

**Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council**

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday, 14th September, 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
Mulligan, Dean
Mulville, Paul
Murphy, Tony
Newman, Joe
O'Brien, Eoghan
O'Leary, Tom
Onwumereh, JK
Quinn, Malachy
Relihan, Kate
Ryan, Brendan
Sheehan, Gerard
Smyth, John
Troy, Ellen
Walsh, John

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillors Patrick Quinlan, Siobhan Shovlin and Aoibhinn Tormey.

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); Mary Egan (Director of Services/ People, Corporate and Digital); John Quinlivan (Director of Services/Economic, Community and Cultural Development); Sinéad Murphy (Director of Services/Operations), Aoife Sheridan (Senior Executive Officer); Ciara O hAodha (Senior Executive Officer); Sarah Lowther (Senior Executive Planner); Cathal Kearney (Access Officer).

F/351/26 (Agenda Item No)

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor, Councillor T. Murphy, reminded Members at the commencement of the meeting that Standing Orders would apply to all aspects of the meeting.

The Mayor congratulated Councillor Siobhan Shovlin on the recent birth of her child and extended the Council's best wishes to her and her family.

The Mayor expressed his appreciation to Mary Egan, Director of People, Corporate and Digital Services, for her dedicated service to Local Government and wished her every success and happiness in her retirement. Members joined the Mayor in thanking Ms. Egan for her assistance, commitment and professionalism over the years.

The Mayor informed Members that an emergency motion had been received; however, having been considered, it was ruled out of order.

F/352/26 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 6th July 2026

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 6th July 2026 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor K. Dennison seconded by Councillor DJ. Kelly and **RESOLVED** –

"That the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 6th July 2026 be **ADOPTED.**"

F/353/26 (Agenda Item No 2)

Nominations

a **Filling of Casual Vacancy on Fingal County Council following the resignation of Councillor Helen Redwood**

The report by the Chief Executive, setting out the required procedures, which had been circulated was **READ**.

The nomination of Kate Relihan to fill the casual vacancy was proposed by Councillor J. Burtchaell and seconded by Councillor D. Mulligan and **AGREED**.

In accordance with Section 19 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended, Kate Relihan was co-opted as a Member of Fingal County Council.

The Mayor and Members welcomed and congratulated Councillor K. Relihan on her appointment and Councillor K. Relihan then addressed the Members.

F/354/26 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor J. Walsh and **RESOLVED:**

"That in accordance with Standing Order No. 51, Questions numbered 3 to 19 be **ADOPTED.**"

F/355/26 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor M. Quinn - Approved Housing Bodies Occupancy

F/356/26 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor G. Maguire - High Security Lock Scheme

F/357/26 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor JK. Onwumereh - Update on Fingal's Migrant Integration and Cohesion Strategy 2019-2024

F/358/26 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor P. Mulville - Local Authority Waters Programme's Urban Nature-Based Solutions Fund

F/359/26 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor S. Shovlin - Update on Sunscreen Dispensers for Fingal Parks

F/360/26 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor J. Smyth - Cost of Replacing Safety Poles on Cycle Lanes

F/361/26 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor J. Newman - BMX-Type Track Study Plan

F/362/26 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Housing Re-Letting

F/363/26 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor D. Healy - Capital Programme

F/364/26 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor B. Ryan - Public Service Apprenticeship Plan

F/365/26 (Agenda Item No 13)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Differential Rent Scheme

F/366/26 (Agenda Item No 14)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Housing Maintenance

F/367/26 (Agenda Item No 15)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Vacant and Derelict Homes

F/368/26 (Agenda Item No 16)

Councillor B. Ryan - Heritage Properties

F/369/26 (Agenda Item No 17)

Councillor E. Troy - Fish Kills in Rivers, Streams, and Canals in Fingal

F/370/26 (Agenda Item No 18)

Councillor J. Walsh - Delivery of New Public Transport Routes

F/371/26 (Agenda Item No 19)

Councillor D. Butler - Delivery of Housing Units in Fingal 2026

F/372/26 (Agenda Item No 20)

Report of Committees

a Report of Howth/Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd September 2026

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Howth/Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd September 2026, are hereby **ADOPTED**."

b Report of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 3rd September 2026

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 3rd September 2026, are hereby **ADOPTED**."

c Report of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) Meeting held on Monday 7th September 2026

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) Meeting held on Monday 7th September 2026, are hereby **ADOPTED** with agreed amendment."

d Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 10th September 2026

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 10th September 2026, are hereby **ADOPTED**."

F/373/26 (Agenda Item No 21)

Financial Matters

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

F/374/26 (Agenda Item No 22)

Proposed Disposal of Properties

a Notice of proposed disposal of land to the rear of Beaver Lodge, The Priory, Donabate, Co. Dublin to June and Christopher Foley, Beaver Lodge, The Priory, Donabate, Co. Dublin.

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor T. Murphy and seconded by Councillor C. Johnston and **RESOLVED**:

"That the land to the rear of Beaver Lodge, The Priory, Donabate, Co. Dublin, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 1st September 2026, be disposed to June and Christopher Foley, Beaver Lodge, The Priory, Donabate, Co. Dublin, in accordance with the terms specified therein."

b Notice of proposed disposal of land at Garristown, Co. Dublin to North and East Voluntary Housing Association, First Floor, Cobalt House One, Blanchardstown Corporate Park 1, D15 EDT4

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 T. Murphy and **RESOLVED**:

"That the land at Garristown, Co. Dublin, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 1st September 2026, be disposed to North and East Voluntary Housing Association, First Floor, Cobalt House One, Blanchardstown Corporate Park 1, D15 EDT4, in accordance with the terms specified therein."

c Notice of proposed lease of land at Kellystown, Dublin 15 to St. Mochta's Football Club, Porterstown Road, Dublin 15

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor K. Dennison and seconded by Councillor J. Walsh and **RESOLVED**:

"That the land at Kellystown, Dublin 15, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 2nd September 2026, be leased to St. Mochta's Football Club, Porterstown Road, Dublin 15, in accordance with the terms specified therein."

d Proposed Disposal of Fee Simple Interest of Dwellings

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

"That the Fee Simple Interest referred to in the attached report be disposed of in accordance with the terms specified therein."

F/375/26 (Agenda Item No 23)

Declarations of Roads

a Taylor's Hill, Phase 2, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin

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

b Comyn Manor, Swords, Co. Dublin

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

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

c Ormond Court, Rush, Co. Dublin

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

d Knightsgate Avenue, Rush, Co. Dublin

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

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

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 report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. A presentation was given to the Members by Ciara O'hAodha, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department and Marcus Clifford, CSEA Consultancy.

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

“That Fingal County Council hereby approves the proposed Road Infrastructure Scheme at Stephenstown, Balbriggan, as described in the plans and particulars and having regard to the Chief Executive's Report pursuant to Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).”

F/377/26 (Agenda Item No 25)

Strategic Infrastructure Development Comprising a 680 MW Open Cycle Gas-Fired Generation Station and Associated Development at Kilshane Road, Kilshane, Finglas, Dublin 11

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. A presentation was given to the Members by Sarah Lowther, Senior Executive Planner, Planning & Development Department.

Following discussion, the comments of the Members were **NOTED**.

F/378/26 (Agenda Item No 26)

Shop Front Improvement Scheme 2026 - Request for Approval of Funding

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

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien and seconded by Councillor J. Hopkins and **RESOLVED**:

“That the award of funding through the Shop Front Improvement Scheme 2026 as set out in the foregoing report is hereby **APPROVED**.”

F/379/26 (Agenda Item No 27)
Fingal County Council Draft Access Strategy 2026-2030

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. A presentation was given to the Members by Cathal Kearney, Access Officer.

It was proposed by Councillor K. Dennison seconded by Councillor T. Murphy, and **RESOLVED** that –

“That the Access Strategy is hereby **ADOPTED**.”

F/380/26 (Agenda Item No 28)
Chief Executive's Report

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. During the course of the discussion, the Mayor informed the members a motion was submitted.

The following motion, was proposed by Councillor A. Donnelly and seconded by Councillor M. Quinn:

“That the Chief Executive gives consideration to facilitating Budget Workshops for Councillors ahead of the Council's next Budget meeting, to ensure Councillors’ input is considered by facilitating 2 workshops prior to the adoption of the budget”

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

It was **AGREED** to extend the meeting for 15 minutes.

Following further discussions, the motion was **AGREED**.

The Chief Executives report was **NOTED**.

F/381/26 (Agenda Item No 29)
Mayor's Business - Councillor T. Murphy

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

F/382/26 (Agenda Item No 30)

Conference Report

- a** **Irish Planning Institute (IPI) Autumn Planning Conference 2026, Thursday, 1st October 2026, The Gibson Hotel, Dublin**

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

F/383/26 (Agenda Item No 31)

Correspondence

- a** **Letter dated 15th July 2026 from Leitrim County Council Re - Renewable Energy Projects**

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

- b** **Letter dated 15th July 2026 from Leitrim County Council Re - Dedicated Cabinet Minister for Construction and Infrastructure**

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

- c** **Letter dated 15th July 2026 from Leitrim County Council Re- National Investment to Protect and Maximise Existing Social Housing Stock**

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

- d** **Letter dated 16th of July 2026 from Carlow County Council Re - Unacceptable delay with ESB connections for new Business Developments and Council-led Projects**

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

- e** **Letter dated 16th July 2026 from Carlow County Council Re- Response times to Notices of Motions**

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

- f** **Letter dated 29th July 2026 from Roscommon County Council Re- Eligibility Criteria for CE Schemes**

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

g Letter dated 29th July from Roscommon County Council Re - Cost Rental Scheme by Local Authorities

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

F/384/26 (Agenda Item No 32)
Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

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

MOTIONS - STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

F/385/26 (Agenda Item No 33)
Councillor J. Hopkins - Capital Investment Breakdown

The motion, in the name of Councillor J. Hopkins was proposed by Councillor J. Hopkins and seconded by Councillor P. Mulville.

Following discussion, the motion was **AGREED**.

F/386/26 (Agenda Item No 34)
Councillor JK Onwumereh - Planning Applications on Zoned Sites

It was agreed to **Defer** this item.

F/387/26 (Agenda Item No 35)
Councillor P. Quinlan - Public Consultations

It was agreed to **Defer** this item.

F/388/26 (Agenda Item No 36)
Councillor M. McCamley - Accessible Parking Bay Text Alerts in Fingal

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

The report was **ACCEPTED**.

F/389/26 (Agenda Item No 37)
Councillor J. Newman - Report on Part V Units

The motion, in the name of Councillor J. Newman was proposed by Councillor J. Newman and seconded by Councillor T. Murphy.

The report was **ACCEPTED**.

F/390/26 (Agenda Item No 38)
Councillor J. Walsh - Pilot Project - Book Gifting Programme

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

The report was **ACCEPTED**.

F/391/26 (Agenda Item No 51)
Councillor J. Burtchaell - Data Centres Water Consumption

The motion, in the name of Councillor J. Burtchaell was proposed by Councillor J. Burtchaell and seconded by Councillor T. Murphy.

The report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Meeting concluded at 20.16.

MAYOR _____

DATE _____