

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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Swords
Co Dublin

Wednesday 27th August 2025

**To Each Member of the
Marine and Coastal Management Strategic Policy Committee (SPC)**

Dear Member

A meeting of the **Marine and Coastal Management Strategic Policy Committee (SPC)** will be held **Hybrid** in the **Council Chamber, County Hall, Swords/MS Teams** at **4.30 pm** on **Wednesday 24th September 2025** to consider the following Agenda.

Yours faithfully

Ciara O hAodha
Meetings Administrator
Corporate Services

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A G E N D A

- 1 Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of the Minutes of the Marine and Coastal Management SPC meeting held on Thursday the 9th of June 2025**
- 2 Coastal Erosion in Fingal**
- 3 Balleally Landfill Quarterly Update**

MOTIONS

- 4 Councillor P. Mulville - Rogerstown Park - Balleally Landfill**
“That the Chief Executive report on progress towards the long-promised extension of the opening hours for Rogerstown Park (Balleally Landfill) and also the current position regarding the planned new cycle/pedestrian route from Lusk to the park.”

**Comhairle Contae Fine Gall
Fingal County Council**

Minutes of Marine and Coastal Management Strategic Policy Committee

Thursday, 19th June, 2025

PRESENT

Councillor A. Donnelly
Councillor P. Mulville
Councillor C. Boland
Ms. Alison Regan
Mr. Charles Sargent

Councillor D. Mulligan
Councillor C. Johnston

Ms. Maire O'Brien

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillor G. Maguire

The Area Chairperson, Councillor A. Donnelly, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Catherine O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer, John Daly, Senior Engineer, Grainne Carroll, Administrative Officer, David Leslie, Senior Communications Officer, Jennifer Muscheidt, Environmental Awareness Officer, Maria Hand, Senior Staff Office, Anne Browning, Statkraft, Shane O'Donohue, Statkraft, Erin Snaith, Statkraft, Lisa Enright Statkraft

Sunni Bean, Reporter from Dublin Inquirer also joined the meeting.

MCM/43/25 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of the Minutes of Marine and Coastal Management SPC meeting held on the 20th March 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th March 2025 were agreed. The minutes were proposed by Councillor P. Mulville and seconded by Mr. Charles Sargent.

MCM/44/25 (Agenda Item No 2)

Presentation on the Shore to Sea Project

A presentation was given on the Shore to Sea project, a litter awareness campaign which highlights the impact of litter in particular cigarette butts, on marine life. The presentation was given by Jennifer Muscheidt, Environmental

Awareness Officer, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports Department.

The presentation was **NOTED**.

MCM/45/25 (Agenda Item No 3)

Presentation on Off-Shore Windfarms

A presentation was given by Anne Browning, Statkraft updating the members on the NISA Offshore Wind Energy project (North Irish Sea Array). This was followed by a discussion and questions from the members. A copy of the presentation was requested to be forwarded to all members.

The presentation was **NOTED**.

MCM/46/25 (Agenda Item No 4)

Marine and Coastal Management SPC 2025 Works Programme

Councillor Donnelly requested a discussion be held regarding the Works Programme for 2025 and to agree a number of projects/policies on the workplan for prioritisation in 2025. Following a discussion amongst the members on a number of topics it was agreed to look at policies around Coastal Erosion and Flooding. It was suggested that a follow-up presentation on the prevention of Coastal Erosion be made to this committee at the next SPC meeting.

The item was **NOTED**.

AOB

Grainne Carroll advised members of a Public Engagement Event – Blue Flag for Balbriggan beach which is being held on Thursday 26th June, 7-9pm at the Bracken Court Hotel, Balbriggan.

The Meeting concluded at 17:59.

CHAIRPERSON

DATED



Briefing to Marine & Coastal Management SPC meeting - 24th September 2025

Update Report on Coastal Erosion in Fingal



Burrow Beach Drone Footage 10th July 2025



Maritime Area Consent (MAC)

A MAC is the gateway into the planning system as MACs are required before any planning applications are made to An Bord Pleanála and the coastal local authorities. It is a new licensing and development management regime covering the area from the high water mark to the outer limit of the State's continental shelf





November 2023 – July 2024 - MAC Pre-Application Process



MARA Confirmed - Application Received - 31st July 2024



MARA Confirmation - Application Considered Complete - 27th September 2024



Additional Information/Clarifications Requested and Received (Financial) –
10th October 2024, 7th November 2024, 23rd December 2024



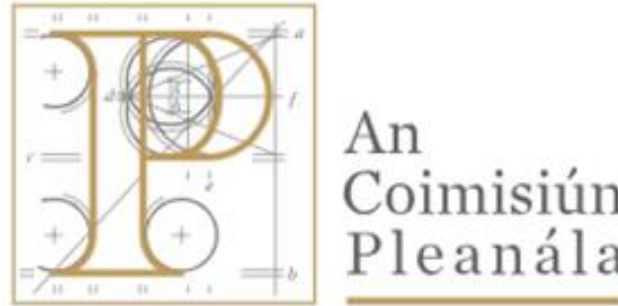
7th May 2025 - Notice of Compliance – *“MARA is satisfied that it has sufficient information in order to commence the process to determine your MAC application”*



4th July 2025 – Minded to Notice
“MARA is minded to grant you a MAC subject to conditions”



28th July 2024 – Final Determination. *“MARA has decided to grant yo a MAC subject to conditions”*



Next Steps

- **Submit application to An Coimisiún Pleanála in consultation with relevant stakeholders and having regard to the conditions of the Maritime Area Consent.**
- **Continue to liaise with CLG, OPW, NPWS and other relevant stakeholders**

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Balleally Liaison Committee Meeting

Quarterly Update

24th of September 2025

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Quarterly Update



- **On-going management of site in accordance with the sites EPA Licence (over 100 conditions)**
- **EPA Audit 21st of August 2025**
- **On going management and upkeep of existing facility (Park & Landfill Infrastructure)**
- **163,000 m³ gas/month 1,500 m³ leachate per month**

Quarterly Update



- **On going contracts management (Environmental, M&E etc)**
- **Appointment of Mechanical & Electrical Engineer to the site September 2025**
- **Asset management inventory for the site.**
- **O&M Manual for the site/handover file**

Specified Engineering Works (SEW)



- Only 1 SEW remaining to be completed
- Demolition of unused leachate collection tanks

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**COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

**MARINE & COASTAL MANAGEMENT
STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

WEDNESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2025

ITEM NO. 04

ROGERSTOWN PARK – BALLEALLY LANDFILL

Motion: Councillor P. Mulville

“That the Chief Executive report on progress towards the long-promised extension of the opening hours for Rogerstown Park (Balleally Landfill) and also the current position regarding the planned new cycle/pedestrian route from Lusk to the park.”

Report:

A Park Development Plan has been developed by Fingal County Council for Rogerstown Park (former Balleally landfill). The Council is seeking confirmation from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that this Park Development Plan is acceptable to them in the context of the Closure and Aftercare Plan for the former landfill. If this confirmation is received from the EPA, the Council will progress relevant statutory planning approval for the Park Development Plan and the closely related active travel route between the park and the town of Lusk. Pending a response from the EPA, the Council is allowing for a limited level of public access, and it is planned to extend this public access in the context of the further development of the park as planned.

There is no proposal to extend the opening hours of the park at the moment.

Source of Report:

Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks and Landscape Officer

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