

**Comhairle Contae Fingall
Fingal County Council**

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

Thursday, 12th March, 2026

PRESENT

Councillors:

Boland, Cathal

Boland, Mark

Butler, Darragh

Corkery, Luke

Dockrell, Eoghan

Johnston, Corina

Humphreys, James

Kelly, Darren

Councillors:

Maguire, Grainne

Mulligan, Dean

Mulville, Paul

Newman, Joe

O'Leary, Tom

Quinn, Malachy

Smyth, John

Ryan, Brendan

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillor Tony Murphy

The Area Chair, Councillor Luke Corkery, presided

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Brian Murray (Senior Executive Officer), Declan Ryan (Senior Executive Officer), Aoife Sheridan (Senior Executive Officer) Linda Lally (Senior Engineer), Sinead Murphy (Senior Engineer) Linda Ennis (Principle Community Officer), Natalie Dineen (Administrative Officer), Emma Court (Cycling and Walking Officer), Breen Dorris (Senior Executive Engineer) Shane McMorro (Senior Executive Engineer) 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), Jaime Clowry (Graduates) Linda Fanning (Clerical Officer) Jack O'Grady (Clerical Officer)

BSB/122/26 (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 12th February 2026.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor L. Corkery, seconded by Councillor D. Kelly and **RESOLVED** –

“That the minutes of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B (Strategic and General Matters) meeting held on Thursday 12th February 2026 be **Adopted**.”

BSB/123/26 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor L. Corkery, seconded by Councillor M. Boland and **RESOLVED** -

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions 2 – 48 inclusive be **ADOPTED**.”

BSB/124/26 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor M. Boland - Provision of Bike Parking Bays - North Beach Car Park, Rush
- AI106674

BSB/125/26 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor M. Boland - Taking in Charge - The Forge Estate - Lusk - AI107204

BSB/126/26 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor M. Boland - Update on Defective Block Scheme - Rush and Lusk -
AI107220

BSB/127/26 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor M. Boland - Update on Derelict Sites Register in Rush Town Centre -
AI107223

BSB/128/26 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor M. Boland - Taking in Charge - Rahenny Park Estate - Lusk - AI107228

BSB/129/26 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor D. Butler - Update on Damage to Old Mill and Salmon Run in Ward Valley
Park - Swords - AI106872

BSB/130/26 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of a Pedestrian/Cycle Path - Seaview Park to
Quay Road - Portrane - AI107044

BSB/131/26 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor C. Johnston - Pedestrian Path - Hearse Road - Donabate - AI107157

BSB/132/26 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor C. Johnston - Meeting regarding Permeability Paths - Beverton and
Turvey Estates - Donabate - AI107158

BSB/133/26 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Playground - Oldtown - AI107196

BSB/134/26 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor C. Johnston - Update Broadmeadow Way Greenway - AI107198

BSB/135/26 (Agenda Item No 13)

Councillor C. Johnston - Coastal Erosion Measures - Burrow Beach - Portrane -
AI107236

BSB/136/26 (Agenda Item No 14)

Councillor C. Johnston - Update on the Hearse Road to Lissenhall Upgrade -
AI107244

BSB/137/26 (Agenda Item No 15)

Councillor G. Maguire - Update on Turning on of Lights - Bremore Castle -
Balbriggan - AI107102

BSB/138/26 (Agenda Item No 16)

Councillor G. Maguire - Update on Bremore Castle, Balbriggan - AI107103

BSB/139/26 (Agenda Item No 17)

Councillor G. Maguire - Replacement of Volleyball Net - Balbriggan Beach -
AI107164

BSB/140/26 (Agenda Item No 18)

Councillor J. Smyth - Identify Location for State Run Childcare Provision in this LEA -
AI107114

BSB/141/26 (Agenda Item No 19)

Councillor J. Smyth - Update on College of Further Education - Swords - AI107117

BSB/142/26 (Agenda Item No 20)

Councillor J. Smyth - Processing Times for Medical Priority HMD1 Forms in this LEA
- AI107120

BSB/143/26 (Agenda Item No 21)

Councillor L. Corkery - Taking In Charge - Glen Ellan Road Extension - Swords -
AI107169

BSB/144/26 (Agenda Item No 22)

Councillor B. Ryan - Update on Part VIII - Loughshinny Playground - AI107187

BSB/145/26 (Agenda Item No 23)

Councillor B. Ryan - Waste Management Without Use of a Waste Collector in this
LEA - AI107188

BSB/146/26 (Agenda Item No 24)

Councillor B. Ryan - Update on Tender Process for Roof of the Heritage Centre -
Balrothery - AI107192

BSB/147/26 (Agenda Item No 25)

Councillor B. Ryan - Progression of the Provision of Footpath - R128 from
Loughshinny to Skerries - AI107237

BSB/148/26 (Agenda Item No 26)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Interim Coastal Protection - Portrane Beach - Portrane - AI107208

BSB/149/26 (Agenda Item No 27)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Active Travel Projects - Rush and Lusk - AI107212

BSB/150/26 (Agenda Item No 28)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Review of St. Ita's Campus - Portrane - AI107218

BSB/151/26 (Agenda Item No 29)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Purchase of Martello Tower - Donabate - AI107221

BSB/152/26 (Agenda Item No 30)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on The Seamus Ennis Arts Centre - The Naul - AI107224

BSB/153/26 (Agenda Item No 31)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Cycle Lane on the R132 - AI107233

BSB/154/26 (Agenda Item No 32)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Phase 2 Extension of Donabate Library - AI107238

BSB/155/26 (Agenda Item No 33)

Councillor D. Mulligan - Road Works Sign Stuck in Sluice Gate (Salmon Run Area) - Swords - AI107231

BSB/156/26 (Agenda Item No 34)

Councillor D. Mulligan - Infrastructure Capacity and Traffic Growth - Swords - AI107241

BSB/157/26 (Agenda Item No 35)

Councillor D. Mulligan - Long-Term Infrastructure Plan - Church Road to Lispopple Cross - AI107243

BSB/158/26 (Agenda Item No 36)

Councillor D. Mulligan - Maintenance and Flood Mitigation Strategy - Ward River/Ushers Lake Corridor, Swords - AI107245

BSB/159/26 (Agenda Item No 37)

Councillor M. Quinn - Taking in Charge - Stephenstown Link Road - Balbriggan - AI107251

BSB/160/26 (Agenda Item No 38)

Councillor M. Quinn - Activation of Signalised Crossing - Flemington Lane - Balbriggan - AI107253

BSB/161/26 (Agenda Item No 39)

Councillor M. Quinn - Taking in Charge of Estates within this LEA - AI107254

BSB/162/26 (Agenda Item No 40)
Councillor P. Mulville - Update on Portrane Coastal Erosion and Flooding Protection Scheme - AI107274

BSB/163/26 (Agenda Item No 41)
Councillor P. Mulville - Drainage Issue - Balmoston SUDS Feature - Donabate - AI107278

BSB/164/26 (Agenda Item No 42)
Councillor P. Mulville - Update on Cost/Affordable Rental Provision in this LEA - AI107279

BSB/165/26 (Agenda Item No 43)
Councillor P. Mulville - Flood Risk Assessment in this LEA - AI107280

BSB/166/26 (Agenda Item No 44)
Councillor P. Mulville - Progress on Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy and Action Plan in this LEA - AI107281

BSB/167/26 (Agenda Item No 45)
Councillor P. Mulville - Acquisition of Land for Parks, Open Space and Recreational Provision in this LEA - AI107288

BSB/168/26 (Agenda Item No 46)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Unauthorised Works Contributing to Flooding - Swords - AI107282

BSB/169/26 (Agenda Item No 47)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Management Legislation on Private Lands in the Swords Electoral Area - AI107283

BSB/170/26 (Agenda Item No 48)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Swords LEA Biodiversity Mowing Map - AI107286

BSB/171/26 (Agenda Item No 49)
Applications for Funding

a Applications for Community Funding

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

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

BSB/172/26 (Agenda Item No 49b)
Applications for Sports Funding

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

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

BSB/173/26 (Agenda Item No 50)
Proposed Disposals

a **Notice of Proposed Grant of Wayleave at Mourne View, Skerries, Co. Dublin to Uisce Éireann**

The Report was noted.

BSB/174/26 (Agenda Item No 51)
Balrothery Active Travel Plan

Mr. Shane McMorro (Senior Executive Engineer) gave a presentation on the Balrothery Active Travel Plan.

Following a discussion the presentation was noted.

BSB/175/26 (Agenda Item No 52)
Correspondence

a **Letter dated 20th February 2026 from Iarnród Éireann regarding Councillor M. Boland Motion - Meeting Between the Council and Iarnród Éireann - Irish Rail and the NTA - AI103995**

The Correspondence from Iarnród Éireann was NOTED.

BSB/176/26 (Agenda Item No)
SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

It was agreed to alter the order of the agenda and take items 53 Soláthar Gaelcholáiste sa Toghlimistéar Áitiúil Seo - AI107168 and 60 Provision of a Gaelcholáiste for Swords - AI107112 together

BSB/177/26 (Agenda Item No 53)
Councillor L. Corkery - Soláthar Gaelcholáiste sa Toghlimistéar Áitiúil Seo - AI107168

The Motion in the name of Councillor L. Corkery was proposed by Councillor L. Corkery 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/178/26 (Agenda Item No 60)

Councillor J. Smyth - Provision of a Gaelcholáiste for Swords - AI107112

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

It was agreed to amend the motion to read:

“That this Council agrees to actively work and meet with the Department of Education and IMEASC, to identify a suitable site for the building and provision of a Gaelcholáiste in Swords, or the greater Swords area, to meet the growing need for secondary education through Irish in the County of Fingal”

The amended motion 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 amended motion was Agreed.

BSB/179/26 (Agenda Item No 54)

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

The Motion 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 motion was Agreed.

BSB/180/26 (Agenda Item No 56)

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

The Motion in the names of Councillors P. Mulville, E. Dockrell and C. Johnston was proposed by Councillor P. Mulville and seconded by Councillor C. Johnston

It was agreed to amend the motion to read:

“That the Chief Executive ensures that priority consideration is given by the appointed Consultant to a Tenant Purchase Scheme for existing HSE tenants along Portrane Avenue, as part of the joint HSE and Council St. Ita's Masterplan process, following the HSE's response to resolution BSB/629/24 (Item 34b, January 2026 Area B Meeting) and the motion be sent to the HSE and the Minister for Health.”

The amended motion 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 amended motion was Agreed.

BSB/181/26 (Agenda Item No 57)

Councillor D. Butler - Delivery of Safe Footpath and Cycling Access - Knocksedan to Swords Manor - AI106962

The Motion in the name of Councillor D. Butler was proposed by Councillor D. Butler 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/182/26 (Agenda Item No 58)

Councillor D. Mulligan - Public Transport Linking Swords and Blanchardstown - AI107225

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

It was agreed to amend the motion to read:

“That the Chief Executive writes to the National Transport Authority, Blanchardstown Technological University and the Minister for Transport to seek the provision of appropriate and direct public transport links between Swords and Blanchardstown.”

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

BSB/183/26 (Agenda Item No 59)

Councillor M. Quinn - Request for a Safe Crossing at Castleland Shopping Centre - AI107255

The Motion in the name of Councillor M. Quinn, was proposed by Councillor M. Quinn 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.

The meeting concluded at 17:20

AREA CHAIRPERSON

DATED

