

Thanks Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall Fingal County Council

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday, 9th February, 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
Kelly, Darren Jack
Kitt, Tom
Leddy, Ted

Councillors:

Maguire, Grainne
McCamley, Mary
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
Tormey, Aoibhinn
Troy, Ellen
Walsh, John

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillors Tania Doyle, Helen Redwood and John Smyth.

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), Fionnula May, (County Architect); Carmel Brennan (Senior Architect); Liam Burke (Senior Executive Officer); Aoife Lawler (Senior Executive Officer); Ciara O hAodha (Senior Executive Officer).

F/46/26 (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 informed the Members an emergency motion was received and has been ruled out of order.

The Mayor, read into the record for the information for the members, the formal notification from the Chief Executive as required under Section 147(2) of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended). This is a standard statutory step which the legislation requires before the Chief Executive's contract is extended by three years from November 2026.

F/47/26 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 12th January 2026

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 12th January 2026 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor T. O'Leary seconded by Councillor J. Humphreys and **RESOLVED** –

“That the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 12th January 2026 be **ADOPTED.**”

F/48/26 (Agenda Item No 2)

Nominations

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

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

It was proposed by Councillor P. Mulville and seconded by Councillor D. Mulligan and **AGREED**:

"That Councillor Joan Hopkins be appointed as a member to the Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment Strategic Policy Committee."

b **Appointment of one Member to the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)**

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

It was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey and seconded by Councillor T. O'Leary:

"That Councillor Luke Corkery be appointed as a member to the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)."

It was then proposed by Councillor P. Mulville and seconded by Councillor J. Hopkins:

"That Councillor Joan Hopkins be appointed as a member to the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)."

Following discussion, Councillor L. Corkery withdrew his nomination.

The Mayor **DECLARED** Councillor Joan Hopkins be appointed as a member to the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC).

F/49/26 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor J. Walsh and **RESOLVED:**

"That in accordance with Standing Order No. 51, Questions numbered 3 to 19 be **ADOPTED.**"

F/50/26 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor P. Quinlan - Processing Housing Assistance Payments (HAP)

F/51/26 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor T. Murphy - Planning Enforcement

F/52/26 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor T. Murphy - Housing Adaptation Grant Applications

F/53/26 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor M. Quinn - Provision of Childcare in Fingal

F/54/26 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor P. Mulville - Native Woodland across Fingal County Council's Administrative Area

F/55/26 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor P. Mulville - Organic Farming in this Council's Administrative Area

F/56/26 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor L. Corkery - New Year's Fireworks Display

F/57/26 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor JK Onwumereh - Updates on the Priority Actions in Fingal County Council's Biodiversity Plans 2025

F/58/26 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Cycle Lane Review Update

F/59/26 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor B. Hanaphy - Income Threshold - Social Housing

F/60/26 (Agenda Item No 13)

Councillor B. Ryan - Recent Changes to Planning Legislation

F/61/26 (Agenda Item No 14)

Councillor B. Ryan - Active Travel Investment Programme

F/62/26 (Agenda Item No 15)

Councillor E. Troy - Vacant Houses in Fingal

F/63/26 (Agenda Item No 16)

Councillor J. Smyth - This Council's use of X and similar sites

F/64/26 (Agenda Item No 17)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Community and Sports Grants and Schemes for 2026

F/65/26 (Agenda Item No 18)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Outdoor Gym Equipment

F/66/26 (Agenda Item No 19)

Councillor J. Walsh - Inactive Sites

F/67/26 (Agenda Item No 20)

Report of Committees

a **Report of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 13th January 2026**

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor K. Dennison, seconded by Councillor M. McCamley, and **RESOLVED**:

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 13th January 2026, are hereby **ADOPTED**."

b **Report of Howth/Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 14th January 2026**

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor C. Haughey, and **RESOLVED**:

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Howth/Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 14th January 2026, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

c Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 15th 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 T. Murphy, and **RESOLVED:**

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 15th January 2026, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

d Report of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) Meeting held on Tuesday 27th 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 Tuesday 27th January 2026, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

e Report of Howth/Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 4th February 2026

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED.** It was proposed by Councillor C. Haughey, seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien, and **RESOLVED:**

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Howth/Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 4th February 2026, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

**f Report of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services
B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 5th February 2026**

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh, seconded by Councillor M. McCamley, and **RESOLVED**:

“That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 5th February 2026, are hereby **ADOPTED**.”

F/68/26 (Agenda Item No 21)

Financial Matters

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

F/69/26 (Agenda Item No 22)

Proposed Disposal of Properties

**a Notice of proposed disposal of land to the rear of No. 75 Hampton
Street, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin to Mr Gerard Murphy, 1 Pump Lane,
Balbriggan, Co. Dublin**

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor C. Boland and seconded by Councillor D.J. Kelly and **RESOLVED**:

“That lands to the rear of No. 75 Hampton Street, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 7th January 2026, be disposed of to Mr Gerard Murphy, 1 Pump Lane, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin in accordance with the terms specified therein.”

**b Notice of proposed grant of wayleave at Remount, Phase 2, Lusk, Co.
Dublin to Uisce Éireann, Colvill House, 24-26 Talbot Street, Mountjoy,
Dublin 1**

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor M. Boland and seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien and **RESOLVED**:

"That the grant of wayleave at Remount, Phase 2, Lusk, Co. Dublin, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 7th January 2026, to Uisce Éireann, Colvill House, 24-26 Talbot Street, Mountjoy, Dublin 1 in accordance with the terms specified therein."

c Notice of proposed disposal of land and grant of wayleave at Georgian Village, Castleknock, Dublin 15 to ESB Networks, St. Margaret's Road, Finglas, Dublin 11

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor S. Shovlin and seconded by Councillor J. Walsh and **RESOLVED**:

"That land and grant of wayleave at Georgian Village, Castleknock, Dublin 15, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 7th January 2026, be disposed and granted to ESB Networks, St. Margaret's Road, Finglas, Dublin 11 in accordance with the terms specified therein."

d Notice of proposed disposal of land to the rear of Shandrum, The Priory, Donabate, Co. Dublin to Vincent and Sharon Arkins, Shandrum, The Priory, Donabate, Co. Dublin

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

"That lands to the rear of Shandrum, The Priory, Donabate, Co. Dublin, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 7th January 2026, be disposed of to Vincent and Sharon Arkins, Shandrum, The Priory, Donabate, Co. Dublin in accordance with the terms specified therein."

e Notice of Proposed disposal of land at Tyrrelstown, Co. Dublin to Glenveagh Properties Plc., Block C, Maynooth Business Campus, Straffan Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare

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

"That land at Tyrrelstown, Co. Dublin, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 29th January 2026, be disposed of to Glenveagh Properties Plc., Block C, Maynooth Business Campus, Straffan Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare in accordance with the terms specified therein."

F/70/26 (Agenda Item No 22f)

**Notice of Proposed grant of wayleave at Dunsink Lane, Finglas, Dublin 11,
to Zayo Infrastructure Ireland Limited, Custom House Plaza, Block 6,
International Financial Services Centre, Dublin 1**

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor M. McCamley and seconded by Councillor K. Dennison and **RESOLVED**:

"That the grant of wayleave at Dunsink Lane, Finglas, Dublin 11,, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 29th January 2026, be granted to Zayo Infrastructure Ireland Limited, Custom House Plaza, Block 6, International Financial Services Centre, Dublin 1 in accordance with the terms specified therein."

F/71/26 (Agenda Item No 23)

Declarations of Roads

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

F/72/26 (Agenda Item No 24)

Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) for the Proposed Demolition of 4 no. dwellings and development of 21 no. dwellings at Fortlawn Avenue and Fortlawn Park, Blanchardstown, Dublin

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The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. A presentation was given to the Members by Carmel Brennan, Senior Architect, Architects Department.

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

The following motion, was proposed by Councillor J. Guerin and seconded by Councillor T. Murphy:

“In recognising that there is a housing crisis, and on the basis that no tenants will be forced to surrender their current tenancy and also acknowledging that no tenants in Fingal can have a veto to prevent much needed housing on suitable sites, this Council Supports and passes the part 8 as presented for the development of lands at Fort lawn Dublin 15.”

The Mayor then instructed that a roll call vote be taken on this motion and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

FOR:	18	EIGHTEEN
AGAINST:	19	NINETEEN
ABSTAIN:	0	ZERO

FOR: Councillors Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Kieran Dennison, Eoghan Dockrell, Jimmy Guerin, Cathal Haughey, Darren Jack Kelly, Tom Kitt, Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, Tony Murphy, Joe Newman, Eoghan O'Brien, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Siobhan Shovlin, Aoibhinn Tormey.

AGAINST: Councillors Cathal Boland, Mark Boland, John Burtchaell, Angela Donnelly, Breda Hanaphy, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, James Humphreys, Corina Johnston, Mary McCamley, Brian McDonagh, Dean Mulligan, Paul Mulville, Patrick Quinlan, Malachy Quinn, Brendan Ryan, Gerard Sheehan, Ellen Troy, John Walsh.

The Mayor then declared the motion **FELL**.

The following motion, in the name of Councillors A. Donnelly, J. Walsh, B. Hanaphy, E. Troy, G. Sheehan, J. Burtchaell, M. Quinn and J. Smyth; was proposed by Councillor A. Donnelly and seconded by Councillor B. Hanaphy:

“That this Council seeks an alternative plan to the “Fortlawn Part 8 planning proposal” as presented on 9th February 2026, in line with motions previously agreed by the Area committee for Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart, Castleknock and Ongar, on 4th September 2025, 6th November 2025, and a further motion on 5th February 2026, providing a revised plan for social housing which does not necessitate the demolition of family homes and could deliver four homes in the short term as opposed to two”

Following further discussions, the Mayor informed the members an amendment to the motion had been received. Mary Egan, Director of Services; People, Corporate and Digital Services read Standing Order 83 and Standing Order 84 into the record.

The Mayor informed the members the amendment to the motion was ruled out of order.

The Mayor then instructed a roll call vote be taken on the motion submitted by Councillor A. Donnelly, J. Walsh, B. Hanaphy, E. Troy, G. Sheehan, J. Burtchaell, M. Quinn and J. Smyth. On a division the voting results were as follows:

FOR:	18	EIGHTEEN
AGAINST:	19	NINETEEN
ABSTAIN:	0	ZERO

FOR: Councillors Mark Boland, John Burtchaell, Angela Donnelly, Breda Hanaphy, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, James Humphreys, Corina Johnston, Mary McCamley, Brian McDonagh, Dean Mulligan, Paul Mulville, Patrick Quinlan, Malachy Quinn, Brendan Ryan, Gerard Sheehan, Ellen Troy, John Walsh.

AGAINST: Councillors Cathal Boland, Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Kieran Dennison, Eoghan Dockrell, Jimmy Guerin, Cathal Haughey, Darren Jack Kelly, Tom Kitt, Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, Tony Murphy, Joe Newman, Eoghan O'Brien, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Siobhan Shovlin, Aoibhinn Tormey.

The Mayor then declared the motion **FELL**.

The Mayor then read the recommendation into the record -

"In accordance with Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), and having considered the Chief Executive's Report, the Elected Members approve the proposed development as outlined in the plans, particulars, and documentation placed on public display."

The Mayor then instructed that a roll call vote be taken and on a division the voting resulted were as follows:

FOR:	20	TWENTY
AGAINST:	17	SEVENTEEN
ABSTAIN:	0	ZERO

FOR: Councillors Cathal Boland, Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Kieran Dennison, Eoghan Dockrell, Jimmy Guerin, Cathal Haughey, Darren Jack Kelly, Tom Kitt, Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, Brian McDonagh, Tony Murphy, Joe Newman, Eoghan O'Brien, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Siobhan Shovlin, Aoibhinn Tormey.

AGAINST: Councillors Mark Boland, John Burtchaell, Angela Donnelly, Breda Hanaphy, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, James Humphreys, Corina Johnston, Mary McCamley, Dean Mulligan, Paul Mulville, Patrick Quinlan, Malachy Quinn, Brendan Ryan, Gerard Sheehan, Ellen Troy, John Walsh.

The Mayor then declared the recommendation **PASSED**.

F/73/26 (Agenda Item No 25)

Extension of Duration of Kellystown Local Area Plan 2021

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

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

"That the Members having considered the Chief Executive's Report AGREE and hereby approve the extension of the period for which the Kellystown Local Area Plan 2021 shall remain in force for the appropriate period of 5 no. years from the 21st February 2027 to the 20th February 2032, or until the making of a new County Development Plan, whichever occurs sooner."

F/74/26 (Agenda Item No 26)

Festivals and Events Funding 2026 & Events Presentation

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

It was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor J. Newman, and **APPROVED**.

F/75/26 (Agenda Item No 27)

Fingal Arts Act Grant Scheme 2026

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

It was proposed by Councillor T. Murphy, seconded by Councillor T. O' Leary and **RESOLVED**:

"That the award of Arts Act Grant Scheme 2026 as set out in the foregoing report is hereby **APPROVED**."

F/76/26 (Agenda Item No 28)

Fingal County Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2026

A report was given to the members by Mary T Daly, Director of Services; Operations.

Following discussion, it was agreed to refer this item to the Public Realm, Transportation / Mobility Management SPC.

The report was **NOTED**.

F/77/26 (Agenda Item No 29)

Chief Executive's Report

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

The Chief Executives report was **NOTED**.

F/78/26 (Agenda Item No 30)

Mayor's Business - Councillor T. O'Leary

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

F/79/26 (Agenda Item No 31)

Conference Report

- a** **AILG Elected Members In-Person & Webinar Training Programme - Q1 2026**

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

- b** **AILG Annual Training Conference 2026 - 22nd and 23rd April 2026 - Hotel Minella, Coleville Road, Raheen, Clonmel Co. Tipperary**

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

F/80/26 (Agenda Item No 32)

Correspondence

- a** **Letter dated 15th January 2026 from Sligo County Council Re - Government's decision to ratify CETA - the Investor Court System (ICS)**

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

- b** **Letter dated 22nd January 2026 from Offaly County Council Re - Mercosur Trade Agreement**

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

F/81/26 (Agenda Item No 33)

Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

- a** **Email received on the 23rd January from the office of the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure Re - Item 39 - Cllr D. Mulligan - Local Authorities role in the Recovery and Resilience Facility Funding December 2024 Council Meeting**

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

MOTIONS - STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

F/82/26 (Agenda Item No)

VARY THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

It was **AGREED** to vary the order of business and take Item 40 at this time.

F/83/26 (Agenda Item No 40)

Councillor D. Healy - Social Media Communication

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

The motion was **AGREED**.

F/84/26 (Agenda Item No 34)

Councillor D.J. Kelly - Installation of CCTV Cameras

The motion, in the name of Councillor D.J. Kelly was proposed by Councillor D.J. Kelly and seconded by Councillor T. O'Leary.

It was **AGREED** to extend the meeting to conclude Item 35.

Following a discussion, it was **AGREED** that this item be referred to the Local Community Safety Partnership. The motion was **AGREED**.

F/85/26 (Agenda Item No 35)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Fingal Swimming Pool Strategy

The motion, in the name of Councillor J. Humphreys was proposed by Councillor J. Humphreys and seconded by Councillor M. Mc Camley.

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

The Meeting concluded at 20.09.

MAYOR _____

DATE _____

