

**Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council**

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday, 14th February, 2022 in the The Grand Hotel, Malahide, at 5.00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors:

Burtchaell, John
Butler, Darragh
Carey, Ian
Dennehy, Brian
Dennison, Kieran
Doyle, Tania
Guerin, Jimmy
Hanaphy, Breda
Healy, David
Henchy, Adrian
Humphreys, James
Kitt, Tom
Lavin, Anthony
Leddy, Ted
Mahony, Howard
Manton, Brigid
McCamley, Mary

Councillors:

McDonagh, Brian
Mulligan, Dean
Mulville, Paul
Murphy, Tony
Newman, Joe
O'Brien, Eoghan
O'Donoghue, Robert
Onwumereh, JK
Ó Rodaigh, Seana
Power, Karen
Rane, Punam
Shovlin, Siobhan
Tormey, Aoibhinn
Treacy, Natalie
Walsh, John
Whooley, Daniel

Apologies were received from Councillors Boland, Cathal; Conroy, Pamela; Graves, Ann; Hopkins, Joan; Maguire, Grainne; O'Leary, Tom; O'Rourke, Aaron.

The Mayor, Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

AnnMarie Farrelly (Chief Executive); John Quinlivan (Director of Services/Corporate Affairs & Governance); Emer O'Gorman (Director of Services/EETD); David Storey (Director of Services/Environment, Climate Action & Active Mobility); Mary Daly (Director of Services/Operations & Water Services); Matthew McAleese (Director of Services/Planning & Strategic Infrastructure); Robert Burns (Director of Services Housing and Community); Oliver Hunt (Head of Finance); Brian Buckley (Senior Executive Officer); Vanessa Carey (Senior Executive Officer); Pat Boyle (Senior Architect); Bronagh Corry (Administrative Officer).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor, Cllr. S. Ó Rodaigh, reminded Members that Standing Orders would apply to all aspects of the meeting.

F/32/22 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 10th January 2022

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 10th January 2022 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh, seconded by Councillor D. Whooley and **RESOLVED** –

“That the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 10th January 2022 be **ADOPTED.**”

F/33/22 (Agenda Item No 2)

Appointment of Members for Inter Local Authority Special Committee on Fire and Ambulance Services and Emergency Management

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

It was proposed by Cllr. D. Mulligan and seconded by Cllr. T. Doyle, that Cllr. Tania Doyle be nominated to the Inter Local Authority Special Committee on Fire and Ambulance Services and Emergency Management.

It was proposed by Cllr. JK Onwumereh and seconded by Cllr. T. Kitt, that Cllr. Howard Mahony be nominated to the Inter Local Authority Special Committee on Fire and Ambulance Services and Emergency Management.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Rane and seconded by Cllr. S. Ó Rodaigh, that Cllr. Kieran Dennison be nominated to the Inter Local Authority Special Committee on Fire and Ambulance Services and Emergency Management.

It was proposed by Cllr. H. Mahony and seconded by Cllr. S. Ó Rodaigh that Cllr. Darragh Butler be nominated to the Inter Local Authority Special Committee on Fire and Ambulance Services and Emergency Management.

Following discussion, it was **AGREED** and declared by the Mayor that Councillors Tania Doyle, Howard Mahony, Kieran Dennison and Darragh Butler be nominated to the Inter Local Authority Special Committee on Fire and Ambulance Services and Emergency Management.

F/34/22 (Agenda Item No 3)
Membership of Strategic Policy Committees

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

Following discussion, it was **AGREED** that Councillors Ian Carey and Pamela Conroy switch their SPC membership, with Councillor Carey moving to the Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC and Councillor Conroy moving to the Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment SPC.

F/35/22 (Agenda Item No)
QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh, seconded by Councillor D. Whooley and **RESOLVED**:

"That in accordance with Standing Order No. 53, Questions numbered 4 to 17, be **ADOPTED.**"

F/36/22 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor P. Mulville - Motor Tax office - Telephone Service

F/37/22 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Public Bins Waste Collection

F/38/22 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor K. Power - Update on Fingal Coastal Way

F/39/22 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor D. Healy - Information on sewage overflows and unplanned discharges

F/40/22 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor D. Healy - Direct Vision Standard and HGV Safety Permit System

F/41/22 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor B. Manton - Housing for All Deliveries

F/42/22 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor B. Manton - Accessing utilities for new builds

F/43/22 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor P. Conroy - Free Trees for Babies Scheme

F/44/22 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor I. Carey - Croí Cónaithe Fund initiative

F/45/22 (Agenda Item No 13)

Councillor I. Carey - Council's Retrofitting figures in the County

F/46/22 (Agenda Item No 14)

Councillor C. Boland - Graveyard capacity

F/47/22 (Agenda Item No 15)

Councillor A. Henchy - Blue Flag status for Fingal beaches

F/48/22 (Agenda Item No 16)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Parking Charges

F/49/22 (Agenda Item No 17)
Councillor B. Dennehy - Liaison Committee Meetings

F/50/22 (Agenda Item No 18)
Report of Committees

a **Report of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee Services B meeting held on 11th January 2022**

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor K. Dennison, seconded by Councillor P. Rane and **RESOLVED:**

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee Services B meeting held on 11th January 2022 be **ADOPTED**."

b **Report of Howth/Malahide Area Committee Services B meeting held on 2nd February 2022**

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor J. Guerin, seconded by Councillor D. Healy and **RESOLVED:**

"That the recommendations contained in the report of the Howth/Malahide Area Committee Services B meeting held on 2nd February 2022 be **ADOPTED**."

F/51/22 (Agenda Item No 19)
Financial Matters

a **Statutory Audit Report for 2020**

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED** and following discussion, the report was **NOTED**.

b **Audited AFS for 2020**

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED** and following discussion, the report was **NOTED**.

c Statutory Audit Report for the Year Ended 31st December 2020 from the Local Government Audit Service

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED** and following discussion, the report was **NOTED**.

F/52/22 (Agenda Item No 20)
Audit Committee

a Audit Committee Report on Audited AFS

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED** and following discussion, the report was **NOTED**.

b Annual Report 2021

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED** and following discussion, the report was **NOTED**.

c Audit Committee Charter

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED** and following discussion, the report was **NOTED**.

F/53/22 (Agenda Item No 21)
Proposed Disposal of Properties.

a Proposed Disposal of land to facilitate the construction of a sub-station and associated ancillary works at Liscappagh Avenue Cappaghfinn, Dublin 11 to ESB Networks

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh and seconded by Councillor D. Whooley and **RESOLVED**:

“That the land and right of way referred to in the attached report be disposed of and granted in accordance with the terms specified therein.”

F/54/22 (Agenda Item No 22)

Report pursuant to Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) for proposed maintenance building development at Balleally Landfill Site

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh, seconded by Councillor D. Whooley and **RESOLVED**:

“That Fingal County Council hereby resolves, pursuant to Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), that the proposed maintenance building development at Balleally Landfill Site be proceeded with as set out in the foregoing report.”

F/55/22 (Agenda Item No 23)

Report pursuant to Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) for Proposed extensions to existing Autistic Spectrum community facility operated by St. Michaels House in an existing bungalow at 61 Dublin Road, Swords, Co. Dublin, K67 R6W8, including revised site boundaries incorporating a new car park (on lands within overall approximate site area of 0.168 hectares), and associated infrastructure, site works, landscaping, tree planting, remedial management of existing trees and boundary treatment

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. A presentation was given to the Members by Pat Boyle, Senior Architect.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. J. Newman, seconded by Cllr. D. Butler and **AGREED** –

“That the Council proceeds with the proposed development, subject to taking account of the six separate recommendations of the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Report and amending by reduction of 5 car parking spaces on site prior to commencement.”

Following further discussion, it was proposed by Councillor P. Rane, seconded by Councillor J. Newman and **RESOLVED**:

"That Fingal County Council hereby resolves, pursuant to Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), that the proposed extensions to existing Autistic Spectrum community facility operated by St. Michaels House in an existing bungalow at 61 Dublin Road, Swords, Co. Dublin, K67 R6W8, including revised site boundaries incorporating a new car park (on lands within overall approximate site area of 0.168 hectares), and associated infrastructure, site works, landscaping, tree planting, remedial management of existing trees and boundary treatment be proceeded with as set out in the foregoing report."

F/56/22 (Agenda Item No 24)

Report pursuant to Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) for the proposed construction of a Community Sports Centre with ancillary infrastructure and associated site development works at Lanesborough Park, Lanesborough Road, Meakstown, Dublin 11

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor M. McCamley, seconded by Councillor D. Whooley and **RESOLVED**:

"That Fingal County Council hereby resolves, pursuant to Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), that the proposed construction of a Community Sports Centre with ancillary infrastructure and associated site development works at Lanesborough Park, Lanesborough Road, Meakstown, Dublin 11 be proceeded with as set out in the foregoing report."

F/57/22 (Agenda Item No 25)

St. Patrick's Day Events

A presentation was given to the Members by Emer O'Gorman, Director of Services. Following discussion, the report was **NOTED**.

F/58/22 (Agenda Item No 26)

Chief Executive's Report

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

F/59/22 (Agenda Item No 27)

Mayor's Business - Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh - Study of Women and Children's Safety in the Public Realm

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. Following discussion, the motion was **PASSED**.

F/60/22 (Agenda Item No 28)

Conference Report

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

F/61/22 (Agenda Item No 29)

Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

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

F/62/22 (Agenda Item No 30)

Correspondence

- a** **Letter from Waterford City & County Council dated 17th January 2022 re Retention of a full-time Air Sea Rescue Service**

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

- b** **Letter from Leitrim County Council dated 14th January 2022 - re Spina Bifida and or Hydracephalus**

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

- c** **Letter from Leitrim County Council dated 14th January 2022 - re Increase grant limits for Community Wastewater Connection Networks**

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

- d Letter from Sligo County Council dated 25th January 2022 re Resolution re practice of Patient Commercial Debt Collection**

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

- e Letter from Galway County Council dated 25th January 2022 re Epilepsy Ireland**

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

- f Letter from Cork County Council dated 24th January 2022 re Special parking spaces at schools in the country for persons with hidden disabilities**

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

MOTIONS - STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

F/63/22 (Agenda Item No 31)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Protection of Natura 2000 sites/ SPAs/ SACs

In accordance with Standing Order No. 108, this item was **DEFERRED** to the March meeting of the County Council.

F/64/22 (Agenda Item No 32)

Councillor B. Dennehy - Detailed independent report prior to the application or applications of any planning permissions sought for coastal protection measures

The motion, in the name of Councillor B. Dennehy was proposed by Councillor B. Dennehy and seconded by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh.

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

F/65/22 (Agenda Item No 33)

Councillor C. Boland - Water Services supply over lifetime of County Development Plan

In accordance with Standing Order No. 108, this item was **DEFERRED** to the March meeting of the County Council.

F/66/22 (Agenda Item No 34)

Councillors D. Mulligan and A. Graves - Protected Cycle Lanes, Removal of Kerbing

In accordance with Standing Order No. 108, this item was **DEFERRED** to the March meeting of the County Council.

F/67/22 (Agenda Item No 35)

Councillor P. Mulville - Need for water services to stay in public ownership

The motion, in the name of Councillor P. Mulville was proposed by Councillor P. Mulville and seconded by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh.

It was then proposed by Cllr T. Doyle and seconded by Cllr. D. Mulligan –

“To insert the words: “and associated water infrastructure” between the words “services” and “to” on the first line -

That this Committee, in recognising the essential need for water services and associated water infrastructure to stay in public ownership, as this is the only way in which we can improve what is a hugely under-invested area, calls on the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage, who has responsibility for water services, to bring forward legislation as a matter of urgency to hold a referendum to prohibit the privatisation of water services.”

Following discussion, the motion, as amended, was **PASSED**.

F/68/22 (Agenda Item No 36)

Councillor J. Walsh - Support for Tidy Towns/community groups

The motion, in the name of Councillor J. Walsh was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh and seconded by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh.

It was **AGREED** to take Item No. 39 in conjunction with this item. The motion in the name of Councillor D. Whooley was proposed by Councillor D. Whooley and seconded by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh.

Following discussion, the motions were **PASSED** and it was further **AGREED** to refer the matter to the Transport and Infrastructure Management SPC.

F/69/22 (Agenda Item No 37)

Councillor K. Dennison - Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement with Canada

In accordance with Standing Order No. 108, this item was **DEFERRED** to the March meeting of the County Council.

F/70/22 (Agenda Item No 38)

Councillor A. Henchy - Open Water Swimming across Fingal

The motion, in the name of Councillor A. Henchy was proposed by Councillor A. Henchy and seconded by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh.

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

F/71/22 (Agenda Item No 39)

Councillor D. Whooley - Report on the costings for a Community Project Fund

See Minute No. F/68/22

F/72/22 (Agenda Item No 40)

Councillor JK. Onwumereh - To establish a Museum of World Artefacts in Fingal

The motion, in the name of Councillor JK Onwumereh, was proposed by Councillor JK Onwumereh and seconded by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh.

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

F/73/22 (Agenda Item No 41)

Councillor R. O'Donoghue - LGBTIQ Freedom Zone

The motion, in the name of Councillor R. O'Donoghue was proposed by Councillor R. O'Donoghue and seconded by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh.

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

F/74/22 (Agenda Item No 42)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS)

The motion, in the name of Councillor J. Humphreys was proposed by Councillor J. Humphreys and seconded by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh.

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

MOTIONS - NON-STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

F/75/22 (Agenda Item No 43)

Councillor T. Doyle - Elected Members - An Bord Pleanála Submission Fees

The motion, in the name of Councillor T. Doyle was proposed by Councillor T. Doyle and seconded by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh.

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

F/76/22 (Agenda Item No 44)

Councillor K. Power - Exemptions from planning permission for solar panels

The motion, in the name of Councillor K. Power was proposed by Councillor K. Power and seconded by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh.

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

F/77/22 (Agenda Item No 45)

Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh - Personal Assistance Service

The motion, in the name of Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh was proposed by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh and seconded by Councillor D. Whooley.

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

The Meeting concluded at 7.50pm.

MAYOR

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