

**Comhairle Contae Fine Gall
Fingal County Council**

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

Thursday, 11th June, 2026

PRESENT

Councillors:

Boland, Cathal
Boland, Mark
Butler, Darragh
Corkery, Luke
Dockrell, Eoghan
Humphreys, James
Johnston, Corina
Jack Kelly, Darren

Councillors:

Maguire, Grainne
Mulligan, Dean
Murphy, Tony
Newman, Joe
O'Leary, Tom
Quinn, Malachy
Ryan, Brendan
Smyth, John

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillors P. Mulville

The Area Chairperson, Luke Corkery, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

David Storey (Director of Service) Catherine O'Donovan (Senior Executive Officer), Declan Ryan (Senior Executive Officer), Lilian Whelan (A/County Librarian), Breen Dorris (A/Senior Engineer), Pauline Burke (Administrative Officer), Fearghal McSweeney (Administrative Officer), Oliver Hoey (Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer), Mark Finnegan (Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer), Gemma Carr (Senior Parks and Landscape Officer), Larry Bergin (Senior Executive Engineer), Rafe Costigan (Senior Community Officer), Emily Crawley (Sports Management Administrative Manager), Niall Kelly (Senior Staff Officer), Caroline Keane (Senior Staff Officer), Mary O'Reilly (Senior Staff Officer), Jennifer Muscheidt (Environmental Awareness Officer), David Daly (Assistant Staff Officer), Jack O'Grady (Clerical Officer)

ANNOUNCEMENT

Councillor J. Smyth informed the meeting that he will be stepping out of the meeting for the duration of item 46 a Applications for Community Funding due to a conflict of interest.

BSB/288/26 (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 14th May 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 14th May 2026 be **ADOPTED**

QUESTIONS

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

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions 2 – 45 inclusive be **ADOPTED**.”

BSB/290/26 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor P. Mulville - Update on Footpath - Cobbe Court, Donabate - AI108426

BSB/291/26 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor P. Mulville - Former Donabate Post Office/The Emerald - AI108428

BSB/292/26 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor P. Mulville - Maintenance - Donabate Main Street - AI108918

BSB/293/26 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor P. Mulville - Planning Enforcement - The Burrow - Portrane - AI108920

BSB/294/26 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor P. Mulville - Update on Newbridge Wall Restoration - Donabate - AI108921

BSB/295/26 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Provision of a Walkway between Kenure Woods Park and Farren's Lane in Rush - AI108519

BSB/296/26 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Broadmeadow Way Project - AI108894

BSB/297/26 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Upgrade Tower Bay - Portrane to Donabate - AI108895

BSB/298/26 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Rogerstown Park - Coastal Walkway -AI108896

BSB/299/26 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Coastal Protection Works at Portrane Beach - AI108897

- BSB/300/26** (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor L. Corkery - Development and Management Companies in this LEA - AI108546
- BSB/301/26** (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor L. Corkery - Review of Allocated Parking - Baile na Móna - Swords - AI108659
- BSB/302/26** (Agenda Item No 14)
Councillor L. Corkery - Water Quality Testing in Broadmeadow River - Swords - AI108679
- BSB/303/26** (Agenda Item No 15)
Councillor L. Corkery - Improvements to Brackenstown Road Junction - Swords - AI108680
- BSB/304/26** (Agenda Item No 16)
Councillor L. Corkery - Flavours of Fingal Transport - AI108681
- BSB/305/26** (Agenda Item No 17)
Councillor L. Corkery - Miller's Square Taken in Charge - AI108807
- BSB/306/26** (Agenda Item No 18)
Councillor M. Boland - Report on the Three Vacant/Undeveloped Crèche Sites in Lusk - AI108781
- BSB/307/26** (Agenda Item No 19)
Councillor M. Boland - Policy Tools - Vacant Crèche Sites - Lusk - AI108782
- BSB/308/26** (Agenda Item No 20)
Councillor M. Boland - Requirement for Pedestrian Crossing - Regles Estate - Lusk - AI108869
- BSB/309/26** (Agenda Item No 21)
Councillor M. Boland - Taking in Charge of The Forge Estate - Lusk - AI108872
- BSB/310/26** (Agenda Item No 22)
Councillor M. Boland - State-Led Childcare Rollout Programme for 2027 - AI108873
- BSB/311/26** (Agenda Item No 23)
Councillor M. Boland - Rogerstown Park Opening Hours - AI108875
- BSB/312/26** (Agenda Item No 24)
Councillor M. Boland - Proposed Plans/Designs for The Forge Green Space - AI108879
- BSB/313/26** (Agenda Item No 25)
Councillor J. Newman - Redundant Crèche sites in Miller's Glen - Swords - AI108817
- BSB/314/26** (Agenda Item No 26)

Councillor J. Newman - Acquire Site at the Junction of Watery Lane and the Rathbeale Road for Social Housing - Swords - AI108818

BSB/315/26 (Agenda Item No 27)

Councillor J. Newman - Design Brief for Swords Western Distributor Road - AI108819

BSB/316/26 (Agenda Item No 28)

Councillor J. Newman - Purchase of Site Adjacent to the Ward River - Sustainable Swords Project - AI108820

BSB/317/26 (Agenda Item No 29)

Councillor J. Newman - Pathway blocked at Castle Shopping Centre - AI108821

BSB/318/26 (Agenda Item No 30)

Councillor B. Ryan - Update on ORIS-Funded Feasibility Study - AI108831

BSB/319/26 (Agenda Item No 31)

Councillor B. Ryan - Fingal Coastal Way Residents Meeting - Balbriggan - AI108863

BSB/320/26 (Agenda Item No 32)

Councillor C. Johnston - Review of Ballisk Park/Balmoston Entrance - Donabate - AI108845

BSB/321/26 (Agenda Item No 33)

Councillor C. Johnston - Kilcrea/Hearse Road Junction Upgrade - Broadmeadow Way - AI108849

BSB/322/26 (Agenda Item No 34)

Councillor C. Johnston - Opening Hours - Rogerstown Park - AI108859

BSB/323/26 (Agenda Item No 35)

Councillor C. Johnston - Ballymastone Educational Campus Masterplan - Donabate - AI108888

BSB/324/26 (Agenda Item No 36)

Councillor C. Johnston - Ownership of Corballis Nature Park Land - AI108890

BSB/325/26 (Agenda Item No 37)

Councillor C. Johnston - Report on Development Levies in this LEA - AI108907

BSB/326/26 (Agenda Item No 38)

Councillor C. Johnston - Safe Routes to School - Donabate/Portrane Educate Together - AI108910

BSB/327/26 (Agenda Item No 39)

Councillor J. Smyth - Growth of Invasive Ivy - Swords Castle - AI108848

BSB/328/26 (Agenda Item No 40)

Councillor J. Smyth - Ward River Regional Park - Knocksedan - AI108851

BSB/329/26 (Agenda Item No 41)
Councillor J. Smyth - Swords Castle Discovery - AI108852

BSB/330/26 (Agenda Item No 42)
Councillor J. Smyth - Road Infrastructure - Swords - AI108853

BSB/331/26 (Agenda Item No 43)
Councillor J. Smyth - Future Planned Works - Donabate Library - AI108854

BSB/332/26 (Agenda Item No 44)
Councillor J. Smyth - Uisce Éireann Works Estuary Roundabout - AI108855

BSB/333/26 (Agenda Item No 45)
Councillor D. Kelly - Derelict Houses - Milton Terrace - Swords - AI108916

BSB/334/26 (Agenda Item No 46)
Applications for Funding

a Applications for Community Funding

It was proposed by Councillor L. Corkery and seconded by Councillor C. Johnston and AGREED:

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

b Applications for Sports Funding

It was proposed by Councillor L. Corkery and seconded by Councillor C. Johnston and AGREED:

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

c Applications for Environmental Funding for Anti-Litter, Anti-Graffiti Grants

It was proposed by Councillor L. Corkery and seconded by Councillor C. Johnston and AGREED:

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

BSB/335/26 (Agenda Item No 47)
Loughshinny Play Space

Mr. Oliver Hoey, Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, gave a presentation on the Loughshinny Play Space.

Following a discussion the presentation was noted.

BSB/336/26 (Agenda Item No 48)

Quay Street and Environs, Traffic Management Scheme - Section 9 Reduction of Speed Limit (Harbour Road/Shared Surface, Balbriggan)

Mr Declan Ryan (Senior Executive Officer), Robert Kelly and Sayeed Saeed (Consultants from DBFL Consulting Engineers) gave a presentation on Quay Street and Environs, Traffic Management Scheme - Section 9 Reduction of Speed Limit (Harbour Road/Shared Surface, Balbriggan) PARTXI/001/26: Proposed Development of Road Infrastructure at Stephenstown, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin

Following discussion the presentation was NOTED.

BSB/337/26 (Agenda Item No 49)

Safe Routes to School Round 2 Update

Mr. Larry Bergin (Senior Executive Engineer) gave a presentation on the Safe Routes to School Round 2 Update

Following a discussion the presentation was NOTED.

BSB/338/26 (Agenda Item No 50)

CORRESPONDENCE

- a** **E-mail dated 18th May 2026 from Bus Éireann regarding Councillor G. Maguire Motion - Balbriggan Town Bus - AI099946**

The letter from Bus Éireann was NOTED.

- b** **E-mail dated 25th May 2026 from Eir regarding Councillor D. Kelly Motion - Inquiry to Broadband Connection - Rivermeade - AI108420**

The letter from EIR was NOTED.

- c** **E-mail dated 3rd June 2026 from NTA regarding Councillor L. Corkery Motion - BusConnect Route for Holywell - Swords - AI108080**

The letter from the NTA was NOTED.

- d** **E-mail dated 4th June 2026 from Department of Education regarding Councillor P. Mulville Motion - Foirgneamh Scoile Bhuan nua do Ghaelscoil na Mara - AI105082**

The letter from the Department of Education was NOTED.

- e** **E-mail dated 5th June 2026 from Minister of Transport regarding Councillor P. Mulville Motion - Bus Connects Dublin Network Redesign improvements for the Donabate/Portrane Area - AI098360**

The letter from the Minister of Transport was NOTED.

BSB/339/26 (Agenda Item No 51)

Councillor L. Corkery - Swords Primary Care Centre - AI108813

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

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

BSB/340/26 (Agenda Item No 52)

Councillor C. Johnston/Councillor P. Mulville/Councillor E. Dockrell - Phase 2 - Donabate Library Extension - AI108400

The Motion in the names of Councillors C. Johnston/Councillor P. Mulville/Councillor E. Dockrell 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 motion was AGREED.

BSB/341/26 (Agenda Item No 53)

Councillor M. Quinn - Provision of a Space to Assist Court Ordered Access in this LEA - AI108803

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 report was ACCEPTED.

Suspension of Standing Orders

It was agreed to suspend the Standing Orders to take items 54 Councillor J. Newman - Removal of Unauthorised Roof Frame - Castle Shopping Centre - Swords - AI108822 and 59 Councillor J. Newman - Blocked Access to Ward River Walkway - AI108823 together.

BSB/342/26 (Agenda Item No 54)

Councillor J. Newman - Removal of Unauthorised Roof Frame - Castle Shopping Centre - Swords - AI108822

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

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

BSB/343/26 (Agenda Item No 59)

Councillor J. Newman - Blocked Access to Ward River Walkway - AI108823

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

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

BSB/344/26 (Agenda Item No 55)

Councillor T. Murphy - ORIS Funding for Feasibility Study for Greenway from Balrothery Village to Ardgillan Demesne - AI108860

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

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

BSB/345/26 (Agenda Item No 56)

Councillor M. Boland - Facilitate a Briefing to Members on the Fingal Sports and Recreation Facilities Audit - AI108880

The Motion in the name of Councillor M. Boland was proposed by Councillor M. Boland 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/346/26 (Agenda Item No 57)

Councillor D. Kelly - Installation of Music Pillars - Main Street - Swords - AI108911

The Motion in the names of Councillors 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 report was ACCEPTED

BSB/347/26 (Agenda Item No 58)

Councillor C. Johnston - Urgent Need for Additional Schools - Donabate - AI108401

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 motion was AGREED.

BSB/348/26 (Agenda Item No 60)

Councillor M. Boland - Accessibility Review - Wheelchair Users in this LEA - AI108881

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 motion was AGREED.

BSB/349/26 (Agenda Item No 61)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Rural Recreational Sports Hub in this LEA - AI108898

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/350/26 (Agenda Item No 62)

Councillor P. Mulville - Need for new Beresford/Beverton Estates Pedestrian Link - Donabate - AI108923

In the absence of Councillor P. Mulville it was agreed to defer the motion until the following Area Committee Meeting

The Meeting concluded at 16:27

AREA CHAIRPERSON

DATED