

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall Fingal County Council

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 17th January, 2023 in the Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords, at 5.00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors:

Boland, Cathal
Burtchaell, John
Butler, Darragh
Conroy, Pamela
Dennehy, Brian
Dennison, Kieran
Donnelly, Angela
Graves, Ann
Guerin, Jimmy
Hanaphy, Breda
Henchy, Adrian
Hopkins, Joan
Humphreys, James
Kitt, Tom
Lavin, Anthony
Leddy, Ted
Maguire, Grainne

Councillors:

Mahony, Howard
Manton, Brigid
McCamley, Mary
McDonagh, Brian
Dean, Mulligan
Mulville, Paul
Newman, Joe
O'Brien, Eoghan
O'Donoghue, Robert
O'Leary, Tom
Onwumereh, JK
Ó'Rodaigh, Seána
Power, Karen
Rane, Punam
Tracey, Natalie
Walsh, John
Whooley, Daniel

Apologies were received for Councillors Tania Doyle, Ian Carey, Tony Murphy and Siobhan Shovlin.

The Mayor, Councillor H. Mahony, 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 Travel); Mary T Daly (Director of

Services/Operations & Water Services); Oliver Hunt (Head of Finance); Robert Byrne (Director of Housing Services and Community Development); Matthew McAleese (Director of Services Planning and Strategic Infrastructure); Fionnuala May (County Architect); Helena Bergin (Senior Exec Arch Conservation Officer); Nikki Halleran (A/Senior Executive Officer).

F/1/23 (Agenda Item No)

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor, Councillor. H. Mahony, at the start of the meeting reminded Members that Standing Orders would apply to all aspects of the meeting.

F/2/23 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 12th December 2022

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 12th December 2022 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor T. Kitt, seconded by Councillor P. Rane and **RESOLVED –**

“That the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 12th December 2022 be **ADOPTED.**”

F/3/23 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor J. Guerin and **RESOLVED:**

“That in accordance with Standing Order No. 53, Questions numbered 2 to 15, be **ADOPTED.**”

F/4/23 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor A. Henchy - Criteria to meet the threshold for Housing in this Council

F/5/23 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor P. Mulville - Planning Permissions Granted - Electric Vehicle Chargers

F/6/23 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor C. Boland - Community Supports for members of our Community

F/7/23 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Services for homeless people

F/8/23 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor JK Onwumereh - Gritting operations on Fingal Roads

F/9/23 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor D. Healy - Projects included in the Capital Programme

F/10/23 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor D. Butler - Dublin Airport and new North Runway

F/11/23 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor D. Butler - Dublin Airport and Noise Insulation

F/12/23 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor T. Murphy - Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014 - Alleged Anti-Social Behaviour

F/13/23 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor J. Walsh - Derelict buildings in Fingal between 2017- 2022

F/14/23 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor J. Walsh - Housing Units provided by Fingal County Council

F/15/23 (Agenda Item No 13)

Councillor Joan Hopkins - Cigarette-related waste

F/16/23 (Agenda Item No 14)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Active users of FingalConnect App

F/17/23 (Agenda Item No 15)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Parking Fines issued

F/18/23 (Agenda Item No 16)

Report of Committees

a Report of Organisation, Procedures and Finance Committee Meeting held on Monday 12th December 2022

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor P. Conroy, seconded by Councillor T. O'Leary and **RESOLVED:**

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Organisation, Procedures and Finance meeting held on Monday 12th December 2022, are hereby **ADOPTED**."

b Report of Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Services B Meeting held on Tuesday 10th January 2023

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services (B) meeting held on 10th January 2023, are hereby **ADOPTED**."

c Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee Services B Meeting held on Thursday 12th January 2023

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor A. Henchy, seconded by Councillor K. Power and **RESOLVED:**

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk Swords Services (B) meeting held on 12th January 2023, are hereby **ADOPTED**."

d Report of Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on Thursday 12th January 2023

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on Thursday 12th January 2023, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

e Strategic Policy Committees Chairpersons' Annual Report

The reports by the Strategic Policy Committee Chairpersons which had been circulated were **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

F/19/23 (Agenda Item No 17)

Financial Matters

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

F/20/23 (Agenda Item No 18)

Proposed Disposal of Properties

a Proposed grant of right of way over land to the rear of 61 St. Peter's Terrace, Howth, Co. Dublin for the purpose of accessing a single dwelling to the rear of the property

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor J. Guerin and seconded by Councillor J. Newman 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."

b Proposed grant of wayleave at Churchfields, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15 to Irish Water

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor B. Hanaphy and seconded by Councillor T. Kitt and **RESOLVED**:

"That the wayleave referred to in the attached report be granted in accordance with the terms specified therein."

c Proposed grant of wayleave at Rivermeade Avenue, St. Margaret's Co. Dublin to Irish Water

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

“That the wayleave referred to in the attached report be granted in accordance with the terms specified therein.”

d Proposed Grant of wayleave at Cappaghfinn, Cappagh Road, Dublin 11 to Irish Water

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

“That the wayleave referred to in the attached report be granted in accordance with the terms specified therein.”

F/21/23 (Agenda Item No 19)

Declaration of Roads

a BC 1722 New Haven Bay, Balbriggan

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor G. Maguire, seconded by Councillor K. Power, and **RESOLVED**:

“That the roads referred to in the attached report be, and are hereby declared to be, public roads.”

b BC 1721 Cois Inbhir, Donabate

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

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

F/22/23 (Agenda Item No 20)

Report on 2022 Architectural Conservation Grant Schemes

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. Fionnuala May, County Architect, introduced Helena Bergin, Senior Executive Architectural Conservation Officer who gave a presentation to the Members and following discussion the report was **NOTED**.

F/23/23 (Agenda Item No 21)

SID/04/22 - Hollywood Great, Nag's Head, Naul, Co. Dublin

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. A presentation was given to the Members by Malachy Bradley, Senior Planner and the report was **NOTED**.

F/24/23 (Agenda Item No 22)

Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 - Third Annual Progress Report

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

F/25/23 (Agenda Item No 23)

Circular Cities Declaration

The attached 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 the European Circular Cities Declaration 2020 is hereby **ADOPTED**.'

F/26/23 (Agenda Item No 24)

Presentation by Dublin Civil Defence - James McConnell, Civil Defence Officer

A presentation was given to the Members by James McConnell, Civil Defence Officer.

The Mayor, Members and Chief Executive thanked Mr McConnell for the exceptional service the Civil Defence and its volunteers provide.

F/27/23 (Agenda Item No 25)

Chief Executive's Report

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

F/28/23 (Agenda Item No 26)

Mayor's Business - Councillor H. Mahony

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

F/29/23 (Agenda Item No 27)

Conference Report

a **AIR 2023 - Regional Seminar and Training Event - 7th to 9th February 2023**

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

F/30/23 (Agenda Item No 28)

Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

a **Letter dated 6th December 2022 received from Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Defence re Item 39 - March 2022 - Cllr Graves - Sanctions against Russia and solidarity with Ukraine**

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

b **Letter dated 22nd December 2022 from Department of Local Government and Heritage - Circ Letter LG 09-2022 Local Government (Maternity Protection & Other Measures) Act 2022**

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

F/31/23 (Agenda Item No 29)

Correspondence

- a** **Letter dated 14th October 2022 from Kerry County Council re- Ukrainian Refugees - Retain their current accommodation for the homeless**

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

- b** **Letter dated 6th January 2023 from Ms C Gubbins Interim Chief Executive DAA - Re Motion Cllr A Graves - Westerly Flights from Runway - Meeting with Councillors**

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

MOTIONS - STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

F/32/23 (Agenda Item No 30)

Councillor JK Onwumereh - Scheme to Subsidise Cost of Purchasing Electric Vehicles - National Climate Action Plan

The motion, in the name of Councillor JK. Onwumereh was proposed by Councillor JK. Onwumereh and seconded by Councillor T. Kitt.

Following discussion, the Mayor instructed that a roll call vote be taken.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

The Mayor called for a three minute break.

Following the three minute break and discussion, this motion was **WITHDRAWN**.

F/33/23 (Agenda Item No 31)

Councillor D. Whooley - Trial QR Codes on Bins to Report Damaged or Overflowing Bins

The motion, in the name of Councillor D. Whooley was proposed by Councillor D. Whooley and seconded by Councillor P. Conroy.

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

F/34/23 (Agenda Item No 32)

Councillor P. Rane - Lack of Primary and Secondary Schools Across Fingal

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

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

MINUTES SILENCE

Councillor N. Tracey informed the Members that Councillor T. Doyle's mother-in-law passed away.

The Mayor called for a minute's silence.

F/35/23 (Agenda Item No 33)

Councillor A. Graves - Hybrid Meetings

The motion, in the name of Councillor A. Graves, was proposed by Councillor A. Graves and seconded by Councillor N. Tracey.

Following discussion, Councillor A. Graves, agreed to amend the motion.

In agreement with the members the Mayor moved to Item 34 while Councillor A. Graves submitted the amendment.

F/36/23 (Agenda Item No 34)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Damaged footpaths around EIR Cabinets in Fingal

The motion, in the name of Councillor A. Donnelly was proposed by Councillor A. Donnelly and seconded by Councillor B. Hanaphy.

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

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 33.

F/37/23 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor A. Graves - Hybrid Meetings

It was proposed by Councillor A. Graves, seconded by Councillor N. Tracey and **AGREED** to amend the motion as follows:-

Include the words

"That the Chief Executive writes to the Minister to outline the views of the Elected members."

The resultant amended motion reads as follows:

"That the Chief Executive, in light of the recent decision in relation to hybrid meetings extended to include Council meetings, considers the implications in relation to the payment of the Travel and Subsistence portion of Councillors' expenses and whether these should continue to be paid in relation to those attending meetings virtually. That the Chief Executive writes to the Minister to outline the views of the Elected members."

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

F/38/23 (Agenda Item No 35)

Councillor C. Boland - Enforcement Action - Noise Pollution and other matters - Dublin Airport Authority

The motion, in the name of Councillor C. Boland was proposed by Councillor C. Boland and seconded by Councillor H. Mahony and the report was **NOTED**.

The Meeting concluded at 8.02pm

MAYOR _____

DATE _____