

**Comhairle Contae Fine Gall
Fingal County Council**

Minutes of Marine and Coastal Management Strategic Policy Committee

Thursday, 21st September, 2023

PRESENT

Councillor Eoghan O'Brien, Councillor Brian Dennehy, Councillor Robert O'Donoghue, Councillor Paul Mulville, Councillor Cathal Boland, Councillor Karen Power, Councillor David Healy, Councillor Tom O'Leary, Maire O'Brien PPN, James Magrane IFA,

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillor Ann Graves

The Area Chairperson Councillor Eoghan O'Brien presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

David Storey, Director of Services; Catherine O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer, Paul Smyth, Senior Executive Officer, Hans Visser, Senior Exec Parks, Kevin Halpenny, Senior Park Superintendent, Martina O'Connor, Administrative Officer, Gerry McDermott, Senior Communications Officer, Grainne Carroll, Administrative Officer, Maria Hand, Senior Staff Officer,

MCM/15/23 (Agenda Item No 1)

**Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Marine and Coastal
Management SPC meeting held on the 29th June 2023**

MCM/16/23 (Agenda Item No 2)

Draft Harbour Byelaws Update

Presentation given by Ms Martina O'Connor who gave an overview on the submissions received on the recent public consultation. This was followed by discussion and questions from the members. Members were informed that a report will be brought to the December SPC meeting.

The Presentation was **NOTED**

MOTIONS

MCM/17/23 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor D. Healy - Nature-Based Solutions in the Protection of Dunes and Beaches

“That the Chief Executive provide this Committee with a report on the use of nature-based solutions in the protection of dunes and beaches, taking account of the need for climate change adaptation and resilience, including an update on plans for dune protection work on areas which are bare of grasses and vulnerable to erosion.”

Report:

It is not possible to provide a detailed report on the above matter at this time. Staff will be available at the meeting to discuss the matter and the scope of any future report. Information on dunes on the council website is available here.

<https://www.fingal.ie/world-sand-dune-day#:~:text=World%20Sand%20Dune%20Day%202023%20Rush%20South%20Beach,sand%20dune%20awareness%20event%20at%20Rush%20South%20Beach>

Following a discussion regarding the protection of dunes and a maintenance strategy for all beaches, it was agreed to bring a headed item on this issue to the next SPC.

The Motion in the name of Councillor D. Healy, was proposed by Councillor D. Healy and seconded by Councillor K. Power

The motion was **Accepted**

The Meeting concluded at 17:43

CHAIRPERSON

DATED