

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

**BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
[SERVICES A – OPERATIONAL MATTERS]**

THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2026

ITEM NO. 31

**UPGRADE ON PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT - NEWBRIDGE PARK –
DONABATE**

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to upgrading some of the playground equipment in Newbridge Park playground in Donabate?”

Reply:

The Executive Parks & Landscape officer is currently reviewing recent playground inspection reports and the playground layout with regard to potential playground upgrades. A number of larger play item underwent repairs over the summer months and during this time further discussions took place with the department's specialist playground repair contractor. Various proposals have been discussed and a number of locations viewed within the playground, as the best approach to upgrade works are considered.

An overall plan for the refurbishment will be drafted with a phased plan of upgrades developed. This would be deemed the most appropriate approach to allow the playground to remain open where feasible, and improvements made section by section, to enhance the experience for all users. Additional capital funding will be required for any substantial upgrade proposals in this playground, while an initial phase of upgrades can be funded by the existing capital budget provision.

A draft plan for this initial phase proposes the installation of additional play equipment in one section of the playground and this draft is expected to be received in due course with subsequent meetings to follow. This section currently has scope for additional items to be installed without disturbance to playground opening or playground users.

Source of Reply: Shane Sutton, Executive Parks & Landscape Officer Operations Dept