

**Comhairle Contae Fine Gall
Fingal County Council**

Minutes of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B - Strategic
and General Matters)

**Held on Thursday, 14th December, 2023 in the Council Chamber, County Hall,
Swords at 2pm**

PRESENT

Councillors:

Boland, Cathal
Butler, Darragh
Graves, Ann
Dennehy, Brian
Henchy, Adrian
Humphreys, James
Maguire, Grainne
Mulligan, Dean

Councillors:

Mulville, Paul
Murphy, Tony
Newman, Joe
O'Donoghue, Robert
O'Leary, Tom
Power, Karen
Ryan, Brendan

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillors I. Carey and B. Manton.

In the absence of the Area Chairperson, Councillor I. Carey, it was AGREED that Councillor K. Power would preside.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Betty Boardman (County Librarian), Kevin Halpenny (Senior Parks and Landscape Officer), Malachy Bradley (Senior Planner), Mary Godwin (Senior Executive Officer), Brian Murray (Senior Executive Officer), Fionnuala May (County Architect), Pat Boyle (Senior Architect), David Storey (Director of Services), Sinéad Murphy (Senior Engineer), Breen Doris (Senior Executive Engineer), Colin Gallagher (Senior Engineer), Aoife Lawler (Senior Executive Officer), Aoife Sheridan (Senior Executive Officer), James Kelly (Executive Engineer), Rafe Costigan (Senior Community Officer), Declan Ryan (Town Regeneration Officer), Paul Barnes (Event Manager), Fearghal McSweeney (Administrative Officer), Fiona Glynn (Administrative, Officer), Anne Collender (Senior Staff Officer), Daiga Ancikovska (Staff Officer), David Daly (Assistant Staff Officer), Linda Fanning (Clerical Officer), Louise McAuley Baker (Clerical Officer).

VISITORS TO THE MEETING

Mr. Lorcan A. Blake, Grant Thornton (via Teams), Mr. Luke Corkery and Ms. Ann Hogan.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Councillor. K. Power, at the start of the meeting reminded Members that Standing Orders would apply to all aspects of the meeting.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

It was proposed by Councillor K. Power to extend the meeting to conclude at 4.30 p.m. This was **AGREED**.

BSB/620/23 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B (Strategic and General Matters) meeting held on Thursday 9th of November 2023

Minutes of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B (Strategic and General Matters) meeting held on Thursday 9th November 2023 which had been circulated were considered.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor J. Humphreys, seconded by Councillor A. Henchy and RESOLVED –

“That the minutes of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B meeting held on 9th November 2023 be **ADOPTED**.”

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor A. Henchy seconded by Councillor J. Humphreys and RESOLVED-

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions 2 – 64 inclusive be **ADOPTED**.”

BSB/622/23 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor A. Henchy - Re-painting of the Donabate/Portrane Community Centre - AI091588

BSB/623/23 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor A. Henchy - Satellite Garda Clinic at Donabate Library - AI091592

BSB/624/23 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor A. Henchy - Update on Broadmeadow Donabate to Malahide Greenway -
AI091607

BSB/625/23 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor A. Henchy - Concerts in Newbridge House Donabate - AI091611

BSB/626/23 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor A. Henchy - Continuous Footpath on Beaverstown Road - AI092108

BSB/627/23 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor A. Henchy - Update on the re-opening of the Pedestrian Walkway Loop -
Rahillion/Carr's Mill - Donabate - AI092121

BSB/628/23 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor A. Henchy - Extend Community Car Service to Donabate/Portrane -
AI092614

BSB/629/23 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor P. Mulville - Playgrounds/Play Facilities in this Local Electoral Area -
AI092695

BSB/630/23 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor P. Mulville - Provision of Public Five-a-Side Pitches Donabate/Portrane -
AI092817

BSB/631/23 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor P. Mulville - Bus Connects Network Redesign Programme in this LEA -
AI092888

BSB/632/23 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor P. Mulville - Plans for a Wildlife Hospital and Visitor Centre - St. Ita's
Hospital, Portrane - AI093178

BSB/633/23 (Agenda Item No 13)

Councillor P. Mulville - Update on Ballymastone Recreational Hub - AI093179

BSB/634/23 (Agenda Item No 14)

Councillor P. Mulville - Ballymastone Affordable Homes - AI093180

BSB/635/23 (Agenda Item No 15)

Councillor P. Mulville - Pollution Turvey Villas, Donabate - AI093363

BSB/636/23 (Agenda Item No 16)

Councillor B. Dennehy - Update on Taking in Charge - Knightsgate Estate in Rush -
AI092697

BSB/637/23 (Agenda Item No 17)

Councillor B. Dennehy - Construction/Refurbishment work at Rush Multi-Purpose
Youth Centre, Rush - AI093295

BSB/638/23 (Agenda Item No 18)

Councillor B. Dennehy - Acquiring of Council Lands - Brookfield Park Estate, Rush - AI093297

BSB/639/23 (Agenda Item No 19)

Councillor B. Dennehy - Cycle/Walkway from the South Beach Car Park, Rush to The Bawn Road, Rush - AI093336

BSB/640/23 (Agenda Item No 20)

Councillor B. Dennehy - Update on Taking in Charge of Palmer Avenue Estate, Rush - AI093375

BSB/641/23 (Agenda Item No 21)

Councillor B. Dennehy - Landscape Plan for the Cois Srutháin Estate, Ballyboughal - AI093379

BSB/642/23 (Agenda Item No 22)

Councillor B. Dennehy - Update on Active Travel Route Rush - AI093381

BSB/643/23 (Agenda Item No 23)

Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Public Lighting Installation - R132, Corduff - AI092870

BSB/644/23 (Agenda Item No 24)

Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Dividing Fencing between Gardens in Longstone Park, Portrane - AI093129

BSB/645/23 (Agenda Item No 25)

Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Station Road Development Commercial Units, Lusk - AI093241

BSB/646/23 (Agenda Item No 26)

Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Update on Taking in Charge - Knightsgate, Rush - AI093243

BSB/647/23 (Agenda Item No 27)

Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Coastal Defence Portrane/Rush - AI093244

BSB/648/23 (Agenda Item No 28)

Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Update on Donabate Pedestrian Cycle Bridge - AI093277

BSB/649/23 (Agenda Item No 29)

Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Green Space and Attenuation Tanks, Rush and Lusk - AI093305

BSB/650/23 (Agenda Item No 30)

Councillor K. Power - Update on Naul Safe Routes to School - AI093198

BSB/651/23 (Agenda Item No 31)

Councillor B. Manton - Insulation Project at Rivermeade Estate regarding Airport Noise - AI093205

BSB/652/23 (Agenda Item No 32)

Councillor B. Ryan - Timeline for Proposed Swimming Pool at Castlelands, Balbriggan - AI093230

BSB/653/23 (Agenda Item No 33)

Councillor B. Ryan - Taking in Charge - Chieftain's Way Estate, Balbriggan - AI093231

BSB/654/23 (Agenda Item No 34)

Councillor B. Ryan - Nameplate - Saint Catherine's Graveyard, Portrane - AI093232

BSB/655/23 (Agenda Item No 35)

Councillor B. Ryan - Tourism based projects in the Balbriggan Local Electoral Area - AI093233

BSB/656/23 (Agenda Item No 36)

Councillor B. Ryan - Taking in Charge at The Mill, Rahillion, Donabate - AI093255

BSB/657/23 (Agenda Item No 37)

Councillor B. Ryan - Taking in Charge - Glaslinn Estate, Donabate - AI093256

BSB/658/23 (Agenda Item No 38)

Councillor B. Ryan - Lack of Four Bedroom Houses for Housing Applicants in the Balbriggan LEA - AI093274

BSB/659/23 (Agenda Item No 39)

Councillor A. Graves - Maintenance of Council Property - Turnapin Cottages, Cloghran, Dublin 17 - AI093239

BSB/660/23 (Agenda Item No 40)

Councillor A. Graves - Clearing of Overgrowth - Knocksedan Woods, Brackenstown, Swords - AI093263

BSB/661/23 (Agenda Item No 41)

Councillor A. Graves - Tenant In-Situ in the Electoral Area of Swords - AI093270

BSB/662/23 (Agenda Item No 42)

Councillor T. Murphy - Outdoor Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)/Basketball Court Investment - Northwest Balbriggan - AI093273

BSB/663/23 (Agenda Item No 43)

Councillor T. Murphy - Power Supply - Bremore Castle, Balbriggan - AI093276

BSB/664/23 (Agenda Item No 44)

Councillor T. Murphy - Derelict Sites in Balbriggan - AI093280

BSB/665/23 (Agenda Item No 45)

Councillor T. Murphy - Marketing Strategy for Stephenstown Business Park - AI093281

BSB/666/23 (Agenda Item No 46)
Councillor G. Maguire - Update - Lease 98th Scout Group - AI093306

BSB/667/23 (Agenda Item No 47)
Councillor I. Carey - Leaf Mould Cages - Holywell, Swords - AI093307

BSB/668/23 (Agenda Item No 48)
Councillor I. Carey - Scrap Metal Removal - Rose Cottage, Ward River Valley - AI093309

BSB/669/23 (Agenda Item No 49)
Councillor I. Carey - Developer to Clean Up Lord Mayor's Site, Swords - AI093314

BSB/670/23 (Agenda Item No 50)
Councillor I. Carey - Link between Swords Manor and Swords Community College - AI093315

BSB/671/23 (Agenda Item No 51)
Councillor I. Carey - Timeline on Newtown Bridge/Balheary Walking/Cycling Upgrade - AI093316

BSB/672/23 (Agenda Item No 52)
Councillor I. Carey - Update on Miller's Glen/Rathbeale Road Opening - AI093317

BSB/673/23 (Agenda Item No 53)
Councillor I. Carey - Plastics on the Broadmeadow Greenway - AI093319

BSB/674/23 (Agenda Item No 54)
Councillor D. Mulligan - Tenants In-Situ in this LEA - AI093322

BSB/675/23 (Agenda Item No 55)
Councillor D. Mulligan - Choice Based Letting in this LEA - AI093323

BSB/676/23 (Agenda Item No 56)
Councillor D. Mulligan - Playgrounds in Estates not Taken in Charge in this LEA - AI093325

BSB/677/23 (Agenda Item No 57)
Councillor. J. Humphreys - Update on Turvey Avenue Enhancement Project - AI093335

BSB/678/23 (Agenda Item No 58)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Taking in Charge - Thornleigh, Swords - AI093348

BSB/679/23 (Agenda Item No 59)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Taking in Charge of Hedgerow at Rowan Hill - AI093349

BSB/680/23 (Agenda Item No 60)
Councillor J. Humphreys - BoxUp Pilot Scheme in this LEA - AI093350

BSB/681/23 (Agenda Item No 61)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Carpark Canopies in this LEA - AI093351

BSB/682/23 (Agenda Item No 62)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Cycle Counter in this LEA - AI093352

BSB/683/23 (Agenda Item No 63)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Update on Taking in Charge - Comyn Manor, Swords - AI093353

BSB/684/23 (Agenda Item No 64)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Update on Seatown Active Travel Route - AI093356

BSB/685/23 (Agenda Item No 65a)
Applications for Community Funding

It was proposed by Councillor J. Humphreys and seconded by Councillor A. Henchy and AGREED:

“That this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Remedial Works Funding in the attached report.”

BSB/686/23 (Agenda Item No 66)
Playground Audit Briefing

Mr. Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks and Landscape Officer gave a playground audit briefing to the members. An audit of play facilities in this area was conducted earlier this year by the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department in collaboration with the Operations Department and in fulfilment of the requirements of the space for play policy for Fingal.

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

BSB/687/23 (Agenda Item No 67)
Financial assistance to Approved Housing Bodies under the Capital Assistance Scheme - Call for CAS 2017 to provide units of living accommodation in the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords living area

Ms. Aoife Lawler, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department gave a report which had been circulated to the members on the Capital Assistance Scheme – Call for CAS 2017 to provide units of living accommodation in the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area.

The report was **NOTED** without discussion.

BSB/688/23 (Agenda Item No 68)
Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)

Ms Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development Department and Mr. Lorcan Blake, Grant Thornton gave a presentation to the members on Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP).

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

BSB/689/23 (Agenda Item No 69a)
Letter from NTA regarding Bus Service to Miller's Glen

Correspondence from the NTA dated 6th November 2023 in relation to a motion passed regarding Bus Service to Miller's Glen, which had been circulated was **NOTED**.

BSB/690/23 (Agenda Item No 70)
Councillor I. Carey - Holywell Connectivity - AI093318

The Area Chairperson Councillor I. Carey was not present at the meeting for this item, the motion is listed on the Agenda for the next Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords (Services B – Strategic & General Matters) Area Committee Meeting to be held in January 2024.

BSB/691/23 (Agenda Item No 71)
Councillor T. Murphy - Glebe Park Car Park Issues - AI091483

The motion in the name of Councillor T. Murphy was proposed by Councillor T. Murphy and seconded by Councillor K. Power.

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

BSB/692/23 (Agenda Item No 72)
Councillor D. Mulligan - Request for ANCA to add Noise Station South Swords - AI091562

The motion in the name of Councillor D. Mulligan was proposed by Councillor D. Mulligan and seconded by Councillor J. Newman.

Councillor D. Mulligan referred to the exact wording of the motion and referenced 'That the Chief Executive request that ANCA and any relevant bodies who have responsibility in creating/adding noise monitoring stations'. It was noted that the Chief Executive's Report mentioned forwarding to the DAA only.

Following discussion on this item, it was AGREED that if the motion was passed ‘the terms therein will be forwarded to the DAA and any relevant bodies who have responsibility in creating/adding noise monitoring stations’. The motion was then **AGREED**.

BSB/693/23 (Agenda Item No 73)

Councillor C. Boland - Progress on Enforcement Files Backlog in this LEA - AI091575

The motion in the name of Councillor C. Boland, was proposed by Councillor C. Boland and seconded by Councillor T. Murphy.

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

BSB/694/23 (Agenda Item No 74)

Councillor B. Dennehy - Update on Rush Sports Campus - AI091577

The motion in the name of Councillor B. Dennehy, was proposed by Councillor B. Dennehy and seconded by Councillor R. O’Donoghue.

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

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

It was proposed by Councillor A. Graves to take Item Nos. 75 and 76 together as both items were in relation to the historical well at Swords Cultural Quarter. This was **AGREED**.

BSB/696/23 (Agenda Item No 75)

Councillor J. Newman - Rebuild Historical Well at Cultural Quarter - AI091794

The motion in the name of Councillor J. Newman, was proposed by Councillor J. Newman and seconded by Councillor D. Mulligan.

Ms. Fionnuala May, County Architect and Mr. Pat Boyle made a presentation. Following discussion during which issues were raised and responded to, motion 75 was **WITHDRAWN**.

BSB/697/23 (Agenda Item No 76)

Councillor A. Graves - Archaeological Discoveries - Swords Cultural Quarter - AI092034

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

Ms. Fionnuala May, County Architect and Mr. Pat Boyle made a presentation. Following discussion during which issues were raised and responded to, motion 76 was **AGREED**.

BSB/698/23 (Agenda Item No 77)

Councillor A. Henchy - Thanks and Soft Opening at Flavours of Fingal - AI091614

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

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

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Councillor K. Power informed the committee a Procedural Motion in the name of Councillor P. Mulville had been received to adjourn the meeting and re-assemble before the next ACM meeting January 2024. It was **AGREED** to take this motion at the end of the meeting.

It was **AGREED** to further extend the meeting to conclude Item No. 78.

BSB/700/23 (Agenda Item No 78)

Councillors K. Power and Councillor B. Ryan - Provision of Path Loughshinny - AI092296

The motion in the name of Councillors K. Power and B. Ryan, was proposed by Councillors K. Power and B. Ryan and seconded by Councillor P. Mulville.

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

PROCEDURAL MOTION

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

"That this Committee resolves to adjourn and re-assemble at another date in advance of the January Area B meeting, on a date to be agreed between the Area Chair and Chief Executive, in order to deal with all the remaining motions on today's agenda"

Following discussion the motion was **AGREED**.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The presiding Area Chairperson and the members expressed their appreciation and best wishes to the Meetings Administrator Ms. Mary Godwin, Senior Executive Officer on her pending retirement.

The meeting adjourned at 4.40 pm to a date to be agreed in January 2024.

AREA CHAIRPERSON

DATED