

**Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council**

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday, 13th January, 2025 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
Guerin, Jimmy
Hanaphy, Breda
Haughey, Cathal
Healy, David
Hopkins, Joan
Humphreys, James
Humphreys, Kevin
Johnston, Corina
Kitt, Tom
Leddy, Ted
Maguire, Grainne

Councillors:

McCamley, Mary
McDonagh, Brian
Mulligan, Dean
Murphy, Tony
Newman, Joe
O'Brien, Eoghan
O'Leary, Tom
Onwumereh, JK
Quinlan, Patrick
Quinn, Malachy
Ryan, Brendan
Sheehan, Gerard
Shovlin, Siobhan
Smyth, John
Troy, Ellen
Walsh, John

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillors Darren Jack Kelly and Paul Mulville.

The Mayor, Councillor Brian 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); Oliver Hunt (Head of Finance); Matthew McAleese (Director of Services Planning and Strategic Infrastructure); Paul Carroll (Director of Housing Services and Community Development); Mary T Daly (Director of Services/Operations); David Storey (Director of Services/Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports); Fionnuala May, (County Architect); Nikki Halleran (A/Senior Executive Officer); Helena Bergin (Conservation Officer).

F/1/25 (Agenda Item No)

MINUTES SILENCE

The Mayor, Councillor B. McDonagh expressed his condolences to Councillor T. Doyle on the recent passing of her husband.

It was agreed to hold a minute's silence.

F/2/25 (Agenda Item No)

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, Councillor B. McDonagh invited the newly co-opted members Councillor John Smyth and Councillor Kevin Humphreys to speak.

F/3/25 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes

a Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 9th December 2024

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 9th December 2024 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor M. McCamley, seconded by Councillor J. Humphreys and **RESOLVED –**

“That the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 9th December 2024 be **ADOPTED.**”

b Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on Wednesday 18th December 2024

Minutes of the Special County Council Meeting held on Wednesday 18th December 2024 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor D. Mulligan and **RESOLVED –**

“That the minutes of the Special County Council Meeting held on Wednesday 18th December 2024 be **ADOPTED.**”

F/4/25 (Agenda Item No 2)

Nominations

a Appointment of Members to the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor (DBEC) Political Advisory Board

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

It was proposed by Councillor K. Dennison, seconded by Councillor M. McCamley:

“That Councillor Tom O’Leary be appointed as a member to the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor (DBEC) Political Advisory Board.”

b Appointment of one Member to Fingal Coastal Liaison Group following the election of Robert O'Donoghue to the 34th Dáil November 2024

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

It was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh and seconded by Councillor J. Guerin:

"That Councillor Kevin Humphreys be appointed as a member of the Fingal Coastal Liaison Group".

c Appointment of one Member to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC) following the election of Robert O'Donoghue to the 34th Dáil November 2024

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

It was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh, seconded by Councillor J. Humphreys:

"That Councillor Brendan Ryan be appointed as a member to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC)."

d Appointment of one Member to the North Dublin Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force following the election of Robert O'Donoghue to the 34th Dáil November 2024

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

It was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor J. Walsh:

"That Councillor Kevin Humphreys be appointed as a member to the North Dublin Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force."

e Appointment of one Member to the Planning, Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee following the election of Ann Graves to the 34th Dáil November 2024

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

It was proposed by Councillor M. Quinn, seconded by Councillor J. Newman:

"That Councillor John Smyth be appointed as a member to the Planning, Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee."

F/5/25 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor k. Dennison and **RESOLVED:**

"That in accordance with Standing Order No. 51, Questions numbered 3 to 13 be **ADOPTED.**"

F/6/25 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor C. Boland - Capital Funding Allocation

F/7/25 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor JK. Onwumereh - Clearance of Leaves

F/8/25 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor L. Corkery - Licence for Summer Concerts 2025

F/9/25 (Agenda Item No 6)

**Councillor P. Mulville - Translation Services for Members of the Public
accessing Council Services**

F/10/25 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor P. Mulville - Playgrounds not yet Taken-in-Charge

F/11/25 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor T. Murphy - Enforcement Notices

F/12/25 (Agenda Item No 9)

**Councillor J. Hopkins - Planning Permission for Developments that have not
yet commenced**

F/13/25 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor B. Ryan - Four Bed Dwellings - Social Housing Stock during 2025

F/14/25 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor B. Ryan - Social Houses - Energy Retrofit during 2025

F/15/25 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor T. O'Leary - Tenant in-situ Home Purchase Scheme

F/16/25 (Agenda Item No 13)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Bike Share

F/17/25 (Agenda Item No 14)

Report of Committees

a Report of Organisation, Procedure and Finance (OP&F) Committee Meeting dated 9th December 2024

The reports by the Organisation, Procedure and Finance (OP&F) Committee Meeting dated 9th December 2024 which had been circulated were **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

b Report of Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Meetings

The reports by the Strategic Policy Committee Chairpersons which had been circulated were **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

c Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords (Services B) Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 12th December 2024

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services (B) Meeting held on Thursday 12th December 2024, are hereby **ADOPTED**."

F/18/25 (Agenda Item No 15)

Financial Matters

a 2023 Annual Financial Statements and Audit Report

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

b Audit Committee Report

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

F/19/25 (Agenda Item No 16)

Proposed Disposal of Properties

a Notice of proposed disposal of land to the rear of No. 39 Flemington Park, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin to Derek Murphy

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 to the rear of No. 39 Flemington Park, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 13th December 2024, be disposed of to Derek Murphy in accordance with the terms specified therein.”

b Notice of proposed disposal of land adjacent to 37 Flemington Park, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin to Patrick & Maria Goulding

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 adjacent to 37 Flemington Park, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 13th December 2024, be disposed of to Patrick & Maria Goulding in accordance with the terms specified therein.”

c Notice of proposed disposal of land at Eagan's Field, Donabate, Co. Dublin to Sunniva Clegg

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor E. Dockrell and seconded by Councillor C. Johnston and **RESOLVED**:

"That lands at Eagan's Field, Donabate, Co. Dublin, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 13th December 2024, be disposed of to Sunniva Clegg in accordance with the terms specified therein."

F/20/25 (Agenda Item No 17)

Declarations of Roads

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this Item.

F/21/25 (Agenda Item No 18)

2024 Conservation Grants

A presentation was provided to the Members by Helena Bergin, Conservation Officer, Architects Department. Helena introduced the Members to Ms Bronagh Lanigan, Conservation Officer who commenced recently.

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

F/22/25 (Agenda Item No 19)

Draft Annual Service Delivery Plan

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

"In accordance with Section 134a of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended, the Annual Service Delivery Plan 2025 as recommended by the Chief Executive is hereby **ADOPTED**."

F/23/25 (Agenda Item No 20)

Chief Executive's Report

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

F/24/25 (Agenda Item No 21)

Mayor's Business - Councillor B. McDonagh

a Councillor B. McDonagh - Public Procurement

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

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

F/25/25 (Agenda Item No 22)

Conference Report

a LAMA Spring Seminar 30th & 31st January 2025 Kilford Arms Hotel, Co. Kilkenny

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

F/26/25 (Agenda Item No 23)

Correspondence

a Email dated 17th December 2024 from Donegal County Council re - The Restoration or Creation of Town Councils

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

b Email dated 17th December 2024 from Donegal County Council re - Rainwater Harvesting

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

c Email dated 19th December 2024 from ESB Networks re Item 41 Cllr G Sheehan - Reconnection of Houses to the Electricity Supply

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

F/27/25 (Agenda Item No 24)

Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this item.

MOTIONS - STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

F/28/25 (Agenda Item No 25)

Councillor C. Boland - Number of Planning Applications lodged by the daa since September 2022

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

Following a discussion, the report was **ACCEPTED**.

F/29/25 (Agenda Item No 26)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Random Sampling of Completed Projects Reviewed

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

Following a discussion, the report was **ACCEPTED**.

F/30/25 (Agenda Item No 27)

Councillor E. O'Brien - Community Warden

The motion, in the name of Councillor E. O'Brien was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien and seconded by Councillor B. McDonagh.

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

F/31/25 (Agenda Item No 28)

Councillor JK. Onwumereh - Lifeguards on Fingal Beaches Summer 2025

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

Following a discussion, the report was **ACCEPTED**.

F/32/25 (Agenda Item No 29)

Councillor P. Quinlan - Thornton Hall Direct Provision Site

The motion, in the name of Councillor P. Quinlan was proposed by Councillor P. Quinlan.

As the motion was not seconded, the motion was not put to the Council.

F/33/25 (Agenda Item No 30)
Councillor A. Tormey - Review Fingal Citizen Charter

It was agreed to defer this item.

F/34/25 (Agenda Item No 31)
Councillor L. Corkery - Autism Friendly County Strategy

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

During the course of discussions, an amended motion was received from Councillor L. Corkery. The amended motion was proposed by Councillor L. Corkery, seconded by Councillor T. O'Leary and **AGREED**.

Amended motion to read:

"That the Chief Executive initiate the development of an 'Autism and Neurodiversity County Strategy', supported by a steering committee and led by autistic and neurodivergent people, their families, carers, and service professionals."

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

F/35/25 (Agenda Item No 32)
Councillor J. Hopkins - Council events to be made as accessible as possible for Neurodiverse members of our Community

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

Following a discussion, the report was **ACCEPTED**.

F/36/25 (Agenda Item No 33)
Councillor A. Donnelly - Pilot Project in a Regional Park

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

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Following discussions, the Mayor Councillor B. McDonagh called for a 3minute recess.

The Mayor Councillor B. McDonagh, instructed that a roll call vote be taken and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

FOR :	18	EIGHTEEN
AGAINST:	10	TEN
ABSTAIN:	0	ZERO

FOR: Councillors Luke Corkery, Eoghan Dockrell, Angela Donnelly, Breda Hanaphy, Joan Hopkins, Corina Johnston, Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, Mary McCamley, Dean Mulligan, Joe Newman, Tom O'Leary, Malachy Quinn, Brendan Ryan, Gerard Sheehan, John Smyth, Ellen Troy, John Walsh.

AGAINST: Councillors Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Kieran Dennison, Cathal Haughey, David Healy, James Humphreys, Tom Kitt, Brian McDonagh, Tony Murphy, Eoghan O'Brien

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

F/37/25 (Agenda Item No 34)

Councillor D. Butler, Councillor J. Smyth, Councillor D.J. Kelly - Swords Tidy Towns - Gold Medal

The motion, in the names of Councillors D. Butler, J. Smyth, D.J. Kelly was proposed by Councillor D. Butler and seconded by Councillor J. Newman.

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

F/38/25 (Agenda Item No 35)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Bus Shelters

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

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

MOTIONS - NON-STATUTORY
VARY THE ORDER OF BUISNESS

It was **AGREED** to vary the order of business and take Item 37 before Item 36.

F/39/25 (Agenda Item No 37)

**Councillor M. McCamley - The Purchase or Compulsory Purchase Order
(CPO) of land**

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

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

F/40/25 (Agenda Item No 36)

Councillor J. Walsh - Accessibility at Train Stations

It was **AGREED** to extend the meeting to conclude Item 36.

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

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

F/41/25 (Agenda Item No 38)

**Councillor M. Quinn - Regulatory Authority to oversee the provision of care
by Home Care Companies**

It was **AGREED** to defer this item.

The Meeting concluded at 8.02 p.m.

MAYOR _____

DATE _____