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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

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Swords
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Tuesday 6th June 2023

To Each Member of the County Council

Dear Councillor

The Meeting of the **County Council** will be held in the **Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords** at **5.00 pm** on **Monday, 12th June, 2023** to consider the following Agenda.

Yours faithfully

**Nikki Halleran
Meetings Administrator
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A G E N D A

- 1 **Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 8th May 2023**
- 2 **Filling of Casual vacancy on Fingal County Council following the resignation of Councillor Seána Ó Rodaigh**
- 3 **Appointment of one Member to the Community Development, Heritage, Culture & Creativity Strategic Policy Committee (SPC)**
- 4 **Appointment of one Member to North Dublin Regional Drugs and Alcohol Task Force**
- 5 **Appointment of one Member to County Heritage Forum**
- 6 **Appointment of one Member to Comhairle Na nÓg**
- 7 **Appointment of one Member to the Howth Special Amenity Area Order (SAAO) Management Committee**

QUESTIONS

- 8 **Councillor C. Boland - CCTV - Illegal Dumping of Litter and Waste**
 "To ask the Chief Executive to present a full report on what preparations are being made to deploy CCTV across the County to identify those who indulge in illegal dumping of litter and waste?"
- 9 **Councillor J. Hopkins - Wrap Around Support for People Availing of Social Housing**
 "To ask the Chief Executive to outline the process involved whereby a complaint of anti-social behaviour is made against a person availing of social housing supports from the Council; what supports are given to both the families who are the complainant and the defendant, to combat the anti-social behaviour?"
- 10 **Councillor K. Power - Cost Rental Backstop**
 "To ask the Chief Executive, what steps is the Council taking to ensure the implementation of the new "cost rental backstop" whereby the Council or an Approved Housing Body (AHB) will purchase the home of renters, who are not in receipt of HAP or RAS, but who are facing homelessness due to the sale of the property including what extra resources (e.g., manpower and budgetary) is the Council devoting to ensure this?"

11 Councillor A. Donnelly - Direct contact details for Utility Companies and Public Bodies

"To ask the Chief Executive, to provide Councillors with any direct contact numbers they may have for utility companies and public bodies outside of the remit of this Council, such as rail, bus, waterways to allow Councillors to contact those entities directly in a timely fashion rather than ringing public numbers which necessitate long wait times?"

12 Councillor P. Mulville - Bike Share Schemes

"To ask the Chief Executive, to outline plans for a Dublin wide subsidised bike sharing scheme in conjunction with the National Transport Authority?"

13 Councillor D. Healy - Solar Panels

"To ask the Chief Executive, to report on the process of assessing land and properties owned, occupied or managed by the Council with regard to suitability for installation of solar photovoltaic panels, including which properties have been found suitable, which have had panels installed or are in the process of having them installed, and which properties remain to be assessed?"

14 Councillor T. Kitt - Additional Dog Wardens

"To ask the Chief Executive, if Fingal will gain any additional Dog Wardens with the announcement of extra Dog Wardens being appointed by the Department of Agriculture, Food & Marine?"

15 Councillor T. Murphy - Urban Gull Colonies in Fingal

"To ask the Chief Executive what provision is being considered in the next budget to inform/support and protect our communities from uncivilised dangerous conditions being caused by out of control high density urban gull colonies in our seaside towns across Fingal?"

16 Councillor J. Walsh - Licence Applications for Approval of Phone Masts/Communications Infrastructure

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide in tabular format a list of licence applications for approval of phone masts/telecommunications infrastructure under Section 254 of the Planning and Development Act, which were 1) approved by this Council and 2) rejected by this

Council, but approved by An Bord Pleanála between 2018 and 2023?”

17 Councillor A. Henchy - Biodiversity Plan - Recruitment of Two key Posts

“To ask the Chief Executive, with regard to the commitments contained in our Biodiversity Plan, what stage is the Council at regarding the resources needed to implement this ambitious plan and can she provide an update on the recruitment of two key posts, 1. Executive Biodiversity Officer; 2. Marine Biodiversity Officer, have these posts been filled and if not what is the timeline for the recruitment of these two key positions which are critically important and an integral commitment within the Biodiversity Action Plan for Fingal?”

18 Councillor J. Humphreys - Planning and Development (Street Furniture Fees) - Budget 2023

“To ask the Chief Executive how much the Council will financially lose in the waiving of fees by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in the recent Planning and Development (Street Furniture Fees) Regulations 2023 and was this accounted for in the 2023 budget?”

19 Report of Committees

- a Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 11th May 2023
- b Report of Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on Tuesday 30th May 2023
- c Report of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 1st June 2023
- d Report of Howth/Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 7th June 2023
- e Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 8th June 2023

20 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

21 Proposed Disposal of Properties

- a Proposed exchange of lands at Kellystown, Dublin 15 between Fingal County Council and Castlethorn Construction Unlimited Company

22 Declaration of Roads

- a Ballygossan Park, Phase 1, Skerries, Co Dublin
- b Entrance off Roundabout on R121 opposite The Boulevard, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15

23 Flavours of Fingal Planning Licence

24 Draft Active Travel Strategy for Fingal

25 Chief Executive's Report

26 Mayor's Business - Councillor H. Mahony

27 Conference Report

- a AILG - Thursday 15th June 2023 - Mullingar Park Hotel - OPR Overview of Existing and Emerging Planning Legislation and Policy Guidance - Eastern & Midlands/Northern & Western Region
- b AILG - Saturday 17th June 2023 - Avalon House Hotel - "Overview of Existing Planning Legislation and Policy Guidance" - Southern Region
- c AILG - Saturday 22nd July 2023 - Sligo Park Hotel - Uisce Éireann (Irish Water) - A briefing for Councillors

28 Correspondence

- a Letter dated 20th April 2023 from Wexford County Council re Able Disabled Campaign
- b Letter dated 25th April 2023 from Westmeath County Council re Construction of Affordable Housing Units
- c Letter dated 8th May 2023 from Mayo County Council re Grant Level Croí Cónaithe
- d Letter dated 9th May 2023 from Clare County Council supporting Macra na Feirme Campaign
- e Letter dated 16th May 2023 from Kerry County Council re - National Pension Scheme for the State

- f Letter dated 16th May 2023 from Kerry County Council - Correspondence with Elected Members to paperless electronic system

29 Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

- a Letter received 6th April 2023 from Minister of State for Planning and Local Government re Motion 33 - Hybrid Meetings - Council Meeting 17th January 2023
- b Correspondence dated 11th May 2023 from the Office of the Minister re Item 1 - Special Meeting 12th April - Eviction Ban

MOTIONS STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

30 Councillors J. Hopkins and P. Mulville - Special Amenity Area Orders for Rogerstown, Malahide and Baldoyle Estuaries

"That the Chief Executive, given the recent making of the new County Development Plan, outline her best estimate as to when the process can commence to put in place Special Amenity Area Orders (SAAO) for Rogerstown, Malahide and Baldoyle Estuaries given the urgent need for SAAO designations is vital to aid the conservation of these European sites and the habitats, flora and fauna they have been designated to protect, given the Climate and Biodiversity Emergency declared by Dáil Éireann in May 2019, and given the recent pressing recommendations of the Citizens' Assembly on Biodiversity Loss in November 2022."

31 Councillor JK Onwumereh - Internships and Work Experience Programmes

"That the Chief Executive, supports the promotion of internship and work experience programmes in the Council to give young people critical career foothold and skills."

32 Councillor C. Boland - 2007 Planning Permission in respect of North Runway Dublin Airport

"That the Chief Executive, advise what is the position of the 2007 Planning Permission in respect of the North Runway Dublin Airport and state if the Enforcement Department's file is still active."

33 Councillor P. Conroy - Counselling Services for Councillors

"That the Chief Executive, gives consideration to the provision of free

counselling services for Councillors, in line with the service provided for Councillors in other Local Authorities such as Dublin City Council."

34 Councillor D. Whooley - Trial of Rainscapes to be allocated in the 2024 Council Budget

"That the Chief Executive, investigates suitable locations for a countywide trial of rainscapes and for the construction of rain gardens or "rainscapes" to be allocated for in the 2024 Council Budget."

See similar trial by DCC - <https://www.dublincity.ie/node/8785>

35 Councillor P. Rane - Removal of Graffiti in Fingal areas

"That the Chief Executive, conducts a visibility study to look at all graffiti created and develop a plan for the removal of it, this will discourage youths from future vandalism and create a cleaner looking environment."

36 Councillor K. Power - Dedicated e-mail address to report dead birds

"That the Chief Executive, provides and promote a dedicated e-mail address that members of the public can contact to report dead birds in order to have them safely removed and sent for testing, especially around serious outbreaks of Avian Flu."

37 Councillor T. Murphy - Sporting facilities capacity

"That the Chief Executive carry out an audit of all sporting facilities in Fingal given the speed of growth of Fingal's young population and the current demand for support being requested from many clubs / sporting organisations in Fingal."

38 Councillor A. Donnelly - Electric vehicles in parks

"That the Chief Executive examines changing the Park bye laws to prevent electric scooters and electric bicycles from using the same paths as pedestrians in our public parks."

**MOTIONS NON-
STATUTORY
FUNCTIONS**

39 Councillor D. Mulligan - Water Outage due to Trunk Water Main Connection

"That the Chief Executive with reference to Trunk Main connection on 26th February 2023, makes contact with Uisce Éireann to request that they provide a comprehensive report by addressing the following:

1. Why a ten- hour works duration was outlined in bold in the Press Release on 14th February 2023, while a following note mentioned ten further hours for premises at the end of the system or on high ground; 2. Why Skerries was not mentioned in the Press Release, but actually had a water outage; 3. Had a reported burst in Lusk, noted by Irish Water, any connection with recharging of the water to the main network; 4. Why parts of Malahide were completely without water until 6:00 pm on Monday 27th February, 5. What was the cause of outage noted by Irish Water on their website on 27th February 2023 which originally mentions a pump failure and subsequently a tie-in at Ballycoolin as requiring alternative supplies in East part of Malahide."

40 Councillor D. Healy - Designated Postering Areas

"That this Council, in line with our commitments to reducing resource use, environmental impact and litter, and noting

a) the commitment in the Programme for Government to task the Electoral Commission which reads

"We will...task the new Electoral Commission to examine the issue of the use of posters at elections and referendums within 12 months of its establishment and consult on placing limitations on the number of posters that can be used or fixing certain locations for their use, the Government will legislate for its recommendations in advance of the 2024 Local Elections."; and

b) the discussion in Seanad Éireann on the Regulation of Display of Electoral and Polling Posters and Other Advertisements Bill 2022, in May 2022 when the Seanad agreed that the Bill be read a second time on 30th June 2023,

write to the Minister for Housing Planning and Local Government and the Minister of State for Heritage and Electoral Reform to express this Council's willingness in principle to participate in a process of establishing designated areas for the display of posters in a manner similar to that envisaged in the Bill which is in line with common practice in many other European countries, whether as part of a

nationwide approach or as a pilot."

41 Councillor A. Henchy - Alexis Mc Allister Argentinian Footballer

"That the Chief Executive, in light of the established Fingal connection with the Argentinian World Cup winning soccer player, Alexis McAllister, that the relevant Departments within this Council reach out to the McAllister family in Fingal, the Argentinian Football Association and the Argentinian Ambassador to Ireland with a view to marking Alexis' incredible success and formally retracing his roots from Argentina to Fingal"

42 Councillor T. O'Leary - Public Housing for Nurses, Gardaí, Teachers and others

"That this Council calls on the Government and in particular the Minister for Housing to encourage and facilitate the formation of an Approved Housing Body type organisation/s to build and procure homes for essential workers, both Affordable cost-rental and Affordable to-buy, such as Nurses, Healthcare care workers, Gardaí, Teachers and others, to examine funding collaboration with Credit Unions, Pension funds and European Investment Bank, (EIB) and Staff Credit Unions in those sectors and to make State lands available for that public housing delivery model."

43 Councillor B. Manton - Hospital Access by public transport

"That this Council consults with the Department of Transport and Local Link to ensure a transport service for people travelling to hospitals e.g., St. Joseph's Hospital and Cappagh Hospital where people on very low incomes are having to take taxis to their appointments?"

44 Councillor N. Treacy - Support for the Retained Fire and Rescue Service

"That this Council support the Retained Fire and Rescue Service personnel and their continued struggle for improvements in pay, conditions and a decent work/life balance with agreed time off, that we call on the Minister for Local Government and the Minister for Public Expenditure in writing, asking them to provide the funding necessary to sustain and enhance the service now and for future generations."

45 Councillor J. Walsh - Impact of Noise from the M50 Motorway

"That this Council calls on the Minister for Transport, Climate, Environment and Communications, to engage with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) regarding the severe impact of noise from the M50 on local communities over many years and calls on TII to engage constructively with residents and bring forward solutions to address this long-term problem."
