

**Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council**

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday, 13th June, 2022 in the Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords, at 5.00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors:

Boland, Cathal
Butler, Darragh
Carey, Ian
Conroy, Pamela
Dennehy, Brian
Dennison, Kieran
Donnelly, Angela
Doyle, Tania
Graves, Ann
Guerin, Jimmy
Hanaphy, Breda
Healy, David
Henchy, Adrian
Hopkins, Joan
Humphreys, James
Kitt, Tom
Leddy, Ted
Maguire, Grainne
Mahony, Howard

Councillors:

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

Apologies were received for Councillors John Burtchaell and Anthony Lavin.

The Mayor presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

AnnMarie Farrelly (Chief Executive); Emer O'Gorman (Director of Services/People, Corporate & Digital Services); John Quinlivan (Director of Services/Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development); 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); Fionnuala May (County Architect).

F/182/22 (Agenda Item No)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The Members extended their sympathy to Bronagh Corry, on the passing of her father.

F/183/22 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 9th May 2022

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 9th May 2022 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor K. Power, seconded by Councillor P. Mulville and **RESOLVED –**

“That the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 9th May 2022 be **ADOPTED.**”

F/184/22 (Agenda Item No 2)

Appointment of One Member to the Board of BASE Enterprise

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor H. Mahony, seconded by Councillor J. Walsh and **RESOLVED:**

"That Councillor JK. Onwumereh, be appointed to the Board of BASE Enterprise."

F/185/22 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor K. Dennison, seconded by Councillor T. Kitt and
RESOLVED:

"That in accordance with Standing Order No. 53, Questions numbered 3 to 11,
be **ADOPTED.**"

F/186/22 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Maintenance Grant for Community Halls

F/187/22 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Grass Cutting Contracts for Fingal

F/188/22 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor C. Boland - Attendance at Deputation Meetings

F/189/22 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor JK. Onwumereh - Number of Ukrainian refugees in Fingal

F/190/22 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor B. Manton - Directly Elected Mayor

F/191/22 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor J. Guerin - Local Fund Report

F/192/22 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Housing Adaptation Occupational Reports

F/193/22 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Apprenticeships in Fingal County Council

F/194/22 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Rainbow Pedestrian Crossing

F/195/22 (Agenda Item No 12)

Report of Committees

a Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B) meeting held on 12th May 2022

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor J. Newman, seconded by Councillor JK. Onwumereh and **RESOLVED:**

“That the recommendations contained in the report of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee Services B meeting held on 12th May 2022 be **ADOPTED.**”

b Report of Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 18th May 2022

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

c Report of Howth/Malahide (Services B) Committee meeting held on 1st June 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 1st June 2022 be **ADOPTED.**”

d Report of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services B) meeting held on 2nd June 2022

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor N. Treacy, seconded by Councillor M. McCamley and **RESOLVED:**

“That the recommendations contained in the report of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee Services B meeting held on 2nd June be **ADOPTED.**”

e Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B)
Meeting held on 9th June 2022

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee Services B meeting held on 9th June 2022 be **ADOPTED**."

F/196/22 (Agenda Item No 13)

Financial Matters

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report be **ADOPTED**."

F/197/22 (Agenda Item No 14)

Initiation of procedure pursuant to Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 - 2015 (as amended) for proposed Swords Cultural Quarter development incorporating a new County Library and Arts Venue, and public realm upgrades including the forecourt to County Hall in vicinity of Main Street Swords Castle, North Street and Seatown Road, Swords, Co Dublin.

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

F/198/22 (Agenda Item No 15)

Draft Scheme of Priority for Affordable Dwelling Purchase Arrangements

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh, seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien, and **RESOLVED**:

"That this Council hereby resolves to adopt the Scheme of Priority for Affordable Dwelling Purchase Arrangements as presented to Council at meeting held on Monday, 13th June 2022."

F/199/22 (Agenda Item No 16)
Summer Projects Funding 2022

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

"That the Summer Project Funding 2022 as set out in the foregoing report is hereby **APPROVED**."

F/200/22 (Agenda Item No 17)
Chief Executive's Report

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

During the course of the discussion the following motion in the name of Cllr. J. Hopkins, Cllr. D. Whooley, Cllr. P. Conroy, Cllr. D. Healy, Cllr. K. Power, Cllr. T. Doyle, Cllr. D. Mulligan, Cllr. N. Tracey, Cllr. A. Graves, Cllr. B. Hanaphy, Cllr. A. Donnelly, Cllr. P. Mulville, Cllr. A. Tormey was proposed by Cllr. J. Hopkins seconded by Councillor P. Mulville -

"That this Council, in relation to the Fingal draft Biodiversity Action Plan 2022 to 2030, resolves to commit the necessary resources and funding required to implement the full 100 actions laid out in the plan by 2030, as opposed to just 32, including an annual budget allocation of circa €4 million."

Following discussion, it was **AGREED** to defer further discussion on this matter pending consideration of the Draft Biodiversity Action Plan 2022 by the Council.

The following motion in the name of Cllrs A. Tormey, Cllr K. Dennison, Cllr T. O'Leary, Cllr S. Shovlin, Cllr P. Rane, Cllr T. Leddy was then proposed by Cllr A. Tormey and seconded by Cllr T. O'Leary–

“That Fingal County Council write to the following Government Departments to request additional funding to ensure full implementation of the council's Biodiversity Action Plan:

- Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications
- Department of Finance
- Department of the Taoiseach
- Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.”

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

The following motion was then proposed by Cllr J. Newman and seconded by Cllr J. Guerin–

“That this Council recognises the importance of the Fingal biodiversity action plan by committing the funding appropriate and necessary to ensure the success of the plan.”

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

Following further discussion, the Chief Executive's report was **NOTED**.

F/201/22 (Agenda Item No 18)

Mayor's Business - Councillors S. Ó Rodaigh, D. Whooley - Endorsement of Amnesty Report

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

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

F/202/22 (Agenda Item No 19)

Conference Report

F/203/22 (Agenda Item No 19a)

AILG - Module 3 Training - 'Finalising your Development Plan' - Hodson Bay Hotel, Thursday 16th June 2022

The notice which had been circulated was **NOTED**.

- a AILG - Module 4 Training - "Government Legislation Policy Programme 2022 - A Briefing for Elected Members" - Allingham Arms Hotel, Bundoran, Saturday 23rd July 2022**

The notice which had been circulated was **NOTED**.

F/204/22 (Agenda Item No 20)

Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

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

F/205/22 (Agenda Item No 21)

Correspondence

- a Letter from Cavan County Council dated 17th May re Turf Cutting**

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

- b Letter from Clare County Council dated 18th May 2022 re Basic Income for Artists with disabilities**

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

- c Letter from Clare County Council dated 18th May 2022 re - Shannon Airport**

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

- d Letter from Galway County Council dated 27th May 2022 - re Public Recognition Marker (PRM) for the LGBT+Community**

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

F/206/22 (Agenda Item No 22)

Councillor K. Dennison - Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement with Canada

The motion, in the name of Councillor K. Dennison was proposed by Councillor K. Dennison and seconded by Councillor P. Rane.

Following discussion, the Mayor instructed that a roll call vote be taken and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

FOR: 12 TWELVE

AGAINST: 20 TWENTY

FOR: Councillors; O'Brien, Eoghan; Onwumereh, JK; Manton, Brigid; Kitt, Tom; O'Leary, Tom; Henchy, Adrian; Butler, Darragh; Mahony, Howard; Dennehy, Brian; Dennison, Kieran; Leddy, Ted; Rane, Punam.

AGAINST: Councillors Ó Rodaigh, Seána; Hopkins, Joan; Mulville, Paul; Mulligan, Dean; Donnelly, Angela; Hanaphy, Breda; Graves, Ann; Treacy, Natalie; Maguire, Grainne; Whooley, Daniel; Carey, Ian; Power, Karen; Walsh, John; McCamley, Mary; Doyle, Tania; Healy, David; Conroy, Pamela; O'Donoghue, Robert; McDonagh, Brian; Humphreys, James.

The Mayor then **DECLARED** the Motion **LOST**.

F/207/22 (Agenda Item No)

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

At this stage the Mayor suspended Standing Orders and it was **AGREED** by the Members to extend the meeting to conclude Item 23.

F/208/22 (Agenda Item No 23)

Councillor JK. Onwumereh - Fingal Summer Festival

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

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. JK. Onwumereh and seconded by Cllr. E. O'Brien to and **AGREED** to amend the motion as follows –

“To include the following words:

"music" and "especially youth"

To read

"That this Council supports the establishment of a Fingal wide music festival to foster inclusion, integration and cohesion among residents, to celebrate the rich diversity in Fingal, especially youths."

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

The Meeting concluded at 8.25pm

MAYOR

DATE
