

**Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council**

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday, 10th November, 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:

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillor Tania Doyle and Councillor Ted Leddy.

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); Paul Carroll (Director of Services /Housing Services and Community Development); Mary Egan (Director of Services/People, Corporate & Digital Services); John Quinlivan (Director of Services/Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development); Fionnuala May (County Architect); Liz Hartigan (Administrative Officer).

F/462/25 (Agenda Item No)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

F/463/25 (Agenda Item No 1)

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

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

Councillor J. Humphreys raised a query in relation to the minutes as minute item F/424/24a had not referenced the relevant standing order.

Following discussion, the Mayor Councillor T. O'Leary read into the record an email issued to Councillor D. Healy in relation to ruling his six submitted motions out of order under Standing Order 157.

Following further discussion the Mayor instructed that a roll call vote be taken for the Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 13th October 2025 without amendment and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

FOR:	22	TWENTY TWO
AGAINST:	10	TEN
ABSTAIN:	5	FIVE

FOR: Councillors Cathal Boland, Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Kieran Dennison, Eoghan Dockrell, Jimmy Guerin, Breda Hanaphy, Cathal Haughey, Darren Jack Kelly, Tom Kitt, Grainne Maguire, Mary McCamley, Tony Murphy, Joe Newman, Eoghan O'Brien, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Malachy Quinn, Siobhan Shovlin, John Smyth, Aoibhinn Tormey.

AGAINST: Councillors Mark Boland, Angela Donnelly, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, James Humphreys, Corina Johnston, Dean Mulligan, Paul Mulville, Brendan Ryan, John Walsh.

ABSTAIN: Councillors John Burtchaell, Brian McDonagh, Patrick Quinlan, Helen Redwood, Gerard Sheehan.

The Mayor **DECLARED** "That the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 13th October 2025 be **ADOPTED.**"

F/464/25 (Agenda Item No 2)

Nominations

a **Appointment of seven Members to the Fingal North (DMR North) Local Community Safety Partnership**

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

It was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey, seconded by Councillor L. Corkery and **AGREED:**

"That Councillor Eoghan Dockrell be appointed to the Fingal North (DMR North) Local Community Safety Partnership."

It was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor D. Butler and **AGREED:**

"That Councillor Cathal Haughey be appointed to the Fingal North (DMR North) Local Community Safety Partnership."

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

"That Councillor David Healy be appointed to the Fingal North (DMR North) Local Community Safety Partnership."

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

"That Councillor Corina Johnston be appointed to the Fingal North (DMR North) Local Community Safety Partnership."

It was proposed by Councillor T. Murphy, seconded by Councillor J. Guerin and **AGREED:**

"That Councillor Darren Jack Kelly be appointed to the Fingal North (DMR North) Local Community Safety Partnership."

It was proposed by Councillor A. Donnelly, seconded by Councillor B. Hanaphy and **AGREED:**

"That Councillor Malachy Quinn be appointed to the Fingal North (DMR North) Local Community Safety Partnership."

b Appointment of seven Members to the Fingal West (DMR West) Local Community Safety Partnership

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

The Mayor, informed the Members that eight (8) expressions of interest were received for the seven (7) appointments.

Ms Mary Egan, Director of People, Corporate and Digital Services, informed the Members that group voting can apply for these appointments, as set out in Schedule 10 of the LG Act 2001, as amended, and detailed the process of group voting.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

The Mayor called for a 3minute recess.

In accordance with the group voting system a group was formed comprising of Councillors J. Walsh, M. McCamley, B. Ryan, M. Boland, C. Johnston and J. Humphreys. This group put forward the name of Councillor J. Walsh:

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

“That Councillor John Walsh be appointed to the to the Fingal West (DMR West) Local Community Safety Partnership.”

It was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey, seconded by Councillor L. Corkery and **AGREED:**

“That Councillor Kieran Dennison be appointed to the to the Fingal West (DMR West) Local Community Safety Partnership.”

It was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey, seconded by Councillor E. Dockrell and **AGREED:**

“That Councillor Ted Leddy be appointed to the to the Fingal West (DMR West) Local Community Safety Partnership.”

It was proposed by Councillor E. O’Brien, seconded by Councillor C. Haughey and **AGREED:**

“That Councillor Eimear Carbone Mangan be appointed to the to the Fingal West (DMR West) Local Community Safety Partnership.”

It was proposed by Councillor T. Murphy, seconded by Councillor DJ. Kelly and **AGREED:**

“That Councillor Gerard Sheehan be appointed to the to the Fingal West (DMR West) Local Community Safety Partnership.”

It was proposed by Councillor D. Mulligan, seconded by Councillor P. Mulville and **AGREED:**

“That Councillor John Burtchaell be appointed to the to the Fingal West (DMR West) Local Community Safety Partnership.”

It was proposed by Councillor C. Haughey, seconded by Councillor J. Guerin and **AGREED:**

“That Councillor Angela Donnelly be appointed to the to the Fingal West (DMR West) Local Community Safety Partnership.”

F/465/25 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

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

"That in accordance with Standing Order No. 51, Questions numbered 3 to 12 be **ADOPTED.**"

F/466/25 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor P. Quinlan - Social Housing Support Recipients in receipt of Housing Assistance Payments (HAP)

F/467/25 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor C. Haughey - Car-Sharing Services in the Fingal Area

F/468/25 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor JK Onwumereh - Nature Education Centre in Fingal

F/469/25 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor M. Quinn - Local Authority Home Loan Scheme

F/470/25 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Draft Development Contribution Scheme 2026-2030- Upgrade Existing Cycle Lanes

F/471/25 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Update on Pilot Project in a Regional Park

F/472/25 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor J. Walsh - Guidelines for Pet Ownership in Social and Affordable Housing

F/473/25 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor L. Corkery - Fingal Litter Management Plan 2025-2028

F/474/25 (Agenda Item No 11)
Councillor J. Smyth - Compost/Mulch Facilities

F/475/25 (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor B. Ryan - Disposing of Household Rubbish in Public Bins

F/476/25 (Agenda Item No 13)
Report of Committees

a **Report of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) Meeting held on Tuesday 21st October 2025**

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor T. O’Leary, 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 21st October 2025, are hereby **ADOPTED**.”

b **Report of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) Meeting held on Monday 3rd November 2025**

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

“That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) Meeting held on Monday 3rd November 2025, are hereby **ADOPTED**.”

c **Report of Howth Malahide Area Committee Meeting Services B held on Wednesday 5th November 2025**

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor E. O’Brien, 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 5th November 2025, are hereby **ADOPTED**.”

**d Report of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services
B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 6th November 2025**

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh, 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 6th November 2025, are hereby **ADOPTED**."

F/477/25 (Agenda Item No 14)

Financial Matters

a Overdraft Facility Renewal 2026

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor K. Dennison, seconded by Councillor D. Healy and **AGREED**:

"That the Council approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, the securing of Overdraft Accommodation on the Council's Revenue Account to a limit of €25m for the period 1st January 2026 to 31st December 2026."

F/478/25 (Agenda Item No 15)

Proposed Disposal of Properties

a Notice of Proposed Lease of Land at Ballymastone, Donabate, Co. Dublin to Donabate Golf Club CLG., Balcarrick, Co. Dublin

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

"That land at Ballymastone, Donabate, Co. Dublin, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 30th October 2025, be leased to Donabate Golf Club CLG., Balcarrick, Co. Dublin 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 T. O'Leary and seconded by Councillor K. Dennison and **RESOLVED**:

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

F/479/25 (Agenda Item No 16)

Declarations of Roads

a Grey's Lane, Howth, Co Dublin

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

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

F/480/25 (Agenda Item No 17)

Draft Old School House Masterplan, Clonsilla

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-

"That the Old School House Masterplan, Clonsilla is hereby **ADOPTED**."

F/481/25 (Agenda Item No)

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor, Councillor T. O'Leary, informed the Members an emergency motion had been received and was ruled out of order.

F/482/25 (Agenda Item No 18)

Chief Executive's Report

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

The Mayor advised the Members that a motion has been received.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor J. Burtchaell and seconded by Councillor H. Redwood:

"That the Chief Executive and Housing & Community Development Dept note the increasing levels of private tenancy Notice of Terminations (NoT's) being issued in the county with the Council informed of 105 NoT's for the Dublin 15 area alone year to date, recognising that this will inevitably result in increasing numbers of homeless families given the dire shortage of alternative private rented accommodation or even emergency accommodation in some cases and work to develop a response to address this intensifying crisis."

Following discussion the motion was **AGREED**.

The Mayor advised the Members that an additional motion had been received and was ruled out of order.

The Chief Executive's report was **NOTED**.

F/483/25 (Agenda Item No 19)

Mayor's Business - Councillor T. O'Leary

a Councillor T. O'Leary - Civic Reception - Swords Community Person

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

The motion was **AGREED**.

F/484/25 (Agenda Item No 20)

Conference Report

a Irish Energy District Annual Conference (IrDEA), 13th November 2025, Raddison Blu Hotel, Dublin 8

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

F/485/25 (Agenda Item No 21)

Correspondence

- a** **Letter dated 9th October 2025 from Monaghan Co County - Re: Nursing Homes and Care Facilities for the Elderly**

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

- b** **Letter dated 16th October 2025 from Galway City Council - Re: Extension of Free Fares for Under-9s to Commercial Bus Operators**

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

- c** **Letter dated 22nd October 2025 from Wexford County Council - Re: Inheritance Tax**

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

- d** **Letter dated 22nd October 2025 from Wexford County Council Re-Stout's Law**

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

F/486/25 (Agenda Item No 22)

Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

- a** **Email received 7th October 2025 from Minister of Health's office - Re: Item 26a - Cllr B. McDonagh - WHO Intersectoral Global Action Plan on Epilepsy and other Neurological conditions February 25 Council Meeting**

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

MOTIONS - STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

F/487/25 (Agenda Item No 23)

Councillor B. Ryan - Dishing of Public Footpaths

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

Following discussion the motion was **AGREED**.

F/488/25 (Agenda Item No 24)
Councillor B. Hanaphy - Youth Services

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

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

Following discussion the motion was **AGREED**.

F/489/25 (Agenda Item No 39)
Councillor J. Hopkins - A List of Primary Schools with School Wardens

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

The report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Meeting concluded at 20.06.

MAYOR _____

DATE _____