

## **DÚN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Extract from Minutes of the County Council Meeting  
held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin  
on Monday, January 13, 2025, at 5:00 PM**

**C/10/25**

### **(Agenda Item No. 8) Proposed Housing Development at Balally, Blackthorn drive, Sandyford - Part 8**

The report of the Chief Executive was **CONSIDERED**.

Mr D. Grogan, Senior Executive Engineer, Housing Department, gave a presentation to the Members on the Proposed Housing Development at Balally, Blackthorn drive, Sandyford - Part 8.

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor J. O'Leary advised the Members that the following motions were received from the floor.

#### **Motion (3) from the floor**

It was proposed by Councillor O. O'Connor, and seconded by Councillor R. Jones:  
"That the Chief Executive, through either the detailed design of the Part 8 housing development at Balally or subsequently through the Parks Department, plant hedges and/or trees and/or other planting along the eastern boundary of the pathway along the eastern side of the proposed development, in the interests of screening from the adjacent green space and in the interest of better compensating for the biodiversity loss of proposed tree removals under the scheme."

#### **Motion (4) from the floor**

It was proposed by Councillor A. Colgan, and seconded by Councillor J. Hurley:

"That a creche be provided in the proposed Balally development."

A discussion took place during which Mr G. O'Sullivan, Senior Engineer, Housing Department, responded to Members' queries.

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor J. O'Leary advised the Members that the following motions were received from the floor.

#### **Motion (5) from the floor**

It was proposed by Councillor A. Colgan, and seconded by Councillor J. Hurley:

"That a number of the 2-bed units in the proposed development will be set aside for allocation to current tenants who are single occupants of a three-bed social home, and who may be interested in rightsizing to the Balally development. The number of units so allocated to be decided by the housing allocations staff."

#### **Motion (6) from the floor**

It was proposed by Councillor M. Halpin, and seconded by Councillor H. Lewis:

"That this council calls on the Executive to ensure that the size of the units planned for Balally accurately reflects the need on ALL the housing waiting lists including the RAS and HAP fixed transfer lists and the Overcrowding and Medical Transfer lists."

A discussion took place, during which Ms C. Keenan, Director of Housing, Mr G. O'Sullivan, and Mr F. Curran, Chief Executive, responded to Members' queries.

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor J. O'Leary advised the Members that the following motion was received from the floor.

### **Motion (7) from the floor**

It was proposed by Councillor P. O'Brien and seconded by Councillor A. Colgan:

"To Amend MFF 4:

To add the word 'community' before creche

"That a community creche be provided in the proposed Balally development".

It was **AGREED** to withdraw Motion 7 from the floor.

A further discussion took place during which Mr G. O'Sullivan responded to Members' queries.

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor J. O'Leary advised the Members that the following motion was received from the floor.

### **Motion (8) from the floor**

It was proposed by Councillor A. Colgan, and seconded by Councillors J. Hurley and P. O'Brien:

"Motion 4: Amendment

That the scope for a community creche in the Balally development will be actively considered."

A discussion took place, during which Ms C. Keenan and Mr P. Kennedy, Director of Infrastructure & Climate Change responded to Members' queries.

It was **AGREED** that the parking in Wedgewood would be looked at as part of the new Parking tender.

It was **AGREED** to take a decision on the motions from the floor at this time.

### **Motion (3) from the floor**

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"That the Chief Executive, through either the detailed design of the Part 8 housing development at Balally or subsequently through the Parks Department, plant hedges and/or trees and/or other planting along the eastern boundary of the pathway along the eastern side of the proposed development, in the interests of screening from the adjacent green space and in the interest of better compensating for the biodiversity loss of proposed tree removals under the scheme."

Motion (3) from the floor was **AGREED**

**Motion (8) from the floor**

It was proposed by Councillor A. Colgan, and seconded by Councillors J. Hurley and P. O'Brien:

"Motion 4: Amendment

That the scope for a community creche in the Balally development will be actively considered."

Motion (8) from the floor was **AGREED**

**Motion (4) from the floor, as amended**

It was proposed by Councillor A. Colgan, and seconded by Councillor J. Hurley:

"That the scope for a community creche in the Balally development will be actively considered."

Motion (4) from the floor, as amended, was **AGREED**

**Motion (5) from the floor**

It was proposed by Councillor A. Colgan, and seconded by Councillor J. Hurley:

"That a number of the 2-bed units in the proposed development will be set aside for allocation to current tenants who are single occupants of a three-bed social home, and who may be interested in rightsizing to the Balally development. The number of units so allocated to be decided by the housing allocations staff."

A discussion took place during which, Ms C. Keenan responded to Members' queries.

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor J. O'Leary advised the Members that the following motion was received from the floor:

**Motion (9) from the floor**

It was proposed by Councillor A. Colgan, and seconded by Councillor J. Hurley:

**"Amendment to MFF5:**

That a number of the units in the proposed development will be set aside for allocation to current tenants who are occupants of larger social homes, and who may be interested in

rightsizing to the Balally development. The number of units so allocated to be decided by the housing allocations staff."

A further discussion took place during which, Ms C. Keenan responded to Members' queries.

It was **AGREED** to **WITHDRAW** motion (9) from the floor.

It was **AGREED** to **WITHDRAW** motion (5) from the floor.

#### **Motion (6) from the floor**

It was proposed by Councillor M. Halpin, and seconded by Councillor H. Lewis:

"That this council calls on the Executive to ensure that the size of the units planned for Balally accurately reflects the need on ALL the housing waiting lists including the RAS and HAP fixed transfer lists and the Overcrowding and Medical Transfer lists."

It was **AGREED** to **WITHDRAW** motion (6) from the floor.

It was **AGREED** to take a decision on the Part 8 Proposed Housing Development at Balally, Blackthorn drive, Sandyford at this time.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Moylan, seconded by Councillor P. O'Brien, and **RESOLVED:**

"That the report of the Chief Executive be **AGREED**."

**I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true record of Minute No. C/10/25 of the Meeting of County Council held on Monday 13 January 2025.**

**Pamela Graydon  
A/Senior Executive Officer  
Corporate Affairs**



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**30 July 2025**