DÚN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin on Monday, November 11, 2024 at 5:00 PM

PRESENT:

Ahmed, Kazi Halpin, Melisa Baker, Marie Hurley, John Joseph, Thomas Brennan, Shay Jones, Robert Burke, Jacqueline Carson, Dan Kennedy, John Clark, Michael Kivlehan, Tom Cody, Meabh Lewis, Hugh Colgan, Anne McCarthy, Lettie Daly, Kevin McLoughlin, Sean Dargan, Pierce McNamara, Frank Dockery, Liam Moylan, Justin Dockrell, Maurice Murphy, Tom O'Brien, Peter Dowling, Conor Durkan, JP O'Connell, Maeve Fanning, Martha O'Connor, Oisín O'Keeffe, Dave Fayne, Mary O'Leary, Jim Gildea, Jim Saul, Barry Grainger, Anna Hall, Lorraine Smyth, Carrie Tuite, Lauren

Absent: Councillor Michael Fleming

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor J. O'Leary presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Frank Curran, (Chief Executive), Helena Cunningham, (Director of Finance and Water Services), Aidan Blighe, (Director of Planning & Economic Development), Stephen Brady, (Director of Corporate Affairs), Andrée Dargan, (County Architect), Anne Devine, (Director of Forward Planning Infrastructure), Catherine Keenan, (Director of Housing), Paul Kennedy, (Director of Infrastructure and Climate Change), Therese Langan, (Director of Community, Cultural Services and Parks), Miguel Sarabia, (Senior Executive Planner, Planning and Economic Development), Tim Ryan, (Harbour Operations Manager), Eoin O'Brien, (Senior Executive Parks Superintendent), Elizabeth Clarke, (Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs), Pamela Graydon, (Administrative Officer, Corporate Affairs), Anna Jenkins, (Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs), Amy Mangan, (Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs).

C/407/24 (Agenda Item No. 1) Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the County Council meeting held on 14 October 2024

It was proposed by Councillor J. Gildea seconded by Councillor L. McCarthy and **RESOLVED**:

"That the minutes of the County Council meeting held on 14 October 2024 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**."

C/408/24

(Agenda Item No. 2) Questions (see attached appendix)

It was proposed by Councillor L. McCarthy, seconded by Councillor M. Baker and **RESOLVED**:

"That pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (c) question numbers A.1 to A.6 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**."

(Agenda Item No. 1) Mortgage to Rent Scheme

(Agenda Item No. 2) Coffee / Tea Availability Near Seating Areas in Parks

(Agenda Item No. 3) Dog off lead concerning to Squirrels

(Agenda Item No. 4) Tree planted on Council property

(Agenda Item No. 5) One Way Road Request

(Agenda Item No. 6) Re-Naming the Carlisle Pier

C/409/24

(Agenda Item No. 3.01) Conference and Training for Councillors in accordance with Section 142 (5) of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by Section 53 (2) of the Local Government Reform Act 2014

List of Conferences and Training for Councillors

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

It was proposed by Councillor T. Kivlehan, seconded by Councillor JP Durkan, and **RESOLVED**:

"That in accordance with Section 142 (5) of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended by Section 53 (2) of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 attendance by Members at the conferences/seminars/training courses outlined in the foregoing report is hereby authorised."

C/410/24

(Agenda Item No. 3.02) Conference and Training for Councillors in accordance with Section 142 (5) of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by Section 53 (2) of the Local Government Reform Act 2014

Approval of Nominations for Conference and Training Courses

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

Irish District Energy Association Annual Conference

It was proposed by Councillor L. McCarthy, seconded by Councillor J. Gildea and **RESOLVED**:

"That Dún Laoghaire – Rathdown County Council nominates Councillors K. Ahmed and L. Hall to attend the Irish District Energy Association Annual Conference 2024 on 24th October 2024.

C/411/24

(Agenda Item No. 3.03) Conference and Training for Councillors in accordance with Section 142 (5) of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by Section 53 (2) of the Local Government Reform Act 2014

Conferences and Training Report Documents Submitted

It was **NOTED** there was no business under this heading.

C/412/24

(Agenda Item No. 4.01) Proposed Disposal of Fee Simple Interest

The proposed disposal was **CONSIDERED**.

It was proposed by Councillor R. Jones, seconded by Councillor D. Carson, and **RESOLVED**:

"That the proposed disposal of fee simple interest as set out in the above schedule be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in the foregoing report."

C/413/24

(Agenda Item No. 4.02) Proposed Disposal of Fee Simple Interest

The proposed disposal was **CONSIDERED**.

It was proposed by Councillor C. Smyth, seconded by Councillor J. Gildea, and **RESOLVED**:

"That the proposed disposal of fee simple interest as set out in the above schedule be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in the foregoing report."

C/414/24

(Agenda Item No. 4.03) Proposed Disposal of Fee Simple Interest

The proposed disposal was **CONSIDERED**.

It was proposed by Councillor M. Fanning, seconded by Councillor C. Dowling, and **RESOLVED**:

"That the proposed disposal of fee simple interest as set out in the above schedule be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in the foregoing report."

C/415/24

(Agenda Item No. 4.04) Proposed Disposal of Fee Simple Interest

The proposed disposal was **CONSIDERED**.

It was proposed by Councillor T. Kivlehan, seconded by Councillor M. Fayne and **RESOLVED**:

"That the proposed disposal of fee simple interest as set out in the above schedule be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in the foregoing report."

C/416/24

(Agenda Item No. 4.05) Proposed Disposal of Fee Simple Interest

The proposed disposal was **CONSIDERED**.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Hurley, seconded by Councillor C. Smyth and **RESOLVED**:

"That the proposed disposal of fee simple interest as set out in the above schedule be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in the foregoing report."

C/417/24

(Agenda Item No. 4.06) Proposed Disposal of Land

Proposed granting of a 15-year Leasehold Agreement for the Coastguard Station, Harbour Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin to Irish Sailing

The proposed disposal was **CONSIDERED**.

It was proposed by Councillor M. Baker, seconded by Councillor J. Moylan and **RESOLVED**:

"That it is proposed to enter into a 15-year Leasehold Agreement with Irish Sailing to lease the Coastguard Station, Harbour Road, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin as outlined in red on Drawing No. PL-24-037 and in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 on the terms and conditions as aforementioned."

C/418/24

(Agenda Item No. 5) Coastal Planning Report

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

Mr A. Blighe, Director of Planning & Economic Development, Mr M. Sarabia, Senior Executive Planner, Planning and Economic Development and Mr T. Ryan, Harbour Operations Manager, Dun Laoghaire Harbour gave a presentation to the Members on the Coastal Planning Report.

A discussion took place, during which Mr A. Blighe and Mr T. Ryan, responded to Members' queries.

It was **AGREED** that the comments made by the Members would be included in the submission.

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

C/419/24

(Agenda Item No. 6) Cabinteely Park Sports & Community Facilities - Part 8

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

Mr E. O'Brien, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, Community, Cultural Services & Parks, gave a presentation to the Members on the Part 8 report for the Cabinteely Park Sports & Community Facilities.

A discussion took place, during which Mr E. O'Brien responded to Members' queries.

It was proposed by Councillor B. Saul, seconded by Councillor McCarthy, and RESOLVED:

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

C/420/24

(Agenda Item No. 7) Floodlighting of the Running Track & Soccer Pitch at Kilbogget Park (Part 8)

The report of the Chief Executive was CONSIDERED.

Mr E. O'Brien, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, Community, Cultural Services & Parks, gave a presentation to the Members on Part 8 report for Floodlighting of the Running Track & Soccer Pitch at Kilbogget Park.

A discussion took place, during which Ms T. Langan, Director of Community, Cultural Services & Parks, and Mr E. O'Brien responded to Members' gueries.

It was proposed by Councillor C. Smyth, seconded by Councillor J Gildea, and RESOLVED:

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

C/421/24

(Agenda Item No. 8.01) Adoption of Strategic Policy Scheme 2024 - 2029

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

Ms E. Clarke, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs gave an update to the Members on the Adoption of Strategic Policy Scheme 2024-2029.

A discussion took place, during which Ms E. Clarke, and Ms H. Cunningham, Director of Finance & Water Services, responded to Members' queries.

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor J. O' Leary advised the Members that the following motion (1) was handed up from the floor:

Motion (1) from the floor:

It was proposed by Councillor O. O'Connor and seconded by Councillor T. Kivlehan:

"To amend the draft Strategic Policy Committee Scheme 2024-2029 to include the following text at the end of Section 6 "Number of SPCs":

"In a situation where an additional SPC is being added after the Chairs of other SPCs have already been appointed by group voting, the additional SPC chair(s) will be appointed by group voting, the additional SPC Chair shall be appointed by group voting as a continuation of the previous group voting, and not allocated by default to the majority group on the council"."

A discussion took place, during which Mr S. Brady, Director of Corporate Affairs, and Ms E. Clarke responded to Members' queries.

A further discussion took place, during which Mr S. Brady responded to Members' queries.

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor J. O' Leary advised the Members that the following motion (2) was handed up from the floor:

Motion (2) from the floor:

It was proposed by Councillor J. Hurley and seconded by Councillor P. O'Brien:

"Amendment to motion from the floor (1):

To amend the draft Strategic Policy Committee Scheme 2024-2029 to include the following text at the end of Section 6 "Number of SPCs":

"In a situation where an additional SPC is being added after the Chairs of other SPCs have already been appointed the new appointment shall adhere to the balance of members between ruling group and minority as outlined in the Local Government Act."

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor J. O'Leary, ruled motion (1) from the floor OUT OF ORDER.

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor J. O'Leary, ruled motion (2) from the floor **OUT OF ORDER.**

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor J. O' Leary advised the Members that the following motion (3) was handed up from the floor:

Motion (3) from the floor:

It was proposed by Councillor Peter O' Brien and seconded by Councillor T. Kivlehan:

"To change the outside membership of the Finance Group to 6.

- 1 Environment/Conservation
- 1 Development/Construction
- 1 ICTU
- 1 IBEC
- 1 Community/Voluntary
- 1 Social Inclusion."

A discussion took place, during which Mr S. Brady responded to Members' gueries.

Motion (3) from the floor was WITHDRAWN.

A roll call vote was requested on the adoption of the Strategic Policy Committee Scheme 2024 - 2029, the result of which was as follows:

	COUNCILLORS	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAINED
1.	Councillor Ahmed	✓		
2.	Councillor Baker	✓		
3.	Councillor Brennan	✓		
4.	Councillor Burke	✓		
5.	Councillor Carson	✓		

6.	Councillor Clark	✓		
7.	Councillor Cody		✓	
8.	Councillor Colgan		✓	
9.	Councillor Daly		✓	
10.	Councillor Dargan	✓		
11.	Councillor Dockery	✓		
12.	Councillor Dockrell	✓		
13.	Councillor Dowling		✓	
14.	Councillor Durkan	✓		
15.	Councillor Fanning		✓	
16.	Councillor Fayne	✓		
17.	Councillor Fleming			
18.	Councillor Gildea	✓		
19.	Councillor Grainger	✓		
20.	Councillor Hall	✓		
21.	Councillor Halpin		✓	
22.	Councillor Hurley		✓	
23.	Councillor Jones		✓	
24.	Councillor Joseph		✓	
25.	Councillor Kennedy	✓		
26.	Councillor Kivlehan		✓	
27.	Councillor Lewis		✓	
28.	Councillor McCarthy			
29.	Councillor McLoughlin		✓	
30.	Councillor McNamara	✓		
31.	Councillor Moylan	✓		
32.	Councillor Murphy	✓		
33.	Councillor O'Brien		✓	
34.	Councillor O'Connell			
35.	Councillor O'Connor		✓	
36.	Councillor O'Keeffe		✓	
37.	Councillor O'Leary	✓		
38.	Councillor Saul	✓		
39.	Councillor Smyth		√	
40.	Councillor Tuite		✓	
	TOTAL:	20	17	

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor J. O'Leary, declared the Strategic Policy Committee Scheme 2024 – 2029 **CARRIED.**

It was proposed by Councillor B. Saul, seconded by Councillor M. Clark and **RESOLVED**:

"That Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council hereby adopts the Strategic Policy Committee Scheme 2024 – 2029 as circulated."

C/422/24

(Agenda Item No. 8.02) Election of Chair-Designate for Strategic Policy Committee

The report of the Chief Executive was CONSIDERED.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Moylan and seconded by Councillor B. Saul:

"That Councillor M. Clark be appointed as Chair-Designate for a Strategic Policy Committee."

It was proposed by Councillor P. O'Brien and seconded by Councillor T. Kivlehan:

"That Councillor A. Colgan be appointed as Chair-Designate for a Strategic Policy Committee."

As there were two nominations for the position, a roll call vote was held, the result of which was as follows:

	COUNCILLORS:	Clir M. Clark	Cllr A. Colgan
1.	Councillor Ahmed	✓	
2.	Councillor Baker	✓	
3.	Councillor Brennan	✓	
4.	Councillor Burke	✓	
5.	Councillor Carson	✓	
6.	Councillor Clark	✓	
7.	Councillor Cody		✓
8.	Councillor Colgan		✓
9.	Councillor Daly		✓
10.	Councillor Dargan	✓	
11.	Councillor Dockery	✓	
12.	Councillor Dockrell	✓	
13.	Councillor Dowling		✓
14.	Councillor Durkan	✓	
15.	Councillor Fanning		✓
16.	Councillor Fayne	✓	
17.	Councillor Fleming		
18.	Councillor Gildea	✓	
19.	Councillor Grainger	✓	

20.	Councillor Hall	✓	
21.	Councillor Halpin		✓
22.	Councillor Hurley		✓
23.	Councillor Jones		✓
24.	Councillor Joseph		✓
25.	Councillor Kennedy	✓	
26.	Councillor Kivlehan		✓
27.	Councillor Lewis		✓
28.	Councillor McCarthy		
29.	Councillor McLoughlin		✓
30.	Councillor McNamara	✓	
31.	Councillor Moylan	✓	
32.	Councillor Murphy	✓	
33.	Councillor O'Brien		✓
34.	Councillor O'Connell		
35.	Councillor O'Connor		✓
36.	Councillor O'Keeffe		✓
37.	Councillor O'Leary	✓	
38.	Councillor Saul	✓	
39.	Councillor Smyth		✓
40.	Councillor Tuite		✓
	TOTAL	20	17

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor J. O'Leary, declared that Councillor M. Clark be appointed as Chair-Designate of a Strategic Policy Committee.

C/423/24 (Agenda Item No. 9) Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025 – 2029

It was **AGREED** to defer this item to the December County Council Meeting.

C/424/24 (Agenda Item No. 10) Management Reports

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

A discussion took place, during which Mr F. Curran, Chief Executive, Ms C. Keenan, Director of Housing, Mr P. Kennedy, Director of Infrastructure & Climate Change and Ms T. Langan, Director of Community, Cultural Services and Parks responded to Members' queries.

It was **AGREED** that a report would be circulated to the Member's on the applications for the Affordable Housing at Shanganagh.

A further discussion took place during which Mr F. Curran, Ms A. Devine, Director of Forward Planning Infrastructure, Mr P. Kennedy and Ms C. Keenan responded to Members queries.

It was **AGREED** that a briefing on Cherrywood would be held for the Members in the new year.

A further discussion took place during which Mr F. Curran, Mr S. Brady, Director of Corporate Affairs, Ms C. Keenan, Mr A. Blighe, Director of Planning & Economic Development, and Mr P. Kennedy responded to Members queries.

C/425/24

(Agenda Item No. 10.01) July 2024 Monthly Management Report

The July 2024 Monthly Management Report was CONSIDERED and NOTED.

C/426/24

(Agenda Item No. 10.02) August 2024 Monthly Management Report

The August 2024 Monthly Management Report was **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

C/427/24

(Agenda Item No. 10.03) September 2024 Monthly Management Report

The September 2024 Monthly Management Report was CONSIDERED and NOTED.

C/428/24

(Agenda Item No. 10.04) July to September 2024 Quarterly Management Report

The July to September 2024 Monthly Management Report was CONSIDERED and NOTED.

C/429/24

(Agenda Item No. 10.05) October 2024 Monthly Management Report

The October 2024 Monthly Management Report was CONSIDERED and NOTED.

C/430/24

Change in Order of Agenda

As per Standing Order 13 (1), it was **AGREED** to move to Members motions at this time.

C/431/24

(Agenda Item No. 16) Proposal to convert Area Committees into Municipal Districts

It was proposed by Councillor J. Kennedy and seconded by Councillor B. Saul:

"That this Council writes to the Taoiseach and the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to recommend that the two Area Committees within Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown (for the Dundrum Area and Dún Laoghaire Area respectively) should be converted instead into two Municipal Districts (one covering collectively the Stillorgan, Dundrum and Glencullen-Sandyford electoral wards; the other one covering collectively the Dún Laoghaire, Blackrock and Killiney-Shankill electoral wards)."

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor J. O'Leary advised the Members that the following motion (4) was received from the floor:

Motion (4) from the floor

It was proposed by Councillor J. Kennedy and seconded by Councillor B. Saul:

"Amendment to Agenda Item 16 is proposed below to take account of the Manager's response:

"That this Council writes to the Taoiseach and the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to recommend that the two Area Committees within Dún Laoghaire Rathdown (for the Dundrum Area and Dún Laoghaire Area respectively) should be converted instead into Municipal Districts, where an evaluation could proceed within the government in discussion with council management as regards the appropriate number of electoral wards (noting that there are six electoral wards in this County) to be allocated per Municipal District to be formed"."

Motion (4) from the floor was AGREED.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Kennedy and seconded by Councillor B. Saul:

"That this Council writes to the Taoiseach and the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to recommend that the two Area Committees within Dún Laoghaire Rathdown (for the Dundrum Area and Dún Laoghaire Area respectively) should be converted instead into Municipal Districts, where an evaluation could proceed within the government in discussion with council management as regards the appropriate number of electoral wards (noting that there are six electoral wards in this County) to be allocated per Municipal District to be formed."

The motion as amended was AGREED.

C/432/24

(Agenda Item No. 17) Automated External Defibrillators

It was **AGREED** to re-enter the following motion in the name of Councillor L. McCarthy to the December County Council Meeting:

"That this Council writes to the Minister responsible for Local Government and Planning with the following proposal: That as part of the conditions for planning applications for new housing estates, developers must install Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs). We are also calling on the Minister to instigate a review in order to install AEDs in all existing residential developments across Ireland. 70% of cardiac arrests happen at home, every minute that there is a delay in acting reduces the person's chance of survival by 10%. Having the AED close at hand provides a vital link in the chain of survival and offers the person, adult, baby or child the best chance of surviving a cardiac arrest."

C/433/24 (Agenda Item No. 18) Dog Waste Bins

It was proposed by Councillor JP Durkan and seconded by Councillor M. Baker:

"That the Chief Executive install Dog Waste Bins in all open spaces across the County."

The motion was **AGREED.**

C/434/24

(Agenda Item No. 19) Ferry Terminal

It was proposed by Councillor Halpin and seconded by Councillor D O'Keeffe:

"That this Council agrees to use everything in its power to bring the ferry terminal back under control of the Council so that it can be developed in the interests of the people, the environment and the community."

A discussion took place, during which Mr S. Brady, Director of Corporate Affairs, and Mr A. Blighe, Director of Planning & Economic Development responded to Members' queries.

A roll call vote was requested on the motion, the result of which was as follows:

	COUNCILLORS	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAINED
1.	Councillor Ahmed		✓	
2.	Councillor Baker		✓	
3.	Councillor Brennan			
4.	Councillor Burke		✓	
5.	Councillor Carson		✓	
6.	Councillor Clark		✓	
7.	Councillor Cody		✓	
8.	Councillor Colgan	✓		
9.	Councillor Daly		✓	
10.	Councillor Dargan		✓	
11.	Councillor Dockery		✓	
12.	Councillor Dockrell		✓	
13.	Councillor Dowling	✓		
14.	Councillor Durkan		✓	
15.	Councillor Fanning			
16.	Councillor Fayne		✓	
17.	Councillor Fleming			
18.	Councillor Gildea		✓	
19.	Councillor Grainger		✓	
20.	Councillor Hall		✓	
21.	Councillor Halpin	✓		
22.	Councillor Hurley	✓		
23.	Councillor Jones		✓	
24.	Councillor Joseph	√		
25.	Councillor Kennedy		√	
26.	Councillor Kivlehan		✓	
27.	Councillor Lewis			
28.	Councillor McCarthy	✓		

29.	Councillor McLoughlin			
30.	Councillor McNamara		✓	
31.	Councillor Moylan		✓	
32.	Councillor Murphy		✓	
33.	Councillor O'Brien	✓		
34.	Councillor O'Connell			
35.	Councillor O'Connor		✓	
36.	Councillor O'Keeffe	✓		
37.	Councillor O'Leary		✓	
38.	Councillor Saul		✓	
39.	Councillor Smyth	✓		
40.	Councillor Tuite		✓	
	TOTAL:	9	25	

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor J. O'Leary, declared the motion **DEFEATED**.

C/435/24 Change in Order of Agenda

It was **AGREED** to take Cathaoirleach's Business at this time.

C/436/24

(Agenda Item No. 11) Cathaoirleach's Business; Councillor J. O'Leary

A vote of condolence was passed with the Conroy family on the death of Professor Richard Conroy R.I.P.

A vote of condolence was passed with the Coleman family on the death of Ms Anne Coleman R.I.P.

A vote of condolence was passed with the McPartland family on the death of Dr Joe McPartland R.I.P.

A vote of condolence was passed with the Dargan family on the death of Mr Peter Dargan R.I.P.

An Cathaoirleach, the Members, the Chief Executive and staff observed one minutes silence.

C/437/24 Re-entering of Items

It was **AGREED** to **RE-ENTER** Item Nos: 9, 12 - 15, and 20 - 49 to the December meeting of the County Council.

C/438/24 Conclusion of Meeting

The meeting concluded at 8:06 PM.