

**Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall  
Fingal County Council**

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday, 6th July, 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  
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  
Shovlin, Siobhan  
Smyth, John  
Tormey, Aoibhinn  
Troy, Ellen  
Walsh, John

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillors Helen Redwood and Gerard Sheehan.

The Mayor, Councillor Tony Murphy 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); John Quinlivan (Director of Services/Economic, Community and Cultural Development); Sinéad Murphy (Director of Services/Operations), Aoife Sheridan (Senior Executive Officer); Liam Burke (Senior Executive Officer); Kevin Halpenny (Senior Parks and Landscape Officer); Liz Hartigan (Administrative Officer); Michael Staunton (Executive Parks and Landscape Officer); Joan Kernan (Administrative Officer).

**F/307/26** (Agenda Item No )

### ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor, Councillor T. Murphy, 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, Councillor T. Murphy, on behalf of the Members expressed deepest condolences to the family and friends of John O'Donovan who tragically passed at the Skerries 100 Road Race.

**F/308/26** (Agenda Item No 1)

### Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes

**a     Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 8th June 2026**

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor M. McCamley seconded by Councillor K. Dennison and **RESOLVED** –

"That the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026 be **ADOPTED.**"

**b      Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Annual Meeting held on Friday 12th June 2026**

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor M. McCamley seconded by Councillor J. Humphreys and **RESOLVED** –

"That the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Friday 12th June 2026 be **ADOPTED.**"

**F/309/26**      (Agenda Item No )

**QUESTIONS**

It was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor L. Corkery and **RESOLVED:**

"That in accordance with Standing Order No. 51, Questions numbered 2 to 12 be **ADOPTED.**"

**F/310/26**      (Agenda Item No 2)

**Councillor M. Quinn - Requirements under Planning Laws for Mobile and Permanent Structures Food Outlets**

**F/311/26**      (Agenda Item No 3)

**Councillor S. Shovlin - Sunscreen Dispensers**

**F/312/26**      (Agenda Item No 4)

**Councillor M. Boland - Processing Time for Medical Priority Applications**

**F/313/26**      (Agenda Item No 5)

**Councillor J. Newman - Gas Boiler Upgrades in Council Homes**

**F/314/26**      (Agenda Item No 6)

**Councillor J. Newman - Accessibility to Social Housing**

**F/315/26**      (Agenda Item No 7)

**Councillor J. Walsh - Monitoring of Reinstatement Works by Utility Companies and Contractors**

**F/316/26** (Agenda Item No 8)

**Councillor A. Tormey - Update Regarding Graffiti that is Visible from Rail Lines on Buildings**

**F/317/26** (Agenda Item No 9)

**Councillor B. Ryan - Response to Comments on Council's Performance to Tackle Dereliction**

**F/318/26** (Agenda Item No 10)

**Councillor C. Johnston - Rightsizing Policy**

**F/319/26** (Agenda Item No 11)

**Councillor C. Johnston - Update on Public Electric Vehicle Charging Points**

**F/320/26** (Agenda Item No 12)

**Councillor D. Healy - Special Development Contributions**

**F/321/26** (Agenda Item No 13)

**Report of Committees**

**a Reports of Environmental Funding for the Anti-Litter, Anti-Graffiti Grants - Three Area Committees Services B Meetings**

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

"That the recommendations contained in the reports of Environmental Funding for the Anti-Litter, Anti-Graffiti Grants - three Area Committees Services B Meetings, are hereby **ADOPTED**."

**b Quarterly Chairpersons' Report of Strategic Policy Committee Meetings**

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

**c Report of Organisation, Procedures & Finance (OP&F) Committee Meeting held on Monday 6th June 2026**

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

“That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Organisation, Procedures & Finance (OP&F) Meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026, are hereby **ADOPTED**.”

**d     Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B Meeting held on Thursday 11th June 2026**

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

“That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services (B) Meeting held on Thursday 11th June 2026, are hereby **ADOPTED**.”

**F/322/26**            (Agenda Item No 14)

**Financial Matters**

**a     Borrowing Approval for Balbriggan Swimming Pool**

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

During the course of discussion, the Mayor informed the members a motion was received and it was ruled out of order.

It was proposed by Councillor G. Maguire, seconded by Councillor T. O’Leary, and **RESOLVED** that –

“It is hereby resolved that a loan in the sum of up to €12m be raised for the purpose of funding the delivery of a swimming pool in Balbriggan pursuant to the provisions of Section 106 of the Local Government Act, 2001.”

**F/323/26**            (Agenda Item No 15)

**Proposed Disposal of Properties**

**a     Proposed Disposal of land at Clonswords, Ballyboughal, Co. Dublin to Mr. Richard Rodgers, Grange, Oldtown, Co. Dublin and Mr. George Rodgers, Amberley House, Murragh, Oldtown, 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 J. Guerin and **RESOLVED**:

"That land at Clonswords, Ballyboughal, Co. Dublin, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026, be disposed to Mr. Richard Rodgers, Grange, Oldtown, Co. Dublin and Mr. George Rodgers, Amberley House, Murragh, Oldtown, Co. Dublin in accordance with the terms specified therein."

**F/324/26** (Agenda Item No 16)

### **Declarations of Roads**

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

**F/325/26** (Agenda Item No 17)

### **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 Play Space Development at Loughshinny, 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 T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor T. Murphy, and **AGREED**.

**F/326/26** (Agenda Item No 18)

### **Draft Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy**

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. A presentation was given to the Members by Joan Kernan, Administrative Officer and Liam Burke, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department.

It was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor D.J. Kelly, and **RESOLVED** –

“Fingal County Council adopts the Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy & Policy.”

**F/327/26** (Agenda Item No 19)

**Transient Visitor Levy**

Mr John Quinlivan, Director of Economic, Community & Cultural Development, presented a verbal update to the members.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor J. Humphreys, and **AGREED** that Fingal County Council's two nominees would participate on the Transient Visitor Levy Working Group.

**F/328/26** (Agenda Item No 20)

**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/329/26** (Agenda Item No 21)

**Mayor's Business - Councillor T. Murphy**

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

**F/330/26** (Agenda Item No 22)

**Conference Report**

**a** **MacGill Summer School 2026, 23rd - 25th July 2026 - Highlands Hotel, Glenties, Co. Donegal**

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

**b** **IrDEA Annual Conference 2026, 30th September 2026 - Radisson Blu Royal Hotel, Golden Lane, Dublin 8**

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

**F/331/26** (Agenda Item No 23)

**Correspondence**

**a** **Letter dated 11th June 2026 from Wexford County Council Re-Abolition of the USC in Budget 2027**

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

**F/332/26** (Agenda Item No 24)

**Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence**

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

**MOTIONS - STATUTORY FUNCTIONS**

**F/333/26** (Agenda Item No 25)

**Councillor L. Corkery - Electric Vehicle Home-Charging Strategy**

The motion, in the name of Councillor L. Corkery was proposed by Councillor D. Healy and seconded by Councillor A. Tormey.

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

**F/334/26** (Agenda Item No 26)

**Councillor D. Healy - Scope of Residential Zoned Land Tax**

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

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

**FOR: 16 SIXTEEN**  
**AGAINST: 1 ONE**  
**ABSTAIN: 8 EIGHT**

**FOR:** Councillors Cathal Boland, Mark Boland, Darragh Butler, Cathal Haughey, David Healy, James Humphreys, Grainne Maguire, Mary McCamley, Brian

McDonagh, Tony Murphy, Joe Newman, Eoghan O'Brien, Malachy Quinn, Brendan Ryan, Siobhan Shovlin, John Walsh.

**AGAINST:** Councillor Aoibhinn Tormey.

**ABSTAIN:** Councillors Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Tom Kitt, Ted Leddy, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Patrick Quinlan, Ellen Troy.

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

**F/335/26** (Agenda Item No 27)

**Councillor J. Hopkins - Capital Investment Breakdown**

It was **AGREED** to defer this item.

**F/336/26** (Agenda Item No 28)

**Councillor J. Walsh - 'Use it or Lose it' Clause on Inactive Sites**

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

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

It was **AGREED** to extend the meeting to conclude this item.

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

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| <b>FOR:</b>     | <b>10</b> | <b>TEN</b>  |
| <b>AGAINST:</b> | <b>9</b>  | <b>NINE</b> |
| <b>ABSTAIN:</b> | <b>6</b>  | <b>SIX</b>  |

**FOR:** Councillors Luke Corkery, James Humphreys, Mary McCamley, Paul Mulville, Tony Murphy, Joe Newman, Malachy Quinn, Brendan Ryan, John Smyth, John Walsh.

**AGAINST:** Councillors Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Eoghan Dockrell, Cathal Haughey, Tom Kitt, Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, JK Onwumereh, Aoibhinn Tormey.

**ABSTAIN:** Councillors David Healy, Darren Jack Kelly, Brian McDonagh, Tom O'Leary, Patrick Quinlan, Ellen Troy.

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

**F/337/26** (Agenda Item No 29)

**Councillor JK Onwumereh - Planning Applications on Zoned Sites**

It was **AGREED** to defer this item.

**F/338/26** (Agenda Item No 30)

**Councillor M. McCamley - Bus Shelters**

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

The report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Meeting concluded at 20.05.

MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_