

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall Fingal County Council

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday, 14th April, 2025 in the Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords, at 5.00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors:

Boland, Cathal
Boland, Mark
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
Johnston, Corina
Kelly Darren Jack
Kitt, Tom
Leddy, Ted
Maguire, Grainne

Councillors:

McCamley, Mary
McDonagh, Brian
Mulligan, Dean
Mulville, Paul
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 Councillor Tania Doyle and Councillor Helen Redwood.

The Mayor, Councillor Brian McDonagh, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

AnnMarie Farrelly (Chief Executive); Mary Egan (Director of Services/People, Corporate & Digital Services); 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 Services /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); Aoife Sheridan, (Senior Executive Officer).

F/155/25 (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/156/25 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 10th March 2025

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 10th March 2025 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor M. McCamley and **RESOLVED** –

“That the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 10th March 2025 be **ADOPTED.**”

F/157/25 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor M. McCamley, seconded by Councillor D. Healy and **RESOLVED:**

“That in accordance with Standing Order No. 51, Questions numbered 2 to 18 be **ADOPTED.**”

F/158/25 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor C. Boland - Safe Refuge Centres

F/159/25 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor D. Healy - Santry River Restoration and the Greenway Project

- F/160/25** (Agenda Item No 4)
Councillor S. Shovlin - Funding for Community Groups
- F/161/25** (Agenda Item No 5)
Councillor S. Shovlin - Speed Limit Review
- F/162/25** (Agenda Item No 6)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Social Media Campaign on the Role of Local Government in Fingal
- F/163/25** (Agenda Item No 7)
Councillor P. Quinlan - Tenant-in-situ Scheme
- F/164/25** (Agenda Item No 8)
Councillor E. O'Brien - Housing Units at Ballymastone Development at risk due to Judicial Review
- F/165/25** (Agenda Item No 9)
Councillor L. Corkery - Fingal Access Strategy
- F/166/25** (Agenda Item No 10)
Councillor P. Mulville - Fingal County Council's Social Housing Waiting List
- F/167/25** (Agenda Item No 11)
Councillor C. Haughey - Revenue from Malahide Castle Concerts
- F/168/25** (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor B. Ryan - Rental Schemes for Social Housing Applicants
- F/169/25** (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor C. Johnston - Fingal County Council's Planning Portal
- F/170/25** (Agenda Item No 14)
Councillor JK Onwumereh - Social and Affordable Housing stock in Fingal
- F/171/25** (Agenda Item No 15)
Councillor E. Troy - Street Cleaning
- F/172/25** (Agenda Item No 16)
Councillor J. Hopkins - Child Care Facilities

F/173/25 (Agenda Item No 17)
Councillor J. Hopkins - Cost of New Cycling/Pedestrian Infrastructure Fingal

F/174/25 (Agenda Item No 18)
Councillor J. Walsh - Bilingual Signage

F/175/25 (Agenda Item No 19)
Report of Committees

a Quarterly Reports of Strategic Policy Committees Meetings

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

It was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor D. Healy, and **NOTED**.

b Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 13th March 2025

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor B. Ryan, 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 13th March 2025, are hereby **ADOPTED**."

c Report of Howth/Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd April 2025

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Howth/Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd April 2025, are hereby **ADOPTED**."

d Report of Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Services B Meeting held on Thursday 3rd April 2025

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 3rd April 2025, are hereby **ADOPTED**."

e Report of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) Meeting held on Monday 7th April 2025

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) Meeting held on Monday 7th April 2025, are hereby **ADOPTED**."

f Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 10th April 2025

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services (B) Meeting held on Thursday 10th April 2025, are hereby **ADOPTED**."

F/176/25 (Agenda Item No 20)

Financial Matters

a Consideration of Draft Annual Financial Statement 2024 and Authorisation of Additional Expenditure

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 **AGREED**.

b Annual Financial Statement 2024

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

F/177/25 (Agenda Item No 21)

Proposed Disposal of Properties

a Notice of Proposed Lease of Base Enterprise Centre, Damastown Road, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15 to Innovate Fingal CLG

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. A presentation was given to the Members by Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development.

Councillor J. Humphreys, stated for the record that he is opposed to the granting of the lease.

It was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh and seconded by Councillor M. McCamley and **RESOLVED**:

“That the grant of lease of Base Enterprise Centre, Damastown Road, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 4th April 2024, be granted to Innovate Fingal CLG, in accordance with the terms specified therein.”

b Notice of Proposed Lease of Drinan Enterprise Centre, Swords Enterprise Park, Feltrim Road, Swords to Innovate Fingal CLG

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. A presentation was given to the Members by Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development.

Councillor J. Humphreys, stated for the record that he is opposed to the granting of the lease..

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

"That the grant of lease of Drinan Enterprise Centre, Swords Enterprise Park, Feltrim Road, Swords, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 4th April 2024, be granted to Innovate Fingal CLG, in accordance with the terms specified therein."

c Notice of Proposed disposal of land at Old Road, Hayestown, Rush, Co. Dublin to Paul Gillen and Julie Gillen

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED.** It was proposed by Councillor C. Boland and seconded by Councillor DJ. Kelly and **RESOLVED:**

"That lands at Old Road, Hayestown, Rush, Co. Dublin, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 7th March 2024, be disposed of to Paul Gillen and Julie Gillen, in accordance with the terms specified therein."

d Notice of Proposed Rectification of Boundary at Millfield Shopping Centre, Balbriggan to Hugh Grady, Henry Grady, Gerard Grady and Annette Grady

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 Millfield Shopping Centre, Balbriggan, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 7th March 2024, be disposed of to Hugh Grady, Henry Grady, Gerard Grady and Annette Grady, in accordance with the terms specified therein."

F/178/25 (Agenda Item No 22)

Declarations of Roads

a Wilkinsons Brook, Hollystown, Dublin 15

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

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

b Hansfield Phase 1, Phibblestown, Dublin 15

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

F/179/25 (Agenda Item No 23)

Appointment of external members to the Naming and Commemorative Committee

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

It was proposed by Councillor J. Newman, seconded by Councillor. J. Walsh and **AGREED**:

“That Ciara Curtin, Fingal Women Pioneers, - Howth/Malahide, Oona Roycroft, Skerries Historical Society, Balbriggan Rush-Lusk Swords and Gearoid Hodgins Blanchardstown Tidy Towns – Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart Castleknock/Ongar be appointed to the Naming and Commemorative Committee.”

F/180/25 (Agenda Item No 24)

Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Policy Programme 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 J. Newman and **RESOLVED**:

"That the Strategic Policy Committee Annual Policy Programme 2025 is hereby **ADOPTED**."

F/181/25 (Agenda Item No 25)
Draft Annual Report 2024

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 DJ. Kelly and **RESOLVED**:

"That the Annual Report 2024 is hereby **ADOPTED**."

F/182/25 (Agenda Item No 26)
Fingal County Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP)

A presentation was given to the Members by Philip Weston, Outscape and Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development.

Aoife Sheridan informed the members that Councillor D. Healy submitted wording amendments and these were accepted and agreed.

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

F/183/25 (Agenda Item No 27)
Chief Executive's Report

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

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

F/184/25 (Agenda Item No 28)
Mayor's Business - Councillor B. McDonagh

a **Councillor B. McDonagh - Young Carers' Grant**

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**.

b Councillor B. McDonagh - Family Homelessness

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

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

F/185/25 (Agenda Item No 29)

Conference Report

a AILG In-person Training - Embracing Equality - Cultivating Inclusive Local Communities - Southern Region 20th March The Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co Clare; Eastern Region 22nd March The Clayton Hotel, Galway -

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

b AILG 2025 Annual Conference Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd April at the Limerick Strand Hotel, Limerick

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

c ARC Conference and General Assembly - 22nd/23rd May 2025 - Conference on "Dealing with Aviation Noise: Present and Future Approaches"

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

F/186/25 (Agenda Item No 30)

Correspondence

a Letter from Limerick City & County Council dated 6th February 2025 Re - Financial Support Purchase of Generators

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

- b Letter from Limerick City & County Council dated 7th February 2025
Re - Recent Weather Events Additional Funding**

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

- c Letter from Limerick & City County Council dated 7th February 2025
Re - Recent Weather Events**

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

- d Letter from Sligo County Council dated 11th February 2025 Re -
Carbon Taxes**

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

- e Letter from Sligo County Council dated 11th February 2025 - Re
Electricity Costs**

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

- f Letter from Sligo County Council dated 11th February 2025 Re -
Tenant in-situ Scheme**

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

- g Letter from Sligo County Council dated 11th February 2205 Re -
Eviction Ban**

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

- h Letter from Sligo County Council dated 11th February 2025 Re - Fixed
Penalty Fine - E-liquids, Vape Kits or Nicotine-containing products**

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

- i Letter from Councillor Séamas McGrattan, Chairperson Finance, SPC,
Dublin City Council dated 11th February 2025 Re- Item 52 - Councillor
J. Humphreys - Transient Visitor Tax**

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

j Letter from South Dublin County Council dated 13th February 2025
Re - Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty

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

k Letter from Roscommon County Council dated 17th February 2025 Re
- Landowners Incentive Trees

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

l Letter from Roscommon County Council dated 17th February 2025
Re- Government Phone Network Access

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

m Letter from Roscommon County Council dated 17th February 2025
Re- Exam time learning difficulties

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

n Letter from Roscommon County Council dated 17th February 2025
Re- Power Lines in Forestry

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

o Letter from An Garda Síochána Ballymun dated 19th February 2025
Re - Item 38 - Cllr JK Onwumereh - Increasing Number of Incidents
involving Scramblers and Scooters - December 2024 Council Meeting

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

p Acknowledgement received from the Office of the Tánaiste and
Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mr. Simon Harris TD dated
24th February 2025 Re - Item 43 - Cllr B. McDonagh - Occupied
Territories Bill

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

q Acknowledgement received from the Office of the Tánaiste and
Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mr. Simon Harris TD dated
24th February 2025 Re - Item 44 - Cllr P. Mulville - Occupied
Territories Bill

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

- r Letter from Interim Chief Executive, National Transport Authority dated 27th February 2025 Re - Item 40 Cllr T. Murphy - Bus Shelters - December Council Meeting**

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

- s Letter from Donegal County Council dated 27th February 2025 re Control of Dogs In Public Spaces**

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

- t Letter from Sligo County Council dated 4th March 2025 Re Prohibiting the use of Counselling and Therapy Notes**

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

- u Letter from Sligo County Council dated 4th March 2025 Re - Child Places in local Primary and Secondary Schools**

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

- v Email from Meath County Council dated 6th March 2025 Re PL-FP Adoption of Variation No. 3 to the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027, as varied**

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

- w Letter from Clare County Council dated 10th March 2025 Re - Funding for Early Years Educators**

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

- x Email on behalf of Chief Superintendent Ballymun Division dated 18th March 2025 re Item 42 - Cllr DJ Kelly - Report on anti-social behaviour in Fingal December Co Meeting**

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

Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

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

F/188/25 (Agenda Item No 32)

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

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

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

F/189/25 (Agenda Item No 33)

Councillor D.J. Kelly - Refuge Centres Fingal

The motion, in the name of Councillor D.J. Kelly was proposed by Councillor D.J. Kelly and seconded by Councillor B. Hanaphy.

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

F/190/25 (Agenda Item No 34)

Councillor D. Healy - Photovoltaic panels above Council-owned off-street car parking areas

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

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

F/191/25 (Agenda Item No 35)

Councillor D. Butler - Fingal Greener Community Awards

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

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

F/192/25 (Agenda Item No 36)

Councillor L. Corkery - Factual and Accurate Information in this Council's Discussions

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

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

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

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

F/193/25 (Agenda Item No 39)

Councillor P. Mulville - Removal of Council Operated Time-Locked Public Gates

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

The report was **ACCEPTED**.

F/194/25 (Agenda Item No 40)

Councillor E. Troy - Audit of Irish Language Road Signs in Fingal

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

The report was **ACCEPTED**.

F/195/25 (Agenda Item No 41)

Councillor T. Leddy - Housing List Priority

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

The report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Meeting concluded at 20.00.

MAYOR

DATE
