

**Comhairle Contae Fine Gall
Fingal County Council**

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

Thursday, 12th February, 2026

PRESENT

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Councillors:

Boland, Cathal

Boland, Mark

Butler, Darragh

Corkery, Luke

Dockrell, Eoghan

Johnston, Corina

Kelly, Darren

Maguire, Grainne

Councillors:

Mulligan, Dean

Mulville, Paul

Murphy, Tony

Newman, Joe

O'Leary, Tom

Quinn, Malachy

Smyth, John

Ryan, Brendan

Apologies were received from the following Councillors: James Humphreys

The Area Chair, Councillor Luke Corkery, presided

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mary T. Daly (Director of Services), Brian Murray (Senior Executive Officer), Declan Ryan (Senior Executive Officer), Linda Lally (Senior Engineer), Carmel Brennan (Senior Architect), Linda Ennis (Principle Community Officer), Breffni O'Rourke (Administrative Officer), Natalie Dineen (Administrative Officer), Emma Court (Cycling and Walking Officer) Gerard Curley (Senior Executive Engineer), Rafe Costigan (Senior Community Officer) Caitriona Geraghty (Sports Development Officer), Michael Campbell (Senior Staff Officer), Mary O'Reilly (Senior Staff Officer), David Daly (Assistant Staff Officer), Linda Fanning (Clerical Officer) Jack O'Grady (Clerical Officer)

BSB/41/26 (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 15th
January 2026.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor L. Corkery, seconded by Councillor C. Boland and
RESOLVED –

“That the minutes of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B (Strategic and General Matters) meeting held on Thursday 15th January 2026 be **ADOPTED**.”

QUESTIONS

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor L. Corkery, seconded by Councillor D. Mulligan and **RESOLVED** -

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions 2 – 56 inclusive be **ADOPTED**.”

BSB/43/26 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor C. Johnston - Engagement with other Local Authorities - AI106026

BSB/44/26 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor C. Johnston - Pedestrian and Cycle Path to Rush and Lusk Train Station - AI106637

BSB/45/26 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor C. Johnston - Update on Upgrade at Blake's Cross Junction, Lusk - AI106638

BSB/46/26 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor C. Johnston - Update on Wildlife, Education and Rehabilitation Centre - Turvey Nature Reserve, Donabate - AI106639

BSB/47/26 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor C. Johnston - Update on Portrane Road Enhancement Scheme - AI106644

BSB/48/26 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor C. Johnston - Local Transport Plan - Rush - AI106689

BSB/49/26 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor C. Johnston - Update on St. Ita's Hospital Site, Portrane - AI106690

BSB/50/26 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor P. Mulville - Donabate Distributor Road Phase 1 - AI106121

BSB/51/26 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor P. Mulville - Taking into Maintenance Documents - Donabate Distributor Road Phase 1 - AI106122

BSB/52/26 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor P. Mulville - Timeline for Portrane Cliff Walk Completion - AI106702

BSB/53/26 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor P. Mulville - Update on Coastal Erosion and Flooding Works - Portrane, Donabate - AI106703

BSB/54/26 (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor P. Mulville - Opening of Broadmeadow Way Cycle and Pedestrian Link - Donabate to Malahide - AI106704

BSB/55/26 (Agenda Item No 14)
Councillor P. Mulville - "My Open Library" Service - Donabate Library - AI106705

BSB/56/26 (Agenda Item No 15)
Councillor P. Mulville - Update on Purchase of Martello Tower, Donabate - AI106706

BSB/57/26 (Agenda Item No 16)
Councillor L. Corkery - Study of Flora and Fauna - Ward River Valley Park, Swords - AI106177

BSB/58/26 (Agenda Item No 17)
Councillor L. Corkery - Update on Upgrade of Church Road Junction, Swords - AI106178

BSB/59/26 (Agenda Item No 18)
Councillor L. Corkery - Report on Active Travel Upgrades - Seatown Road, Swords - AI106181

BSB/60/26 (Agenda Item No 19)
Councillor L. Corkery - Report on All-Weather Pitch Project - Swords Celtic - AI106182

BSB/61/26 (Agenda Item No 20)
Councillor L. Corkery - Update on Short-Term Pedestrian Connectivity - Knocksedan, Swords - AI106361

BSB/62/26 (Agenda Item No 21)
Councillor L. Corkery - Safe Routes to Schools in Swords - AI106364

BSB/63/26 (Agenda Item No 22)
Councillor L. Corkery - Update on Rolestown Green Space - AI106394

BSB/64/26 (Agenda Item No 23)
Councillor M. Quinn - Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Audit in this LEA - AI106186

BSB/65/26 (Agenda Item No 24)
Councillor M. Quinn - Update on Boiler Maintenance in this LEA - AI106187

BSB/66/26 (Agenda Item No 25)
Councillor D. Butler - Update on Properties - Abbeylea Green, Swords - AI106307

BSB/67/26 (Agenda Item No 26)
Councillor D. Butler - Lord Mayor's Development Connectivity Timeline - AI106658

- BSB/68/26** (Agenda Item No 27)
Councillor T. Murphy - Housing Voids in this LEA - AI106323
- BSB/69/26** (Agenda Item No 28)
Councillor T. Murphy - Access and Egress to the Green in Balrothery, Balbriggan.
- BSB/70/26** (Agenda Item No 29)
Councillor T. Murphy - Implementation of Safe Routes to School Programme - St. Oliver Plunkett's N.S. Balrothery
- BSB/71/26** (Agenda Item No 30)
Councillor G. Maguire - Update on Structural Works - Balbriggan Library - AI106613
- BSB/72/26** (Agenda Item No 31)
Councillor J. Smyth - Active Travel and Pedestrian Safety Measures - Applewood Educate Together and Community Centre, Swords - AI106542
- BSB/73/26** (Agenda Item No 32)
Councillor J. Smyth - Pedestrian Safety Concerns - Hearse Road, Donabate - AI106604
- BSB/74/26** (Agenda Item No 33)
Councillor J. Smyth - Taking in Charge of Roads Operated by the Dublin Airport Authority - AI106605
- BSB/75/26** (Agenda Item No 34)
Councillor J. Smyth - Arcades/Casinos Operating Outside of Approved Hours in this LEA - AI106607
- BSB/76/26** (Agenda Item No 35)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Renaming of the Donabate Distributor Road - AI106556
- BSB/77/26** (Agenda Item No 36)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Location for Lusk Men's Shed and Lusk ICA - AI106615
- BSB/78/26** (Agenda Item No 37)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Linear Park Cycle Lane Project - Rush - AI106621
- BSB/79/26** (Agenda Item No 38)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Upgrade of Blake's Cross Junction, Lusk - AI106622
- BSB/80/26** (Agenda Item No 39)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Sports Hub - Rush Boxing Club - AI106623
- BSB/81/26** (Agenda Item No 40)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Primary Care Centre Location - Donabate and Portrane - AI106700

BSB/82/26 (Agenda Item No 41)

Councillor D. Kelly - Ownership of GAA Football Pitch - Saint Finian's Community College, Swords - AI106647

BSB/83/26 (Agenda Item No 42)

Councillor D. Kelly - Update on Well Protection - Lord Mayor's Site, Swords - AI106649

BSB/84/26 (Agenda Item No 43)

Councillor B. Ryan - Disposal of Murtagh's of Ballough, Lusk - AI106665

BSB/85/26 (Agenda Item No 44)

Councillor B. Ryan - Update on Phase 1 of Fingal Coastal Way - Balbriggan to Skerries - AI106697

BSB/86/26 (Agenda Item No 45)

Councillor B. Ryan - Fingal Coastal Way impact on Bus Routes - AI106698

BSB/87/26 (Agenda Item No 46)

Councillor M. Boland - Taking in Charge - The Forge Estate, Lusk - AI106676

BSB/88/26 (Agenda Item No 47)

Councillor M. Boland - Undergrounding of Overhead Cables on Rush Main Street - AI106677

BSB/89/26 (Agenda Item No 48)

Councillor M. Boland - Update on the Provision of the Proposed Rush Sports Hub - AI106678

BSB/90/26 (Agenda Item No 49)

Councillor M. Boland - Update on the Proposed New Junction at Blake's Cross, Lusk - AI106680

BSB/91/26 (Agenda Item No 50)

Councillor M. Boland - E-Car Public Charging Spaces on Main Street in Rush and Main Street in Lusk - AI106681

BSB/92/26 (Agenda Item No 51)

Councillor M. Boland - Taking in Charge - Páirc Na Bláthanna Estate - Rush - AI106682

BSB/93/26 (Agenda Item No 52)

Councillor M. Boland - Update on the Opening of Rogerstown Park - AI106683

BSB/94/26 (Agenda Item No 53)

Councillor D. Mulligan - Commencement Date for Woodside Development, Swords.

BSB/95/26 (Agenda Item No 54)

Councillor D. Mulligan - Commencement of the R132 Connectivity Project

BSB/96/26 (Agenda Item No 55)
Councillor D. Mulligan - Assessment of Traffic Impacts of the R132 Connectivity Project and MetroLink Works.

BSB/97/26 (Agenda Item No 56)
Councillor D. Mulligan - Acquisition of Footpath and Bridge - Knocksedan/Ward River Valley Park, Swords

BSB/98/26 (Agenda Item No 57)
Applications for Funding

a Applications for Community Funding

It was proposed by Councillor C. Boland and seconded by Councillor M. Boland and AGREED:

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

BSB/99/26 (Agenda Item No 57b)
Applications for Sports Funding

It was proposed by Councillor L. Corkery and seconded by Councillor J. Smyth and AGREED:

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

BSB/100/26 (Agenda Item No 58)
Proposed Construction of a 13-unit Crisis Accommodation with Associated Staff and Support Accommodation at 30 Clonard Street, Balbriggan (PARTXI/008/25)

Ms. Carmel Brennan, Senior Architect, Ms. Liberty Finnegan, Ms. Emma Reidy and Mr. Aonghus McCarthy presented a report on the Proposed Construction of a 13-unit Crisis Accommodation with Associated Staff and Support Accommodation at 30 Clonard Street, Balbriggan and following discussion the report was Agreed.

BSB/101/26 (Agenda Item No 59)
Proposed Disposals

a Notice of Proposed Disposal of Land and Grant of Wayleave at North Street, Swords, Co. Dublin to ESB Networks.

The Report was Noted.

b Notice of Proposed Disposal of Land and Grant of Wayleave at Crowcastle Green, Swords, Co. Dublin to ESB Networks.

The Report was Noted.

c Notice of Proposed Grant of a Non-exclusive Right of Way at Thomondtown, Lusk, Co. Dublin to Donal Butterly and Ann Marie Butterly.

The Report was Noted.

BSB/102/26 (Agenda Item No 60)

Quay Street and Environs, Traffic Management Scheme – Section 38 Non-Statutory Public Consultant Recommendations

Mr. Declan Ryan, Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Breffni O'Rourke, Administrative Officer and Ms. Naomi Devine and Mr. Robert Kelly, consultants from DBFL gave a presentation on Quay Street and Environs, Traffic Management Scheme – Section 38 Non-Statutory Public Consultant Recommendations. Following a discussion the presentation was Noted.

BSB/103/26 (Agenda Item No 61)

Quiet Streets Applications 2026

Ms. Emma Court, Cycling and Walking Officer gave a presentation on Quiet Streets Applications 2026, Following a discussion the presentation was Noted.

BSB/104/26 (Agenda Item No 62)

Update from Local Link regarding Councillor C. Boland Motion - Presentation from Management of Rural Link Bus Service - AI098714

Mr Richard Sheehy, Manager of TFI Local Link Louth, Meath, Fingal gave a presentation of the Management of Rural Link Bus Services. Following a discussion the presentation was Noted.

BSB/105/26 (Agenda Item No 63)

Correspondence

a E-mail Dated 14th January 2026 from Minister of State for Special Education and Inclusion regarding Councillor D. Mulligan Motion - Special School Places in this LEA - AI100551

The Correspondence from the Minister of State for Special Education and Inclusion was NOTED.

b E-mail Dated 16th January 2026 from the Minister for Education and Youth regarding Councillor P. Mulville Motion - Foirgneamh Scoile Bhuan Nua do Ghaelscoil Ros Eó - AI105081

The Correspondence from the Minister for Education and Youth was NOTED.

c E-mail Dated 16th January 2026 from Minister of State for Special Education and Inclusion regarding Councillor C. Boland Motion - School Transport Service for Lusk Community College - AI101962

The Correspondence from the Minister of State for Special Education and Inclusion was NOTED.

d E-mail dated 28th January 2026 from the Minister for Education and Youth regarding Councillor E. Dockrell Motion - Update on Progress of Schools - Ballalease North Site, Donabate - AI101937

The Correspondence from the Minister for Education and Youth was NOTED.

BSB/106/26 (Agenda Item No 64)

Councillor L. Corkery - Construction of Pedestrian Footpath - Jugback Lane, Swords
- AI106359

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

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

BSB/107/26 (Agenda Item No)

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

It was AGREED to suspend Standing Orders to deal with an Emergency Motion in the name of Councillors L. Corkery, D. Butler, J. Humphreys, D. Kelly, D. Mulligan, J. Newman, J. Smyth, which was proposed by Councillor L. Corkery and seconded by Councillor D. Kelly

To Read:

That this Area Committee - while recognising the importance of projects to be imminently undertaken in Swords by the Planning, Transport and Strategic Infrastructure Department including the R132 Connectivity Project, Main Street Transformation and Seatown Road Active Travel works – calls on the Chief Executive to avoid exacerbating existing traffic gridlocks and negatively impacting quality of life, by staggering timelines for planned roadworks throughout the Swords area.

Ms. Mary T. Daly, Director of Services, Operations and Ms. Linda Lally, Senior Engineer gave a verbal update to the motion and following a discussion the motion was Agreed.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

It was agreed to alter the order of the agenda and take items 66 Upgrade of Water Network - Corballis, Donabate - AI106006, 69 Request to Reinstate the Post Box -

Rivermeade Estate, Swords - AI106541 and 78 Donabate Train Station - AI106713 together.

BSB/108/26 (Agenda Item No 66)

Councillor C. Johnston - Upgrade of Water Network - Corballis, Donabate - AI106006

The Motion in the name of Councillor C. Johnston was proposed by Councillor C. Johnston and seconded by Councillor L. Corkery

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and CONSIDERED and was Agreed without discussion.

BSB/109/26 (Agenda Item No 69)

Councillor J. Smyth - Request to Reinstate the Post Box - Rivermeade Estate, Swords - AI106541

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

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and CONSIDERED and was Agreed without discussion.

BSB/110/26 (Agenda Item No 78)

Councillor P. Mulville - Donabate Train Station - AI106713

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

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and CONSIDERED and was Agreed without discussion.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

It was agreed to further alter the order of the agenda and take items 71 Dog Fouling - Raven's Mill, Rolestown - AI106640 and 76 Timeframe on HAP Property Inspections in this LEA - AI106652.

BSB/111/26 (Agenda Item No 71)

Councillor D. Kelly - Dog Fouling - Raven's Mill, Rolestown - AI106640

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 was Agreed without discussion.

BSB/112/26 (Agenda Item No 76)

Councillor D. Kelly - Timeframe on HAP Property Inspections in this LEA - AI106652

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 was Agreed without discussion.

BSB/113/26 (Agenda Item No 65)

Councillor C. Boland - Report on the Sustainable Swords Strategy - AI102605

The Motion in the name of Councillor C. Boland was proposed by Councillor C. Boland and seconded by Councillor L. Corkery

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and CONSIDERED and the report was Accepted without discussion.

BSB/114/26 (Agenda Item No 67)

Councillor T. Murphy - Approved Housing Bodies Vacant Property - Balbriggan Electoral Area - AI106322

The Motion in the name of Councillor T. Murphy was proposed by Councillor T. Murphy and seconded by Councillor L. Corkery

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and CONSIDERED and the report was Accepted without discussion.

BSB/115/26 (Agenda Item No 68)

Councillor M. Boland - Long-Term Strategic Plan for Footpath - Minister's Road, Lusk - AI106480

The Motion in the name of Councillor M. Boland was proposed by Councillor M. Boland 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/116/26 (Agenda Item No 70)

Councillor B. Ryan - Community Use of Premises - Church Street, Skerries - AI106602

The Motion in the name of Councillor B. Ryan was proposed by Councillor B. Ryan 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/117/26 (Agenda Item No 72)

Councillor D. Butler - Knocksedan Connectivity Working Group - AI106653

The Motion in the name of Councillor D. Butler was proposed by Councillor D. Butler 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/118/26 (Agenda Item No 73)

Councillor P. Mulville/ Councillor E. Dockrell/ Councillor C. Johnston - Tenant Purchase Scheme - Portrane Avenue Tenants - AI106701

It was agreed to defer this motion to the following Area Committee Meeting.

BSB/119/26 (Agenda Item No 74)

Councillor J. Smyth - Permanent Location for Swords Women's Shed - AI106544

It was agreed to defer this motion to the following Area Committee Meeting.

BSB/120/26 (Agenda Item No 75)

Councillor T. Murphy - Update on Bath and Boathouse Rejuvenation, Balbriggan.

It was agreed to defer this motion to the following Area Committee Meeting.

BSB/121/26 (Agenda Item No 77)

Councillor B. Ryan - Skerries Active Travel Plan - AI106693

It was agreed to defer this motion to the following Area Committee Meeting.

The meeting concluded at 16:15

The Meeting concluded at Time Not Specified

AREA CHAIRPERSON

DATED

