

**Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council**

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday, 13th April, 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
Kelly, Darren Jack
Kitt, Tom
Leddy, Ted

Councillors:

Maguire, Grainne
McCamley, Mary
McDonagh, Brian
Mulville, Paul
Murphy, Tony
Newman, Joe
O'Brien, Eoghan
O'Leary, Tom
Onwumereh, JK
Quinlan, Patrick
Quinn, Malachy
Ryan, Brendan
Sheehan, Gerard
Smyth, John
Tormey, Aoibhinn
Troy, Ellen
Walsh, John

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillors Dean Mulligan, Helen Redwood and Siobhan Shovlin.

The Mayor, Councillor Tom O'Leary 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); Carmel Brennan (Senior Architect); Ciara O hAodha (Senior Executive Officer); Jennifer Muscheidt (Environmental Awareness Officer).

F/151/26 (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.

Councillor J. Smyth informed the members he has a conflict of interest on Agenda Item 19 and will excuse himself from the meeting when this item is on the floor.

The Mayor informed the Members two emergency motions were received and have been ruled out of order.

The Mayor requested that the order of business be varied, and for Item 31 to be dealt as the first motion on the Agenda.

Following discussions, the Mayor then instructed that a roll call vote be taken on the request to vary the order of business and on division the voting resulted as follows:

FOR:	20	TWENTY
AGAINST:	15	FIFTEEN
ABSTAIN:	1	ONE

FOR: Councillors Mark Boland, John Burtchaell, Angela Donnelly, Tania Doyle, Breda Hanaphy, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, James Humphreys, Corina Johnston, Darren Jack Kelly, Brian McDonagh, Paul Mulville, Tom O'Leary, Patrick Quinlan,

Malachy Quinn, Brendan Ryan, Gerard Sheehan, John Smyth, Ellen Troy, John Walsh.

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

ABSTAIN: Councillor Jimmy Guerin.

The Mayor declared the vote **PASSED**.

The Mayor welcomed Ms Sinéad Murphy as the newly appointed Director of Operations.

F/152/26 (Agenda Item No 1)

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

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

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

“That the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 9th March 2026 be **ADOPTED**.”

F/153/26 (Agenda Item No 2)

Nominations

a **Appointment of one Member to the Marine and Coastal Management Strategic Policy 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 Tom O'Leary be appointed as a member to the Marine and Coastal Management Strategic Policy Committee."

It was then proposed by Councillor P. Mulville and seconded by Councillor B. McDonagh:

"That Councillor David Healy be appointed as a member to the Marine and Coastal Management Strategic Policy Committee."

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

Councillor Tom O'Leary: 21 TWENTY ONE

Councillor David Healy: 14 FOURTEEN

ABSTAIN: 1 ONE

Councillor Tom O'Leary: Councillors Cathal Boland, Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Kieran Dennison, Eoghan Dockrell, Tania Doyle, 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, Gerard Sheehan, Aoibhinn Tormey, Ellen Troy.

Councillor David Healy: Councillors Mark Boland, John Burtchaell, Angela Donnelly, Breda Hanaphy, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, James Humphreys, Corina Johnston, Brian McDonagh, Paul Mulville, Malachy Quinn, Brendan Ryan, John Smyth, John Walsh.

ABSTAIN: Councillor Patrick Quinlan.

The Mayor **DECLARED** Councillor Tom O'Leary be appointed as a member to the Marine and Coastal Management Strategic Policy Committee.

F/154/26 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

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

"That in accordance with Standing Order No. 51, Questions numbered 3 to 11 be **ADOPTED.**"

F/155/26 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor P. Quinlan - Breakdown of the Cost and Sale of Affordable Housing

F/156/26 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor M. Quinn - Removal of Long-Standing Housing Applicants

F/157/26 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor C. Haughey - Incremental Tenant Purchase Scheme

F/158/26 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor C. Haughey - Part V Acquisitions

F/159/26 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Public Art Requests

F/160/26 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor D.J. Kelly - Flight Paths and the Current Passenger Cap at Dublin Airport

F/161/26 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor J. Smyth - April - Autism Acceptance Month

F/162/26 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Major Emergency Plan 2023

F/163/26 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor E. Troy - Increase in Utility and Fuel Costs

F/164/26 (Agenda Item No 12)

Report of Committees

a Strategic Policy Committees (SPC) Chairpersons' Quarterly Reports

The attached reports by the Strategic Policy Committee Chairpersons which had been circulated, were **CONSIDERED.**

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

b Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 12th March 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 recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services (B) Meeting held on Thursday 12th March 2026, are hereby **ADOPTED**."

c Report of Howth/Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 1st April 2026

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor D. Healy, 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 1st April 2026, are hereby **ADOPTED**."

d Report of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 2nd April 2026

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 2nd April 2026, are hereby **ADOPTED**."

e Report of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) Meeting held on Tuesday 7th April 2026

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 recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) Meeting held on Tuesday 7th April 2026, are hereby **ADOPTED**."

f Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 9th April 2026

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services (B) Meeting held on Thursday 9th April 2026, are hereby **ADOPTED**."

F/165/26 (Agenda Item No 13)

Financial Matters

a Consideration of Draft Annual Financial Statement 2025 and Authorisation of Additional Expenditure

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

It was proposed by Councillor C. Boland, seconded by Councillor D.J. Kelly and **AGREED**.

b Annual Financial Statement 2025

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

F/166/26 (Agenda Item No 14)

Proposed Disposal of Properties

a Notice of proposed grant of wayleave at Mourne View, Skerries, 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 T. O'Leary and seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien and **RESOLVED**:

"That the grant of wayleave at Mourne View, Skerries, Co. Dublin, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 18th March 2026, be granted to Uisce Éireann, Colvill House, 24-26 Talbot Street, Mountjoy, Dublin 1, in accordance with the terms specified therein."

b Notice of proposed grant of wayleave at Barrysparks, Swords, Co. Dublin to Bovale Developments Unlimited Company, 27 Dublin Road, Miltonsfields, Swords, Co. Dublin

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

The Mayor informed the Members a motion had been received. The motion in the name of Councillor J. Humphreys was proposed by Councillor J. Humphreys and seconded by Councillor T. O'Leary and **AGREED**:

"That approval of the wayleave is conditional on Clause 10 being strengthened to require active coordination with the Council's Roads Section, in place of notice alone, for the duration of R132 and MetroLink-related works, includes language that permits the Executive the right to direct scheduling and require postponement where necessary."

It was proposed by Councillor J. Newman and seconded by Councillor D.J. Kelly and **RESOLVED**:

"That the grant of wayleave at Barrysparks, Swords, Co. Dublin, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 2nd April 2026, be granted to Bovale Developments Unlimited Company, 27 Dublin Road, Miltonsfields, Swords, Co. Dublin, in accordance with the terms specified therein."

F/167/26 (Agenda Item No 15)

Declarations of Roads

a Barnageeragh Cove Phase 3, Skerries, Co Dublin

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

"That the roads referred to in the attached report be, and are hereby declared to be, public roads."

b Semple Woods Phase 1, Donabate, Co Dublin

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

"That the roads referred to in the attached report be, and are hereby declared to be, public roads."

F/168/26 (Agenda Item No 16)

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 one dwelling and construction of four dwellings and all associated site works at Malahide Road, Malahide, Co. Dublin, K36 EP89 (PARTXI/006/25)

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. A presentation was given to the members by Fionnuala May, County Architect and Carmel Brennan, Senior Architect.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor D. Healy, seconded by Councillor B. McDonagh, and **AGREED**.

F/169/26 (Agenda Item No 17)
Approval of Anti-Litter, Anti-Graffiti Grant Scheme

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. A presentation was given to the members by Jennifer Muscheidt, Environmental Awareness Officer.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor D. Butler, and **AGREED**.

F/170/26 (Agenda Item No 18)
Draft Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy

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 **AGREED**.

F/171/26 (Agenda Item No 19)
Fingal Artists' Support Scheme 2026

Councillor J. Smyth excused himself from the meeting, citing a conflict of interest as a family member has submitted a funding application.

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 award of Fingal Artists' Support Scheme 2026 for Professional Fingal Artists as set out in the foregoing report is hereby **APPROVED**."

F/172/26 (Agenda Item No 20)
Draft Fingal County Council Annual Report 2025

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

"That the Annual Report 2025 is hereby **ADOPTED**."

F/173/26 (Agenda Item No 21)

Chief Executive's Report

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

The Chief Executive welcomed Sinéad Murphy, Director of Operations to the Executive Management Team.

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

F/174/26 (Agenda Item No 22)

Mayor's Business - Councillor T. O'Leary

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

F/175/26 (Agenda Item No 23)

Conference Report

a **AILG- Maynooth University Micro-Credential in Spatial Planning for Councillors**

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

F/176/26 (Agenda Item No 24)

Correspondence

a **Letter dated 4th March 2026 from Galway County Council Re - Increase Provision of Irish-medium Education**

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

b **Letter dated 5th March 2026 from Leitrim County Council Re - Maintenance and Repairs on Greenways**

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

- c Letter dated 5th March 2026 from Sligo County Council Re - Mother and Baby Homes and County Homes**

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

- d Letter dated 10th March 2026 from Clare County Council Re- Disability Payment**

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

- e Letter dated 12th March 2026 from Longford County Council Re - Emergency Payments be made to Disabled People**

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

F/177/26 (Agenda Item No 25)
Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

- a Email dated 16th March 2026 from the Office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs Re - Item 43 - Cllr B. McDonagh - Occupied Territories Bill December 2024 Council Meeting**

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

- b Email dated 26th March 2026 from the Office of the Minister for Housing - Re - Cllr M. Quinn - Social Housing Acquisition Funding - March Council Meeting**

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

MOTIONS - STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

F/178/26 (Agenda Item No)
VARY THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

It was **AGREED** to take Item 31 at this time.

F/179/26 (Agenda Item No 31)
Councillor M. Quinn - The Pausing of Council Rent Increases

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

Following discussions, it was **AGREED** to extend the meeting for 15 minutes.

During the course of the discussion, the Mayor informed the members an amended motion was received.

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

FOR:	20	TWENTY
AGAINST:	5	FIVE
ABSTAIN:	9	NINE

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

AGAINST: Councillors John Burtchaell, Angela Donnelly, Breda Hanaphy, Malachy Quinn, John Smyth.

ABSTAIN: Councillors Mark Boland, James Humphreys, Corina Johnston, Mary McCamley, Brian McDonagh, Patrick Quinlan, Gerard Sheehan, Ellen Troy, John Walsh.

The Mayor declared the vote **PASSED**.

The amended motion was proposed by Councillor T. Murphy and second by Councillor D.J. Kelly:

Insert words after increases "To support OAP's and People on disability payments that are in the lowest income stream"

To read:

"In light of the recent acceleration in the cost-of-living crisis, I am calling on this Council to support the pausing of Council rent increases, to support OAP's and people on disability payments that are in the lowest income stream that will take effect this month, in conjunction with measures announced by the government in relation to fuel costs, transport cost and other associated costs."

Following discussions, it was **AGREED** to extend the meeting to conclude this item.

The Mayor called for a three minute recess.

On recommencement of the meeting, Councillor T. Murphy withdrew his motion.

The Mayor then instructed that a roll call vote be taken on the original motion submitted by Councillor M. Quinn and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

FOR:	19	NINETEEN
AGAINST:	14	FOURTEEN
ABSTAIN:	0	ZERO

For: Councillors Cathal Boland, Mark Boland, John Burtchaell, Luke Corkery, Eoghan Dockrell, Angela Donnelly, Breda Hanaphy, Joan Hopkins, James Humphreys, Corina Johnston, Darren Jack Kelly, Brian McDonagh, Paul Mulville, Patrick Quinlan, Malachy Quinn, Gerard Sheehan, John Smyth, Ellen Troy, John Walsh.

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

The Mayor declared the motion **PASSED**.

The Meeting concluded at 20.30.

MAYOR _____

DATE _____