

**Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall  
Fingal County Council**

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday, 12th February, 2024 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  
Griffin, Michelle  
Graves, Ann  
Guerin, Jimmy  
Hanaphy, Breda  
Henchy, Adrian  
Humphreys, James  
Kitt, Tom  
Lavin, Anthony  
Leddy, Ted

**Councillors:**

Maguire, Grainne  
Mahony, Howard  
Manton, Brigid  
McCamley, Mary  
McDonagh, Brian  
Mulligan, Dean  
Mulville, Paul  
Murphy, Tony  
Newman, Joe  
O'Brien, Eoghan  
O'Donoghue, Robert  
O'Leary, Tom  
Onwumereh, JK  
O'Reilly, Steve  
Power, Karen  
Ryan, Brendan  
Shovlin, Siobhan  
Tormey, Aoibhinn  
Treacy, Natalie  
Walsh, John

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillor David Healy.

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 & Sports); Mary T Daly (Director of Services/Operations); Oliver Hunt (Head of Finance); Paul Carroll (Director of Housing Services and Community Development); Matthew McAleese (Director of Services Planning and Strategic Infrastructure); Aoife Sheridan (Senior Executive Officer); Nikki Halleran (A/Senior Executive Officer).

**F/35/24** (Agenda Item No )

### ANNOUNCEMENT

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

The Mayor and Members expressed their condolences on the passing of Shane O'Hanlon, Dublin GAA selector.

The Mayor and Members expressed their deepest condolences to Councillor John Walsh on the recent passing of his mother.

**F/36/24** (Agenda Item No 1)

### **Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16th January 2024**

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor H. Mahony, seconded by Councillor P. Conroy and **RESOLVED** –

“That the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024 be **ADOPTED.**”

**F/37/24** (Agenda Item No 2)

### **Nominations**

**a     Filling of casual vacancy on Fingal County Council following the resignation of Councillor Punam Rane**

The Mayor, Councillor A. Henchy, thanked Councillor P. Rane for her contribution and dedication over the past five years.

The report by the Chief Executive, setting out the required procedures, which had been circulated was READ.

The nomination of Steve O'Reilly to fill the casual vacancy was proposed by Councillor K. Dennison and seconded by Councillor T. Leddy.

In accordance with Section 19 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended, Steve O'Reilly was co-opted as a Member of Fingal County Council.

**b     Appointment of one Member to the Planning Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Development Strategic Policy Committee following the resignation of Councillor Punam Rane**

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

It was proposed by Councillor K. Dennison, seconded by Councillor. T. Leddy and **AGREED:**

"That Councillor Steve O'Reilly be appointed to the Planning Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Development Strategic Policy Committee."

**c     Appointment of one Member to Fingal Biodiversity Forum following the resignation of Councillor Punam Rane**

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

It was proposed by Councillor K. Dennison, seconded by Councillor. T. Leddy and **AGREED:**

"That Councillor Steve O'Reilly be appointed to the Fingal Biodiversity Forum."

**d     Appointment of one Member to Hansfield Strategic Development Zone Steering Group following the resignation of Councillor Punam Rane**

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

It was proposed by Councillor K. Dennison, seconded by Councillor. T. Leddy and **AGREED**:

"That Councillor Steve O'Reilly be appointed to the Hansfield Strategic Development Zone Steering Group."

**e     Appointment of one Member to the Sports Partnership Committee following the resignation of Councillor Punam Rane**

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

It was proposed by Councillor K. Dennison, seconded by Councillor. T. Leddy and **AGREED**:

"That Councillor Steve O'Reilly be appointed to the Sports Partnership Committee."

**f     Appointment of one Member to Base Enterprise Centre following the resignation of Councillor Punam Rane**

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

It was proposed by Councillor K. Dennison, seconded by Councillor. T. Leddy and **AGREED**:

"That Councillor Steve O'Reilly be appointed to the Base Enterprise Centre."

**g     Nomination of one Member to Membership of Beaumont Hospital Board following the resignation of Councillor Punam Rane**

It was **AGREED** to defer this item to the March meeting.

**F/38/24**            (Agenda Item No )

### **QUESTIONS**

It was proposed by Councillor M. McCamley, seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien and **RESOLVED**:

"That in accordance with Standing Order No. 51, Questions numbered 3 to 16 be **ADOPTED**."

- F/39/24** (Agenda Item No 3)  
**Councillor H. Mahony - Funding for The Arts**
- F/40/24** (Agenda Item No 4)  
**Councillor S. Shovlin - Public Participation Network (PPN) Registration**
- F/41/24** (Agenda Item No 5)  
**Councillor J. Hopkins - Notice of Enquiry - Vacant and Derelict Buildings**
- F/42/24** (Agenda Item No 6)  
**Councillor D. Healy - Online systems available for reporting issues to this Council**
- F/43/24** (Agenda Item No 7)  
**Councillor B. Manton - Audit of Tenancies in Social Housing**
- F/44/24** (Agenda Item No 8)  
**Councillor B. Manton - Bridging loans for housing energy retrofit**
- F/45/24** (Agenda Item No 9)  
**Councillor T. Murphy - Agreeing specific specification of Speed ramps**
- F/46/24** (Agenda Item No 10)  
**Councillor B. Ryan - daa - Complaints - Aircraft Noise**
- F/47/24** (Agenda Item No 11)  
**Councillor A. Graves - Planned Housing Provisions by this Council over the next three years**
- F/48/24** (Agenda Item No 12)  
**Councillor A. Graves - Schemes being considered to deliver accommodation specifically for older people**
- F/49/24** (Agenda Item No 13)  
**Councillor N. Treacy - Report on Process for Residents downsizing from 4 and 3 bed to 2 and 1 bed properties**
- F/50/24** (Agenda Item No 14)  
**Councillor P. Mulville - Report of the Inter Departmental Group on National Coastal Change Management Strategy**

**F/51/24** (Agenda Item No 15)

**Councillor A. Henchy - Update on the uptake of Housing Support Schemes from the Department of Housing**

**F/52/24** (Agenda Item No 16)

**Councillor K. Dennison - Postage costs by this Council, Draíocht Arts Centre and Seamus Ennis Centre**

**F/53/24** (Agenda Item No 17)

**Report of Committees**

**a** **Report of Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 1st February 2024**

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor T. Kitt, seconded by Councillor M. McCamley and **RESOLVED:**

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B meeting held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024, are hereby **ADOPTED**."

**b** **Report of Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on Tuesday 6th February 2024**

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor R. O'Donoghue and **RESOLVED:**

"That the recommendations contained in the report from Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024, be **APPROVED**."

**c** **Report of Howth Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 7th February 2024**

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Howth Malahide Services (B) meeting held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024 are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

**d      Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 8th February 2024**

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor T. Murphy, seconded by Councillor I. Carey and **RESOLVED:**

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services (B) Meeting held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

**F/54/24              (Agenda Item No 18)**  
**Financial Matters**

It was noted there was no business on this item.

**F/55/24              (Agenda Item No 19)**  
**Proposed Disposal of Properties**

**a      Notice of Proposed disposal of Lands at Stephenstown Industrial Estate to Hannon Pharma Link Warehousing**

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor T. Murphy and seconded by Councillor G. Maguire and **RESOLVED:**

"That lands at Stephenstown Industrial Estate, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024, be disposed of to Hannon Pharma Link Warehousing, in accordance with the terms specified therein."

**F/56/24              (Agenda Item No 20)**  
**Declarations of Roads**

**a      Barnageeragh Cove, Skerries, Co Dublin**

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

**b     Vauxhall Street, Balbriggan, Co Dublin**

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

**c     Drynam Hall, Kinsealy, Co Dublin**

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

**F/57/24**            (Agenda Item No 21)

**LADP/011/23 - Proposed development of 18 no. dwellings and associated site works at Rathmore Road, Lusk, Co. Dublin. Notice of Intention to undertake development by a Local Authority (Fingal County Council) under Section 179A Of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended)**

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

**F/58/24**            (Agenda Item No 22)

**Part 8 of the PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (as amended). Proposed development of Public Playground at Laurel Lodge Park, Castleknock, Dublin 15**

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor P. Conroy, seconded by Councillor J. Walsh, and **AGREED**.

**F/59/24** (Agenda Item No 23)

**Part 8 of the PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (as amended). Proposed improvements to Corduff Park, Dublin 15**

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor M. McCamley, seconded by Councillor B. Hanaphy, and **AGREED**.

**F/60/24** (Agenda Item No 24)

**Proposed Amendments to the Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) (County of Fingal) Bye-Laws 2020 - Damastown Way, Dublin 15**

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 **AGREED**:

Fingal County Council, in exercise with the powers conferred on it by Section 9 of the Road Traffic Act 2004 (No. 44 of 2004), as amended by Section 6 of the Road Traffic Act 2010 (No. 25 of 2010), and Section 2 of the Road Traffic Act 2016 (No. 21 of 2016) and following consultation with An Garda Síochána, makes the following Special Speed Limit Bye-Law 2024.

***Reduction of Speed Limit from 60kmph to 50kmph at Damastown Way, Dublin 15***

**F/61/24** (Agenda Item No 25)

**Draft Climate Action Plan 2024 - 2029**

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

The Mayor Councillor A. Henchy advised the Members that two motions were received, it was **AGREED** to take the motions at this time.

The following motion in the name of Councillor A. Tormey was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey and seconded by Councillor T. O'Leary:

"That Fingal County Council liaises with the Office of Public Works to set up a means to facilitate regular engagement between the OPW, councillors, and council officials about flood risk and defence."

**Report:**

If this motion is passed it will be forwarded to the OPW. However, it should be noted that the OPW are undertaking a review of their Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment for the state and this process presents an opportunity for the members to engage with the OPW regarding flooding risk in Fingal.

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

The following motion in the name of Councillor I. Carey was proposed by Councillor I. Carey and seconded by Councillor P. Conroy:

"To include an action for transport-related emissions as follows:

**Action:** Publish in annual progress reports of the LACAP, any publicly available figures relating to Dublin Airport emissions, and invite the daa to provide progress updates and plans to meet the national carbon neutrality objective.

**Indicator:** figures published annually

**Action Holder:** ECAAT **Timeframe:** Annually"

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

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

"That the Climate Action Plan 2024 – 2029 is hereby **ADOPTED**."

**F/62/24** (Agenda Item No 26)

**Presentation on 2023 Architectural Conservation Grants**

A presentation was given to the Members by Helena Bergin, Senior Executive Architectural Conservation Officer. Following discussion, the report was **NOTED**.

**F/63/24** (Agenda Item No 27)

**Draft Economic Development Strategy**

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. A presentation was given to the Members by Mr. Andrew Webb from Grant Thornton.

The Mayor Councillor A. Henchy advised the Members that two motions were received.

The following motion in the name of Councillor I. Carey was proposed by Councillor I. Carey and seconded by Councillor P. Conroy:

“Under Objective 1 – Sustainable Fingal, the draft Economic Development Strategy be amended to include the following Action –

*Action 1.1.5*

*To monitor and identify economic forecasts or trends which may impact the local economy and work proactively with relevant Agencies and Stakeholders in the development of just transition planning within the Fingal economy that minimises the impact of the move towards a carbon-neutral economy on businesses and communities.”*

**Report:**

The motion proposes to include an Action that is consistent with the objectives of the draft Economic Development Strategy.  
It is in order that the Motion be agreed.

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

The following motion in the name of Councillor B. McDonagh was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh and seconded by Councillor D. Mulligan:

“That the Draft Fingal Economic Development Strategy be amended at Objective 5.5 text by inserting "and sustainable " after Balanced and "with due regard to the health and wellbeing of Fingal residents in line with scientific evidence from the WHO in relation to the impact of aircraft noise on human health ".

Resulting in

*Objective 5.5 Dublin Airport Support the balanced and sustainable development of Dublin Airport, in line with the National Aviation Policy, County Development Plan, Local Area Plan, and other applicable legislation and permissions.*

Changing to

*Objective 5.5 Dublin Airport Support the balanced and sustainable development of Dublin Airport, in line with the National Aviation Policy, County Development Plan, Local Area Plan, and other applicable legislation and permissions and with due regard to the health and wellbeing of Fingal residents in line with scientific evidence from the WHO in relation to the impact of aircraft noise on human health."*

### **Report:**

The insertion of the word "sustainable" is acceptable however much of what is proposed goes further than the National, Regional and County Development Plan Policy and is therefore beyond the remit of the Strategy.

It is proposed that the following more limited amendment would be in line with these policies, would be acceptable and in order that the following be agreed –

To insert the words "and sustainable" after the word balanced and "and "with due regard to the health and wellbeing of Fingal residents" after the words "applicable legislation and permissions" to read as follows –

*"Objective 5.5 Dublin Airport Support the balanced **and sustainable** development of Dublin Airport, in line with the National Aviation Policy, County Development Plan, Local Area Plan, and other applicable legislation and permissions **and with due regard to the health and wellbeing of Fingal residents.**"*

Following discussion, Councillor B. McDonagh **ACCEPTED** the report.

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

"That the Economic Development Strategy is hereby **ADOPTED.**"

**F/64/24** (Agenda Item No 28)

**Draft Strategic Policy Committee Annual Policy Programme 2024**

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor A. Henchy, seconded by Councillor G. Maguire and **RESOLVED**:

“That the Strategic Policy Committee Annual Policy Programme 2024 is hereby **ADOPTED**.”

**F/65/24** (Agenda Item No 29)

### **St. Patrick's Day Events**

A presentation was given to the Members by Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer. Following discussion, the report was **NOTED**.

**F/66/24** (Agenda Item No 30)

### **Chief Executive's Report**

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

During discussions on this item it was **AGREED** to extend the meeting to conclude Item 30 and take Items 33 and 34.

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

**F/67/24** (Agenda Item No 32)

### **Conference Report**

It was noted there was no business on this item.

**F/68/24** (Agenda Item No 33)

### **Correspondence**

a **Letter from Limerick City and Council dated 12th December 2024 - Wind Energy Development**

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

- b     Letter from Limerick and City Council dated 18th December 2023 - Resolution - Joint Policing Committee - Proposal to disband dedicated Community Policing**

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

- c     Letter from Offaly County Council dated 20th December 2023 Resolution - State Lands - Renewable Energy Projects**

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

- d     Letter from Mayo County Council dated 16th January 2024 - Resolution - Co-ordinate the provision of additional services for the communities hosting refugees and international protection applicants**

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

- e     Letter from Carlow County Council dated 22nd January 2024 - Work done by Sports Clubs in non-clár areas - Car parks**

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

- f     Letter from Sligo County Council dated 30th January 2024 - Resolution - Introduce effective laws to prosecute those who wilfully break the law on bicycles, electric bicycles and electric scooters**

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

- g     Letter from Wexford County Council dated 24th January 2024 re - The Enactment of the Control of Economic Activity (Occupied Territories) Bill 2018 and the illegal Israeli Settlements Divestment Bill 2023**

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

**F/69/24                      (Agenda Item No 34)**

**Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence**

- a     Email of acknowledgement from Minister Ryan's Office re Item 47 Cllr B Manton - Hospital Access by Public Transport (December 2023 Council Meeting)**

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

**b     Letter dated 23rd January 2024 from Office of the Taoiseach re Item 33 - Cllr A. Graves - Moore Street Area - November 2022 Council Meeting**

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

**MOTIONS - STATUTORY FUNCTIONS**

**F/70/24**            (Agenda Item No 41)

**Councillor P. Mulville - Age appropriate recreational and hang-out space for teenagers - The Space for Play**

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

The report was **ACCEPTED**.

**F/71/24**            (Agenda Item No 42)

**Councillor T. Leddy - Installation of Salt/Grit Bins within Housing Estates**

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

The report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Meeting concluded at 8.15pm.

MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_