

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall Fingal County Council

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday, 12th January, 2026 in the Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords, at 5.00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors:

Boland, Cathal
Boland, Mark
Burtchaell, John
Butler, Darragh
Carbone-Mangan, Eimear
Corkery, Luke
Dennison, Kieran
Dockrell, Eoghan
Donnelly, Angela
Guerin, Jimmy
Hanaphy, Breda
Haughey, Cathal
Healy, David
Hopkins, Joan
Humphreys, James
Johnston, Corina
Kitt, Tom
Leddy, Ted

Councillors:

Maguire, Grainne
McDonagh, Brian
Mulligan, Dean
Mulville, Paul
Murphy, Tony
Newman, Joe
O'Brien, Eoghan
O'Leary, Tom
Onwumereh, JK
Quinlan, Patrick
Quinn, Malachy
Ryan, Brendan
Sheehan, Gerard
Shovlin, Siobhan
Smyth, John
Troy, Ellen
Walsh, John

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillors Tania Doyle, Darren Jack Kelly, Mary McCamley, Helen Redwood and Aoibhinn Tormey.

The Mayor, Councillor Tom O'Leary presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

AnnMarie Farrelly (Chief Executive); Oliver Hunt (Head of Finance); David Storey (Director of Services/Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports); Matthew McAleese (Director of Services /Infrastructure and Transport); Roisin Burke (Director of Services / Planning and Development); Paul Carroll (Director of Services /Housing Services); Mary Egan (Director of Services/People, Corporate &

Digital Services); John Quinlivan (Director of Services/Economic, Community and Cultural Development); Mary T. Daly (Director of Services/ Operations), Ciara O hAodha (Senior Executive Officer); Emily Crawley (Sports Programme Administrative Manager).

F/1/26 (Agenda Item No)

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor, Councillor T. O'Leary, at the start of the meeting, reminded Members that Standing Orders would apply to all aspects of the meeting.

The Mayor, welcomed and congratulated Ms Roisin Burke on her appointment as Director of Services to Planning and Development Department.

F/2/26 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 8th December 2025

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 8th December 2025 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor JK. Onwumereh seconded by Councillor K. Dennison and **RESOLVED** –

“That the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 8th December 2025 be **ADOPTED.**”

F/3/26 (Agenda Item No 2)

Nominations

a Appointment of one Member to the Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment Strategic Policy Committee

It was **AGREED** to defer this item.

b Appointment of one Member to the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly (EMRA)

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED.**

It was proposed by Councillor E. Dockrell and seconded by Councillor D. Butler and **AGREED**:

“That Councillor Kieran Dennison be appointed as a member to the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly (EMRA).”

c Appointment of one Member to the Regional Health Forum

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**.

It was proposed by Councillor E. Dockrell and seconded by Councillor K. Dennison and **AGREED**:

“That Councillor Luke Corkery be appointed as a member to the Regional Health Forum.”

d Appointment of one Member to the Local Committee Development Committee (LCDC)

It was **AGREED** to defer this item.

F/4/26 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor T. O’Leary, seconded by Councillor J. Walsh and **RESOLVED**:

“That in accordance with Standing Order No. 51, Questions numbered 3 to 12 be **ADOPTED**.”

F/5/26 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor P. Quinlan - Update on the number of Social Homes Allocated in the last 20 years

F/6/26 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor JK Onwumereh - Update on the Need to Rezone Land for Residential Purposes in Fingal

F/7/26 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor JK Onwumereh - Audit on Running Tracks in Fingal

F/8/26 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor D. Butler - Differential Rent Scheme

F/9/26 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor S. Shovlin - Securing New Bus Stops close to New Housing Developments

F/10/26 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor P. Mulville - Historic Landfills

F/11/26 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Ethical Procurement Policy

F/12/26 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor J. Smyth - Private Rental Inspections

F/13/26 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor M. Quinn - Support for tenants who find themselves homeless following an Enforcement Notice

F/14/26 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Flavours of Fingal

F/15/26 (Agenda Item No 13)

Report of Committees

a **Annual Chairpersons' Reports of the Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Meetings held in 2025**

The reports by the Strategic Policy Committee Chairpersons which had been circulated were **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

b **Report of Organisation, Procedures & Finance (OP&F) Committee which was held on Monday 8th December 2025**

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien, and **RESOLVED**:

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Organisation, Procedure and Finance Committee (OP&F) Meeting held on Monday 8th December 2025, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

F/16/26 (Agenda Item No 13c)

**Report of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) Meeting which was held on
Wednesday 7th January 2026**

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED.** It was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien, and **RESOLVED:**

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) Meeting held on Wednesday 7th January 2026, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

F/17/26 (Agenda Item No 14)

Financial Matters

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this item.

F/18/26 (Agenda Item No 15)

Proposed Disposal of Properties

a **Notice of proposed lease of land at Parkvale, Baldoyle, Dublin
13 to Baldoyle Boxing Club, Parkvale, Baldoyle, Dublin 13**

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED.** It was proposed by Councillor D. Healy and seconded by Councillor B. McDonagh and **RESOLVED:**

"That land at Parkvale, Baldoyle, Dublin 13, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 12th December 2025, be leased to Baldoyle Boxing Club, Parkvale, Baldoyle, Dublin 13 in accordance with the terms specified therein."

F/19/26 (Agenda Item No 16)

Declarations of Roads

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this item.

F/20/26 (Agenda Item No 17)

Draft Fingal County Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2026

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. A presentation was given to the Members by Mary T Daly, Director of Services, Operation Department.

During the course of the discussion, the Mayor informed the members a number of motions were submitted.

The following motion, was proposed by Councillor D. Healy and seconded by Councillor B. McDonagh:

“That the Parking Bye-Laws be amended to allow for the issue of resident parking permits to residents of apartment buildings.”

Following discussions, the Mayor, called for a 3 minute recess.

On recommencement of the meeting, Councillor D. Healy withdrew his motion.

Following discussion on resident permits for apartment it was **AGREED** to bring back as a headed item in March on the process which is required to make changes to the Bye-Laws.

It was proposed by Councillor T. O’Leary, seconded by Councillor K. Dennison, and **RESOLVED** that –

“That pursuant to Section 101 of the Road Traffic Act 1961, as amended by Section 6 of the Road Traffic Act 1968 and Section 36 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994 (No. 7 of 1994), and having consulted with the Commissioner of An Garda Síochána, Fingal County Council hereby make the Parking Control Bye-Laws 2026 and Fingal County Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2020 are hereby revoked.”

F/21/26 (Agenda Item No 18)
**Draft Fingal County Council Strategic Policy Committees (SPC) Annual
 Policy Programme 2026**

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor K. Dennison and **RESOLVED**:

"That the Strategic Policy Committee Annual Policy Programme 2026 is hereby **ADOPTED**."

F/22/26 (Agenda Item No 19)
Sports Equipment and Activity Grants

A presentation was given to the Members by Emily Crawley, Sports Programme Administrative Manager, Sports Section.

It was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor G. Maguire and **AGREED**.

F/23/26 (Agenda Item No 20)
Chief Executive's Report

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**.

The Mayor, informed the members a motion had been received by Councillor J. Humphreys and has been ruled out of order.

It was agreed to amend the date in the report for the Skerries Active Travel Plan.

The Chief Executives report was **NOTED**.

F/24/26 (Agenda Item No 21)
Mayor's Business - Councillor T. O'Leary

a **Councillor T. O'Leary - Civic Reception for Mr Pat Reen, Prosper Fingal**

The motion, in the name of Councillor T. O'Leary was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary and seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien.

The motion was **AGREED**.

b Councillor T. O'Leary - Civic Reception Balbriggan Cricket Club All-Ireland Champions

The motion, in the name of Councillor T. O'Leary was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary and seconded by Councillor G. Maguire.

The motion was **AGREED**.

F/25/26 (Agenda Item No 22)

Conference Report

a Local Authorities Members' Association (LAMA) Spring Conference, 28th and 29th January 2026, The Connacht Hotel, Old Dublin Road, Galway

The correspondence, which had been received, was **NOTED**.

F/26/26 (Agenda Item No 23)

Correspondence

a Letter dated 27th November 2025 from Limerick City and County Council Re - National Commemoration to mark the 150th Anniversary of the Catalpa Expedition

The correspondence, which had been received, was **NOTED**.

b Letter dated 2nd December 2025 from Longford County Council Re - Blister Packs of Medication

The correspondence, which had been received, was **NOTED**.

c Email dated 8th December 2025 from Chief Superintendent, DMR West Divisional Office - Re Item 38 Increasing number of incidents involving Scramblers and Scooters December 2024 Meeting

The correspondence, which had been received, was **NOTED**.

d Letter dated 9th December 2025 from Clare County Council Re - Vaginal Estrogen Gels and Creams

The correspondence, which had been received, was **NOTED**.

- e Letter dated 9th December 2025 from Clare County Council Re - Ireland's declining economic competitiveness**

The correspondence, which had been received, was **NOTED**.

- f Letter dated 9th December 2025 from Clare County Council Re - Review of Local Government funding, powers and democratic structure**

The correspondence, which had been received, was **NOTED**.

- g Letter dated 10th December 2025 from Carlow County Council Re - Reform - Contest Future Presidential Elections**

The correspondence, which had been received, was **NOTED**.

- h Email received 19th December 2025 from Mr Jim Meade, Iarnród Éireann Re - Item 36 - Cllr J. Walsh - Accessibility at Train Stations January 2025 Council Meeting**

The correspondence, which had been received, was **NOTED**.

F/27/26 (Agenda Item No 24)
Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

- a Email received 8th December 2025 from the office of the Minister of the Department of Justice Re - Item 38 Increasing Number of incidents involving Scrambler and Scooters December 2024 Council Meeting**

The correspondence, which had been received, was **NOTED**.

MOTIONS - STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

F/28/26 (Agenda Item No 25)
Councillor C. Haughey - Oversight Report into Electoral Registers

The motion, in the name of Councillor C. Haughey was proposed by Councillor C. Haughey and seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien.

Following discussion the report was **ACCEPTED**.

F/29/26 (Agenda Item No 26)
Councillor P. Mulville - Biodiversity Budget for 2025

The motion, in the name of Councillor P. Mulville was proposed by Councillor J. Hopkins and seconded by Councillor P. Mulville.

Following discussion the report was **ACCEPTED**.

F/30/26 (Agenda Item No 27)
Councillor D. Mulligan - Taken-in-Charge Process

The motion, in the name of Councillor D. Mulligan was proposed by Councillor D. Mulligan and seconded by Councillor J. Burtchaell.

Following a discussion, the report was **ACCEPTED**.

F/31/26 (Agenda Item No 28)
Councillor M. McCamley - Sunscreen Dispensers

It was **AGREED** to take Item 28 and Item 29 concurrently.

The motion, in the name of Councillor M. McCamley was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh and seconded by Councillor M. Boland.

Following a discussion, the report was **ACCEPTED**.

F/32/26 (Agenda Item No 29)
Councillor S. Shovlin - Pilot Project for Sunscreen Dispensers

The motion, in the name of Councillor S. Shovlin was proposed by Councillor S. Shovlin and seconded by Councillor K. Dennison.

Following a discussion, the report was **ACCEPTED**.

F/33/26 (Agenda Item No 30)
Councillor M. Quinn - Signage at Skateparks

The motion, in the name of Councillor M. Quinn was proposed by Councillor M. Quinn and seconded by Councillor A. Donnelly.

Following a discussion, the report was **ACCEPTED**.

F/34/26 (Agenda Item No 31)
Councillor A. Donnelly - Funding for Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme

The motion, in the name of Councillor A. Donnelly was proposed by Councillor A. Donnelly and seconded by Councillor B. Hanaphy.

Following a discussion, the motion was **AGREED**.

F/35/26 (Agenda Item No 32)
Councillor D. Healy - 30km/h Speed Limit

The motion, in the name of Councillor D. Healy was proposed by Councillor D. Healy and seconded by Councillor J. Walsh.

Following a discussion, the motion was **AGREED**.

F/36/26 (Agenda Item No 33)
Councillor L. Corkery - Parking Regulations Near Schools

The motion, in the name of Councillor L. Corkery was proposed by Councillor L. Corkery and seconded by Councillor T. O'Leary.

Following a discussion, the report was **ACCEPTED**.

F/37/26 (Agenda Item No 34)
Councillor D.J. Kelly - Installation of CCTV Cameras

It was **AGREED** to defer this item.

F/38/26 (Agenda Item No 35)
Councillor J. Walsh - Pet ownership in Social and Affordable Housing

The motion, in the name of Councillor J. Walsh was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh and seconded by Councillor M. Boland.

Following a discussion, the motion was **AGREED**.

F/39/26 (Agenda Item No 36)
Councillor B. Hanaphy - Garda Vetting Procedure for Housing Applicants

The motion, in the name of Councillor B. Hanaphy was proposed by Councillor B. Hanaphy and seconded by Councillor A. Donnelly.

Following a discussion, the report was **ACCEPTED**.

F/40/26 (Agenda Item No 37)
Councillor M. Boland - Crèche or Childcare Facilities in all Part 8 Housing Developments

The motion, in the name of Councillor M. Boland was proposed by Councillor M. Boland and seconded by Councillor J. Walsh.

Following initial discussions, it was **AGREED** to extend the meeting to conclude this item.

Following discussions, the Mayor informed the members an amended motion was received.

The amended motion was proposed by Councillor M. Boland and seconded by Councillor J. Walsh:

“That the Chief Executive takes into consideration that all Part 8 housing developments where a crèche or childcare facility is proposed, it shall be a condition of the planning permission that the developer must ensure the facility is fully operational and a qualified operator is secured.”

The amended motion was **AGREED**.

The Meeting concluded at 20.12.

MAYOR

DATE
