

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall Fingal County Council

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday, 11th September, 2023
in the Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords, at 5.00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors:

Boland, Cathal
Burtchaell, John
Butler, Darragh
Carey, Ian
Conroy, Pamela
Dennehy, Brian
Dennison, Kieran
Donnelly, Angela
Doyle, Tania
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
Mulligan, Dean
Mulville, Paul
Murphy, Tony
Newman, Joe
O'Brien, Eoghan
O'Donoghue, Robert
Onwumereh, JK
Power, Karen
Rane, Punam
Ryan, Brendan
Shovlin, Siobhan
Tormey, Aoibhinn
Treacy, Natalie
Walsh, John

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillors David Healy and Tom O'Leary.

The Mayor Councillor Adrian Henchy, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

AnnMarie Farrelly (Chief Executive); Mary Egan (Director of Services/People,

Corporate & Digital); 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); Oliver Hunt (Head of Finance); Robert Burns (Director of Housing Services and Community Development); Nikki Halleran (A/Senior Executive Officer); Malachy Bradley (Senior Planner).

ANNOUNCEMENT

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

F/313/23 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd July 2023

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 3rd July 2023 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor K. Dennison, seconded by Councillor C. Boland and **RESOLVED** –

“That the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 3rd July 2023 be **ADOPTED.**”

F/314/23 (Agenda Item No 2)

NOMINATIONS

a Appointment of One Member to the Fingal Coastal Liaison Group

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

It was proposed by Councillor C. Boland and seconded by Councillor G. Maguire that Councillor Tony Murphy be nominated to the Fingal Coastal Liaison Group.

It was proposed by Councillor P. Mulville and seconded by Councillor B. McDonagh that Councillor Brendan Ryan be nominated to the Fingal Coastal Liaison Group.

It was **AGREED** to take a 3minute recess.

The Mayor then instructed that a roll call vote be taken, on a division the voting resulted as follows:

MURPHY: 18 EIGHTEEN
RYAN : 16 SIXTEEN
ABSTAIN: 0 ZERO

MURPHY: Councillors Donnelly, Angela; Graves, Ann; Treacy, Natalie; Maguire, Grainne; Murphy, Tony; O'Brien, Eoghan, Kitt, Tom; Manton, Brigid; Shovlin, Siobhan; Lavin, Anthony; Doyle, Tania; Newman, Joe; Guerin, Jimmy; Boland, Cathal; Butler, Darragh; Onwumereh, JK; Dennehy, Brian; Leddy, Ted

RYAN: Councillors Henchy, Adrian; Hopkins, Joan; Mulville, Paul; Mulligan, Dean; Carey, Ian; Power, Karen; Ryan, Brendan; Walsh, John; McCamley, Mary; Tormey, Aoibhinn; Conroy, Pamela; O'Donoghue, Robert; McDonagh, Brian; Humphreys, James; Dennison, Kieran; Rane, Punam.

The Mayor then **DECLARED** Councillor Tony Murphy as nominated to the Fingal Coastal Liaison Group.

F/315/23 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor C. Boland, seconded by Councillor M. McCamley and **RESOLVED:**

"That in accordance with Standing Order No. 53, Questions numbered 3 to 15, be **ADOPTED.**"

F/316/23 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Traffic Light Sequencing for Speeding Traffic

F/317/23 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor P. Mulville - Homeless Family Hubs

- F/318/23** (Agenda Item No 5)
Councillor P. Mulville - Recreational and Hang-Out Space for Teenagers
- F/319/23** (Agenda Item No 6)
Councillor A. Donnelly - Tenant in Situ Information
- F/320/23** (Agenda Item No 7)
Councillor D. Butler - daa and Dublin Airport
- F/321/23** (Agenda Item No 8)
Councillor D. Butler - Projects and Benefits to Fingal Residents - Local Property Tax (LPT)
- F/322/23** (Agenda Item No 9)
Councillor A. Henchy - Data on the new North Runway at Dublin Airport
- F/323/23** (Agenda Item No 10)
Councillor JK Onwumereh - Request for Information for registration with the PPN
- F/324/23** (Agenda Item No 11)
Councillor B. Dennehy - Items being actively pursued by this Council's Planning Enforcement Section in relation to Dublin Airport
- F/325/23** (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor B. Dennehy - Sequencing of actions required to be carried out in relation to the new Residential Zoned Land Tax
- F/326/23** (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor B. Ryan - Removal from Housing List by reason of Income of Adult Children - years 2022 and year to date 2023
- F/327/23** (Agenda Item No 14)
Councillor C. Boland - DAA and Noise Monitoring
- F/328/23** (Agenda Item No 15)
Councillor B. Manton - Food Parks - Development Plan
- F/329/23** (Agenda Item No 16)
Report of Committees

**a Updated Strategic Policy Quarterly Report Climate Action,
Biodiversity Environment SPC June 2023**

The reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey, seconded by Councillor P. Rane and **RESOLVED**:

“That the recommendations contained in the amended quarterly report of the Climate Action, Biodiversity Environment Strategic Policy Committee are hereby **APPROVED**.”

**b Report of Corporate Policy Committee Meeting held on Wednesday
6th September 2023**

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

“That the recommendations contained in the report from Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on 6th September 2023, be **APPROVED**.”

**c Report of Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Area
Committee Services B Meeting held on Thursday 7th September 2023**

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

“That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B meeting held on 7th September 2023, are hereby **ADOPTED**.”

F/330/23 (Agenda Item No 17)

Financial Matters

a Fixing of Date for Consideration of Capital Programme

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

It was proposed by Councillor A. Henchy, seconded by Councillor. G. Maguire and **RESOLVED:**

“That in accordance with Section 135 of the Local Government Act 2001 the Council hereby resolves to consider the Three Year Capital Programme at the Meeting of the County Council to be held on the 9th October 2023.”

F/331/23 (Agenda Item No 18)

Proposed Disposal of Properties

a Proposed Disposal of Fee Simple Interest of Dwellings

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

“That the Fee Simple Interest referred to in the attached report be disposed of in accordance with the terms specified therein.”

F/332/23 (Agenda Item No 19)

Declaration of Roads

a Balgriffin to Belmayne Roundabout

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor A. Lavin, and **RESOLVED:**

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

F/333/23 (Agenda Item No 20)

Chief Executive's Report

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

The Mayor, Councillor. A. Henchy, advised the Members that two emergency motions had been received.

The first motion from Councillor A. Graves was ruled in order and would be heard 15 minutes before the end of the meeting.

The second motion from Councillor A. Graves was ruled out of order.

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

F/334/23 (Agenda Item No)

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

It was proposed by Councillor A. Lavin and seconded by Councillor K. Dennison to vary the order of business and to take Agenda Item 41 at this stage of the meeting and this was **AGREED** by the Members.

F/335/23 (Agenda Item No 41)

Councillor A. Graves - daa Intervening in the Planning Process

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

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

It was also **AGREED** that a copy of the letter submitted to the Mayor will be circulated to all the Members.

F/336/23 (Agenda Item No 21)

Mayor's Business - Councillor A. Henchy

a Councillor A. Henchy - New Location for RTE - Fingal

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

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

FOR: 14 FOURTEEN

AGAINST: 8 EIGHT

ABSTAIN: 1 ONE

FOR: Councillors Henchy, Adrian; Mulligan, Dean; Hanaphy, Breda; Maguire, Grainne; Power, Karen; Kitt, Tom; Lavin, Anthony; Guerin, Jimmy; Conroy, Pamela; Mahony, Howard; Butler, Darragh; Onwumereh, JK; Dennehy, Brian; Leddy, Ted.

AGAINST: Councillors Donnelly, Angela; Treacy, Natalie; Ryan, Brendan; Walsh, John; McCamley, Mary; O'Donoghue, Robert; McDonagh, Brian; Humphreys, James.

ABSTAIN: Councillor Burtchaell, John.

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

F/337/23 (Agenda Item No 22)

Conference Report

- a **Irish Council for Social Housing (ICSH) National Social Housing Conference 2023, supported by AIB - From Vision to Reality - Transforming Communities Through Placemaking with Social and Affordable Housing 18th & 19th October 2023 - Clayton Whites Hotel, Wexford**

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

F/338/23 (Agenda Item No 23)

Correspondence

- a **Letter from South Dublin County Council 12th June 2023 - Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty**

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

- b **Letter received from Leitrim County Council dated 7th July 2023 - Bus Éireann - Recruit Drivers**

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

- c Letter from Cork County Council dated 5th July 2023 - Letter to CEO., HSE., - Campaign to Raise Awareness - Lyme Disease**

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

- d Letter from Cork County Council dated 5th July 2023 - Letter to CEO., Coillte - Campaign to Raise Awareness - Lyme Disease**

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

- e Letter from Cork County Council on 24th July 2023 - To RSA - Reduce Waiting times for Driving Tests**

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

- f Letter from Cork County Council on 24th July 2023 - To Department of Transport - Reduce waiting times for driving tests**

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

- g Letter from Waterford City & County Council 27th July 2023 - Active Travel Funding**

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

F/339/23 (Agenda Item No 24)

Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

- a Letter dated 22nd June 2023 from Minister of State for Local Government and Planning re Item 37 - Need for legislated candidate gender quotas of 40% be introduced to apply to the Local Elections in 2024**

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

- b Acknowledgement received dated 10th July 2023 from Minister of State, Department of Public Expenditure - Remunicipalisation of Waste Collection**

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

c Email dated 27th July 2023 from the Office of the Department of Transport re Item 37 - Cllrs Hopkins & Mulville - Extension of Zebra Crossing Pilot Scheme February 2023 Council Meeting

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

MOTIONS - STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

F/340/23

(Agenda Item No 25)

Councillor K. Power - No "Mow May" Campaign

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

During the course of discussion, an amended motion was received from Cllr. K. Power. The amended motion was proposed by Cllr. K. Power and seconded by Cllr. I. Carey:

Amendment to Item 25:

Insert "in our green open spaces (excluding play pitches and allowing for trimming close to traffic junctions)"

Amended motion to read:

"That this Council adopt a "no mowing" policy in May going forward in our green open spaces (excluding play pitches and allowing for trimming close to traffic junctions) to bring the area into line with the national "No Mow May" campaign."

Follow discussion the amended motion was **AGREED**.

F/341/23

(Agenda Item No)

EMERGENCY MOTION

The following motion was proposed by Councillor A. Graves and seconded by Councillor N. Treacy:

"That Fingal County Council:

Stands in solidarity with FÓRSA members in Fingal County Council and other local authorities across the state as they commence industrial action to address issues around job evaluation and pay;

Supports their call for a formal job evaluation process to ensure workers jobs are properly graded and enumerated;

Calls on Minister for Housing Darragh O'Brien, the LGMA and the executive of Fingal County Council to return to negotiations with FÓRSA and to agree a mechanism for processing the job evaluation process."

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

The Meeting concluded at 8.01pm.

MAYOR _____

DATE _____