

**Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council**

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday, 9th September, 2024 in the Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords, at 5.00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors:

Boland, Cathal
Burtchaell, John
Butler, Darragh
Carbone-Mangan, Eimear
Corkery, Luke
Dennison, Kieran
Dockrell, Eoghan
Donnelly, Angela
Doyle, Tania
O'Leary, Tom
Guerin, Jimmy
Hanaphy, Breda
Haughey, Cathal
Healy, David
Humphreys, James
Johnston, Corina
Kelly, Darren Jack
Kitt, Tom
Leddy, Ted

Councillors:

Maguire, Grainne
McCamley, Mary
McDonagh, Brian
Mulville, Paul
Murphy, Tony
Newman, Joe
O'Brien, Eoghan
O'Donoghue, Robert
Onwumereh, JK
Quinlan, Patrick
Quinn, Malachy
Ryan, Brendan
Sheehan, Gerard
Troy, Ellen
Walsh, John

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillors Ruth Coppinger, and Dean Mulligan.

The Mayor, Councillor B. McDonagh 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); Roisin Burke (Senior Planner); Liz Hartigan (Administrative Officer).

ANNOUNCEMENT

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

The Mayor informed the Members one Emergency Motion was received and was ruled out of order.

F/343/24 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 8th July 2024

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 8th July 2024 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor J. Newman, seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien and **RESOLVED –**

“That the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 8th July 2024 be **ADOPTED.**”

F/344/24 (Agenda Item No 2)

Nominations

a Filling of Casual vacancy on Fingal County Council following the resignation of Councillor Marian Buckley

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

The nomination of Ann Graves to fill the casual vacancy was proposed by Councillor A. Donnelly and seconded by Councillor M. Quinn.

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

F/345/24 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh, seconded by Councillor M. McCamley and
RESOLVED:

"That in accordance with Standing Order No. 51, Questions numbered 3 to 18 be
ADOPTED."

F/346/24 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor C. Boland - Wastewater Treatment Capacity

F/347/24 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Vacant and Derelict Register

F/348/24 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Short Let Rentals

F/349/24 (Agenda Item No 6)

**Councillor JK Onwumereh - Unacceptable level of littering on Fingal
Beaches**

F/350/24 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor D. Butler - Council owned Public Swimming Pools

F/351/24 (Agenda Item No 8)

**Councillors D. Butler, D. Mulligan, J. Newman - Feeding of Seagulls - Litter
Act**

F/352/24 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor P. Quinlan - Fingal County Council's Social Housing Waiting list

F/353/24 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor P. Mulville - Coastal flood/Erosion Protection Measures

F/354/24 (Agenda Item No 11)
Councillor T. Doyle - Funding to Support the Resourcing of Dog Warden Services from 2025

F/355/24 (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor T. Doyle - Mechanically Propelled Vehicles Weight Limitations - Residential Estates

F/356/24 (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor M. Quinn - Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Facilities

F/357/24 (Agenda Item No 14)
Councillor B. Ryan - Amount of Money Spent on Consultancy Fees

F/358/24 (Agenda Item No 15)
Councillor A. Donnelly - Information on Airbnb Lets in Fingal

F/359/24 (Agenda Item No 16)
Councillor C. Johnston - Derelict Sites Register

F/360/24 (Agenda Item No 17)
Councillor D. Healy - Ensuring a High Level of Service for People Walking and Cycling in Traffic Light Signalisation

F/361/24 (Agenda Item No 18)
Councillor J. Walsh - Derelict and Vacant Homes

F/362/24 (Agenda Item No 19)
Report of Committees

F/363/24 (Agenda Item No 19a)
Report of Special Corporate Policy Committee (CPG) Meeting held on Tuesday 27th August 2024

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report from Special Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on Tuesday 27th August 2024, be **APPROVED**."

F/364/24 (Agenda Item No 19b)

Report of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) Meeting held on Monday 2nd September 2024

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report from Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on Monday 2nd September 2024, be **APPROVED**."

F/365/24 (Agenda Item No 19c)

Report of Howth/Malahide (Services B) Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 4th September 2024

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Howth Malahide Services (B) meeting held on Wednesday 4th September 2024 are hereby **ADOPTED**."

F/366/24 (Agenda Item No 19d)

Report of Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar (Services B) Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 5th September 2024

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B meeting held on Thursday 5th September 2024, are hereby **ADOPTED**."

F/367/24 (Agenda Item No 20)

Financial Matters

It was noted there was no business on this item.

F/368/24 (Agenda Item No 21)

Proposed Disposal of Properties

a **Notice of Proposed Grant of Wayleave and temporary works licence for Finglas to Fieldstown Cable Route, Coldwinters, Dublin 11 to Eirgrid**

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor J. Newman and seconded by Councillor T. O'Leary and **RESOLVED**:

"That the grant of wayleave and temporary works licence at Coldwinters, Dublin 11, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 12th August 2024, be granted to Eirgrid, in accordance with the terms specified therein."

b **Notice of Proposed Disposal of land at Old Reservoir Site, The Hill, Malahide, Co. Dublin to Prosper Fingal**

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

"That lands at Old Reservoir Site, The Hill, Malahide, Co. Dublin, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 28th August 2024, be disposed of to Prosper Fingal, in accordance with the terms specified therein."

c **Fee Simple Proposed Disposals**

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

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

F/369/24 (Agenda Item No 22)

Declarations of Roads

It was noted there was no business on this item.

F/370/24 (Agenda Item No 23)

Terms of Reference of the Our Balbriggan Leadership Committee

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

It was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor JK. Onwumereh and **AGREED**.

That the updated Terms of Reference set out in the foregoing report is hereby **APPROVED**.

F/371/24 (Agenda Item No 24)

Report on Balleally Landfill Liaison Committee

David Storey, Director of Services provided a verbal report:

"The Council will provide a quarterly update on the Balleally landfill at the Marine & Coastal SPC. The report will also be circulated to all Councillors in Rush/Lusk/Donabate Electoral Area."

Following discussion the verbal report was **AGREED**.

F/372/24 (Agenda Item No 25)

Draft Strategic Policy Committees Scheme 2024-2029

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

The following amendment was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey and seconded by Councillor T. O'Leary:

"That the SPC scheme is amended to include 7 elected members on the Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC."

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

The following amendment was proposed by Councillor J. Burtchaell and seconded by Councillor B. McDonagh:

"That the SPC scheme is amended to include 8 elected members on the Housing SPC as was the case in the previous council term."

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

Following further discussion, it was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor M. McCamley and **RESOLVED**:

"That the **Strategic Policy Committees Scheme 2024-2029** as amended be **ADOPTED**."

F/373/24 (Agenda Item No 26)

Chief Executive's Report

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

F/374/24 (Agenda Item No 27)

Mayor's Business - Councillor B. McDonagh

a Councillor B. McDonagh - Condemnation of Racism

The motion, in the name of Councillor B. McDonagh was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh and seconded by Councillor J. Walsh.

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

F/375/24 (Agenda Item No 28)

Conference Report

a AILG Elected Member September to November 2024 Training Programme

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

- b** **AILG - UCC Climate Crisis and Local Government Course for Councillors open for Enrolment - Certificate in Continuing Professional Development in Climate Crisis and Local Government in partnership with the University College Cork. Deadline for applications is the 9th September 2024**

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

- c** **The Irish Council for Social Housing Finance and Development Conference 2024, 16th-17th October, 2024, Radisson Blu Hotel, Sligo**

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

- d** **Decarbonising Dublin Summit Thursday 14th November 2024, Camden Court Hotel, Dublin City Centre**

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

F/376/24 (Agenda Item No 29)

Correspondence

- a** **Email from R. Begley, Regulatory & Administration Executive, Transport Infrastructure Ireland dated 3rd July 2024 re Item 44 - Cllr J. Walsh - Impact of Noise from M50 Motorway**

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

- b** **Email from Wexford County Council dated 9th July - re Motion - Adopt a zero tolerance approach towards gender based violence**

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

- c** **Email from the Chengdu Municipal Foreign Affairs Office, Sichuan Province, P.R. China dated 17th July 2024 Re- 2024 Chengdu Horticulture Expo - 10th Anniversary of the sister cities between Chengdu and Fingal**

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

d Email from National Transport Authority dated 26th August 2024 - re Item 47 Cllr B Manton - Hospital Access by Public Transport

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

e Email from Uisce Éireann dated 27th August 2024 re- Motion Item 39 Cllr D Mulligan - Water Outage due to Trunk Main Connection 26th February 2023

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

**F/377/24 (Agenda Item No 30)
 Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence**

It was noted there was no business on this item.

MOTIONS

**F/378/24 (Agenda Item No 31)
 Councillor C. Boland - Breaches of Planning Permission - daa**

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

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

**F/379/24 (Agenda Item No 32)
 Councillor M. Quinn - Terms of Reference of the Our Balbriggan Leadership Committee**

Councillor M. Quinn withdrew the motion.

**F/380/24 (Agenda Item No 33)
 Councillor A. Tormey - Council's Approach to Managing Graffiti**

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

During discussions, it was **AGREED** that this matter will be reviewed by the relevant SPC.

Following further discussions, the report was **NOTED**.

F/381/24 (Agenda Item No 34)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Survey of Cycles lane - Five years or older

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

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

F/382/24 (Agenda Item No 35)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Swimming Pools for Fingal

It was **AGREED** to extend the meeting to conclude item 35.

The motion, in the name of Councillor J. Humphreys was proposed by Councillor J. Humphreys and seconded by Councillor J. Walsh.

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

F/383/24 (Agenda Item No 39)

Councillor J. Newman - Fairness and Transparency of the Housing Appeals Procedure

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

The report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Meeting concluded at 8.05p.m.

MAYOR _____

DATE _____