Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday, 13th April, 2015 in the Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords, at 5.00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors:

Browne, J.P.
Butler, Darragh
Chambers, Jack
Coppinger, Eugene
Dennehy, Brian
Devitt, Anne
Donnelly, Paul
Farrell, Ken
Guerin, Jimmy
Healy, David
Henchy, Adrian
Hughes, Annette
Lavin, Anthony
Leddy, Ted
Loftus, Eithne
Lukusa, Edmond
Lynam, Philip
Maguire, Grainne
Martin, Barry

Councillors:

McCamley, Mary
McGuinness, David
Mulville, Paul
Murphy, Tony
Murray, Mags
Newman, Joe
Ni Laoi, Daire
Nolan, Lorna
O'Brien, Eoghan
O'Callaghan, Cian
O'Connor, David
O'Gorman, Roderic
Quinn, Malachy
Redmond, Keith
Sinnott, Justin
Smith, Duncan
Treacy, Natalie
Waine, Matthew

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillors, Sandra Kavanagh and Brian McDonagh.

The Mayor, Councillor Mags Murray, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Paul Reid (Chief Executive), Mick Lorigan (Director of Operations), Gilbert Power (Director of Planning & Strategic Infrastructure), Garry O'Brien (A/Director of Environment and Water Services), Ann Marie Farrelly (A/Director of Housing & Community, Culture, Sports and Libraries), Ethna Felten (A/Director of Economic Development Services), Conor Molony (Financial/Management Accountant), Betty Boardman (Acting Senior Executive Librarian), Stephen Peppard (Senior Executive Officer), Brendan Fleming (Senior Executive Officer), Shay Barker (Senior Executive Officer), Colm McQuinn (Archivist), Michael Kelly (Administrative Officer), Naomi Weir (Senior Staff Officer), Mary O' Hara (Assistant Staff Officer) and Mary O'Neill (Clerical Officer)

VISITORS TO THE CHAMBER.
Mr. Rob Keane, Reddy Architecture and Urbanism, Lee Payton, Nuway, Mark Kavanagh, Sord.

F/147/15 (Agenda Item No)

Mobile Phones

The Mayor advised the Members that the use of mobile phones was prohibited for the duration of the meeting.

F/148/15 (Agenda Item No)

Webcasting.

The Mayor advised the Members that the meeting was being filmed for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's website.

F/149/15 (Agenda Item No)

Meeting Dates.

The Mayor advised the Members that the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee scheduled for 27th April 2015 would now take place on Thursday 30th April 2015.

F/150/15 (Agenda Item No)

Invitation to Attend Economic Impact Study on Dublin Airport.

The Mayor reminded the Members of the invitation that had issued to all Councillors to attend the launch of the Economic Impact Study on Dublin Airport in County Hall, Main Street, Swords on Tuesday 5th May 2015 at 6pm.

F/151/15 (Agenda Item No)

Membership of LAMA.

The Mayor advised the meeting that any additional Members who wish to become members of LAMA should contact Mr. Michael Kelly, Corporate Services immediately after the meeting.

F/152/15 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes: a) Minutes of Meeting of County Council held on 9th March 2015.

(a) Minutes of County Council Meeting held on 9th March 2015 which had been circulated were **submitted**, **approved** as a true record and signed.

F/153/15 (Agenda Item No 2a)

Appointment of Councillor to Nuclear Free Local Authority

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **considered**.

It was proposed by Councillor K. Dennison, seconded by Councillor E. Loftus and **resolved**:

"That Councillor Ted Leddy be appointed member to the Nuclear Free Local Authority."

F/154/15 (Agenda Item No 2b)

Appointment of Councillors to North Dublin Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force.

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **considered**.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Chambers, seconded by Councillor A. Henchy and **resolved**:

"That Councillor Eoghan O'Brien be appointed member to the North Dublin Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force."

It was then proposed by Councillor K. Dennison, seconded by Councillor E. Loftus and **resolved**:

"That Councillor J.P. Browne be appointed member to the North Dublin Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force."

It was then proposed by Councillor D. Ni Laoi, seconded by Councillor P. Lynam and **resolved**:

"That Councillor Malachy Quinn be appointed member to the North Dublin Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force."

It was then proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor A. Devitt and **resolved**:

"That Councillor Jimmy Guerin be appointed member to the North Dublin Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force."

F/155/15 (Agenda Item No 2c)

Appointment of Councillor to Audit Committee

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **considered**.

It was proposed by Councillor K. Dennison, seconded by Councillor E. Loftus and **resolved**:

"That Councillor Anthony Lavin be appointed member to the Audit Committee."

F/156/15 (Agenda Item No)

Questions.

It was proposed by Councillor K. Dennison, seconded by Councillor E. Loftus and **resolved**:

"That in accordance with Standing Order No. 65, Questions numbered 3 to 15 inclusive be **adopted** and **approved**."

F/157/15 (Agenda Item No 3)
Councillor M. Quinn - Health & Safety reporting

F/158/15 (Agenda Item No 4)
Councillor D. Butler - Irish Men's Shed Association

F/159/15 (Agenda Item No 5)
Councillor D. Butler - Crèche, Sports Clubs and rates

F/160/15 (Agenda Item No 6)
Councillor J.P. Browne - Cycling Initiatives / Routes

F/161/15 (Agenda Item No 7)
Councillor K. Dennison - Fire Brigade Call-Out Charges

F/162/15 (Agenda Item No 8)
Councillor D. Smith - St Patrick's Day Festival Economic Boost

F/163/15 (Agenda Item No 9)
Councillor J. Sinnott - Communications Strategy

F/164/15 (Agenda Item No 10)
Councillor P. Lynam - Easter Holidays/Free Parking

F/165/15 (Agenda Item No 11)
Councillor R. O Gorman - Balbriggan - Skerries cycle path

F/166/15 (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor C. O Callaghan - Provision of Graffiti Removal Kits

F/167/15 (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor C. O Callaghan - Cycle Path Audit

F/168/15 (Agenda Item No 14)
Councillor B. Martin - Tenancy Arrears, Processing Delays

F/169/15 (Agenda Item No 15)
Councillor T. Leddy - Illegal Dumping

F/170/15 (Agenda Item No 16a)
Report of Balbriggan/Swords Services B Meeting held on 12th March 2015.

The attached report of Balbriggan/Swords Area Committee Meeting (Services B) held on 12th March 2015 which had been circulated was **considered**.

It was proposed by Councillor Paul Mulville, seconded by Councillor Ken Farrell and **resolved**:

"That the recommendations contained in the attached report of the Balbriggan/Swords Area Committee Meeting (Services B) held on 12th March 2015 be **adopted** and **approved**."

F/171/15 (Agenda Item No 16b)
Report of Howth/Malahide Area Committee Services A Meeting held on 1st April 2015.

It was **noted** that there was no report on this item.

F/172/15 (Agenda Item No 16c)
Report of Howth/Malahide Area Committee Services B Meeting held on 1st April 2015.

The attached report of the Howth/Malahide Area Committee Meeting (Services B) held on 1st April 2015, which had been circulated was **considered**.

It was proposed by Councillor Anthony Lavin, seconded by Councillor Keith Redmond and **resolved**:

"That the recommendations contained in the attached report of the Howth/Malahide Area Committee Meeting (Services B) held on 1st April 2015 be **adopted** and **approved**."

F/173/15 (Agenda Item No 16d)
Report of Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area Committee Services B Meeting held on 2nd April 2015.

It was **noted** that there was no report under this heading.

F/174/15 (Agenda Item No 16e)
Report of Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on 9th March 2015 and Report of Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on 8th April 2015.

The attached report of the Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on 9th March 2015 which had been circulated was **considered**.

It was proposed by Councillor A. Devitt, seconded by Councillor K. Dennison and **resolved**:

"That the recommendations contained in the attached report of Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on 9th March 2015 be **adopted** and **approved**."

The attached report of the Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on 8th April 2015, which had been circulated was **considered**.

In the course of a discussion on this item, Councillor Cian O'Callaghan proposed that the item relating to the 'Signing of Sister City Agreement between Fingal and Chengdu China' be deferred and brought as a headed meeting to the next meeting of the Council. This proposal was **agreed**.

It was then proposed by Councillor M. Murray, seconded by Councillor A. Devitt and **resolved**:

"That the remaining recommendations contained in the report of Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on 8th April 2015 (excluding Item No 1-Signing of Sister City Agreement between Fingal and Chengdu China), be **adopted** and **approved**."

F/175/15 (Agenda Item No 16f)

Report of Balbriggan/Swords Area Committee Services A Meeting held on 9th April 2015.

It was **noted** that there was no report under this item.

F/176/15 (Agenda Item No 16g)

Report of Balbriggan/Swords Area Committee Services B Meeting held on 9th April 2015.

It was **noted** that there was no report under this item.

F/177/15 (Agenda Item No 17a)

Proposed disposal of a site to DG Mc Ardle International Ltd, at Damastown Industrial Park, Dublin 15

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **considered**.

It was proposed by Councillor K. Dennison, seconded by Councillor E. Loftus and **resolved**:

"That the site referred to in the attached report be disposed of in accordance with the terms specified therein."

F/178/15 (Agenda Item No 17b)

Proposed disposal of a site to Grimme Ireland Equipment Ltd., at Stephenstown Industrial Park, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **considered**.

It was proposed by Councillor T. Murphy, seconded by Councillor G. Maguire and **resolved**:

"That the site referred to in the attached report be disposed of in accordance with the terms specified therein."

F/179/15 (Agenda Item No 18a)
Declaration of Roads to be Public Road-Seamount View, Swords, Co. Dublin.

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **considered**.

It was proposed by Councillor P. Mulville, seconded by Councillor D. Smith and **resolved**:

"That the roads referred to in the foregoing report be and are hereby **declared** to be public roads."

F/180/15 (Agenda Item No 18b)
Weston Avenue, Naul, Co. Dublin.

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **considered**.

It was proposed by Councillor D. O'Connor, seconded by Councillor T. Murphy and **resolved**:

"That the roads referred to in the attached report be and are hereby **declared** to be public roads."

F/181/15 (Agenda Item No 18c)
Cois Trà, Rush, Co. Dublin.

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **considered**.

It was proposed by Councillor K. Farrell, seconded by Councillor B. Dennehy and **resolved**:

"That the roads referred to in the attached report be and are hereby **declared** to be public roads."

F/182/15 (Agenda Item No 19)
Chief Executives Report

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **considered**.

The following attached documents were also circulated with the Chief Executive's report:

(a) Financial Reports March 2015.
(b) FIN/04 2015-Accounting for the Transfer of Water Services Functions to Irish Water- Development Contributions.

(c) Overview of the Work of the Local Government Auditors-March 2015.

The Chief Executive gave a detailed summary of this report to the meeting and together with Ms. Ann Marie Farrelly, Ms. Ethna Felten, Mr. Michael Lorigan and Mr. Garry O'Brien responded to issues raised by the Members in relation to same.

All four reports were then **noted**.

F/183/15 (Agenda Item No 20)

Draft Annual Report 2014.

The attached report by the Chief Executive together with the Draft Annual Report which had been circulated was **considered**.

The Chief Executive summarised the process by which the Draft Annual Report 2014 had been compiled and then recommended the Draft Report to the meeting for adoption.

It was proposed by Councillor M. Murray, seconded by Councillor T. Leddy and **resolved**:

"That the Draft Annual Report 2014 as presented be **adopted** and **approved**."

F/184/15 (Agenda Item No 21)

Annual Report of Fingal County Council Audit Committee 2014.

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **considered**.

The Chief Executive gave a brief summary of this report to the meeting following which the report was **noted**.

F/185/15 (Agenda Item No 22)

1916 Commemoration Plan.

Ms. Eithne Mallin gave the attached presentation to the meeting.

Several Members complimented the Council on work to date on this project and questions raised in relation to the presentation were responded to by Ms. Ann Marie Farrelly and Ms. Eithne Mallin. There then followed a prolonged discussion in relation to membership of the Internal Working Group set up to co-ordinate the 1916 Commemoration Plan. It was noted that this working group to date consisted of volunteers from the Arts, Culture, Heritage and Community Strategic Policy Committee together with outside members.

It was proposed that Councillor Adrian Henchy and Councillor Ken Farrell be appointed to this working group. It was further noted that while Councillor Farrell was not a member of this SPC, he could volunteer as a member in the place of Councillor McCamley or as an outside member. Following further discussion, it was **agreed** that this matter be referred back to the Arts, Culture, Heritage and

Community Strategic Policy Committee which in turn would report back to the next meeting of the Council.

The presentation was then **noted**.

F/186/15 (Agenda Item No 23)
Final Swords Castle Cultural Quarter Masterplan

The attached report by the Chief Executive was circulated at the meeting.

The Chief Executive gave a brief summary of the Masterplan and also the Vision Statement of Intent regarding the Civic Centre proposed for Swords.

Ms. Fionnuala May then gave further detail on the plan and introduced Mr. Rob Keane who gave a detailed presentation on the Swords Castle Cultural Quarter. Following a discussion on this item, during which several Members praised the content of the presentation, both the presentation and the Chief Executive's report were **noted**.

It was also agreed that this item would be listed on the agenda for the May meeting of the Council to afford Members an opportunity to make further comment or pose questions if they so wished.

F/187/15 (Agenda Item No 25)
Conference Report.

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **considered** and **noted**.

F/188/15 (Agenda Item No 26)
Mayor's Business: Councillor M. Murray

It was **noted** that there was no business under this heading.

F/189/15 (Agenda Item No 27)
Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence-Aer Lingus Shares.

The attached letter dated 2nd April 2015 from Pascal O'Donohoe, T.D., Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport regarding the possible sale of Aer Lingus shares which had been circulated was **considered** and **noted**.

F/190/15 (Agenda Item No 28a)
Cycling study trip to the Netherlands in September 2015

The attached correspondence relating to a Cycling Study Trip to the Netherlands in September 2015 which had been circulated was **considered**.

It was proposed by Councillor M. Murray, seconded by Councillor D. Healy and **resolved**:

"That the Council be represented on the above study trip and that the names of the Members who wish to attend be given direct by the Members concerned to the Corporate Services Division."

F/191/15 (Agenda Item No 28b)

Retrospective Conference Approval - Passenger Terminal Conference 2015, 10th to 12th March 2015 Porte De Versailles, Paris, France.

It was **agreed** that this matter be **deferred** to the May meeting of the Council.

F/192/15 (Agenda Item No 28c)

Correspondence from Offaly County Council dated 24th March 2015 re Notice of Motion passed regarding Parking Fines.

The attached letter dated 24th March 2015 from Offaly County Council regarding motion passed relating to parking fines which had been circulated was **considered** and **noted**.

F/193/15 (Agenda Item No 28d)

Padraig Pearse Awards 2015-Gradam an Phiarsaigh Luimneach

It was proposed by Councillor D. Ni Laoi, seconded by Councillor M. Murray and **resolved**:

"That Mr. Padraig O'Snodaigh be nominated for the above award."

The Meeting concluded at 8.00 pm

MAYOR _____ DATE _____