

**Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council**

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday, 12th May, 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
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
Quinn, Malachy
Redwood, Helen
Ryan, Brendan
Sheehan, Gerard
Shovlin, Siobhan
Smyth, John
Tormey, Aoibhinn
Walsh, John

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillor Angela Donnelly, Councillor Tania Doyle, Councillor Patrick Quinlan and Councillor Ellen Troy.

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); Donall O'Ceallaigh (Senior Executive Planner), Bridget Loughlin, (Climate Action Co-Ordinator).

F/211/25 (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, informed the Members an emergency motion had been received and was ruled out of order.

F/212/25 (Agenda Item No)

CONDOLENCES

The Mayor, Councillor B. McDonagh, on behalf of the Members expressed condolences to Councillor Eoghan O'Brien and his family on the recent passing of his father Pádraig Gerard O'Brien.

The Mayor, Councillor B. McDonagh, on behalf of the Members also expressed deepest condolences to the family of Garda Kevin Flatley.

A minute silence was observed in respect of the deceased.

F/213/25 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 14th April 2025

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 14th April 2025 which had been circulated were considered.

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

“That the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 14th April 2025 be **ADOPTED.**”

F/214/25 (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 2 to 15 be **ADOPTED.**”

F/215/25 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor P. Quinlan - Sites Acquired by Igo Emergency Management Services

F/216/25 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor P. Mulville - Gaeilge agus Béarla ar na Comharthaí Bóithre - Irish and English Road Signs

F/217/25 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor P. Mulville - Dublin City Council Social Housing Applicants

F/218/25 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor J. Walsh - Age Friendly Audits

F/219/25 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor C. Haughey - Naming of New Housing Estates and Developments in the Fingal County Council Area

F/220/25 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor M. Quinn - School Warden Relief Panel

- F/221/25** (Agenda Item No 8)
Councillor D. Butler - Vacant and Derelict Properties
- F/222/25** (Agenda Item No 9)
Councillor A. Donnelly - Housing Delivery in Fingal
- F/223/25** (Agenda Item No 10)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Fingal's Population Growth
- F/224/25** (Agenda Item No 11)
Councillor E. Dockrell - The HSE and Land Acquisition
- F/225/25** (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor C. Boland - Development of a Fingal Food Brand
- F/226/25** (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor B. Ryan - Consultancy Spend
- F/227/25** (Agenda Item No 14)
Councillor JK Onwumereh - Updates on Summer Project Funding
- F/228/25** (Agenda Item No 15)
Councillor J. Humphreys - School Meals Overcharging
- F/229/25** (Agenda Item No 16)
Report of Committees

a **Report of Organisation, Procedures and Finance (OP&F) Committee Meeting held on Monday 14th April 2025**

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

“That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Organisation, Procedures and Finance (OP&F) Meeting held on Monday 14th April 2025, are hereby **ADOPTED**.”

b **Report of Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 1st May 2025**

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 Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 1st May 2025, are hereby **ADOPTED**."

c Report of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) dated Tuesday 6th May 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 of Committee of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) Meeting held on Tuesday 6th May 2025, are hereby **ADOPTED**."

F/230/25 (Agenda Item No 16d)

Report of Howth/Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 7th May 2025

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Howth/Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 7th May 2025, are hereby **ADOPTED**."

a Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 8th May 2025

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services (B) Meeting held on Thursday 8th May 2025, are hereby **ADOPTED**."

F/231/25 (Agenda Item No 17)

Financial Matters

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

F/232/25 (Agenda Item No 18)

Proposed Disposal of Properties

a **Notice of Proposed disposal of land adjacent to No. 2 Abbeylea Avenue, Swords, Co. Dublin to Claire Woods**

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

"That land adjacent to No. 2 Abbeylea Avenue, Swords, Co. Dublin, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 28th April 2025, be disposed of to Claire Woods in accordance with the terms specified therein."

b **Proposed Disposal of Fee Simple Interest of Dwellings**

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

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

F/233/25 (Agenda Item No 19)

Declarations of Roads

a **Bellingsmore Green Area, Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15**

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

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

b Mount Eustace, Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15

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

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

c Delhurst Estate, Phibblestown, Dublin 15

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh, 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."

d Hayworth Estate, 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."

e Cloch Choirneal, Balbriggan, Co Dublin

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

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

f Lanestown View, Donabate, Co Dublin

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

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

F/234/25 (Agenda Item No 20)
Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. A presentation was given to the Members by Donall O’Ceallaigh, Senior Executive Planner, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh, seconded by Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan, and **AGREED**.

F/235/25 (Agenda Item No 21)
Proposed Special Speed Limit Bye-Law 2025 - L-7011 from Ongar Distributor Road to junction with Barnwell Road, (R149) (Roads Traffic Act 1994 as amended)

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

It was proposed by Councillor M. McCamley, seconded by Councillor K. Dennison, and **RESOLVED** that-

“Fingal County Council, in exercise with the powers conferred on it by Section 9 of the Road Traffic Act 2004 (No.44 of 2004) and Section 86 of the Road Traffic Act 2010 (No. 25 of 2010) and Section 22 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 2025:

Proposed speed limit increase from 50kph to 60kph at L-7011 from Ongar Distributor Road to Junction with Barnwell Road (R149)”

F/236/25 (Agenda Item No 22)

Flavours of Fingal Planning Licence

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

It was proposed by Councillor D. Mulligan, seconded by Councillor D.J. Kelly and **AGREED**.

F/237/25 (Agenda Item No 23)

Fingal Artists' Support Scheme 2025 for Professional Fingal Artists

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

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

"That the award of Fingal Artists' Support Scheme 2025 for Professional Fingal Artists as set out in the foregoing report is hereby **APPROVED**."

F/238/25 (Agenda Item No 24)

Summer Projects Funding 2025

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

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

"That the award of Summer Projects Funding 2025 as set out in the foregoing report is hereby **APPROVED**."

F/239/25 (Agenda Item No 25)

Climate Action Plan Progress Report

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

A presentation was given to the Members by Brigid Loughlin, Climate Action Coordinator, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports Department.

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

F/240/25 (Agenda Item No 26)

**Draft Strategic Policy Group (SPC) Standing Orders and Fingal County
Council Standing Orders**

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. A presentation was given to the Members by Mary Egan, Director of Services, People, Corporate & Digital Services.

During the course of the discussion, the Mayor B. McDonagh informed the Members that an amendment has been received.

The following amendment, in the name of Councillor A. Tormey was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey and seconded by Councillor J. Humphreys:

“32B Strategic Policy Committees shall meet quarterly at 4.30pm to conclude at 6.30pm or at a time agreed by the Committee except for the Housing Strategic Policy Committee which starts at 4.00 pm and concludes at 6.00pm.

Amend to:

32B Strategic Policy Committees shall meet quarterly at 4.30pm to conclude at 6.30pm or at a time agreed by the Committee except for the Housing Strategic Policy Committee which starts at 4.00 pm and concludes at 6.00pm. **All Strategic Policy Committees shall meet in a hybrid format to facilitate online attendance. ”**

The Mayor instructed that a roll call vote be taken and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

FOR:	25	TWENTY FIVE
AGAINST:	8	EIGHT
ABSTAIN:	0	ZERO

FOR: Councillors Mark Boland, John Burtchaell, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Eoghan Dockrell, Jimmy Guerin, Breda Hanaphy, Cathal Haughey, Joan Hopkins, James Humphreys, Darren Jack Kelly, Tom Kitt, Grainne Maguire, Dean Mulligan, Paul Mulville, Tony Murphy, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Malachy Quinn, Helen Redwood, Gerard Sheehan, Siobhan Shovlin, John Smyth, Aoibhinn Tormey, John Walsh.

AGAINST: Councillors Cathal Boland, Darragh Butler, Kieran Dennison, Ted Leddy, Brian Mc Donagh, Mary McCamley, Joe Newman, Brendan Ryan

The Mayor **DECLARED** the vote **PASSED**.

The Draft Strategic Policy Group (SPC) Standing Orders were proposed by Councillor A. Tormey, seconded by Councillor J. Newman and **AGREED** as amended.

The Fingal County Council Standing Orders were proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor A. Tormey and **AGREED** as amended.

F/241/25 (Agenda Item No 27)

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Annual Report 2024

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

F/242/25 (Agenda Item No 28)

Chief Executive's Report

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

The Mayor, Councillor B. McDonagh, informed the Members that two motions had been received and both had been ruled out of order.

Following discussion, the Chief Executive's report was **NOTED**.

F/243/25 (Agenda Item No 29)

Mayor's Business - Councillor B. McDonagh

a Councillor B. McDonagh - Twinning of Fingal with Sumy, Ukraine

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 - ALSSA Complex Ownership

The Mayor Councillor B. McDonagh withdrew this motion.

F/244/25 (Agenda Item No 30)

Conference Report

a AILG Elected Member 2025 Training Programme May to July 2025

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

F/245/25 (Agenda Item No 31)

Correspondence

a Letter from Sligo County Council dated 9th April 2025 - Re - Right to Housing

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

b Letter from Donegal County Council dated 10th April 2025 - Re - Road Safety

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

c Letter from Leitrim County Council dated 16th April 2025- Re - Ash Die back Trees

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

d Letter from Kerry County Council dated 22nd April - Re - Calendar for Grant Applications

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

F/246/25 (Agenda Item No 32)

Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

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

MOTIONS - STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

F/247/25 (Agenda Item No 33)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Medical Priority Process - Housing Support

It was agreed to **DEFER** this item.

F/248/25 (Agenda Item No 34)

Councillor J. Smyth - Retrofitting Costs

The motion, in the name of Councillor J. Smyth was proposed by Councillor M. Quinn and seconded by Councillor B. Hanaphy.

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

F/249/25 (Agenda Item No 35)

Councillor E. O'Brien - Delivery of state-of-the-art Sports Complex at the Ballymastone Development

It was agreed to **DEFER** this item.

F/250/25 (Agenda Item No 36)

Councillor H. Redwood - Ban on Fox Hunting on Council-owned lands

The motion, in the name of Councillor H. Redwood was proposed by Councillor H. Redwood and seconded by Councillor J. Burtchaell.

Following a discussion, the motion was **AGREED**, it was also **AGREED** to circulate the motion to all Local Authorities.

F/251/25 (Agenda Item No 37)

Councillor J. Guerin - Ballymastone Development

The Mayor Councillor B. McDonagh informed the Members this motion was ruled out of order.

F/252/25 (Agenda Item No 39)

Councillor M. McCamley - Pharma Sector in Fingal

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

The report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Meeting concluded at 19.59

MAYOR

DATE
