

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

MARINE & COASTAL MANAGEMENT

STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 13th March 2024

Item 06

Report on An Bord Pleanála - Planning Application – Portrane/Rush

Motion: Councillor P. Mulville

“That the Chief Executive report on the current status regarding An Bord Pleanála planning application required to carry out the permanent coastal protection measures at Portrane and Rush, in locations at imminent risk of coastal erosion and flooding, to include when a decision on the initial Maritime Area Consent (MAC) will be due back from the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA and whether the temporary interim emergency “Seabee” units are due to be re-aligned again this year.”

Report:

The Council is awaiting the results of a Maritime Area Consent (MAC) from the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA). This application has been made in the first instance in relation to the proposed coastal protection works planned at The Burrow, Portrane. A Maritime Area Consent (MAC) provides a gateway into the planning system and confers a right on the applicant to occupy a part of the maritime area, conditional on securing other necessary approvals which in this case would involve Bord Pleanála approval of the planned works. If a MAC is approved the Council will proceed to apply for statutory planning approval for the planned coastal protection works. As the requirement for a MAC is relatively new, it is difficult to confidently predict how soon a result can be expected and how this process will impact the further timelines for the project. As regards the interim coastal protection

works at The Burrow, Portrane, it is planned to relocate the SeaBee units during the coming Summer months to optimise their effectiveness to slow the process of Coastal erosion at this location.

Source of report: Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks and Landscape Officer