

**Comhairle Contae Fine Gall
Fingal County Council**

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

Thursday, 13th November, 2025

PRESENT

Councillors: Boland, Cathal Boland, Mark Butler, Darragh Corkery, Luke Humphreys, James Johnston, Corina	Councillors: Mulligan, Dean Mulville, Paul Murphy, Tony Newman, Joe Quinn, Malachy Smyth, John
Kelly, Darren	

Apologies were received from the following Councillors: Grainne Maguire

The Area Chair, Councillor Luke Corkery, presided

Officials Present

Brian Murray (Senior Executive Officer), Declan Ryan (Senior Executive Officer), Roisin Burke (Senior Planner), Deirdre Fallon (Senior Planner), Gene Griffin (Administrative Officer), Breffni O'Rourke (Administrative Officer), Breen Dorris (Senior Executive Engineer), Gemma Carr (Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer), Larry Bergin (Senior Executive Engineer), David T. Byrne (Senior Executive Engineer), Rafe Costigan (Senior Community Officer), Mary O'Reilly (Senior Staff Officer), Michael Campbell (Senior Staff Officer), Owen McGrath (Sports Development Officer), David Daly (Assistant Staff Officer), Linda Fanning (Clerical Officer), Karen O'Neill (Clerical Officer), Jack O'Grady (Clerical Officer)

BSB/544/25 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords
Services B (Strategic and General Matters) meeting held on Thursday the 9th
October 2025.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor L. Corkery, seconded by Councillor J. Humphreys and **RESOLVED** –

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

QUESTIONS

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor L. Corkery, seconded by Councillor J. Humphreys and **RESOLVED** -

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions 2 – 37 inclusive be **ADOPTED**.”

BSB/546/25 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor C. Johnston - Update on Playground - Beresford Estate, Donabate - AI104533

BSB/547/25 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor C. Johnston - Report on Access to Rush/Lusk Train Station - AI105090

BSB/548/25 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor C. Johnston - Report on Relocation of Library from Donabate Portrane Community Centre to Ballisk House, Donabate - AI105095

BSB/549/25 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor C. Johnston - Timeline on Portrane to Donabate Cliff Walk Project - AI105096

BSB/550/25 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor C. Johnston - Update on Rahillion Looped Walkway Project, Donabate - AI105097

BSB/551/25 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor C. Johnston - Progress Report on Ballymastone Educational Hub, Donabate - AI105098

BSB/552/25 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor C. Johnston - Planning Application for Portrane Coastal Protection Scheme - AI105099

BSB/553/25 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor C. Johnston - Update on Blake's Cross Junction Upgrade, Lusk - AI105101

BSB/554/25 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor M. Quinn - Update on Taking in Charge - Open Space in Golden Ridge, Rush - AI104866

BSB/555/25 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor M. Quinn - Taking in Charge - Castlemill Road, Balbriggan - AI104889

BSB/556/25 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor M. Quinn - Proposed Safety Measures - Scoil Réalt Na Mara, Skerries - AI105030

- BSB/557/25** (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor M. Quinn - List of Vacant One-Bed Housing in this LEA - AI105103
- BSB/558/25** (Agenda Item No 14)
Councillor L. Corkery - School Street Initiative - Thornleigh Educate Together
National School, Swords - AI104959
- BSB/559/25** (Agenda Item No 15)
Councillor T. Murphy - Safer Routes to School, Balrothery National School -
AI105021
- BSB/560/25** (Agenda Item No 16)
Councillor J. Smyth - Upgrade Works at Rivervalley/Rathingle, Swords - AI105035
- BSB/561/25** (Agenda Item No 17)
Councillor J. Smyth - Mould/Damp in the Council's Housing Stock - AI105041
- BSB/562/25** (Agenda Item No 18)
Councillor J. Smyth - New Build Social Housing in this LEA - AI105104
- BSB/563/25** (Agenda Item No 19)
Councillor J. Smyth - Path Changes in the Ward River Valley Park, Swords -
AI105105
- BSB/564/25** (Agenda Item No 20)
Councillor D. Butler - Resurfacing of Old Rivervalley All-Weather Pitch - Rivervalley,
Swords - AI105037
- BSB/565/25** (Agenda Item No 21)
Councillor G. Maguire - Road Safety Measures - Scoil Réalt na Mara, Skerries -
AI105055
- BSB/566/25** (Agenda Item No 22)
Councillor B. Ryan - Cleaning of Laneway - Lambeecher Estate, Balbriggan -
AI105069
- BSB/567/25** (Agenda Item No 23)
Councillor B. Ryan - Issues with Polling Stations in this LEA - AI105084
- BSB/568/25** (Agenda Item No 24)
Councillor B. Ryan - Flavours of Fingal 2026 - AI105091
- BSB/569/25** (Agenda Item No 25)
Councillor P. Mulville - Report on Business on Main Street, Swords - AI105077
- BSB/570/25** (Agenda Item No 26)
Councillor P. Mulville - Diversity of Traders/Businesses on Swords Main Street -
AI105079

BSB/571/25 (Agenda Item No 27)

Councillor P. Mulville - Update on Portrane Coastal Erosion and Flooding Protection Scheme Application - AI105080

BSB/572/25 (Agenda Item No 28)

Councillor P. Mulville - Public Consultation Process for Children's Play Space in Portrane - AI105128

BSB/573/25 (Agenda Item No 29)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Defective Blocks Scheme for Lusk Residents - AI105107

BSB/574/25 (Agenda Item No 30)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Resurfacing of Road - Hand's Lane, Lusk - AI105110

BSB/575/25 (Agenda Item No 31)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Road Safety Review - Semple Woods Estate, Donabate - AI105112

BSB/576/25 (Agenda Item No 32)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Review of Area between Kenure Woods and the Gaelscoil in Rush - AI105113

BSB/577/25 (Agenda Item No 33)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Installation of Pathway through Astor Park/Golden Ridge to Kenure Woods, Rush - AI105114

BSB/578/25 (Agenda Item No 34)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Additional Schools in Donabate - AI105115

BSB/579/25 (Agenda Item No 35)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Sports Hub for Donabate - AI105116

BSB/580/25 (Agenda Item No 36)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Community Infrastructure - Lusk - AI105120

BSB/581/25 (Agenda Item No 37)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Proposed Works along Glen Ellan/Balheary Road, Swords - AI105132

BSB/582/25 (Agenda Item No 38)

Applications for Funding

a Applications for Community Funding

It was proposed by Cllr. L. Corkery and seconded by Cllr. J. Newman and AGREED:

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

BSB/583/25 (Agenda Item No 38b)
Applications for Sports Funding

It was proposed by Cllr. L. Corkery and seconded by Cllr. J. Newman and AGREED:

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

BSB/584/25 (Agenda Item No 39)
Quay Street and Environs, Traffic Management Scheme - Section 38 Non-Statutory Public Consultation

Mr. Breffni O'Rourke, Administrative Officer, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Culture Department and Mr. Robert Kelly and Ms. Naomi Devine, Consultants from DBFL Consulting Engineers have members a brief presentation on Quay Street and Environs, Balbriggan Traffic Management Scheme and following this the presentation was Noted.

BSB/585/25 (Agenda Item No 40)
Proposed Disposals

a **Proposed disposal of land at Clonard Road, Flemingtown, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin to Phoenix Tower Ireland III Limited**

It was Proposed by Councillor. T. Murphy and Seconded by Councillor C. Boland and the Report was Noted.

b **Proposed lease of land at Balheary Road, Swords, Co. Dublin to Swords Celtic Football Club, Balheary Road, Swords, Co. Dublin**

It was Proposed by Councillor. J. Newman and Seconded by Councillor D. Kelly and the Report was Noted

c **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**

It was Proposed by Councillor. T. Murphy and Seconded by Councillor C. Boland and the Report was Noted

BSB/586/25 (Agenda Item No 41)
Correspondence

a **Letter dated 3rd October 2025 from NTA regarding Councillor M. Boland Motion - Meeting Between the Council and Iarnród Éireann - Irish Rail and the NTA - AI103995**

The correspondence from the NTA was NOTED.

- b Letter dated 16th October 2025 from SOLAS regarding Councillor L. Corkery Motion - Update on Progress of Swords College of Further Education - AI102390**

The Correspondence from SOLAS was NOTED.

- c Email dated 22nd October 2025 from Uisce Éireann regarding Councillor C. Boland Motion - Invite Uisce Éireann to attend ACM - Upgrade and Delivery of Wastewater Treatment Works**

The Correspondence from Uisce Éireann was NOTED.

BSB/587/25 (Agenda Item No 42)

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

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 report was ACCEPTED

BSB/588/25 (Agenda Item No 43)

Councillor D. Mulligan - Swords Autism Friendly Town - AI105007

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

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and CONSIDERED and following discussion an AMENDMENT to the Motion was proposed to read:

“That this Committee invites Swords Autism Friendly Town to attend a meeting to discuss how the Elected Members and Council officials can work together to make the local area more inclusive and neuro-affirmative.”

The Amended Motion was proposed by Councillor T. Murphy and Seconded by Councillor D. Mulligan and the Amended Motion was Agreed without discussion.

BSB/589/25 (Agenda Item No 44)

Councillor T. O'Leary - Request for School Warden - Scoil Réalt na Mara, Skerries - AI105017A

In the absence of Councillor T. O'Leary, the Motion in the name of Councillor T. O'Leary was proposed by Councillor L. Corkery and seconded by Councillor M. Quinn

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

IT WAS AGREED TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS: MEETING WITH FINGALLIANS GAA CLUB - AI105049 AND CONTINUED PROVISION OF PITCHES - FINGALLIANS GAA CLUB, SWORDS - AI105106 TOGETHER.
BSB/590/25 (Agenda Item No 45)

Councillor C. Boland - Meeting with Fingallians GAA Club - AI105049

The Motion in the name of Councillor C. Boland was proposed by Councillor C. Boland and seconded by Councillor T. Murphy

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

BSB/591/25 (Agenda Item No 50)

Councillor J. Smyth - Continued Provision of Pitches - Fingallians GAA Club, Swords - AI105106

The Report in the name of Councillor J. Smyth was proposed by Councillor J. Smyth and seconded by Councillor L. Corkery

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

BSB/592/25 (Agenda Item No 46)

Councillor J. Smyth - Procedures on Casinos and Gaming Arcades - Swords - AI105059

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 motion was Agreed

BSB/593/25 (Agenda Item No 47)

Councillor P. Mulville - Northern Commuter Line - Constant Delays and Overcrowding in this LEA - AI105130

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/594/25 (Agenda Item No 48)

Councillor D. Kelly - Primary and Secondary School Delivery Timelines in this LEA -
AI104852

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

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

BSB/595/25 (Agenda Item No 49)

Councillor T. O'Leary - Improved Safe Access to Scoil Réalt na Mara, Skerries -
AI105017

In the absence of Councillor T. O'Leary, the Motion in the name of Councillor T.
O'Leary was proposed by Councillor L. Corkery and seconded by Councillor M.
Quinn

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

BSB/596/25 (Agenda Item No 51)

Councillor P. Mulville - Report on Repair and Upkeep at St. Ita's Hospital, Portrane -
AI105131

The Motion in the name of Councillor P. Mulville was proposed by Councillor P.
Mulville 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.

The meeting concluded at 17:48

AREA CHAIRPERSON

DATED