

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall Fingal County Council

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday, 9th March, 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
Doyle, Tania
Guerin, Jimmy
Hanaphy, Breda
Haughey, Cathal
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
Quinlan, Patrick
Quinn, Malachy
Ryan, Brendan
Sheehan, Gerard
Shovlin, Siobhan
Smyth, John
Tormey, Aoibhinn
Troy, Ellen
Walsh, John

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillors David Healy, JK Onwumereh and Helen Redwood.

The Mayor, Councillor Tom O'Leary presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Oliver Hunt (Director 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); 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), Fionnuala May, (County Architect); Aoife Lawler (Senior Executive Officer); Ciara O hAodha (Senior Executive Officer).

F/100/26 (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 that the Chief Executive and Paul Carroll, Director of Housing were away on official business and were not available for the meeting this evening, he also informed the Members no emergency motions were received.

The Mayor thanked Mary T Daly, Director of Operations for her 40 years' service to Local Government and wished her well in her retirement.

The Members expressed their thanks and gratitude to Mary T Daly for her service and dedication over the years.

Councillor Gerard Sheehan welcomed Councillor Darren Jack Kelly as a member of Aontú.

F/101/26 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 9th February 2026

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 9th February 2026 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor J. Newman seconded by Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan and **RESOLVED** –

"That the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 9th February 2026 be **ADOPTED.**"

F/102/26 (Agenda Item No 2)

Nominations

a Appointment of one Member to the Naming and Commemorative Committee

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

It was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey and seconded by Councillor L. Corkery:

"That Councillor Kieran Dennison be appointed as a member to the Naming and Commemorative Committee."

It was then proposed by Councillor J. Walsh and seconded by Councillor B. McDonagh:

"That Councillor Mary McCamley be appointed as a member to the Naming and Commemorative Committee."

Following discussion, Councillor Kieran Dennison withdrew his nomination.

The Mayor **DECLARED** Councillor Mary McCamley be appointed as a member to the Naming and Commemorative Committee.

b Appointment of one Member to the Public Realm Transportation/Mobility Management Strategic Policy Committee

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

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

"That Councillor Dean Mulligan be appointed as a member to the Public Realm Transportation/Mobility Management Strategic Policy Committee."

F/103/26 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

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

"That in accordance with Standing Order No. 51, Questions numbered 3 to 17 be **ADOPTED.**"

F/104/26 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor P. Quinlan - Performance Related Payments

F/105/26 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor M. Quinn - Childcare Providers in Fingal Community Centres

F/106/26 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor P. Mulville - Illegal Parking on Footpaths

F/107/26 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor E. O'Brien - Youth Football Programme Delivery in Fingal

F/108/26 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor E. O'Brien - Budgetary Impact of the recent FAI decision to withdraw co-funding for the Role of Development Officers

F/109/26 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor M. Boland - Strategic Oversight Process for Estates Awaiting Taking-in-Charge

F/110/26 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor C. Haughey - Mobile Sauna Scheme

F/111/26 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor D. Butler - Social Media Accounts and Number of Followers

F/112/26 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor D. Healy - Built-up and Urban Area Speed Limits

F/113/26 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor D. Healy - Beach and Dune Management

F/114/26 (Agenda Item No 13)

Councillor B. Ryan - Claims made by Members of the Public against the Council

F/115/26 (Agenda Item No 14)

Councillor B. Ryan - Demand for Four-Bedroom Homes

F/116/26 (Agenda Item No 15)

Councillor J. Smyth - Tendering for Playground Upgrades and Inspections

F/117/26 (Agenda Item No 16)

Councillor E. Troy - Vacant Council Homes

F/118/26 (Agenda Item No 17)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Deposit Return Scheme

F/119/26 (Agenda Item No 18)

Report of Committees

a Report of Organisation, Procedures & Finance Committee (OP&F) Meeting held on Monday 9th February 2026

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Organisation, Procedure and Finance Committee (OP&F) Meeting held on Monday 9th February 2026, are hereby **ADOPTED**."

b Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 12th February 2026

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 12th February 2026, are hereby **ADOPTED**."

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

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

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

d Report of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 5th March 2026

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor T. Leddy, seconded by Councillor J. Walsh, 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 March 2026, are hereby **ADOPTED**."

F/120/26 (Agenda Item No 19)
Financial Matters

F/121/26 (Agenda Item No 19a)
Annual Report of the Audit Committee 2025 (inc. Audit Committee Annual Work Programme 2026)

The report which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**.

The report was **NOTED**.

F/122/26 (Agenda Item No 20)
Proposed Disposal of Properties

a Notice of proposed disposal of land and grant of wayleave at Crowcastle Green, Swords, Co. Dublin 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 E. O'Brien and seconded by Councillor T. O'Leary and **RESOLVED**:

"That the land and grant of wayleave at Crowcastle Green, Swords, 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 and granted to ESB Networks, St. Margaret's Road, Finglas, Dublin 11, in accordance with the terms specified therein."

b Notice of proposed disposal of land and grant of wayleave at North Street, Swords, Co. Dublin 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 J. Guerin and seconded by Councillor J. Newman and **RESOLVED**:

"That the land and grant of wayleave at North Street, Swords, 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 and granted to ESB Networks, St. Margaret's Road, Finglas, Dublin 11, in accordance with the terms specified therein."

c Notice of Proposed grant of non-exclusive right of way at Thomondtown, Lusk, Co. Dublin to Donal Butterly and Ann Marie Butterly, Coldwinters, Lusk, Co. Dublin

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

"That the grant of non-exclusive right of way at Thomondtown, Lusk, Co. Dublin, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 6th February 2026, be granted to Donal Butterly and Ann Marie Butterly, Coldwinters, Lusk, Co. Dublin in accordance with the terms specified therein."

Proposed Disposal of Fee Simple Interest of Dwellings

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

"That the Fee Simple Interest referred to in the attached report be disposed of in accordance with the terms specified therein."

F/124/26 (Agenda Item No 21)

Declarations of Roads

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

F/125/26 (Agenda Item No 22)

Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) for the Proposed Construction of a 13-unit Crisis Accommodation with associated staff and support accommodation at 30 Clonard Street, Balbriggan (PARTXI/008/25)

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

It was proposed by Councillor D. Mulligan, seconded by Councillor M. Quinn, and **AGREED**

F/126/26 (Agenda Item No 23)

Fingal Road Safety Plan 2025/2027

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

The report was **NOTED**.

F/127/26 (Agenda Item No 24)

Draft Fingal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Annual Report 2025

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

Following discussion, it was agreed to arrange a briefing with the Members.

The report was **NOTED**.

F/128/26 (Agenda Item No 25)

Chief Executive's Report

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

Following discussion, the Chief Executives report was **NOTED**.

F/129/26 (Agenda Item No 26)

Mayor's Business - Councillor T. O'Leary

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

F/130/26 (Agenda Item No 27)

Conference Report

- a **Irish Planning Institute (IPI) Annual Conference 2026, Raddison Blu, Athlone on Thursday 16th and 17th April 2026**

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

- b **AILG Ending Violence Against Women and Girls - Cross border Shared Seminar - 24th and 25th March, Slieve Russell Hotel, Co Cavan**

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

F/131/26 (Agenda Item No 28)

Correspondence

- a **Letter dated 10th February 2026 from Clare County Council Re - Irish Beekeepers' Association**

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

- b **Letter dated 10th February 2026 from Wexford County Council Re - Outlawing the use of Anonymous Social Media Accounts**

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

- c Letter dated 12th February 2026 from Galway City Council Meeting
Re - Failure of National Road Safety Leadership**

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

- d Letter dated 17th February 2026 from Wexford County Council Re -
Insurance Cover for Residential and Commercial Insurers due to
Flooding Risk Zones**

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

- e Letter dated 18th February 2026 from Westmeath County Council Re
- Request to Review Income Thresholds for Social Housing and HAP**

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

**F/132/26 (Agenda Item No 29)
 Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence**

- a Letter dated 3rd February from the office of the Minister for Housing
Re - Item 31 - Cllr A. Donnelly - Funding for Energy Efficiency
Retrofitting Programme 12th January 2026 Council Meeting**

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

MOTIONS - STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

**F/133/26 (Agenda Item No 30)
Councillor C. Haughey - "Chatty Bench" Signage on existing benches in each
 Local Electoral Area**

The motion, in the name of Councillor C. Haughey was proposed by Councillor C. Haughey and seconded by Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan.

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

**F/134/26 (Agenda Item No 31)
Councillor JK Onwumereh - Audit on the Status/Condition of Fingal's Roads**

It was agreed to **DEFER** this item.

F/135/26 (Agenda Item No 32)

Councillor P. Quinlan - Housing Supports

The motion, in the name of Councillor P. Quinlan was proposed by Councillor P. Quinlan, as there was no seconder to the motion, the motion fell.

F/136/26 (Agenda Item No 33)

Councillor M. Quinn - Social Housing Acquisition Funding

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

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

F/137/26 (Agenda Item No 34)

Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Not-for-Profit Community Childcare Facilities

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

During discussion, Councillor C. Johnston clarified the motion was to "recommend" only.

The motion was **AGREED**.

F/138/26 (Agenda Item No 35)

Councillor M. Boland - Crèche or Childcare Facility Delivery

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

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.

Remove '**operational, with an operator secured...**' after 'delivered and...' and replace with '**available for an operator**', so amended motion reads as follows:

"That the Chief Executive resolves that in all private residential developments, where a crèche or childcare facility is proposed or required as part of the permission, it shall be a condition of planning that the developer must ensure the facility is fully delivered and available for an operator, this requirement shall be incorporated into planning conditions and enforced consistently to ensure that childcare infrastructure is delivered alongside new homes and is not deferred, left vacant or omitted post-construction."

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

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

Replace the word "**resolves**" with "**ensures**", so amended motion reads as follows:

"That the Chief Executive ensures that in all private residential developments, where a crèche or childcare facility is proposed or required as part of the permission, it shall be a condition of planning that the developer must ensure the facility is fully delivered and available for an operator, this requirement shall be incorporated into planning conditions and enforced consistently to ensure that childcare infrastructure is delivered alongside new homes and is not deferred, left vacant or omitted post-construction."

The additional amended motion was **AGREED**.

F/139/26 (Agenda Item No 36)

Councillor E. Troy - Dangerous Vehicles in this Council's Parks and Open Spaces

The motion, in the name of Councillor E. Troy was proposed by Councillor E. Troy and seconded by Councillor G. Sheehan.

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

F/140/26 (Agenda Item No 37)

Councillor J. Walsh - Compulsory Sale of Derelict Properties

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

It was **AGREED** to extend the meeting to conclude Item 38.

Councillor P. Quinlan requested that it be recorded in the minutes that he does not support this motion.

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

F/141/26 (Agenda Item No 38)

Councillor D. Butler - Fingal Super Sports Hall

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

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

The Meeting concluded at 20.01.

MAYOR _____

DATE _____