

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall Fingal County Council

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday, 11th May, 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
Healy, David
Hopkins, Joan
Humphreys, James
Johnston, Corina
Kitt, Tom
Leddy, Ted

Councillors:

Maguire, Grainne
McCamley, Mary
Mulligan, Dean
Mulville, Paul
Murphy, Tony
Newman, Joe
O'Brien, Eoghan
Onwumereh, JK
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 Darren Jack Kelly, Brian McDonagh, Tom O'Leary and Helen Redwood.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Grainne Maguire presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

AnnMarie Farrelly (Chief Executive); 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); 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); Sinéad Murphy (Director of Services/Operations), Fionnuala May, (County Architect); Pat Boyle (Senior Architect); Deirdre Fallon (Senior Planner); Kevin Halpenny (Senior Parks and Landscape Officer); Catherine O'Donovan (Senior Executive Officer); Ciara O hAodha (Senior Executive Officer); Michael Staunton (Executive Parks and Landscape Officer); Bridget Loughlin (Climate Action Coordinator).

F/193/26 (Agenda Item No)

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor G. Maguire, at the start of the meeting, reminded Members that Standing Orders would apply to all aspects of the meeting.

The Deputy Mayor informed the Members an emergency motion was received and has been ruled out of order.

F/194/26 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes

a **Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of the Variations No.1 and No. 2 of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 Meeting held on Monday 30th March 2026**

Minutes of the Variations No.1 and No. 2 of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 Meeting held on Monday 30th March 2026 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor K. Dennison seconded by Councillor L. Corkery and **RESOLVED –**

“That the minutes of the Variations No.1 and No. 2 of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 Meeting held on Monday 30th March 2026 be **ADOPTED.**”

b **Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 13th April 2026**

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 13th April 2026 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor K. Dennison seconded by Councillor L. Corkery and **RESOLVED –**

“That the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 13th April 2026 be **ADOPTED.**”

F/195/26 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor J. Humphreys, seconded by Councillor K. Dennison and **RESOLVED:**

“That in accordance with Standing Order No. 51, Questions numbered 2 to 17 be **ADOPTED.**”

F/196/26 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor M. Quinn - Cost Benefit Analysis MIPIM 2026 International Property Investment Expo

F/197/26 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor E. Troy - Obligations under Part 5 of the Disability Act 2005

F/198/26 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor J. Smyth - Housing Categories and Overcrowding

F/199/26 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor L. Corkery - Cost Rental Units

F/200/26 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor P. Mulville - Plant Based Treaty

F/201/26 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor D. Healy - Development Standards Zones 1 and 2 for Car Parking

F/202/26 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor C. Haughey - Irish Language Translation on Street Signs within Taken-in-Charge Housing Estates

- F/203/26** (Agenda Item No 9)
Councillor C. Haughey - County-Wide Speed Limit Review
- F/204/26** (Agenda Item No 10)
Councillor A. Tormey - "Explore Fingal" Advertising Strategy
- F/205/26** (Agenda Item No 11)
Councillor M. Boland - Minimum Standards in Relation to Emergency Accommodation in Fingal
- F/206/26** (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor M. Boland - Prevalence of Discarded Nitrous Oxide (N2O) Canisters
- F/207/26** (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor J. Hopkins - Event specifically for Neurodivergent Children
- F/208/26** (Agenda Item No 14)
Councillor B. Ryan - Recruitment of Lifeguards for the 2026 Bathing Season
- F/209/26** (Agenda Item No 15)
Councillor B. Ryan- Fingal Parking Services
- F/210/26** (Agenda Item No 16)
Councillor C. Johnston - Community Car Service
- F/211/26** (Agenda Item No 17)
Councillor J. Walsh - Inactive Planning Permissions in Fingal
- F/212/26** (Agenda Item No 18)
Report of Committees

a **Report of Organisation, Procedures and Finance (OP&F) Committee Meeting held on Monday 13th April 2026**

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Organisation, Procedures and Finance (OP&F) Committee Meeting held on Monday 13th April 2026, are hereby **ADOPTED**."

b Report of Howth/Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 6th May 2026

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor J. Hopkins, 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 6th May 2026, are hereby **ADOPTED**."

c Report of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held Thursday 7th May 2026

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor K. Dennison, 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 7th May 2026, are hereby **ADOPTED**."

F/213/26 (Agenda Item No 19)

Financial Matters

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

F/214/26 (Agenda Item No 20)

Proposed Disposal of Properties

- a Notice of Renewal of Leases in Respect of 3 no. Sites at the following Locations: (a) Meakstown, Finglas Co. Dublin, (b) Cappogue, Finglas, Co. Dublin and (c) The Hill, Malahide, Co. Dublin, to Vantage Towers Limited, Mountainview, Leopardstown, Dublin 18**

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor T. Murphy and seconded by Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan and **RESOLVED**:

“That the renewal of leases in respect of 3 no. sites at the following Locations: (a) Meakstown, Finglas Co. Dublin, (b) Cappogue, Finglas, Co. Dublin and (c) The Hill, Malahide, Co. Dublin, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 30th April 2026, be leased to Vantage Towers Limited, Mountainview, Leopardstown, Dublin 18 in accordance with the terms specified therein.”

b 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 C. Boland and seconded by Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan and **RESOLVED**:

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

F/215/26 (Agenda Item No 21)

Declarations of Roads

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

F/216/26 (Agenda Item No 22)

Part XI/007/25 - Chief Executive Report pursuant to Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) for the proposed construction of a Public Swimming Pool Building with associated changing facilities and site works on 0.589 hectares of land at Castlelands, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin

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

A presentation was given to the members by Pat Boyle, Senior Architect and consultant Adrian Turner, from Recreation.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor T. Murphy, seconded by Councillor M. Quinn, and **AGREED**.

F/217/26 (Agenda Item No 23)

Report pursuant to Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), Proposed Public Play Trails Development at Longstone Park, Portrane, Co. Dublin

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

A presentation was given to the members by Michael Staunton, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer and Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks and Landscape Officer, Infrastructure and Transport Department.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor P. Mulville, seconded by Councillor C. Johnston, and **AGREED**.

F/218/26 (Agenda Item No 24)

Financial Assistance

**a Approved Housing Bodies under the Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)
- Call for CAS 2017 to Provide Units of Living Accommodation in the Fingal Area**

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

Following discussions, the Deputy Mayor then instructed that a roll call vote be taken and on division the voting resulted as follows:

FOR: 31 THIRTY-ONE
AGAINST: 1 ONE
ABSTAIN: 0 ZERO

FOR: Councillors Cathal Boland, Mark Boland, John Burtchaell, Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Kieran Dennison, Angela Donnelly, Tania Doyle, Breda Hanaphy, Cathal Haughey, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, Tom Kitt, Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, Mary McCamley, Dean Mulligan, Paul Mulville, Tony

Murphy, Joe Newman, Eoghan O'Brien, JK Onwumereh, Malachy Quinn, Brendan Ryan, Gerard Sheehan, Siobhan Shovlin, John Smyth, Aoibhinn Tormey, Ellen Troy, John Walsh.

AGAINST: Councillor Patrick Quinlan.

The Deputy Mayor declared the vote is **PASSED**.

It was proposed by Councillor D. Mulligan and seconded by Councillor L. Corkery and **RESOLVED**:

"That the recommendations contained in the attached report be **ADOPTED**."

b Portmarnock Sports and Leisure Club (PSLC)

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

"In recognition of the unique circumstances in which PSLC, a community organisation, has funded, provided and operated a major piece of recreational infrastructure on Council lands, and considering it necessary and desirable to promote the interests of the local community and the recreational and community development of the area, Fingal County Council, in accordance with Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as Amended), hereby resolves -

- that a grant of €500,000 be awarded as a financial contribution towards the cost of essential upgrade works at Portmarnock Sports & Leisure Club, in order to support the expedited delivery and early completion of the urgent and necessary works and to facilitate the reopening of the swimming pool for public use,
- that the provision of the grant is subject to satisfactory financial, technical and governance review, including appropriate scrutiny and verification of costs, funding arrangements and delivery proposals
- and that the financial contribution shall be funded from funds provided for within the community fund available to non-Council owned community facilities."

F/219/26 (Agenda Item No 25)

Dunsink Urban Area Plan

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

A presentation was given to the members by Deirdre Fallon, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Department.

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

F/220/26 (Agenda Item No 26)

Progress Report on the Climate Action Plan 2024 – 2029

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

A presentation was given to the members by Bridget Loughlin, Climate Action Coordinator and Catherine O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports Department.

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

F/221/26 (Agenda Item No 27)

Summer Projects Funding 2026

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

"That the award of Summer Projects Funding 2026 as set out in the foregoing report is hereby **APPROVED**."

F/222/26 (Agenda Item No 28)

Arts Act Grant Scheme - Revenue Strand 2026

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

It was proposed by Councillor T. Murphy, seconded by Councillor G. Maguire and **RESOLVED**:

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

F/223/26 (Agenda Item No)

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

It was **AGREED** to extend the meeting to 20.10.

F/224/26 (Agenda Item No 29)

Chief Executive's Report

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

Following discussion, the Chief Executive's report was **NOTED**.

F/225/26 (Agenda Item No 30)

Mayor's Business - Councillor T. O'Leary

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

F/226/26 (Agenda Item No 31)

Conference Report

- a** **Association of Irish Regions (AIR) Annual Training Seminar 2026, 25th and 26th February 2026 Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana, Co. Donegal**

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

- b** **Women's Regional Caucus Network to be held Wednesday 29th April 2026, Tipperary County Council, Civic Offices Limerick Road, Nenagh Co. Tipperary**

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

- c** **AILG 2026 Elected Members In-Person & Webinar Training Programme April to December 2026**

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

F/227/26 (Agenda Item No 31d)

**Fair Seas Conference, World Ocean Week, Wednesday 3rd June 2026 Cork
City Hall, Cork**

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

F/228/26 (Agenda Item No 32)

Correspondence

- a** **Letter dated 20th April 2026 from Carlow County Council Re - ESB Networks**

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

- b** **Letter dated 21st April 2026 from Monaghan County Council Re - Business Grant**

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

- c** **Letter dated 24th April 2026 from South Dublin County Council Re - Bessborough Mother and Baby Institution**

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

F/229/26 (Agenda Item No 33)

Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

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

MOTIONS STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

F/230/26 (Agenda Item No 40)

Councillor J. Newman - Central Heating Boilers

The motion, in the name of Councillor J. Neman was proposed by Councillor J. Newman and seconded by Councillor G. Maguire.

The report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Meeting concluded at 20.03.

MAYOR

DATE
