

**Comhairle Contae Fine Gall
Fingal County Council**

Minutes of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B - Strategic
and General Matters)

Thursday, 10th September, 2026

PRESENT

Boland, Cathal	Mulligan, Dean
Boland, Mark	Mulville, Paul
Butler, Darragh	Murphy, Tony
Corkery, Luke	Newman, Joe
Dockrell, Eoghan	O'Leary, Tom
Johnston, Corina	Quinn, Malachy
Darren Kelly, Jack	Ryan, Brendan
Maguire, Grainne	Smyth, John

No Apologies for inability to attend were received

The Area Chairperson, Tom O'Leary, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Fearghal McSweeney (Administrative Officer), Rafe Costigan (Senior Community Officer) John Quinlivan (Director of Services), Ciara O'hAodha (Senior Executive Officer), Marcus Clifford (Assistant Engineer CSEA), Aaron O'Callaghan (Executive Engineer), Pat Boyle (Senior Architect), Brian O'Connor (Executive Architect), Niall Kelly (Administrative Officer), Emily Crawley (Sports Programme Administrative Officer), Robbie Corr (Sports Development Officer), Catriona Geraghty (Sports Development Officer), Ciarán Staunton (Administrative Officer), Emer F Tierney (Senior Engineer), Kevin Halpenny (Senior Parks and Landscape Officer), Chloe Farrell (Principal Sports Officer), Gerard Brennan (Senior Executive Planner), Mary O'Reilly (Senior Staff Officer), Kristina Ryan (Staff Officer) David Daly (Assistant Staff Officer), Linda Fanning (Clerical Officer), Jack O'Grady (Clerical Officer), Aisling Donnelly (Clerical Officer), Andrew Rennie (Staff Officer), Graham Bollard (Assistant Staff Officer).

ANNOUNCEMENT

Councillor M. Boland and Councillor G. Maguire they will be stepping out of the meeting for the duration of item 46 applications for funding, due to a conflict of interest.

BSB/352/26 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B (Strategic and General Matters) meeting held on Thursday the 11th June 2026.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor T. Murphy and **RESOLVED** –

“That the minutes of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B (Strategic and General Matters) meeting held on Thursday 11th of June 2026 be **ADOPTED**.”

QUESTIONS

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor M. Quinn and **RESOLVED** -

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions 2 – 45 inclusive be **ADOPTED**.”

BSB/354/26 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor M. Quinn - Update on Taking in Charge of Hampton Gardens Playground and Open Spaces - Balbriggan - AI108934

BSB/355/26 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor M. Quinn - Update on Solar Upgrade of Electric Vehicle (EV) Charger - Skerries - AI109389

BSB/356/26 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Playground for Oldtown - AI109219

BSB/357/26 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Identifying a Site in Rush/Lusk for Padel-Courts - AI109220

BSB/358/26 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Installation of Volleyball Posts on Donabate Beach - AI109221

BSB/359/26 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Invitation to Community Groups to the opening of The Naul Village Park - AI109222

BSB/360/26 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Update on Coastal Protection - Portrane Beach - AI109223

- BSB/361/26** (Agenda Item No 9)
Councillor J. Newman - Update on Swords Western Distributor Road Project - AI109224
- BSB/362/26** (Agenda Item No 10)
Councillor J. Newman - Walled Gardens - Brackenstown - Swords - AI109591
- BSB/363/26** (Agenda Item No 11)
Councillor J. Newman - Upgrade of Foul Water Pumping Station - Knocksedan - AI109594
- BSB/364/26** (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor G. Maguire - Refurbishment of Bath House - Martello Tower - Balbriggan - AI109289
- BSB/365/26** (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor G. Maguire - Update on Derelict Buildings - Balbriggan - AI109669
- BSB/366/26** (Agenda Item No 14)
Councillor P. Mulville - Need to Monitor Construction Traffic Safety - Donabate/Portrane - AI109411
- BSB/367/26** (Agenda Item No 15)
Councillor P. Mulville - Local Traveller Accommodation Scheme Projects in this LEA - AI109730
- BSB/368/26** (Agenda Item No 16)
Councillor P. Mulville - Prevention of Illegal Occupation by Encampment on Public Lands in this LEA - AI109732
- BSB/369/26** (Agenda Item No 17)
Councillor P. Mulville - Empty Social Housing Units at Balmoston - Donabate - AI109733
- BSB/370/26** (Agenda Item No 18)
Councillor P. Mulville - Uncompleted Works - Semple Woods - Donabate - AI109734
- BSB/371/26** (Agenda Item No 19)
Councillor P. Mulville - Portrane Coastal Flooding and Erosion Protection Scheme - AI109735
- BSB/372/26** (Agenda Item No 20)
Councillor P. Mulville - Playspace at Longstone Park - Portrane - AI109736
- BSB/373/26** (Agenda Item No 21)
Councillor M. Boland - Audit of Disabled Parking Bays - Rush - AI109434
- BSB/374/26** (Agenda Item No 22)
Councillor M. Boland - Taking-in-Charge - The Forge Estate - Lusk - AI109441

- BSB/375/26** (Agenda Item No 23)
Councillor M. Boland - Taking-in-Charge - Lusk Village - A Newly Built Section of Rathmore - AI109442
- BSB/376/26** (Agenda Item No 24)
Councillor M. Boland - Engagement with the National Transport Authority (NTA) and Irish Rail re Lusk/Rush Train Station - AI109443
- BSB/377/26** (Agenda Item No 25)
Councillor M. Boland - Additional Outdoor Recreation Facilities for Teenagers in Rush - AI109444
- BSB/378/26** (Agenda Item No 26)
Councillor M. Boland - "Explore Fingal" Running a Focused Tourism and Visitor Promotion Plan for Lusk - AI109445
- BSB/379/26** (Agenda Item No 27)
Councillor M. Boland - "Explore Fingal" Running a focused Tourism and Visitor Promotion Plan for Rush - AI109446
- BSB/380/26** (Agenda Item No 28)
Councillor J. Smyth - Swords Bike Library Initiative - AI109462
- BSB/381/26** (Agenda Item No 29)
Councillor J. Smyth - Update on Usher's Lake - Swords - AI109598
- BSB/382/26** (Agenda Item No 30)
Councillor J. Smyth - Summer Projects 2026 in this LEA - AI109603
- BSB/383/26** (Agenda Item No 31)
Councillor J. Smyth - Rivervalley Summer Festival - AI109672
- BSB/384/26** (Agenda Item No 32)
Councillor J. Smyth - Mental Health Month - October - AI109673
- BSB/385/26** (Agenda Item No 33)
Councillor J. Smyth - October - Mental Health Month Events - AI109674
- BSB/386/26** (Agenda Item No 34)
Councillor J. Smyth - Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) & Special Protected Areas (SPA) Impact Assessments in this LEA - AI109675
- BSB/387/26** (Agenda Item No 35)
Councillor L. Corkery - Update on Destination Playground - Ward Rivervalley Park - AI109653
- BSB/388/26** (Agenda Item No 36)
Councillor C. Johnston - Update on Hearse Road to Lissenhall Upgrade - AI109686

BSB/389/26 (Agenda Item No 37)

Councillor C. Johnston - Coastal Erosion Emergency Measures - Portrane -
AI109687

BSB/390/26 (Agenda Item No 38)

Councillor C. Johnston - Tower Bay - Portrane to Donabate Pedestrian and Cycle
Path - AI109688

BSB/391/26 (Agenda Item No 39)

Councillor C. Johnston - Taking-in-Charge - The Orchard Estate - Oldtown -
AI109689

BSB/392/26 (Agenda Item No 40)

Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Pedestrian Path - Minister's Road - Lusk -
AI109690

BSB/393/26 (Agenda Item No 41)

Councillor C. Johnston - Blake's Cross Junction Upgrade - AI109691

BSB/394/26 (Agenda Item No 42)

Councillor C. Johnston - Timeline for Broadmeadow Way Greenway - AI109718

BSB/395/26 (Agenda Item No 43)

Councillor B. Ryan - Report on Four Bedroomed Social Housing - Balbriggan/ Rush-
Lusk Area - AI109701

BSB/396/26 (Agenda Item No 44)

Councillor B. Ryan - Update on Household Bin Collection - Balbriggan - AI109705

BSB/397/26 (Agenda Item No 45)

Councillor B. Ryan - Development of Skerries Sports Hub - AI109706

BSB/398/26 (Agenda Item No 46)

Applications for Funding

a Applications for Community Funding

It was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary and seconded by Councillor T. Murphy and
AGREED:

"That this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Activity
Funding Grants Applications in the attached report."

BSB/399/26 (Agenda Item No 46b)

Applications for Sports Funding

It was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary and seconded by Councillor J. Newman
and AGREED:

“That this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Activity Funding Grants Applications in the attached report.”

BSB/400/26 (Agenda Item No 47)
Declaration of Roads/Taking-in-Charge

BSB/401/26 (Agenda Item No 47a)
Taylors Hill, Phase 2, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin

The report was noted.

BSB/402/26 (Agenda Item No 47b)
Comyn Manor, Swords, Co. Dublin

The report was noted.

BSB/403/26 (Agenda Item No 47c)
Ormond Court, Rush, Co. Dublin

The report was noted.

BSB/404/26 (Agenda Item No 47d)
Knightsgate Avenue, Rush, Co. Dublin

The report was noted.

BSB/405/26 (Agenda Item No 48)
Proposed Disposals

BSB/406/26 (Agenda Item No 48a)
Notice of proposed disposal of land to the rear of Beaver Lodge, The Priory,
Donabate, Co. Dublin to June and Christopher Foley

The report was noted.

BSB/407/26 (Agenda Item No 48b)
Notice of proposed disposal of land at Garristown, Co. Dublin to North and East
Voluntary Housing Association

The report was noted.

BSB/408/26 (Agenda Item No 49)

Report Pursuant to Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001(as amended) for Road Infrastructure, Stephenstown, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.

The presentation was NOTED.

BSB/409/26 (Agenda Item No 50)
(PARTXI/002/26) Initiation of procedure 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) for development consisting of Conservation & Re-Use of the "Bath House & Boat House", Balbriggan (protected structure RPS no. 0018)

The presentation was NOTED.

BSB/410/26 (Agenda Item No 51)
Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2026 – Request for Approval of Funding

Mr. Niall Kelly (Administrative Officer) gave a report on Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2026.

Following a discussion the presentation was NOTED.

BSB/411/26 (Agenda Item No 52)
Local Sport and Physical Activity Plan 2024-2029 – Sports Department Strategy Update

Ms. Emily Crawley (Sports Programme Administrative Officer) gave a report on Local Sport and Physical Activity Plan 2024-2029.

The presentation was NOTED.

BSB/412/26 (Agenda Item No 53)
CORRESPONDENCE

BSB/413/26 (Agenda Item No 53a)
Email dated 17th June 2026 from Department of Education and Youth regarding Cllr. C. Johnston Motion - Urgent need for additional schools, Donabate

The email from the Department of Education and Youth was Noted.

a **Letter dated 18th June 2026 from HSE regarding Cllr. L. Corkery Motion - Swords Primary Care Centre**

The letter from the HSE was Noted.

b Email dated 8th July 2026 from the Department of Education and Youth regarding Cllr. J. Smyth Motion Provision of Gaelcholáiste for Swords

The email from the Department of Education and Youth was Noted.

c Email dated 21st July 2026 from Public Transport Services regarding Cllr. M. Boland Motion Accessibility Review Wheelchairs Users in this LEA

The email from the Public Transport Services was Noted.

BSB/414/26 (Agenda Item No 53e)

Email dated 23rd July 2026 from Department of Transport regarding Cllr. D. Mulligan Public Transport Linking Swords and Blanchardstown

The letter from Technological University Dublin was Noted.

BSB/415/26 (Agenda Item No 53f)

Letter dated 23rd July 2026 from Technological University Dublin regarding Cllr. D. Mulligan Public Transport Linking Swords and Blanchardstown

The letter from Technological University Dublin was Noted.

BSB/416/26 (Agenda Item No 54)

Councillor T. O'Leary - Independent Feasibility Study of Ardgillan Demesne - AI109261

The Motion in the name of Councillor T. O'Leary was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary and seconded by Councillor J. Newman

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and CONSIDERED and following discussion the motion was AGREED.

BSB/417/26 (Agenda Item No 55)

Councillor P. Mulville - Plans for Gaelcholáiste - Swords - AI108427

The Motion in the name of Councillor P. Mulville was proposed by Councillor P. Mulville and seconded by Councillor L. Corkery

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and CONSIDERED and following discussion the motion was AGREED.

BSB/418/26 (Agenda Item No 56)

Councillor J. Smyth - Additional Parking - Rivermeade - Swords - AI108839

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

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and CONSIDERED and following discussion the motion was AGREED.

BSB/419/26 (Agenda Item No 57)

Councillor C. Johnston - Road Safety Assessment - Donabate Distributor Road - AI108861

The Motion in the name of Councillor C. Johnston was proposed by Councillor C. Johnston and seconded by Councillor M. Boland.

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and CONSIDERED and following discussion the motion was AGREED.

BSB/420/26 (Agenda Item No 58)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Upgrade Entrance to Donabate Beach - AI109213

The Motion in the name of Councillor E. Dockrell was proposed by Councillor E. Dockrell and seconded by Councillor C. Johnston.

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and CONSIDERED and following discussion the report was ACCEPTED

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

It was AGREED to suspend the Standing Orders in order to take item 67 Councillor E. Dockrell - Local Link Routes through Rural Villages - AI109214.

BSB/422/26 (Agenda Item No 67)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Local Link Routes through Rural Villages - AI109214

The Motion in the name of Councillor E. Dockrell was proposed by Councillor E. Dockrell and seconded by Councillor T. O'Leary.

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was AGREED without discussion.

BSB/423/26 (Agenda Item No 59)

Councillor M. Quinn - Retention of Basketball Court at Flemington School Complex - Balbriggan - AI109270

The Motion in the name of Councillor M. Quinn was proposed by Councillor M. Quinn and seconded by Councillor G. Maguire.

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and CONSIDERED and following discussion the motion was AGREED.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

It was AGREED to suspend the Standing Orders in order to take item 68 Councillor M. Quinn - Astro Pitch Facility in Balbriggan/Balrothery - AI109271

BSB/425/26 (Agenda Item No 68)

Councillor M. Quinn - Astro Pitch Facility in Balbriggan/Balrothery - AI109271

BSB/426/26 (Agenda Item No 60)

Councillor M. Boland - Feasibility Study along the Coastline adjacent to Rush Golf Club - AI109287

The Motion in the name of Councillor M. Boland was proposed by Councillor M. Boland and seconded by Councillor C. Johnston.

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and CONSIDERED and following discussion the motion was AGREED.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

It was agreed to suspend Standing Orders to extend the meeting upon the conclusion of item 61.

BSB/428/26 (Agenda Item No 61)

Councillor J. Newman - Crèches in the Miller's Glen Area - Swords - AI109595

The Motion in the name of Councillor J. Newman was proposed by Councillor J. Newman and seconded by Councillor D. Kelly.

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was read and CONSIDERED and following discussion the motion was AGREED.

BSB/429/26 (Agenda Item No 62)

Councillor G. Maguire - Upgrade of Naul Road - AI109667

The Motion in the name of Councillor G. Maguire was proposed by G. Maguire and seconded by Councillor T. O'Leary.

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was ACCEPTED without discussion.

The Meeting concluded at 18:06

AREA CHAIRPERSON

DATED