

**Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council**

Minutes of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee
(Services B - Strategic & General Matters)

**Held on Thursday, 6th November, 2025 in the Civic Offices, Grove Road,
Blanchardstown/MS Teams at 3.30pm.**

PRESENT

Councillors:

Burtchaell, John
Carbone-Mangan, Eimear
Kieran Dennison
Donnelly, Angela
Helen Redwood
Hanaphy, Breda
Kitt, Tom

Councillors:

Onwumereh, JK
Quinlan, Patrick
McCamley, Mary
Sheehan, Gerard
Shovlin, Siobhan
Troy, Ellen
Walsh, John

Absent: Councillor T. Doyle

Apologies: Councillor T. Leddy

The Area Chairperson Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Gene Griffin (Administrative Officer, Housing & Community), Pauline Poole (Community Officer, Community), Noel Mc Manus (Sports Development Officer, Community), Roisin Burke (Senior Planner, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department), Donall O Ceallaigh (Senior Executive Planner, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure), Carmel Brennan (Senior Architect, Architects Department), Aoife Lawler (Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Community), Betty Boardman, (County Librarian, Libraries), Stephen McGinn, (Walking & Cycling Officer, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports Development)

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Area Chairperson, Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan, at the start of the meeting reminded members that Standing Orders would apply to all aspects of the meeting.

Councillor Donnelly raised the matter of her Emergency Motion. The Chairperson Councillor E. Carbone - Mangan informed the meeting that an Emergency Motion had been received from Councillor A. Donnelly. The Chair further advised, she had ruled the Motion out of order in accordance with Standing Order 79 and Councillor A. Donnelly had been advised in advance of this.

CMB/319/25 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of the Blanchardstown -
Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B (Strategic and General Matters)
Meeting held on Thursday the 2nd October 2025

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor M. McCamley seconded by Councillor J.K Onwumereh and **RESOLVED** –

“That the minutes of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B (Strategic and General Matters) meeting held on Thursday 2nd October 2025 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

CMB/320/25 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh seconded by Councillor J. K Onwumereh and **RESOLVED**-

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions 2 – 16 inclusive be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.”

CMB/321/25 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor S. Shovlin - Update on Taking in Charge - Castlefield Hall - AI104653

CMB/322/25 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor S. Shovlin - Update on the Royal Canal Greenway - AI104740

CMB/323/25 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor P. Quinlan - Boarded Up Council Houses in this LEA - AI104681

CMB/324/25 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor P. Quinlan - Report on Vacant Social Housing Turnaround Time in this LEA - AI104682

CMB/325/25 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor P. Quinlan - Social Housing Contractors in this LEA - AI104683

CMB/326/25 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor P. Quinlan - Report on Contractual Obligations for Housing Contractors in this LEA - AI104686

CMB/327/25 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor P. Quinlan - Information Regarding Vacant Houses in this LEA - AI104685

CMB/328/25 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor P. Quinlan - Report on AHB Service Users in this LEA - AI104694

CMB/329/25 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Electrical Recycling Drop-Off Day in this LEA - AI104766

CMB/330/25 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Christmas Events in Parks in this LEA - AI104768

CMB/331/25 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor G. Sheehan - Installation of Sculpture on the Ongar Roundabout - AI104772

CMB/332/25 (Agenda Item No 13)

Councillor H. Redwood - Waterville Woodland Clearance - AI104781

CMB/333/25 (Agenda Item No 14)

Councillor B. Hanaphy - Repair of Boundary Railing - Ladyswell Square - AI104795

CMB/334/25 (Agenda Item No 15)

Councillor J. Walsh - Update regarding Royal Canal Greenway - AI104904

CMB/335/25 (Agenda Item No 16)
Councillor J. Walsh - Provision of Bike Racks in this LEA - AI104905

CMB/336/25 (Agenda Item No 17)
Applications for Funding.

a Applications for Community Funding

It was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh and seconded by Councillor G. Sheehan and **AGREED**:

“That this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Community Funding in the attached report.”

b Applications for Sports Funding

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

“That this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Sports Funding in the attached report.”

CMB/337/25 (Agenda Item No 18)
Report on Drone Delivery Services Policy in this LEA

Ms. Roisin Burke, Senior Planner, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department provided a presentation on Drone Delivery Service in this LEA. Following the presentation queries were raised by the members which were responded to by Ms. Roisin Burke.

The presentation was **NOTED**.

CMB/338/25 (Agenda Item No 19)
Draft Old School House Masterplan, Clonsilla

Mr. Donall O Ceallaigh, Senior Executive Planner, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department provided a presentation on the Draft Old School House Masterplan, Clonsilla. Following the presentation queries were raised by the members which were responded to by Mr. Donall O Ceallaigh.

The Chair advised that eight Motions with respect to this matter had been submitted for consideration. The Chair suggested that Motions 1-7 be discussed together as they were similar in nature and this was **AGREED**.

Motion 1

Motion in the names of Councillor John Walsh, Councillor Siobhan Shovlin, Councillor Mary McCamley, Councillor Helen Redwood, Councillor Angela Donnelly, Councillor Eimear Carbone Mangan, Councillor Ellen Troy, Councillor Tom Kitt, Councillor John Burtchaell, Councillor Gerard Sheehan.

Amendments to the CE Report, Master plan for Old School House, Clonsilla (Recommendations 3 to 9)

Motion to Amend CE Recommendation 3, Section 3.2, Built Heritage, p.22 as follows:

Delete '**or residential**' so the revised section reads as follows:

'Potentially realising and promoting its restoration for a new community/cultural use if appropriate.'

The Motion was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh and seconded by Councillor E. Carbone – Mangan.

Following discussion the Motion was **AGREED**.

Motion 2

Motion in the names of Councillor John Walsh, Councillor Siobhan Shovlin, Councillor Mary McCamley, Councillor Helen Redwood, Councillor Angela Donnelly, Councillor Eimear Carbone Mangan, Councillor Ellen Troy, Councillor Tom Kitt, Councillor John Burtchaell, Councillor Gerard Sheehan

Amendments to the CE Report, Master plan for Old School House, Clonsilla (Recommendations 3 to 9)

Motion to Amend CE Recommendation 4, Section 4.1 Vision Statement, page 18:

Delete '**residential**' so the revised section reads as follows:

The principal aim of the Masterplan is to ensure the orderly and sustainable development of the lands that will create a new residential environment and promote the restoration and appropriate use of the Old School House building for uses including community/cultural or childcare.

The Motion was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh and seconded by Councillor E. Carbone – Mangan.

Following discussion the Motion was **AGREED**.

Motion 3

Motion in the names of Councillor John Walsh, Councillor Siobhan Shovlin, Councillor Mary McCamley, Councillor Helen Redwood, Councillor Angela Donnelly, Councillor Eimear Carbone Mangan, Councillor Ellen Troy, Councillor Tom Kitt, Councillor John Burtchaell, Councillor Gerard Sheehan

Amendments to the CE Report, Master plan for Old School House, Clonsilla (Recommendations 3 to 9)

Amend CE Recommendation 5.1:

Chief Executive's Recommendation (5) – Section 5.1 Built Heritage, page 22:

The Old School House (Protected Structure) will be restored and brought back into

active use for community/cultural or residential use as part of the sustainable development of the lands.

'or residential' so that the section reads as follows:

The Old School House (Protected Structure) will be restored and brought back into active use for community/cultural use as part of the sustainable development of the lands.

The Motion was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh and seconded by Councillor E. Carbone – Mangan.

Following discussion the Motion was **AGREED**.

Motion 4

Motion in the names of Councillor John Walsh, Councillor Siobhan Shovlin, Councillor Mary McCamley, Councillor Helen Redwood, Councillor Angela

Donnelly, Councillor Eimear Carbone Mangan, Councillor Ellen Troy, Councillor Tom Kitt, Councillor John Burtchaell, Councillor Gerard Sheehan

**Amendments to the CE Report, Master plan for Old School House, Clonsilla
(Recommendations 3 to 9)**

Motion to Amend CE Recommendation (6) as follows - Table 5.1 Built Heritage:

Delete '**or residential**' so that the section reads as follows:

'Promote the restoration/reuse of former school building for community/cultural use. Development proposals will not impact the integrity of any Protected Structure.'

The Motion was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh and seconded by Councillor E. Carbone – Mangan.

Following discussion the Motion was **AGREED**.

Motion 5

Motion in the names of Councillor John Walsh, Councillor Siobhan Shovlin, Councillor Mary McCamley, Councillor Helen Redwood, Councillor Angela Donnelly, Councillor Eimear Carbone Mangan, Councillor Ellen Troy, Councillor Tom Kitt, Councillor John Burtchaell, Councillor Gerard Sheehan

**Amendments to the CE Report, Master plan for Old School House, Clonsilla
(Recommendations 3 to 9)**

Motion to Amend Chief Executive's Recommendation (7)

Fig 5-3, p.24, Proposed Land Uses.

Delete '**or Housing**' so the revised text reads as follows:

'Sensitive Restoration of OSH to Community/Cultural Facility'

The Motion was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh and seconded by Councillor E. Carbone – Mangan.

Following discussion the Motion was **AGREED**.

Motion 6

Motion in the names of Councillor John Walsh, Councillor Siobhan Shovlin, Councillor Mary McCamley, Councillor Helen Redwood, Councillor Angela Donnelly, Councillor Eimear Carbone Mangan, Councillor Ellen Troy, Councillor Tom Kitt, Councillor John Burtchaell, Councillor Gerard Sheehan

**Amendments to the CE Report, Master plan for Old School House, Clonsilla
(Recommendations 3 to 9)**

Motion to Amend CE Recommendation (8) Section 5.4, p.30, as follows:

Delete '**for residential use or**' so section reads as follows:

Given the location of proposed residential buildings along with amenity space in the area of the Old School House building, it is deemed appropriate to develop the Old School House building for a community/cultural use to serve the Clonsilla area.

Delete '**or for housing as appropriate**' so following sentence reads as follows:

The restoration of the Old School House as a community/cultural facility will treat the built heritage in a similar way, forming a heritage inspired backdrop to new residential buildings.

Delete '**as a single residence or as several residential units**' so following sentence reads:

'The degraded nature of the building fabric, particularly the need to reconstruct much of the interior, may in principle allow for its redevelopment as a cultural/community facility.'

The Motion was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh and seconded by Councillor E. Carbone – Mangan.

Following discussion the Motion was **AGREED**.

Motion 7

Motion in the names of Councillor John Walsh, Councillor Siobhan Shovlin, Councillor Mary McCamley, Councillor Helen Redwood, Councillor Angela Donnelly, Councillor Eimear Carbone Mangan, Councillor Ellen Troy, Councillor Tom Kitt, Councillor John Burtchaell, Councillor Gerard Sheehan

**Amendments to the CE Report, Master plan for Old School House, Clonsilla
(Recommendations 3 to 9)**

Motion to Amend CE Recommendation (9) Section 8.2, p.43 Implementation
Delete '**or residential**' so section reads as follows:

'Protect the integrity of the Old School House structure during the construction stage while providing for promoting its restoration for a suitable community/cultural use.'

Delete '**and residential use**' after (Objective DMSO239, p.43) so sentence reads:

'The Masterplan promotes the restoration of the Old School House...'

The Motion was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh and seconded by Councillor E. Carbone – Mangan.

Following discussion the Motion was **AGREED**.

Motion 8

Motion in the names of Councillor John Walsh, Councillor Siobhan Shovlin, Councillor Mary McCamley, Councillor Helen Redwood, Councillor Angela Donnelly, Councillor Eimear Carbone Mangan, Councillor Ellen Troy, Councillor Tom Kitt, Councillor John Burtchaell, Councillor Gerard Sheehan

Amendments to the CE Report, Master plan for Old School House, Clonsilla

Motion to amend Master Plan, Section 8.2, p.43:

Add following additional text to second bullet point in 8.2, p.43:

'...through a comprehensive ecological assessment incorporating specialist surveys in relation to badgers, bats, flora and fauna in advance of development.'

So this point reads:

'Ensure the protection of the natural environment and its biodiversity (and where possible its enhancement), **through a comprehensive ecological**

assessment incorporating specialist surveys in relation to badgers, bats, flora and fauna in advance of development.'

The Motion was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh and seconded by Councillor E. Carbone – Mangan.

Following discussion the Motion was **AGREED**.

Ms. Roisin Burke, Senior Planner, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department advised the meeting that the Draft CE Report would be amended to reflect the changes brought about by the eight Motions agreed, and the report following these changes would be presented to full Council on Monday 10th November 2025 for approval.

CMB/339/25 (Agenda Item No 20)

Initiation of Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) for the Proposed Demolition of 4 no. dwellings and development of 21 no. dwellings at Fortlawn Avenue and Fortlawn Park, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15.

A presentation was provided by Ms. Carmel Brennan, Senior Architect, Architects Department. At the conclusion of the presentation Councillor A. Donnelly requested that the order of business be varied in order that her Motion Item 24 relating to Infill Space at Fortlawn be taken at this time along with Item 20. This was **AGREED**.

CMB/340/25 (Agenda Item No 24)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Infill Space at Fortlawn - AI104858

The Chair noted a request submitted by Councillor A. Donnelly that her Motion reflect it is a joint Motion in the name of Councillor A. Donnelly and Councillor J. Walsh and requested if the meeting was happy to facilitate this. The meeting agreed and the Motion was proposed by Councillor A. Donnelly and seconded by Councillor J. Walsh.

Following discussion Item 20 was **NOTED**.

A roll call vote was called with respect to Item 24 - Infill Space at Fortlawn - AI104858 and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

FOR: 10 TEN

AGAINST: 2 TWO

FOR: Councillor J. Burtchaell, Councillor A. Donnelly, Councillor B. Hanaphy, Councillor M. McCamley, Councillor J.K Onwumereh, Councillor P. Quinlan, Councillor H. Redwood, Councillor G. Sheehan, Councillor E. Troy, Councillor J. Walsh.

AGAINST: Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan, Councillor T. Kitt.

The Chair **DECLARED** the motion **PASSED**.

During discussion Councillor P. Quinlan raised the matter of the Motion on the September 2025 agenda and requested that it be heard again today. The Chair advised Item 24 was the Motion before the floor and also relates to the Fortlawn Infill Scheme and his September Motion would not be heard today, and he could seek to submit his Motion for the next meeting.

CMB/341/25 (Agenda Item No 21)
Correspondence.

a **Letter from NTA dated 6th October 2025 regarding Cllr JK Onwumereh Motion - Bus Shelter for Hampton Wood Drive at St. Margaret's Road**

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

b **Letter from DDLETB received 6th October 2025 regarding Cllr Walsh Motion - Write to Ériu Community College**

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

c **Letter from Private Secretary to Michael Moynihan TD, Minister of State for Special Education and Inclusion received 8th October 2025 regarding Cllr Coppinger Motion - Provision for Autism Education in this LEA**

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

d Letter from Private Secretary to Michael Moynihan TD, Minister of State for Special Education and Inclusion received 8th October 2025 regarding Cllr Walsh Motion - Special Education Needs Crisis in this Local Electoral Area

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

CMB/342/25 (Agenda Item No 22)

Councillor M. McCamley - Need for Library Building - Churchfields - AI104823

The Motion in the name of Councillor M. McCamley was proposed by Councillor M. McCamley and Seconded by Councillor J. Walsh.

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

CMB/343/25 (Agenda Item No 23)

Councillor J. Walsh - Abandoned e-Bikes in this LEA - AI104828

The Motion in the name of Councillor J. Walsh was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh and Seconded by Councillor M. McCamley.

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

The Meeting concluded at 18:00.

AREA CHAIRPERSON

DATED