclusion

Given that the seaweed is already currently being separated from the litter and deposited at the base of the dunes for the aforementioned environmental benefits, following mechanical raking, there is little benefit to be gained by the high budget costs involved in recruiting seasonal staff at this heavily used Burrow Beach.

The Howth Malahide Area team do not currently have the staff resources or budget to support this change to manual litter picking on Burrow Beach and as such the current arrangement will remain.

Source of Reply:

Karen Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 17

**TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEMES FOR THE HOWTH/MALAHIDE
OPERATIONS AREA**

Report:

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

Source of Report:

Ben O'Regan, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 18

INSTALLATION OF HAND RAIL AT BUS STOP 3589 - ACROSS FROM BISCAYNE ESTATE - AI107736

Motion: Councillor C. Haughey

"That the Chief Executive install handrails at the steps that lead to bus stop number 3589, across the road from Biscayne Estate, and take any further action necessary to make these steps and the bus stop area safer, such as more public lighting and by making the steps more even."

Report:

The bus stop will be assessed along with the steps in further detail. If deemed feasible it will be added for consideration under a future Programme of Works. With regards to the public lighting at the bus stop, the existing lighting infrastructure provides adequate lighting levels at the bus stop. There is currently no plan to install additional lighting in this area.

Source of Report:

Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department.

Kevin Broderick, Executive Engineer, Public Lighting, Operations Department.

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ITEM NO. 19

OPENING HOURS OF PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICULAR ENTRANCES TO CEMETERIES - AI107740

Motion: Councillor C. Haughey

“That the Chief Executive outline the opening hours of all pedestrian and vehicular entrances to Council owned cemeteries in this Electoral Area and consider extending these opening hours.”

Report:

In accordance with Schedule 2 of the Fingal County Council Burial Ground Bye-Laws 2023, adopted by the Elected Members, the designated visiting hours for burial grounds, during which vehicular gates are open, are from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday.

Pedestrian access to all cemeteries is maintained on a 24hr basis.

The Operations Department does not propose to extend the opening times beyond these hours, as to do so would result in burial grounds being left unsupervised for longer periods. This could increase the risk of unauthorised activities, including unapproved works being carried out.

Source of Report:

Niamh Russell, Administrative Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 20

**INSTALLATION OF PATH AT SEAGRANGE PARK TENNIS COURTS -
AI108210**

Motion: Councillor A. Tormey

“That the Chief Executive install a path along the desire line on the grass area between the underpass and tennis courts in Seagrang Park used by people coming to and from the Seacliff Road direction.”

Report:

The Operations Department will arrange for the installation of a path at this location during 2026.

Source of Report:

Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 21

MALAHIDE DEMESNE CLOSING TIMES - AI108238

Motion: Councillor E. O'Brien

"That the Chief Executive review April closing times of Malahide Demesne to align with summer hours."

Report:

The standard Park closing time for Malahide Demesne is 8:00pm during April, with an additional 30-minute grace period to allow visitors to exit the car parks. The gates are automated in line with these operating hours. The times are consistent with all of the Regional Parks and Demesnes in Fingal and there is no plan to extend the April hours for Health & Safety reasons.

Source of Report:

Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer.

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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

WEDNESDAY 6th MAY 2026

ITEM NO. 22

MAKE WAY DAY IN THIS LEA - AI108248

Motion: Councillor J. Hopkins

“That the Chief Executive provide additional wardens to work on path parking and general obstruction in this Local Electoral Area to support Make Way Day on the 29th of May 2026.”

Report:

Fingal County Council fully supports Make Way Day each year and recognises the significant impact that obstacles on footpaths can have on daily life. While some obstructions may be temporary in nature, such as vehicles parked on footpaths, signage, or other impediments, they can create serious accessibility challenges. These challenges particularly affect older persons, wheelchair users, people who are visually impaired, individuals with reduced mobility, and parents or carers using buggies. In many instances, such obstructions may force pedestrians onto the roadway, creating additional safety risks.

As a Local Authority, the Council is committed to promoting universal access and to continuously improving the accessibility of public infrastructure across its administrative area. Accessibility considerations are incorporated into the planning, design, and maintenance of the public realm, and the removal of barriers to movement remains an ongoing priority.

The Council’s Parking Control Bye-Laws 2020 were the first Bye-Laws to authorise the enforcement of a range of parking restrictions, including parking on footpaths, double yellow lines, yellow boxes, disabled bays, and non-payment in pay-and-display areas. These have since been superseded by the Parking Control Bye-Laws 2026, which continue to provide the statutory basis for enforcement and reflect updated operational requirements.

Fingal Parking Wardens actively enforce these Bye-Laws throughout the county. This includes routine patrols, responding to public complaints, and issuing Fixed Charge Notices to vehicles parked in contravention of the regulations, particularly where such parking obstructs pedestrian access or compromises safety.

In addition to enforcement measures, the Council continues to review locations where recurring issues arise and, where appropriate, considers engineering or traffic management solutions to deter illegal parking.

Public awareness initiatives, including support for Make Way Day, also play an important role in encouraging behavioural change and fostering respect for shared public spaces. The Council regularly promotes legal and considerate parking via social media messaging to the public.

The Council remains committed to working proactively to ensure safer, more inclusive, and accessible streets and footpaths for all citizens.

The Council has a limited number of Parking Wardens countywide. Two full time Parking Wardens will be assigned solely to the enforcement of illegal parking on Make Way Day to patrol known reoccurring locations.

Source of Report:

Niamh Russell, Administrative Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 23

FOOTPATH WIDENING - HARBOUR ROAD, HOWTH - AI108263

Motion: Councillor D. Healy

“That the Chief Executive widen the footpaths on the south side of Harbour Road at locations where congestion of the footpath is occurring, including outside Beshoffs in Howth”.

Report:

There are no footpath buildouts being installed by Fingal County Council Operations Department in 2026 and no future ones are planned.

During 2025, an expression of interest was issued to businesses along Harbour Road where existing parklets were removed. This was to gauge if a business would be interested if a buildout could be installed in lieu of a parklet. Assessment of the locations was carried out by the Operations Department and two buildouts along Harbour Road were constructed.

Source of Report:

James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 24

ON-SITE MEETING WITH O'HANLON'S LANE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION - AI108103

Motion: Councillor C. Haughey

"That the Chief Executive arrange for Council officials to meet with O'Hanlon's Lane Residents Association on-site, to examine the walls, graffiti and general area, and explore what options are available to improve the appearance of the area, particularly before the Broadmeadow Greenway is delivered."

Report:

The graffiti on Hanlons Lane will be listed for removal by the Operations Department Cleansing team.

The overgrowth has been scheduled for removal during the Winter Works Programme 2026/2027 as it is not possible to carry out these works during Bird Nesting Season.

There are no other works that can be carried out by the Operations Department at this location.

Source of Report:

Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department
Patrick Wallace, Executive Engineer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 25

TUCKETT'S LANE - AI108264

Motion: Councillor D. Healy

"That the Chief Executive, in conjunction with the approach to maintenance approved by the Council in November 2022 regarding the resurfacing of Tuckett's Lane, include consideration for what improvements can be made for people walking and wheeling."

Report:

Regular ongoing maintenance is carried out on all public roads and streets including cycle and walkways. Improvements where possible to all parts of the public realm are identified and included in regular routine improvements and in the annual Area Work Programmes. New cycle and walking infrastructure is identified and included on the Active Travel Work Programme and in the 3-year Capital Programme.

Tuckett's Lane is an existing legacy public road. The road is on a very steep slope and the low door thresholds of the existing houses prevent the height of the paths being adjusted.

Unfortunately, due to the existing topography and constraints, there is no scope for the Operations Department to improve or enhance pedestrian infrastructure at this location.

It should be noted that the Surface Water section in the Operations Department is resurfacing the road during May 2026.

Source of Report:

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

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