

**Comhairle Contae Fingal
Fingal County Council**

Minutes of Howth SAAO Management Committee

Wednesday, 21st June, 2023

Attendance/apologies

**Minutes of Meeting held Wednesday 21st June
2023 in Baldoyle Public Library**

Present: Philip O'Connor, Dougal Cousins, Edgar McLoughlin, Jacqueline Feeley, Mary O'Connor

David Healy, Joan Hopkins, Hans Visser, Gemma Carr, Fearghal McSweeney, Carol Hurley, Deirdre O'Farrell, David Daly

Apol.: Mary Tubridy, Nessa O'Brien, Mary Godwin, Ray Gilmore

SAAO/2 Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes of meeting of 15/03/23 proposed (by Jackie Feeley), seconded (by Dougal Cousins) and adopted. No matters arising.

SAAO/8 A.O.B:

- Renovation of pathway at Bellinghams may need Bord Pleanala approval. Hans to explore this further.
- Hans requested volunteers for stand at Maritime festival on the 2nd and 3rd September.

Minutes: David Daly

Signed:

Philip O'Connor, Chair, SAAO

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3 (Agenda Item No 2)

Confirmation/approval of Minutes of last meeting; matters arising

SAAO/3 Update on SAAO works being implemented by Fingal Co. Co.: Deirdre reported on ongoing rhododendron control works, drone footage will be collected to determine the spread of Rhododendron at the Summit area. Pigs have arrived at Red Rock for Bracken control, trial in one acre area and timelapse camera to check progress. Directional signage has been ordered including for the quarry, and will be installed once received. Recovery of Bog of Frog is going well and Mallard with ducklings was spotted earlier this month. Wall at Green hollows has been reinstated. Deirdre is willing to meet any volunteer group to teach how best to remove rhododendron

4 (Agenda Item No 3)

Update on SAAO works being implemented by Fingal Co. Co. (Hans Visser)

SAAO/4 Report from Conservation and Recreation Sub-Committee: Dougal read the report. Update sought on when fire report will be received - Hans to follow up. Biodiversity Plan for Howth Golf Course now finished and to be followed up: Mary Tubridy will do a presentation next mtg. Reports of a stand of trees cut down in Howth Golf Club or Deerpark. Report on enforcement was given by Fearghal McSweeney. Total goat numbers now 111, with 37 kids born. Counter machine at Balscadden being repaired. Deirdre to circulate count numbers. Philip wrote to Padraig O'Donnell and Minister O'Brien re NWPS rep on SAAO: now advised by NPWS to write directly to Mairéad Stack to participate in SAAO committee.

5 (Agenda Item No 4)

Report from the Conservation & Recreation sub-committee

SAAO/5 Report from Planning and Communications Sub Committee: Jackie read report. Committee had special mtg on comms strategy facilitated by Sinead Begley. Agreed to produce Terms of Ref for part-time contractor/volunteer to maintain SAAO online presence. Key target group is local community for raising awareness. Package to include website and social media, brochure, annual talk and set of guided walks which are to be funded from SAAO budget. Sinéad's report will be circulated when available. Updated Irish Language version of logo by Des Mullen presented and agreed. Photos of potential breach of planning permission presented. Fearghal advised that any such should be submitted via a Planning Enforcement Form.

6 (Agenda Item No 5)

Report from the Planning & Communications sub-committee

SAAO/6 Howth Pathways: Most issues covered earlier in C&R Sub-Cttee report.

7 (Agenda Item No 6)

Howth Pathways (Conn Redmond)

SAAO/7 Expenditure: one upcoming expenditure item: hay collecting Red Rock (c. €6-7000). This expenditure was approved

8 (Agenda Item No 8)

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The Meeting concluded at Time Not Specified

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Philip O'Connor