

**Comhairle Contae Fine Gall
Fingal County Council**

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

Thursday, 9th October, 2025

PRESENT

Councillors:

Butler, Darragh

Corkery, Luke

Dockrell, Eoghan

Humphreys, James

Johnston, Corina

Maguire, Grainne

Councillors:

Mulligan, Dean

Murphy, Tony

Newman, Joe

O'Leary, Tom

Quinn, Malachy

Ryan, Brendan

Smyth, John

Apologies were received from the following Councillors: Mark Boland, Darren Jack Kelly

The Area Chair, Councillor Luke Corkery, presided

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Brian Murray (Senior Executive Officer), Aoife Sheridan (Senior Executive Officer) Roisin Burke (Senior Planner), Kevin Halpenny (Senior Parks and Landscape Officer), Fearghal McSweeney (Administrative Officer) Ciaran Staunton (Administrative Officer), Emily Crawley (Sports Programme Administrative Manager), Mortimer Loftus (Executive Scientist), Aaron O'Callaghan (Executive Engineer), David Daly (Assistant Staff Officer), Jack O'Grady (Clerical Officer) Ciara McGowan (Clerical Officer)

BSB/485/22 (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 11th of
September 2025

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor J. Newman, seconded by Councillor M. Quinn and **RESOLVED** –

“That the minutes of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B (Strategic and General Matters) meeting held on Thursday 11th September 2025 be **ADOPTED**.”

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor, J. Smyth, seconded by Councillor J. Newman and
RESOLVED-

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions 2 – 46 inclusive be **ADOPTED**.”

BSB/487/22 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Phase 2 of Donabate Distributor Road - AI104038

BSB/488/22 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Nature Education Centre - Turvey Park -
AI104577

BSB/489/22 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Installation of School Safety Measures - Naul National
School - AI104584

BSB/490/22 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Converting Rush Library to a "My Open Library" - AI104588

BSB/491/22 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Increase Visits of Mobile Library - Lusk - AI104589

BSB/492/22 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Wildlife, Education and Rehabilitation Centre -
Turvey Nature Reserve, Donabate - AI104334

BSB/493/22 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor C. Johnston - Healthy Steps Community Walk - Newbridge Demesne,
Donabate - AI104534

BSB/494/22 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor C. Johnston - Safe Routes to School - Donabate/Portrane Educate
Together - AI104537

BSB/495/22 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor C. Johnston - Report on Trial One-Way System - Ballisk, Donabate -
AI104539

BSB/496/22 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor C. Johnston - Progress Report on the Portrane Road Enhancement
Scheme - AI104540

BSB/497/22 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor C. Johnston - Taking in Charge - Weston Park Estate, Oldtown -
AI104548

- BSB/498/22** (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor C. Johnston - Progress Report on the Turvey Loop Walk/Cycle Way - Donabate - AI104549
- BSB/499/22** (Agenda Item No 14)
Councillor M. Quinn - Update on Castle Mill Link Road, Balbriggan - AI104486
- BSB/500/22** (Agenda Item No 15)
Councillor M. Quinn - Update on Taking in Charge of New Haven Court, Flemington Lane, Balbriggan - AI104490
- BSB/501/22** (Agenda Item No 16)
Councillor M. Quinn - Report on Abandoned Vehicles in this LEA - AI104562
- BSB/502/22** (Agenda Item No 17)
Councillor J. Smyth - Tenant Actions regarding Mould and Damp Issues - AI104499
- BSB/503/22** (Agenda Item No 18)
Councillor J. Smyth - Updated Road Safety Assessment - Applewood Community Centre, Swords - AI104500
- BSB/504/22** (Agenda Item No 19)
Councillor J. Smyth - Update on Tenant-in-Situ Scheme in LEA - AI104502
- BSB/505/22** (Agenda Item No 20)
Councillor J. Smyth - Unauthorised Construction/Tree Felling - Ward River Valley Regional Park - AI104591
- BSB/506/22** (Agenda Item No 21)
Councillor D. Kelly - Update on the Protection of the Well at the Lord Mayor's Site, Swords - AI104508
- BSB/507/22** (Agenda Item No 22)
Councillor L. Corkery - Update on Playground - Ward River Valley Park, Swords - AI104509
- BSB/508/22** (Agenda Item No 23)
Councillor J. Newman - Link Glasmore Abbey to St. Cronan's Well, Swords - AI104519
- BSB/509/22** (Agenda Item No 24)
Councillor J. Newman - Update on Forest Management Plans - AI104520
- BSB/510/22** (Agenda Item No 25)
Councillor B. Ryan - Report on Bathing Water Analyses - Balbriggan, Skerries and Loughshinny - AI104550
- BSB/511/22** (Agenda Item No 26)
Councillor B. Ryan - Update on Use of CCTV for Illegal Dumping - Balbriggan - AI104551

- BSB/512/22** (Agenda Item No 27)
Councillor B. Ryan - Notices Served on Derelict Sites and Buildings - Balbriggan - AI104552
- BSB/513/22** (Agenda Item No 28)
Councillor B. Ryan - Update on Loughshinny Playground - AI104553
- BSB/514/22** (Agenda Item No 29)
Councillor B. Ryan - Update on Active Travel Plan - Skerries - AI104554
- BSB/515/22** (Agenda Item No 30)
Councillor B. Ryan - Report on Land Adjacent to Loughshinny Beach - AI104555
- BSB/516/22** (Agenda Item No 31)
Councillor B. Ryan - Four-Bedroomed Social Houses - Balbriggan - AI104556
- BSB/517/22** (Agenda Item No 32)
Councillor B. Ryan - Pond Maintenance at Skerries Mills - AI104558
- BSB/518/22** (Agenda Item No 33)
Councillor M. Boland - Taking in Charge - Forge Estate, Lusk - AI104569
- BSB/519/22** (Agenda Item No 34)
Councillor M. Boland - Update on Lusk Sports Hub - AI104570
- BSB/520/22** (Agenda Item No 35)
Councillor M. Boland - Update on Sports and Indoor Facility Audit - Lusk and Rush - AI104571
- BSB/521/22** (Agenda Item No 36)
Councillor M. Boland - Opening of Rogerstown Park on Sundays - AI104573
- BSB/522/22** (Agenda Item No 37)
Councillor M. Boland - Update on Sports Pitches at the Proposed Rush Sports Hub - AI104575
- BSB/523/22** (Agenda Item No 38)
Councillor P. Mulville - Commencement Notice CN0125059FL - AI104599
- BSB/524/22** (Agenda Item No 39)
Councillor P. Mulville - Update on Skerries Harbour Part VIII Public Realm Improvements and Active Travel Measures Scheme - AI104600
- BSB/525/22** (Agenda Item No 40)
Councillor P. Mulville - Update on Pedestrian and Cycle Safety - Blake's Cross - Lusk - AI104601
- BSB/526/22** (Agenda Item No 41)

Councillor P. Mulville - Homeless Family Emergency Accommodation Facilities in this LEA - AI104602

BSB/527/22 (Agenda Item No 42)

Councillor P. Mulville - Update on Children's Play Space - Portrane - AI104603

BSB/528/22 (Agenda Item No 43)

Councillor P. Mulville - Update on Murtagh's of Ballough - AI104604

BSB/529/22 (Agenda Item No 44)

Councillor P. Mulville - Update on Dedicated Space for Donabate Youth Service - AI104605

BSB/530/22 (Agenda Item No 45)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Update on Western Distributor Road - Swords - AI104610

BSB/531/22 (Agenda Item No 46)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Update on Primary Care Centre - Seatown, Swords - AI104611

BSB/532/22 (Agenda Item No 47)

Applications for Funding

a Applications for Community Funding

It was proposed by Councillor J. Newman and seconded by Councillor M. Quinn and AGREED:

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

BSB/533/22 (Agenda Item No 48)

Declaration of Roads/Taking in Charge

a Glaslinn, Donabate

The Report was Noted.

b Taylor Hill Phase 1 and 2, Balbriggan

The Report was Noted.

c Greenbrook, Rush

The Report was Noted.

BSB/534/22 (Agenda Item No 49)

Correspondence

a E-mail dated 18th September 2025 from MetroLink regarding Councillor L. Corkery - Motion - Invitation to MetroLink - AI102979

The correspondence from Metro Link was NOTED.

BSB/535/22 (Agenda Item No 50)

Councillor J. Smyth - Maintenance of Former Lord Mayor's Site, Swords - AI103892

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/536/22 (Agenda Item No 51)

Councillor D. Kelly - Report on Rivers and Streams - Swords - AI104504

In the absence of Councillor D. Kelly, it was AGREED to defer this motion until the next Area Committee Meeting

BSB/537/22 (Agenda Item No 52)

Councillor J. Newman - Request for Civic Reception - AI104521

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

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

BSB/538/22 (Agenda Item No 53)

Councillor C. Johnston - Meeting for Content and Location of Dublin Coastal Trail Signage - Donabate Peninsula - AI104541

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

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

BSB/539/22 (Agenda Item No 54)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Community Space - R127 Rathmore Road - AI104586

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/540/22 (Agenda Item No 55)

Councillor P. Mulville/ Councillor E. Dockrell/ Councillor C. Johnston - 1916 Rising Memorial - The Hand, Donabate - AI104606

The Motion in the name of Councillors P. Mulville, E. Dockrell and C. Johnston 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 motion was AGREED.

BSB/541/22 (Agenda Item No 56)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Report on Protection Measures of Swords Green Belt - AI104607

The Motion in the name of Councillor J. Humphreys was proposed by Councillor J. Humphreys 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/542/22 (Agenda Item No 57)

Councillor J. Smyth - Provision of Cricket Pitch in this LEA - AI104495

The Motion in the name of Councillor J. Smyth was proposed by Councillor J. Smyth 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/543/22 (Agenda Item No 58)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Report on Youth-Friendly Green and Recreational Spaces - Swords - AI104608

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

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 14:38

AREA CHAIRPERSON

DATED