

**Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council**

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday, 7th July, 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

Councillors:

McCamley, Mary
Mulligan, Dean
Mulville, Paul
Newman, Joe
O'Brien, Eoghan
O'Leary, Tom
Onwumereh, JK
Quinlan, Patrick
Quinn, Malachy
Redwood, Helen
Shovlin, Siobhan
Smyth, John
Tormey, Aoibhinn
Troy, Ellen
Walsh, John

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillor Tania Doyle, Councillor Ted Leddy, Councillor Grainne Maguire, Councillor Brian McDonagh, Councillor Brendan Ryan and Councillor Gerard Sheehan.

The Mayor, Councillor Tom O'Leary presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

AnnMarie Farrelly (Chief Executive); Oliver Hunt (Head of Finance); David Storey (Director of Services/Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports); Matthew McAleese (Director of Services /Planning and Strategic Infrastructure); Mary Egan (Director of Services/People, Corporate & Digital Services); John Quinlivan (Director of Services/Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development); Mary T Daly (Director of Services/Operations); Liam Burke (Senior Executive Officer); Catherin O'Donovan (Senior Executive Officer); Ciara O hAodha (Senior Executive Officer); Pauline Burke (Administrative Officer).

F/294/25 (Agenda Item No)

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor, Councillor T. O'Leary, at the start of the meeting, reminded Members that Standing Orders would apply to all aspects of the meeting. The Mayor also informed the Members one Emergency Motion was received and was ruled out of order.

F/295/25 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes

a **Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 9th June 2025**

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 9th June 2025 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor T. O'Leary seconded by Councillor M. McCamley and **RESOLVED** –

“That the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 9th June 2025 be **ADOPTED.**”

b **Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of Annual Meeting held on Friday 13th June 2025**

Minutes of the Annual County Council Meeting held on Friday 13th June 2025 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor M. McCamley seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien and **RESOLVED** –

“That the minutes of the Annual County Council Meeting held on Friday 13th June 2025 be **ADOPTED.**”

F/296/25 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien and **RESOLVED:**

“That in accordance with Standing Order No. 51, Questions numbered 2 to 13 be **ADOPTED** with the agreed amendment.”

F/297/25 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor P. Mulville - Playful Street Pilot Scheme

F/298/25 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor P. Quinlan - Service Users who present to Fingal County Council as being served with a Notice to Quit

F/299/25 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Draft Sports Audit

F/300/25 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor JK Onwumereh - Review and Update on Critical Workforce in Fingal

F/301/25 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor M. Quinn - Right Sizing Scheme

F/302/25 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor J. Newman - Office of the Planning Regulator

F/303/25 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor D. Healy - Beach Management Practices

F/304/25 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor D. Healy - Beaches and Dunes for Climate Adaptation

F/305/25 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor C. Haughey - Ramp heights installed by Fingal County Council

F/306/25 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor B. Ryan - Active Travel Programme

F/307/25 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor A. Tormey - Cost of Branding Consultants - Swords Cultural Quarter

F/308/25 (Agenda Item No 13)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Bus Shelter Enhancement Programme (BSEP)

F/309/25 (Agenda Item No 14)

Report of Committees

a Quarterly Report of Strategic Policy Committee Meetings

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

b Report of Organisation, Procedure & Finance Committee Meeting held on Monday 9th June 2025

The report of the Organisation, Procedure & Finance Committee Meeting held on Monday 9th June 2025, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor J. Walsh, and **NOTED**.

c Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 12th June 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 12th June 2025, are hereby **ADOPTED**."

d Report of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd July 2025

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

“That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd July 2025, are hereby **ADOPTED**.”

F/310/25 (Agenda Item No 15)

Financial Matters

a Local Property Tax (LPT)

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

Mr Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance, gave a presentation to the Members.

The Mayor informed the members four motions were received:

Motion One

The following motion was submitted and proposed by the Mayor Councillor T. O’Leary and seconded by Councillor E. O’Brien:

MOTION TO VARY THE BASIC RATE OF LOCAL PROPERTY TAX IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE AREA OF FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

“That the County Council determines in pursuance of the provisions of Section 20 of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012 (as amended), that the basic rate of Local Property Tax stand varied **downwards** by **5.0 per cent** for the period 1st November 2025 to 31st October 2026 in respect of relevant residential properties situated in the administrative area of Fingal County Council.”

Motion Two

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The following motion was submitted and proposed by Councillor P. Mulville and seconded by Councillor J. Walsh:

“That the County Council resolves that there be no variation to the Local Property Tax rate for the year 2026.”

Motion Three

The following motion was submitted and proposed by Councillor J. Smyth and seconded by Councillor M. Quinn:

“The Local Property Tax, a tax on the family home, has been in place for 12 years now. During that time, it has added to the already huge strain on household budgets with a cost of living crisis spiralling out of control.

The burden of poor planning and ineffective cost curtailment measures has fallen heavily on workers and their families with many households having had to make significant sacrifices just to get by.

The Council has few opportunities apart from this to reduce the burden for households here in Fingal. Sinn Féin supports using this rare opportunity to do exactly that.

Sinn Féin is proposing that the full variation of minus 15% is applied in relation to the local property tax.”

Motion Four

The following motion was submitted and proposed by Councillor A. Tormey and seconded by Councillor L. Corkery:

“To reduce LPT by -4%.”

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

It was **AGREED** to take a 3 minute recess.

Following discussions, the Mayor then instructed that a roll call vote be taken on the motion Local Property Tax stand varied downwards by 5.0 per cent and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

FOR:	17	SEVENTEEN
AGAINST:	16	SIXTEEN
ABSTAIN:	0	ZERO

FOR: Councillors Cathal Boland, Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Kieran Dennison, Eoghan Dockrell, Jimmy Guerin, Cathal Haughey, Darren Jack Kelly, Tom Kitt, Joe Newman, Eoghan O'Brien, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Siobhan Shovlin, Aoibhinn Tormey, Ellen Troy.

AGAINST: Councillors Mark Boland, John Burtchaell, Angela Donnelly, Breda Hanaphy, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, James Humphreys, Corina Johnston, Mary McCamley, Dean Mulligan, Paul Mulville, Patrick Quinlan, Malachy Quinn, Helen Redwood, John Smyth, John Walsh.

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

The Mayor read the resolution into the record.

"That the County Council determines in pursuance of the provisions of Section 20 of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012 (as amended), that the basic rate of Local Property Tax stand varied **downwards** by **5.0 per cent** for the period 1st November 2025 to 31st October 2026 in respect of relevant residential properties situated in the administrative area of Fingal County Council."

The Mayor then declared the resolution **RESOLVED**.

F/311/25 (Agenda Item No 16)

Proposed Disposal of Properties

a **Notice of Proposed disposal of land at Pinnock Hill, Swords, Co. Dublin to St Michael's House**

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

"That land at Pinnock Hill, Swords, Co. Dublin, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 30th May 2025,

be disposed of to St Michael's House in accordance with the terms specified therein."

b Proposed lease of land and grant of wayleave at Ballymastone, Donabate, Co. Dublin to St. Patrick's Gaelic Football Club

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

"That the grant of wayleave at Ballymastone, Donabate, Co. Dublin as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 24th June 2025, be granted to St. Patrick's Gaelic Football Club, in accordance with the terms specified therein."

F/312/25 (Agenda Item No 16c)

Proposed Disposal of land at Porterstown Road, Porterstown, Dublin 15 to Castlethorn Developments Luttrellstown Limited

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

"That land at Porterstown Road, Porterstown, Dublin 15, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 27th June 2025, be disposed of to Castlethorn Developments Luttrellstown Limited in accordance with the terms specified therein."

F/313/25 (Agenda Item No 17)

Declarations of Roads

a Park Road, Rush, Co Dublin

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor M. Boland, 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/314/25 (Agenda Item No 18)

Draft Litter Management Plan 2025 - 2028

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. A presentation was given to the Members by Ms Catherine O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer, Environment Division.

During the course of discussion, the Mayor informed the Members Councillor D. Healy submitted proposed amendments.

The following amendment was proposed by Councillor D. Healy and seconded by Councillor J. Hopkins-

Amendment 1

a) Insertion of a box under Main Litter Contributors in Fingal section pages 15-17:

"Take-aways / fast food

"Dealing with packaging from takeaway food consumed in public places, especially in our seaside towns, is a significant challenge for the Council, including emptying bins and addressing litter."

b) include a green tick action on p. 18:

"Return takeaway packaging to the business it came from."

c. include a green tick action on p.19

"Engage with the Local Authority on managing litter/waste from your premises in particular take-away packaging/litter."

d. include a green tick action on p.20:

"We will engage with Businesses who sell take away food to reduce waste and eliminate litter from their premises, including by means of s.16 notices where necessary."

e. include an action on p.38 reflecting the text under c and d above.

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

It was then proposed by Councillor D. Healy and seconded by Councillor J. Hopkins-

Amendment 2

a) amend text on p. 32 from:

"Beaches are litter picked daily and raked once per week during the bathing season which runs from June to September. Additional bins are provided during this period."

to

"Most beaches are litter picked daily and raked once per week during the bathing season which runs from June to September. Additional bins are provided during this period."

"Balcarrick Beach in Donabate is managed according to a Green Coast protocol which involves removing litter while ensuring seaweed and other natural debris is left on the beach to support beach and dune ecosystems and ecosystem services. The Council will consider extending this approach, fully or partially to other beaches, particularly those facing erosion challenges, subject to the availability of resources."

b) include an action on p.39 reflecting the text under a) above.

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

It was proposed by Councillor. T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor. J. Newman and **RESOLVED** that –

"This

Council resolves to in accordance with the Litter Pollution Act 1997 to: Adopt the Litter Management Plan

2025 – 2028 as presented to Council on 7th

July 2025 as amended."

The Mayor, Councillor T. O'Leary read the resolution into the record.

F/315/25 (Agenda Item No 19)

Draft Homeless Action Plan

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. A presentation was given to the Members by Mr Liam Burke, Senior Executive Officer and Ms Pauline Burke, Administrative Officer, Housing Department.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor K. Dennison and seconded by Councillor JK. Onwumereh and **RESOLVED:**

"This Council resolves to in accordance with Section 37 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 to: Adopt the Homeless Action Plan 2025 - 2027 as presented to Council on 7th July 2025."

The Mayor, Councillor T. OLeary read the resolution into the record.

F/316/25 (Agenda Item No 20)

Chief Executive's Report

SUSPENSION OF STANDIND ORDERS

It was **AGREED** to extend the meeting to conclude item 20.

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

F/317/25 (Agenda Item No 21)

Mayor's Business - Councillor T. O'Leary

a **Councillor T. O'Leary - Zoning of Lands for Residential Homes in Fingal**

It was agreed to defer this item.

F/318/25 (Agenda Item No 22)

Conference Report

a **AILG Induction Training Day New Councillors**

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

b **MacGill Summer School 2025 will take place in Glenties 17th to 19th July 2025**

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

- c The ALAN Conference, Westport, Co Mayo from 28th to 30th October 2025**

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

F/319/25 (Agenda Item No 23)

Correspondence

- a Letter dated May 2025 from Carlow County Council Re - Occupied Territories Bill**

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

- b Letter dated May 2025 from Carlow County Council Re - Tenant-in-situ Scheme**

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

- c Letter dated May 2025 from Carlow County Council Re - Paediatric Coeliac Disease Screening**

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

- d Letter dated 6th June 2025 from Limerick City & County Council Re - Tenant Incremental Purchase Scheme**

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

- e Letter dated 6th June 2025 from Limerick City & County Council Re - The Use of Smartphones**

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

- f Letter dated 12th June 2025 from Galway County Council Re - Review of Affordable Housing Policy**

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

- g Letter dated 13th June 2025 from Donegal County Council Re - Dismantling of the Triple Lock**

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

- h Letter dated 26th June 2025 from the Central Bank of Ireland Re - Item 51 - Cllr D. Mulligan - Israel Bond Scheme June Council Meeting**

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

- i Letter dated 27th June from Deputy Governor of Central Bank of Ireland - Re - Cllr D. Mulligan - Item 51 Israeli Bonds Scheme June Council Meeting 2025**

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

- F/320/25 (Agenda Item No 24)**
Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

It was noted there was no business on this item.

MOTIONS - STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

- F/321/25 (Agenda Item No 32)**
Councillor J. Newman - Local Area Plan Updates

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

The report was **ACCEPTED**.

- F/322/25 (Agenda Item No 36)**
Councillor M. McCamley - Visits to Heritage and Cultural Sites

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

The report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Meeting concluded at 20.10.

MAYOR

DATE
