

**Comhairle Contae Fine Gall
Fingal County Council**

Minutes of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B - Strategic
and General Matters)

Thursday, 11th September, 2025

PRESENT

Councillors:

Butler, Darragh
Boland, Mark
Smyth, John
Newman, Joe
Ryan Brendan
Johnston, Corina
Mulligan, Dean

Councillors:

O'Leary, Tom
Maguire, Grainne
Humphreys, James
Mulville, Paul
Dockrell, Eoin
Quinn, Malachy
Kelly, Darren Jack

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillors C. Boland, L. Corkery, T. Murphy

In the absence of the Area Chair Councillor Luke Corkery, Councillor T. O'Leary presided

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Brian Murray (Senior Executive Officer) Betty Boardman (County Librarian) Aoife Lawler (Senior Executive Officer), Declan Power (Senior Executive Officer), Catherine O'Donovan (Senior Executive Officer), Kevin Halpenny (Senior Parks and Landscape Officer), Roisin Burke (Senior Planner), Gerald Curley (Senior Executive Engineer), Fiona Glynn (Administrative Officer), Fearghal McSweeney (Administrative Officer), Joan Kernan (Administrative Officer), Grainne Carroll (Administrative Officer) Rafe Costigan (Senior Community Officer), Caitriona Geraghty (Sports Development Officer), Mary O'Reilly (Senior Staff Officer), Michael Campbell (Senior Staff Officer), David Daly (Assistant Staff Officer), Linda Fanning (Clerical Officer), Jack O'Grady (Clerical Officer)

BSB/403/25 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords
Services B (Strategic and General Matters) Meeting held on Thursday the 12th of
June 2025.

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

“That the minutes of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B (Strategic and General Matters) meeting held on Thursday 12th June 2025 be **ADOPTED**.”

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor, T. O’Leary, seconded by Councillor D. Kelly and **RESOLVED**-

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions 2 – 60 inclusive be **ADOPTED**.”

BSB/405/25 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Schools - Donabate - AI103222

BSB/406/25 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor C. Johnston - Public Consultation on the Hearse Road to Lissenhall Upgrade Project - AI103949

BSB/407/25 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Playground - Oldtown - AI103950

BSB/408/25 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor C. Johnston - Commencement date for Naul Village Park Project - AI103951

BSB/409/25 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor C. Johnston - Update on the Ballymastone Recreational Hub - Donabate - AI103952

BSB/410/25 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor C. Johnston - Update on the St. Ita’s Hospital Site - Portrane - AI103953

BSB/411/25 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor C. Johnston - Report on Public and Private Childcare Services in this LEA - AI103955

BSB/412/25 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor C. Johnston - Report on Active Travel Projects - Donabate - AI103956

BSB/413/25 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Indoor Community Facility - Ballymastone, Donabate - AI104008

BSB/414/25 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor P. Mulville - Choice Based Letting Properties in this LEA - AI103254

BSB/415/25 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor P. Mulville - Housing Welfare Officer/Social Worker Public Drop-in Clinics in this LEA - AI103256

- BSB/416/25** (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor P. Mulville - Climate Action Plan Flood Defence - AI103534
- BSB/417/25** (Agenda Item No 14)
Councillor P. Mulville - Update on the Donabate Framework Plan 2024 - AI103651
- BSB/418/25** (Agenda Item No 15)
Councillor P. Mulville - Wren's Hill, Turvey Avenue, Donabate - AI103721
- BSB/419/25** (Agenda Item No 16)
Councillor P. Mulville - Community Based, Not-For-Profit Childcare Services in this LEA - AI104059
- BSB/420/25** (Agenda Item No 17)
Councillor P. Mulville - Update on Improvement to Portrane Cliff Walk - AI104060
- BSB/421/25** (Agenda Item No 18)
Councillor P. Mulville - Update on Beresford/Beverton Estates Pedestrian Link - AI104062
- BSB/422/25** (Agenda Item No 19)
Councillor L. Corkery - South Bank Vacant Homes - AI103881
- BSB/423/25** (Agenda Item No 20)
Councillor L. Corkery - Taking-in-Charge - Castlevue Laneways - Swords - AI103882
- BSB/424/25** (Agenda Item No 21)
Councillor J. Smyth - Design Issues - St. Cronan's Well Estate, Swords - AI103896
- BSB/425/25** (Agenda Item No 22)
Councillor J. Smyth - Ward River Valley Regional Park Plans - AI103898
- BSB/426/25** (Agenda Item No 23)
Councillor J. Smyth - Update on New Location for Swords Historical Society - AI103901
- BSB/427/25** (Agenda Item No 24)
Councillor J. Smyth - Child Care Facility Provision in this LEA - AI103903
- BSB/428/25** (Agenda Item No 25)
Councillor G. Maguire - Update and Timeline for Swimming Pool - Castlelands, Balbriggan - AI103936
- BSB/429/25** (Agenda Item No 26)
Councillor G. Maguire - Update on the Bath House - Martello - Balbriggan - AI103939
- BSB/430/25** (Agenda Item No 27)

Councillor B. Ryan - Progress Report on Swimming Pool - Castlelands, Balbriggan - AI103970

BSB/431/25 (Agenda Item No 28)
Councillor B. Ryan - Balbriggan Youth Creation Spaces - AI103971

BSB/432/25 (Agenda Item No 29)
Councillor B. Ryan - Update on Footpath between Loughshinny and Skerries - AI103972

BSB/433/25 (Agenda Item No 30)
Councillor B. Ryan - Update on the Opening of New Skerries Library - AI103973

BSB/434/25 (Agenda Item No 31)
Councillor M. Boland - Taking in Charge - The Forge Estate, Lusk - AI103987

BSB/435/25 (Agenda Item No 32)
Councillor M. Boland - Taking in Charge - Rahenny Park Estate, Lusk - AI103989

BSB/436/25 (Agenda Item No 33)
Councillor M. Boland - Update on Brookfield Residents Association Requests - Rush - AI103990

BSB/437/25 (Agenda Item No 34)
Councillor M. Boland - Update on the Outer Rogerstown Estuary Masterplan - AI103992

BSB/438/25 (Agenda Item No 35)
Councillor C. Boland - Report on Capital Projects in this LEA - AI103997

BSB/439/25 (Agenda Item No 36)
Councillor C. Boland - Update on Road Safety Measures - Blake's Cross Junction - AI104002

BSB/440/25 (Agenda Item No 37)
Councillor C. Boland - Housing Stock and Housing Demand in this LEA - AI104010

BSB/441/25 (Agenda Item No 38)
Councillor D. Kelly - New Bridge - Bridge Street Swords - AI103999

BSB/442/25 (Agenda Item No 39)
Councillor D. Mulligan - Report on Tenant-in-Situ in this LEA - AI104016

BSB/443/25 (Agenda Item No 40)
Councillor D. Mulligan - Report on Social Housing List in this LEA - AI104017

BSB/444/25 (Agenda Item No 41)
Councillor D. Mulligan - Bulk Purchase of Homes in this LEA - AI104018

BSB/445/25 (Agenda Item No 42)

Councillor D. Mulligan - Notification of Bulk Housing Stock Purchases - AI104019

BSB/446/25 (Agenda Item No 43)

Councillor D. Mulligan - Update on the Western Distributor Road - Swords - AI104020

BSB/447/25 (Agenda Item No 44)

Councillor D. Mulligan - Update on Swords Cricket Club - AI104021

BSB/448/25 (Agenda Item No 45)

Councillor D. Mulligan - Update on Traffic Management and Infrastructure in this LEA - AI104023

BSB/449/25 (Agenda Item No 46)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Road Safety Reviews - Oldtown - AI104026

BSB/450/25 (Agenda Item No 47)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Blake's Cross Junction Upgrade Project - AI104027

BSB/451/25 (Agenda Item No 48)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Naul Village Park - AI104031

BSB/452/25 (Agenda Item No 49)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Report on Minister's Road - Lusk - AI104032

BSB/453/25 (Agenda Item No 50)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Knockdromin House Study - AI104033

BSB/454/25 (Agenda Item No 51)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on St. Ita's Campus - Portrane - AI104034

BSB/455/25 (Agenda Item No 52)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Arts Trail for Rush - AI104037

BSB/456/25 (Agenda Item No 53)

Councillor T. Murphy - Incomplete Fencing - Balbriggan Beach - AI104040

BSB/457/25 (Agenda Item No 54)

Councillor T. Murphy - Bremore Regional Park - Balbriggan - AI104042

BSB/458/25 (Agenda Item No 55)

Councillor T. Murphy - Update on Boat and Bath House - Balbriggan - AI104045

BSB/459/25 (Agenda Item No 56)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Broadmeadow Community National School - AI104057

BSB/460/25 (Agenda Item No 57)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Access Route at Swords Community College - AI104061

BSB/461/25 (Agenda Item No 58)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Update on Phase 2 of Mooretown Development - AI104063

BSB/462/25 (Agenda Item No 59)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Update on Taking in Charge - Comyn Manor - Swords - AI104065

BSB/463/25 (Agenda Item No 60)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Report on Swords Cultural Quarter - AI104069

BSB/464/25 (Agenda Item No 61)

Applications for Funding

BSB/465/25 (Agenda Item No 61a)

Applications for Sports Funding

It was proposed by Councillor J. Newman and seconded by Councillor D. Kelly and AGREED:

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

BSB/466/25 (Agenda Item No 62)

Proposed Disposals

a **Notice of Proposed Disposal of Land at Clonswords, Ballyboughal, Co. Dublin to Mr. John Rodgers**

The Report was Noted.

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

The Report was Noted.

BSB/467/25 (Agenda Item No 63)

Correspondence

a **Letter dated 3rd December 2024 from Irish Rail regarding Councillor P. Mulville - Motion - Need for Platform Shelter on the Drogheda Bound Platform at Donabate Railway Station - AI098922**

The correspondence from Irish Rail was NOTED.

b **Letter dated 23rd June 2025 from Dublin City Council regarding Councillor D. Butler, Councillor D. Mulligan and Councillor J. Newman - Motion - Santry - DCC and Fingal Working Group - AI097030**

The correspondence from Dublin City Council was NOTED.

c Letter dated 7th July 2025 from NTA regarding Councillor J. Humphreys - Motion - Public Transport in this LEA - AI098320

The correspondence from the NTA was NOTED

BSB/469/25 (Agenda Item No 63d)

Letter dated 8th July 2025 from Local Link regarding Councillor D. Kelly - Motion - Additional Direct Bus Service to Beaumont Hospital from Swords - AI098629

The correspondence from Local Link was NOTED.

a E-mail dated 16th July 2025 from Uisce Éireann regarding Councillor C. Boland - Motion - Waste Water Treatment Services to Rural Villages in this LEA

The correspondence from Uisce Éireann was NOTED.

b E-mail dated 28th August 2025 from Uisce Éireann regarding Councillor C. Johnston - Motion - Meeting to Discuss Connection of Corballis Residents to Donabate/Portrane Foul Water Scheme - AI102550

The correspondence from Uisce Éireann was NOTED.

BSB/470/25 (Agenda Item No 64)

Councillor L. Corkery - Old Brackenstown Road Access Strategy - AI103765

The Motion in the name of Councillor L. Corkery was proposed by Councillor D. Mulligan and seconded by D. Butler.

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

BSB/471/25 (Agenda Item No 65)

Councillor L. Corkery - Invitation to MetroLink - AI102979

The Motion in the name of Councillor L. Corkery was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary and seconded by Councillor D. Butler.

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

BSB/472/25 (Agenda Item No 66)

Councillor D. Mulligan - Invitation to Approved Housing Bodies in the LEA - AI103233

The Motion in the name of Councillor D. Mulligan was proposed by Councillor D. Mulligan and seconded by Councillor J. Newman.

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

BSB/473/25 (Agenda Item No 67)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Request for In-Person Meeting with HSE Regarding Status of St. Ita's Campus - AI102467

The Motion in the name of Councillor E. Dockrell was proposed by E. Dockrell and seconded by Councillor C. Johnston

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

BSB/474/25 (Agenda Item No 68)

Councillor P. Mulville - Long Delayed Footpath at Cobbe Court, Donabate - AI102498

The Motion in the name of Councillor P. Mulville was proposed by Councillor P. Mulville and seconded by Councillor D. Kelly

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

BSB/475/25 (Agenda Item No 69)

Councillor J. Smyth - Rates of Illegal Dumping in this LEA for 2025 - AI103144

The Motion in the name of Councillor J. Smyth was proposed by Councillor J. Smyth and seconded by Councillor M. Quinn

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

BSB/476/25 (Agenda Item No 70)

Councillor D. Butler - Statue for Saint Colmcille (St. Columba) in Swords - AI103383

The Motion in the name of Councillor D. Butler was proposed by D. Butler and seconded by Councillor D. Kelly

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

BSB/477/25 (Agenda Item No 71)

Councillor M. Boland - Meeting Between the Council and Iarnród Éireann - Irish Rail and the NTA - AI103995

The Motion in the name of Councillor M. Boland was proposed by M. Boland and seconded by Councillor C. Johnston

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

BSB/478/25 (Agenda Item No 72)
Councillor C. Boland - Report on Naul Playground - AI103996

The Motion in the name of Councillor C. Boland was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary and seconded by Councillor D. Kelly

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated was ACCEPTED without discussion.

BSB/479/25 (Agenda Item No 73)
Councillor D. Kelly - Glasmore ESB Substation - AI104003

The Motion in the name of Councillor D. Kelly was proposed by Councillor D. Kelly and seconded by Councillor J. Newman

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

BSB/480/25 (Agenda Item No 74)
Councillor J. Newman - Update on Swords Local Area Plan - AI104011

The Motion in the name of Councillor J. Newman was proposed by Councillor J. Newman and seconded by Councillor D. Kelly

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

BSB/481/25 (Agenda Item No 75)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Public Consultation for the Naming of the New Library - Swords Cultural Quater - AI104070

The Motion in the name of Councillor J. Humphreys was proposed by Councillor J. Humphreys and seconded by Councillor M. Boland

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and CONSIDERED and following discussion a Roll Call vote was called.

The result of the vote was as follows:

For: Three (3)

Against: Eight (8)

For: Councillors: J. Humphreys, D. Mulligan, P. Mulville

Against: Councillors: M. Boland, D. Butler, E. Dockrell, C. Johnston, D. Kelly, J. Newman, T. O'Leary, J. Smyth

The Area Chairperson Councillor T. O'Leary declared the Motion **FALLS**.

BSB/482/25 (Agenda Item No 76)

Councillor J. Smyth - Averting Traffic Chaos for Swords - AI103147

The Motion in the name of Councillor J. Smyth was proposed by Councillor J. Smyth and seconded by Councillor D. Butler

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and CONSIDERED and following discussion a Roll Call vote was called.

The result of the vote was as follows:

For: Eight (8)

Against: Two (2)

Abstain: One (1)

For: Councillors: M. Boland, D. Butler, E. Dockrell, J. Humphreys, C. Johnston, D. Kelly, D. Mulligan, J. Smyth

Against: Councillors: P. Mulville, T. O'Leary

Abstain: Councillors: J. Newman

The Area Chairperson Councillor T. O'Leary declared the Motion **PASSED**.

BSB/483/25 (Agenda Item No 77)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Feasibility Study to Extend the Community Centre - Donabate - AI103673

The Motion in the name of Councillor E. Dockrell was proposed by Councillor E. Dockrell and seconded by Councillor C. Johnston

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

BSB/484/25 (Agenda Item No 78)

Councillor J. Newman - Swords Historical Society - AI104012

The Motion in the name of Councillor J. Newman was proposed by Councillor J. Newman and seconded by Councillor D. Kelly

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

The meeting concluded at 18:11

AREA CHAIRPERSON

DATED