

**Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council**

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday, 10th February, 2025 in the Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords, at 5.00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors:

Burtchaell, John
Butler, Darragh
Carbone-Mangan, Eimear
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

Councillors:

McDonagh, Brian
Mulligan, Dean
Murphy, Tony
O'Brien, Eoghan
O'Leary, Tom
Quinlan, Patrick
Quinn, Malachy
Ryan, Brendan
Sheehan, Gerard
Shovlin, Siobhan
Smyth, John
Tormey, Aoibhinn
Troy, Ellen
Walsh, John

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillors Luke Corkery, Tania Doyle, Darren Jack Kelly, Grainne Maguire, Mary McCamley, Paul Mulville, Joe Newman and JK Onwumereh.

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); Ciara O hAodha (Senior Executive Officer); Patricia Cadogan, (Senior Planner); Paul Barnes (Event Manager); Sarah O'Neill (County Arts Officer); Caroline Cowley (Public Arts Co-ordinator).

F/42/25 (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.

F/43/25 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 13th January 2025

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 13th January 2025 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor K. Humphreys, seconded by Councillor J. Walsh and **RESOLVED** –

“That the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 13th January 2025 be **ADOPTED.**”

F/44/25 (Agenda Item No 2)

Nominations

- a **Appointment of one Member to the Chair of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee 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 K. Humphreys and **AGREED.**

"That Councillor Brendan Ryan be appointed as Chair to the Housing Strategic Policy Committee."

Councillor B. Ryan address the members and thanked them for supporting his nomination. Councillor B. Ryan expressed that the Housing SPC was his first preference and looks forward to chairing the SPC.

F/45/25 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

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

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

F/46/25 (Agenda Item No 3)
Councillor C. Boland - Graveyard Maintenance

F/47/25 (Agenda Item No 4)
Councillor S. Shovlin - Close Circuit Television (CCTV) in Communities

F/48/25 (Agenda Item No 5)
Councillor J. Smyth - Gaming and Lotteries Act 1953 Part III

F/49/25 (Agenda Item No 6)
Councillor P. Quinlan - Air to Water Heat Pumps

F/50/25 (Agenda Item No 7)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Coastal Erosion on our Coastlines

F/51/25 (Agenda Item No 8)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Community Infrastructure Audit

F/52/25 (Agenda Item No 9)
Councillor D. Butler - Dublin Airport Breaches Update

F/53/25 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor B. Ryan - Certification of Exemptions to own XL Bully Dogs

F/54/25 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor B. Ryan - Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Applications

F/55/25 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor C. Johnston - Governance of Community Centres

F/56/25 (Agenda Item No 13)

Councillor C. Johnston - Breastfeeding Friendly Fingal Strategy

F/57/25 (Agenda Item No 14)

Councillor D. Healy - Quantification of on-street car/motor vehicle parking spaces

F/58/25 (Agenda Item No 15)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Music Venue

F/59/25 (Agenda Item No 16)

Councillor B. McDonagh - Noise Action Plan for Dublin Airport 2024 - 2028

F/60/25 (Agenda Item No 17)

Report of Committees

a **Report of Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 14th January 2025**

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 14th January 2025, are hereby **ADOPTED**."

b **Report of Howth/Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 15th January 2025**

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 Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 15th January 2025, are hereby **ADOPTED**."

c Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 16th January 2025

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services (B) Meeting held on Thursday 16th January 2025, are hereby **ADOPTED**."

d Report of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) Meeting held on Tuesday 4th February 2025

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report from Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on Tuesday 4th February 2025, be **APPROVED**."

e Report of Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 6th February 2025

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 Thursday 6th February 2025, are hereby **ADOPTED**."

Financial Matters

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

F/62/25 (Agenda Item No 19)

Proposed Disposal of Properties

a **Notice of proposed disposal of land adjacent to No. 1 Hayestown, Rush, Co. Dublin to Thomas Kirwan**

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

"That land adjacent to No. 1 Hayestown, Rush, Co. Dublin, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 17th January 2025, be disposed of to Thomas Kirwan, in accordance with the terms specified therein."

b **Notice of proposed grant of permanent wayleave at Barrack Lane, Lusk, Co. Dublin, to Uisce Éireann**

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

"That the grant of permanent wayleave at Barrack Lane, Lusk, Co. Dublin, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 21st January 2025, be disposed of to Uisce Éireann in accordance with the terms specified therein."

F/63/25 (Agenda Item No 20)

Declarations of Roads

a **Hamilton Park, Diswellstown Road, Diswellstown, Dublin 15**

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

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

b Cruise Park, The Ward, Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15

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

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

F/64/25 (Agenda Item No 21)

Public Art Policy

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. A presentation was given to the Members by Sarah O'Neill, County Arts Officer and Caroline Cowley, Public Arts Co-ordinator, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development.

It was proposed by Councillor T. Leddy, seconded by Councillor J. Hopkins and **RESOLVED** that-

"That the Public Art Policy is hereby **ADOPTED**."

F/65/25 (Agenda Item No 22)

2025 Arts Act Grant Scheme

The Mayor, Councillor B. McDonagh informed the members he has a conflict of interest on this item, as he is related to a recipient of a grant. The Mayor, Councillor B. McDonagh removed himself from the meeting until the conclusion of Item 22.

It was **AGREED** by the members that Councillor B. Ryan would Chair the meeting for this item.

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

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

That the award of Arts Act Grant Scheme 2025 as set out in the foregoing report is hereby **APPROVED**.

F/66/25 (Agenda Item No 23)

Fingal Events Strategy, 2025 Programme, Festival and Events Funding Scheme

a Fingal Events Strategy 2025-2029

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. A presentation was given to the Members by Mr. Paul Barnes, Event Manager, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor J. Walsh and **RESOLVED:**

"That the Fingal Events Strategy 2025-2029 is hereby **ADOPTED**."

b Events Programme 2025

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

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

c Festival and Events Funding Scheme 2025

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

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor S. Shovlin and **APPROVED**.

F/67/25 (Agenda Item No 24)

Two Year Progress Report - Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029

A presentation was given to the Members by Patricia Cadogan, Senior Planner, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure. Following discussion, the report was **NOTED**.

F/68/25 (Agenda Item No 25)

Chief Executive's Report

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

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

F/69/25 (Agenda Item No 26)

Mayor's Business - Councillor B. McDonagh

- a** **Councillor B. McDonagh - World Health Organisation (WHO) Intersectoral Global Action Plan on Epilepsy and other Neurological Conditions**

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**.

- b** **Councillor B. McDonagh - Action Ireland Trust Group**

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

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

F/70/25 (Agenda Item No 27)

Conference Report

- a** **Association of Irish Regions (AIR) Annual Seminar which takes place on 5th - 6th of February 2025 in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Athlone**

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

- b** **AILG Elected Members In-Person and Webinar Training Programme 2025**

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

- c AILG - Annual Training Conference 2025 - 2nd and 3rd April 2025 - Limerick Strand Hotel, Ennis Road, Stonetown, Limerick**

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

- d MacGill Summer School 2025 will take place in Glenties on 17th - 19th July 2025**

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

F/71/25 (Agenda Item No 28)

Correspondence

- a Letter dated 15th January 2025 from Clare County Council Re- Older Peoples Grant**

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

- b Letter dated 15th January 2025 from Clare County Council - Re - GAA Admission Charge**

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

- c Letter dated 15th January 2025 from Leitrim County Council to An Taoiseach re Diaspora**

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

- d Letter dated 17th January 2025 from Roscommon County Council Re Rural and Urban Isolation and Loneliness**

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

F/72/25 (Agenda Item No 29)

Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

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

MOTIONS - STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

F/73/25 (Agenda Item No 30)

Councillor A. Tormey - Review Fingal Citizen Charter

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

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

F/74/25 (Agenda Item No 31)

Councillor JK Onwumereh - Small Bursary Application for hosting Social Inclusion Events

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

F/75/25 (Agenda Item No 32)

Councillor E. O'Brien - Blue Badge Parking Spaces

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

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

F/76/25 (Agenda Item No 33)

Councillors A. Donnelly, B. Hanaphy, M. Quinn, J. Smyth - Ethical Procurement Policy

The motion, in the names of Councillors A. Donnelly, B. Hanaphy, M. Quinn and J. Smyth was proposed by Councillor A. Donnelly and seconded by Councillor M. Quinn.

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

F/77/25 (Agenda Item No 34)

Councillor J. Newman - PFAS at Dublin Airport

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

The report was **ACCEPTED**.

F/78/25 (Agenda Item No 35)

Councillors D. Butler, T. Murphy, G. Maguire - Government and European Funding

The motion, in the names of Councillors D. Butler, T. Murphy and G. Maguire was proposed by Councillor D. Butler and seconded by Councillor T. Murphy.

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

F/79/25 (Agenda Item No 36)

Councillor D. Mulligan - Independent Noise Monitoring under the North Runway Departure Flight Paths

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

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

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

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

MOTIONS - NON-STATUTORY

F/80/25 (Agenda Item No 41)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Rates on Commercial Advertising

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

The report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Meeting concluded at 20.03.

MAYOR

DATE
