

**Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council**

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday, 8th December, 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

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
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 Brendan Ryan.

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); Mary Daly (Director of Services/ Operations), Roisin Burke (Senior Planner); Ciara OhAodha (Senior Executive Officer); Brian Murray (Senior Executive Officer).

F/510/25 (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, informed the members an emergency motion had been received and has been ruled out of order.

F/511/25 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting and Budget Meeting

a Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 10th November 2025

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

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor K. Dennison, seconded by Councillor M. McCamley and **RESOLVED** –

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

b Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of Annual Budget Meeting held on Tuesday 18th November 2025

Minutes of the Annual Budget Meeting held on Tuesday 18th November 2025 which had been circulated were considered.

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

“That the minutes of the Annual Budget Meeting held on Tuesday 18th November 2025 be **ADOPTED.**”

F/512/25 (Agenda Item No 2)

Nominations

a Appointment of Members to positions - Innovate Fingal

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

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

“That Councillor Tom O’Leary be appointed as a member of the Innovate Fingal Board”.

It was proposed by Councillor G. Maguire and seconded by Councillor T. O’Leary and **AGREED:**

“That Councillor Tony Murphy be appointed as a member of the Local Advisory Committee at BEAT”.

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

“That Councillor Darren Jack Kelly be appointed as a member of the Local Advisory Committee at BEAT”.

It was proposed by Councillor E. Carbon-Mangan and seconded by Councillor E. O’Brien and **AGREED:**

“That Councillor Tom Kitt be appointed as a member of the Local Advisory Committee at BASE”.

It was proposed by Councillor A. Donnelly and seconded by Councillor M. McCamley and **AGREED:**

"That Councillor Breda Hanaphy be appointed as a member of the Local Advisory Committee at BASE".

It was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh and seconded by Councillor A. Tormey and **AGREED:**

"That Councillor B. McDonagh be appointed as a member of the Local Advisory Committee at DRINEN".

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

"That Councillor J. Hopkins be appointed as a member of the Local Advisory Committee at DRINEN".

b Appointment of one Member to the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor (DBEC) Political Advisory Board

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

It was proposed by Councillor G. Maguire and seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien and **AGREED:**

"That Councillor Tony Murphy be appointed as a member of the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor (DBEC) Political Advisory Board."

c Appointment of one Member to the Airport Regions Council (ARC)

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

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

"That Councillor Cathal Boland be appointed as a member of the Airport Regions Council (ARC)."

F/513/25 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor K. Denison, seconded by Councillor J. Walsh and
RESOLVED:

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

F/514/25 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor P. Quinlan - Irish Refugee Protection Programme

F/515/25 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor J. Walsh - Inactive Planning Permissions

F/516/25 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor JK Onwumereh- National Speed Limit Implementation

F/517/25 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor D. Healy - "Greener by Default" Catering

F/518/25 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor C. Haughey - Fingal Reusable Cup Project

F/519/25 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor H. Redwood - Fingal Harriers

F/520/25 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor M. Boland - Defective Block Grant Scheme

F/521/25 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor L. Corkery - Revised Housing Targets

F/522/25 (Agenda Item No 11)

**Councillor J. Smyth - Garda Clearance time frame in relation to Social
Housing and HAP Applications**

F/523/25 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor B. Ryan - Differential Rent Scheme

F/524/25 (Agenda Item No 13)

Report of Committees

a Report of Organisation, Procedures and Finance Committee (OP&F) Meeting held on Monday 10th November 2025

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Organisation, Procedures and Finance Committee (OP&F) Meeting held on Monday 10th November 2025, are hereby **ADOPTED**."

b Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 13th 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 J. Newman, and **RESOLVED**:

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 13th November 2025, are hereby **ADOPTED**."

c Report of Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on Monday 17th 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 17th November 2025, are hereby **ADOPTED**."

d Report of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 4th December 2025

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 4th December 2025, are hereby **ADOPTED**."

F/525/25 (Agenda Item No 14)

Financial Matters

a Audit Report

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

F/526/25 (Agenda Item No 15)

Proposed Disposal of Properties

a Notice of proposed disposal of land at Skerries Community Centre, Thomas Hand Street, Skerries, Co. Dublin to Gas Networks Ireland, P.O. Box 51, Gasworks Road, Cork

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

"That lands to the rear of Skerries Community Centre, Thomas Hand Street, Skerries, Co. Dublin, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 30th October 2025, be disposed of to Gas Networks Ireland, P.O. Box 51, Gasworks Road, Cork in accordance with the terms specified therein."

b Notice of proposed disposal of land at Clonard Road, Flemington, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin to Phoenix Tower Ireland III Limited, Suite 311, Q House, Furze Road, Sandyford Industrial Estate, Dublin 18

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

"That lands to the rear of Clonard Road, Flemington, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 30th October 2025, be disposed of to Phoenix Tower Ireland III Limited, Suite 311, Q House, Furze Road, Sandyford Industrial Estate, Dublin 18 in accordance with the terms specified therein."

c Notice of proposed lease of land at Balheary Road, Swords, Co. Dublin to Swords Celtic Football Club, Balheary Road, Swords, Co. Dublin

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor L. Corkery and seconded by Councillor J. Smyth and **RESOLVED**:

"That lands to the rear of Balheary Road, Swords, Co. Dublin, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 30th October 2025, be disposed of to Swords Celtic Football Club, Balheary Road, Swords, Co. Dublin in accordance with the terms specified therein."

d 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 J. Newman and **RESOLVED**:

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

F/527/25 (Agenda Item No 16)

Declarations of Roads

a Kinsealy Woods, Chapel Road, Kinsealy, Co Dublin

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey, seconded by C. Haughey, and **RESOLVED**:

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

b St. Marnock's Bay, Phase 1B (Dún Sí), Portmarnock, Co Dublin

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor C. Haughey, seconded by Councillor A. Tormey, and **RESOLVED**:

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

c Clonross, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor M. McCamley, 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/528/25 (Agenda Item No 17)

Draft Development Contribution Scheme 2026-2030

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. A presentation was given to the Members by Brian Murray, Senior Executive Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department.

During the course of the discussion, the Mayor informed the members a number of motions were submitted.

The following motion, was proposed by Councillor D. Healy and seconded by Councillor B. McDonagh:

“That the Scheme be amended to provide a rate of €120.50 per square meter for both residential and non-residential development.”

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

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

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

FOR: 16 SIXTEEN
AGAINST: 18 EIGHTEEN
ABSTAIN: 1 ONE

FOR: Councillors Mark Boland, John Burtchaell, Angela Donnelly, Breda Hanaphy, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, James Humphreys, Mary McCamley, Brian McDonagh, Dean Mulligan, Malachy Quinn, Helen Redwood, Gerard Sheehan, John Smyth, Ellen Troy, John Walsh.

AGAINST: Councillors Cathal Boland, Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Kieran Dennison, Eoghan Dockrell, Jimmy Guerin, Cathal Haughey, Darren Jack Kelly, Tom Kitt, Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, Tony Murphy, Joe Newman, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Siobhan Shovlin, Aoibhinn Tormey.

ABSTAIN: Councillor Patrick Quinlan.

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

The following motion, was proposed by Councillor D. Healy and seconded by Councillor J. Humphreys:

"That the Scheme be amended to remove all exemptions for car parking."
 During the course of the discussion, Councillor D. Healy withdrew the motion.

The following motion, was proposed by Councillor D. Healy and seconded by Councillor J. Walsh:

"That the Scheme be amended to exempt "Communal, social and cultural facilities associated with a housing development."

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

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

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

FOR: 16 SIXTEEN
AGAINST: 20 TWENTY
ABSTAIN: 0 ZERO

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

AGAINST: Councillors Cathal Boland, Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Kieran Dennison, Eoghan Dockrell, Jimmy Guerin, Cathal Haughey, Darren Jack Kelly, Tom Kitt, Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, Tony Murphy, Joe Newman, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Gerard Sheehan, Siobhan Shovlin, Aoibhinn Tormey, Ellen Troy.

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

The following motion, was proposed by Councillor D. Healy and seconded by Councillor B. McDonagh:

"That the Scheme be amended to index-link contributions from renewable energy developments of over 0.5MW from a 2025 baseline."

Following discussions, the motion was **AGREED**.

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

"That the Development Contribution scheme and the report of the Chief Executive with agreed amendments, the Council hereby resolves to make the Fingal County Council Section 48 Development Contribution Scheme 2026-2030, as amended."

F/529/25 (Agenda Item No 18)

Chief Executive's Report on the 'National Planning Framework (NPF) Implementation: Housing Growth Requirements' Guidelines

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

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

F/530/25 (Agenda Item No 19)

Draft Annual Service Delivery Plan 2026

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

"In accordance with Section 134a of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended, the Annual Service Delivery Plan 2026 as recommended by the Chief Executive is hereby **ADOPTED**."

F/531/25 (Agenda Item No 20)

Chief Executive's Report

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

F/532/25 (Agenda Item No 21)

Mayor's Business - Councillor T. O'Leary

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

F/533/25 (Agenda Item No 22)

Conference Report

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

F/534/25 (Agenda Item No 23)

Correspondence

- a **Letters dated 2nd November 2025 from Kerry County Council Re - Minister for Public Expenditure - End Discrimination of Inheritance Campaign**

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

- b **Letter dated 4th November 2025 from Donegal County Council Re - Emergency Household Response Pack**

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

c Letter dated 13th November 2025 from Clare County Council Re - European Union Single Common Fund

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

d Letter dated 13th November 2025 from Leitrim County Council Re - Alternative pathway for students to the Leaving Certificate Programme

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

e Letter dated 20th November 2025 from Wexford County Council Re - Industrial and Reformatory Schools

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

**F/535/25 (Agenda Item No 24)
 Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence**

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

MOTIONS - STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

**F/536/25 (Agenda Item No)
 VARY THE ORDER OF BUSINESS**

It was **AGREED** to vary the order of business and take item 26 at this time.

**F/537/25 (Agenda Item No 26)
 Councillor P. Quinlan - Commercial Business Support Scheme**

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

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

**F/538/25 (Agenda Item No 25)
 Councillor D. Butler - Accessible Parking Bay Requirements**

The motion, in the name of Councillor D. Butler was proposed by Councillor D. Butler and seconded by Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan.

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

F/539/25 (Agenda Item No 27)

Councillor G. Sheehan - Homeless Accommodation - Minimum Standards

It was **AGREED** to extend the meeting to conclude item 27.

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

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

F/540/25 (Agenda Item No 29)

Councillor H. Redwood - Wheelchair Access for Beaches

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

The report was **ACCEPTED**.

F/541/25 (Agenda Item No 42)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Claims Relating to Trips and Falls on Footpaths

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

The report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Meeting concluded at 8.00pm

MAYOR _____

DATE _____