

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON TUESDAY 11TH JANUARY, 2000.**

Commissioners Present: Cannon, Mary Mullen, Mark
Dunne, Larry Pyne, Ned
Fingleton, Thérèse Shields, Gertie
Harford, Monica Tuite, Bredge
McKeon, May

Officials Present: Mr. Eugene Quinn, A/Principal Officer
Ms. Yvonne Toal, Town Clerk

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner May McKeon, presided.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) Minutes of Meeting held on 14/12/99 were circulated and confirmed.

2. Applications for Hire of Hall

There was no new business under this heading.

3. Correspondence

(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

No new business under this heading.

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 10/12/99 from Administrative Officer, Roads & Traffic Department regarding St. Peter and Paul's Church carpark was circulated. An Cathaoirleach May McKeon requested an update on the re-instatement of the section of the wall at this location. Mr Eugene Quinn Acting Principal Officer informed the Commissioners that the works are to be carried out in the near future.
- (ii) Letter dated 15/12/99 from General Purposes Section regarding a motion passed by Fingal County Council was circulated. The Commissioners generally supported the spirit of the motion passed by Fingal County Council members.
- (iii) Letter dated 22/12/99 from Administrative Officer, Parks Department regarding Balbriggan Tennis Club was circulated. Commissioner Shields outlined the poor condition of the Tennis Courts in Balbriggan and urged that the Council provide finance for the upgrading of the courts in this years programme of works.
- (iv) Letter dated 5/1/00 from Administrative Officer, Community Department regarding Tidy District's Awards was circulated and noted.
- (C) Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**
- (i) Letter dated 15/12/99 from CEO, Eastern Health Board regarding upgrading of Health Centre, Hampton Street was circulated and noted.

(4) Motions

(i) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Larry Dunne

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to reverse as a matter of urgency their decision to remove supervision at 2.00p.m. for school children crossing the Skerries Road at Fancourt Heights, Balbriggan."

Commissioner Dunne outlined the background to his motion. Commissioner Dunne expressed his outrage and horror at the decision by the Traffic Department to remove the service of the Traffic Warden for the younger children at this dangerous and hazardous location. Commissioner Tuite, Commissioner Harford and Commissioner Shields condemned the Roads Department for the removal of this service and requested that the Town Clerk establish why the service was removed. Commissioner Pyne and Commissioner Fingleton were equally appalled and gave their wholehearted support to the motion presented. All Commissioners fully supported the motion.

5. Questions

(i) Question Submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields

Commissioner Shields asked the Manager to report on the derelict section of the land adjacent to St. Molaga's School, Lambreecher and suggested that the Council should now write to the Board of Management of the school.

6. Other Correspondence

(i) Letter dated 5/1/00 received from Brian Kinane regarding proposed roadway fronting houses 15/22 Bremore Court was circulated. Commissioner Tuite updated the Commissioners on the response received to the letters issued by the Town Commissioners in relation to the proposed new roadway fronting houses at 15/22 Bremore Court. It was agreed by all Commissioners that the replies received by the Town Commissioners would be forwarded to the Roads Department, Fingal County Council on a weekly basis in relation to objections/submissions made by the residents at this location.

(ii) Letter dated 6/1/00 received from Eadaoin Allen regarding Fireworks Display held on New Year's Eve 1999 was circulated. Commissioner Shields congratulated An Cathaoirleach Commissioner May McKeon, on the success of the fireworks display held on 31/12 99 at 8p.m. A number of the Commissioners reported a marvellous response from the entire community in relation to the display. It was unanimously agreed that the display was a huge success and attracted thousands of spectators. Commissioner McKeon, however, expressed her disappointment at the lack of media coverage for this spectacular event. In addition, the Commissioners expressed their disappointment that the North County Leader had omitted to make contact with the Commissioners under the Christmas and Millennium Greetings Columns. Commissioner Fingleton suggested that an advertisement be placed in the newspapers in appreciation of the sponsors for the Fireworks Display.

(iii) Letter dated 29/12/99 from AMAI regarding a seminar entitled "Spring Seminar 2000" was circulated. Commissioner Shields proposed that Commissioner Pyne attend the conference, this was unanimously agreed. Commissioner McKeon urged that Commissioner Pyne highlight the planning difficulties faced by towns similar in size and structure to Balbriggan.

7 Commissioners Newsletter

- (i) Commissioner Tuite spoke in relation to the issue of a newsletter by the Town Commissioners. Commissioner Harford urged the Commissioners for their support. Commissioner Shields and Commissioner Pyne proposed that a special meeting be scheduled in the next couple of weeks to discuss the matter further.

8 Meeting with Litter Warden

- (i) The Town Clerk requested a date be confirmed for a meeting with the Litter Warden. Commissioner Tuite made a number of suggestions in relation to litter problems. Commissioner Fingleton spoke of a 3 year plan by the Department of the Environment to tackle littering. The Commissioners agreed to hold a meeting with the Litter Warden on Monday 31st January at 7.30 p.m. and urged that all interested groups be invited to attend.

9 Update on Urban & Village Improvement Scheme 1999, The Square, Balbriggan

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner May McKeon requested an update on the these renovations to the Square, Balbriggan. The Manager reported that the contractors in question were mobilising and that works would be starting shortly.

10 St. Patrick's Day Parade

Deferred to the February Meeting.

11 Any Other Business

(A) Commissioner Ned Pyne

- (i) Announced that Balbriggan Awareness of Drugs Group were looking for volunteers for collection on their flagdays 21st-23rd January, those interested to contact Mr. Brian Kinane.
- (ii) Announced that the new name for Chapel Street flats is now Fulham Green.
- (iii) Welcomed the fact that the Council is resurfacing the hill at Clonard.

(B) Commissioner Bredge Tuite

- (i) Requested an update on the provision of safety door at Lambeeher Flats.
- (ii) Requested what type of car parking facilities are to be provided at Spar Supermarket.
- (iii) Requested that Fingal County Council together with Iarnród Éireann draw up a programme to cut grass and maintain open spaces fronting the beaches.

Commissioner Tuite then introduced the following motion:

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Taoiseach and the Minister for Health Mr. Cowan to cease the current practise whereby the Administration of the Health Boards penalise doctors whose profession it is to tend and heal the sick, and not that of hospital administrator."

Footnote for all local authorities who receive the motion.

The thought behind the motion is that if we as the elected representatives of the general public allow this current practise to continue we will effectively help shape a private health service available only to those who can afford it.

Commissioner Tuite outlined the background to her motion and expressed her shock and disappointment following the recent publicity in relation to this practice of penalising doctors by the Eastern Health board. Commissioner Shields and Commissioner Fingleton gave their wholehearted support to the motion. It was unanimously agreed that a copy of this motion be forwarded to each Local Authority.

(C) Commissioner Fingleton

- (i) Requested the numbers of applicants in the Balbriggan area that were approved and housed.
- (ii) Requested that parts of the hedging at Bremore be re-instated.

(D) Commissioner Harford

- (i) Reported public lights out of order at 107 Lambreecher.
- (ii) Requested an update on the maintenance of the Christmas Tree lights.

(E) Commissioner Dunne

- (i) Asked the Town Clerk if any reports had been submitted in relation to the demolition of the pier at Blackrock.
- (ii) Requested details in relation to the purchasing of plots at graveyards.

The Meeting concluded at 10.20 p.m.

May McKee

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALB RIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS
WITH COUNTY ARCHITECT ON 25TH JANUARY, 2000**

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner May McKeon, presided.

An Cathaoirleach welcomed the Manager, County Architect David O' Connor and the new Consultant Architect Mr. Jim Cody to the meeting. Commissioner McKeon explained that the re-development of the Town Hall was a unique occasion for the people of the town of Balbriggan and that the Commissioners would be depending on the expertise of the architects to maximise the potential of the new development.

Mr. David O' Connor, County Architect, announced that Mr. Cody together with his firm Cody & Associates were highly suitable and qualified to take on the new project. Mr. Cody urged the Commissioners to come forward with proposals and suggestions for the new development and spoke of setting out targets and visions for the future. Mr. Cody announced that he will be examining the potential of the entire site and will submit a number of proposals to the Town Commissioners in one months time.

Commissioner McKeon thanked Mr. Cody and Mr. David O'Connor and his colleagues in Fingal County Council for their assistance and advice in the redevelopment process over the last number of years.

The Meeting concluded at 8p.m.

May McKeon.

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DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Eanáir 11, 2000 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 11th January, 2000 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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YVONNE TOAL,
CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.

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4. Motions

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5. Questions

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6. Other Correspondence

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- (iii) Letter dated 29/12/99 from AMAI regarding a seminar entitled "Spring Seminar 2000 – New Legislation for the Millennium on Planning and Local Government" scheduled for 11th and 12th February 2000 in the Welcome Inn, Castlebar, Co. Mayo (circulated herewith)

7. Commissioners Newsletter

8. Meeting with Litter Warden

9. Update on Urban & Village Improvement Scheme 1999, The Square, Balbriggan

10. St. Patrick's Day Parade

11. Any Other Business

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON TUESDAY 8TH February, 2000.**

Commissioners Present:

Cannon, Mary	Mullen, Mark
Dunne, Larry	Pyne, Ned
Fingleton, Thérèse	Shields, Gertie
Harford, Monica	Tuite, Bredge
McKeon, May	

Officials Present:

Mr. Eugene Quinn, A/Principal Officer
Ms. Yvonne Toal, Town Clerk

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner May McKeon, presided.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) Minutes of Meeting held on 11/1/00 were circulated.
It was proposed by Comm. Tuite, Seconded by Comm. Fingleton and agreed that the minutes be approved subject to the following amendments:

Item No. 11 Any Other Business

11. B (ii) Commissioner Bredge Tuite

Requested where the car parking facilities are to be provided for residents living in the vicinity of Spar Supermarket, Drogheda Street.

11. C (i) Commissioner Thérèse Fingleton

Requested the number of applicants in the Balbriggan area that were approved and housed under the Shared Ownership Scheme.

11. E (i) Commissioner Larry Dunne

Asked the Town Clerk if the Water Safety Report had been submitted in relation to the demolition of the pier at Blackrock.

1 Confirmation of Minutes

- (ii) Minutes of Meeting held on 25/1/00 with the County Architect Fingal County Council were circulated and confirmed.

An Cathaoirleach Commissioner May McKeon then proposed that the Fingal Independent Newspaper article dated 7th January 2000, together with photographs of the Fireworks Display held on 31/12/99 be included and recorded with the minutes for historical purposes. This was unanimously agreed by all Commissioners present.

2. Applications for Hire of Hall

No new business under this heading

3. Correspondence

(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 25/1/00 from Private Secretary, Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform regarding Garda personnel in Balbriggan was circulated. A

lengthy discussion followed outlining details of past and present staffing/personnel at the Balbriggan Garda Station. Commissioner Harford, Commissioner McKeon and Commissioner Tuite challenged the stated decrease in recorded crime in the area. Following further discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk write back to the Minister and clarify certain staffing levels at the Balbriggan Station.

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 18/1/00 from Administrative Officer, Roads & Traffic Department regarding various roads matters was circulated. Commissioner Tuite and Commissioner Fingleton expressed their surprise at a proposed 40 mph speed limit for the Inner Relief Road. Commissioners Shields, Pyne and Harford also expressed concern. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Town Clerk write to the Roads & Traffic Department seeking clarification on the matter and also request details of outstanding works at Templeville Estate.
- (ii) Letter dated 18/1/00 from Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and noted.
- (iii) Letter dated 12/1/00 from Administrative Officer, Environmental Services Department regarding demolition of pier at Blackrock Beach and other environmental matters was circulated. Commissioner Dunne announced that he would speak at a later stage in the meeting on the pier at Blackrock. Commissioner Fingleton expressed her dissatisfaction with the reply issued by the Environmental Services. Commissioner Cannon stated there were still bad odours reported on the beach. All Commissioners criticised at length the Councils programme for cutting the grass verges at the beaches.
- (iv) Letter dated 12/1/00 from Administrative Officer, Community Department regarding grant for Tidy Districts Awards was welcomed and noted.
- (v) Letter dated 6/1/00 from Assistant Staff Officer, Housing Department regarding the renaming of Flats at Chapel Street, Balbriggan was circulated and noted.

The Town Clerk then circulated 3 additional items of correspondence received from Fingal County Council as follows:

1. Letter dated 3/2/00 from the Administrative Officer, Planning Department, regarding conditions attached to planning permission granted under Planning Ref.: F99A/0897 at the corner of Railway Street and Drogheda Street, was circulated. Commissioner McKeon, once again, re-iterated the need for a Planning Officer for the town of Balbriggan. Commissioner McKeon reminded her fellow commissioners of a recent meeting held with the Planning Department on this issue and criticised the Council for its total disregard for the proper planning/infrastructure of the town. Commissioner Tuite, Commissioner Shields, Commissioner Pyne, and Commissioner Harford spoke at length regarding planning matters. Commissioner Fingleton then proposed that the Town Clerk write back to Fingal County Council requesting further clarification in relation to the conditions relating to car parking spaces at this location.
2. Letter dated 4/2/00 from Administrative Officer, Roads & Traffic Department concerning the removal of the School Warden Service at Skerries Road, Fancourt at 2p.m. was circulated. Commissioner Dunne once again, expressed his horror and anger at the removal of the school warden service at this

hazardous junction and stated it was wholly unacceptable. Commissioner Tuite, Commissioner Harford, and Commissioner Shields expressed their concerns for the safety of young school children crossing, it was unanimously agreed that the Town Clerk write back to the Road & Traffic Department and insist that the full traffic warden service be re-instated as a matter of urgency.

3. Letter dated 7/2/00 from the Administrative Officer, Parks Department, regarding the cutting back of the shrubbery at Pump Lane was circulated and noted.

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated 17/1/00 from An Bord Pleanála regarding Development at Clonard Street, Balbriggan was circulated. An Cathaoirleach Commissioner May McKeon gave a brief account of the history attached to this planning application and to the difficulties faced by the applicant. Commissioner Tuite spoke in relation to the planning system and to the value of keeping local industry in the town. Commissioner McKeon re-iterated the need for a planning officer for the town of Balbriggan alone, particularly in the current economic climate.
- (ii) Letter dated 12/1/00 from Director, General Council of County Councils regarding annual conference to be held from 13 April to 15 April, 2000 in the Hillgrove Hotel, Monaghan was circulated and noted.
- (iii) Letter dated 13/1/00 from Conference Co-Ordinator, L.A.M.A. regarding 17th Annual Conference to be held on 27 and 28 April, 2000 in the Newpark Hotel, Kilkenny, Co. Kilkenny was circulated. Commissioner Dunne proposed that Commissioner Tuite would attend this conference, this was seconded by Commissioner Shields. Commissioner Shields proposed Commissioner Fingleton, seconded by Commissioner Harford. It was agreed that Commissioner Tuite and Commissioner Fingleton would attend the upcoming L.A.M.A. 2000 Conference in Kilkenny.
- (iv) Letter Dated 26/1/00 from Secretary, Mayo County Council regarding conference to be held from 2nd March to 4th March, 2000 in the Town Hall Theatre, Kiltimagh, Co. Mayo was circulated and noted.

4. Motions

Motion Submitted by Commissioner May McKeon

- (i) "To call on Fingal County Council to liaise with Balbriggan Town Commission and Financial Agencies with a view to refurbishing and developing the Martello Tower and Bath House and replace the Blackrock Pier in the interest of water safety, as part of an amenity programme for Balbriggan 2000." Commissioner McKeon outlined the background to her motion. Commissioner Shields and Commissioner Pyne supported. Commissioner Harford questioned the possibilities in relation to the replacement of the pier. Commissioner McKeon stated that she had not accepted that the pier would not be replaced. Commissioner Fingleton, together with her fellow Commissioners expressed their support for the motion presented.

Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford

- (ii) "Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for the Environment to change the current lottery method for shared ownership to first approved, first house." It was proposed to amend the motion to read as follows:
"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to change the current lottery method for shared ownership to first approved, first house". Commissioner Harford outlined what she considered unfair practise in relation to the method of selecting candidates for houses under the Shared Ownership Scheme. Commissioner Tuite agreed, Commissioner Pyne supported. Commissioner McKeon spoke of changes necessary in the process of allocating houses, long lists etc., Mr Eugene Quinn Acting Principal/Officer outlined the procedure operated by Fingal County Council and commended the Department in many respects. Mr Quinn outlined details of the many housing schemes.

Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford

- (iii) "Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Health to review the health system in order to ensure that adequate provision is made to prepare hospitals in case of an epidemic i.e. flu, so that patients scheduled for surgery are not postponed indefinitely." Commissioner Harford outlined the background to her motion and spoke of the discomfort suffered by patients scheduled for deferred surgery. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McKeon and carried.

Motion Submitted by Commissioner Thérèse Fingleton

- (iv) "That Balbriggan Town Commissioners, in view of the many accidents and incidents, call on Fingal County council as a matter of urgency, to ask the Area Engineer to inspect and report on the safety precautions put in place by the contractors currently working on the Cycle Path from Flemington to Bath Road. It would appear that very little consideration to safety especially that of pedestrian traffic has been given to during the course of the works to date." Commissioner Fingleton outlined the background to her motion and spoke in relation to an accident that occurred at this location. Commissioner Pyne also expressed his concerns for the safety of pedestrians. It was proposed by Commissioner Fingleton, seconded by Commissioner Pyne and agreed that this motion be carried.

5. Questions

(i) Question Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite

"To ask the Manager to give a breakdown on the makeup and functions of the Strategic Policy Committees (S.P.C.'s)" Mr. Eugene Quinn Acting Principal Officer, spoke of the Councils proposals/plans under the S.P.C.'s. Mr. Quinn, announced that the Commissioners would be invited to nominate a member to one of the boards of the S.P.C.'s, the selection of a member to take place at the next statutory meeting.

Question Submitted by Commissioner Larry Dunne

- (ii) "To ask the Manager why have I not received a copy of the Health & Safety Council's Report on Blackrock Pier, which the Council say justify their decision not to replace the pier with a similar structure?" Commissioner Larry Dunne refereed back to the letter submitted by the Environmental Services Department in relation to the demolition of the pier at Blackrock. Commissioner Dunne referred to previous discussions and communications in the past. Commissioner Dunne requested that the Town Clerk continue to

seek a copy of the Water Safety Report carried out prior to the demolition of the pier.

Question Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford

- (iii) "To ask the Manager for an update on flooding outside Glebe House, Market Green, Balbriggan." The Town Clerk gave an account of the current position at this location.

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- (iv) "To ask the Manager for an update on subsiding on the road outside 81, Drogheda Street, Balbriggan." The Town Clerk gave an account of the current position at this location.

Question Submitted by Commissioner Ned Pyne

- (v) "To ask the Manager when will the cycle path and footpath at Flemington be completed?" Commissioner Pyne gave a brief account of complaints made in relation to delays in completing the new cycleway. It was agreed that the Town Clerk report to the Roads & Traffic Department on this matter.

Question Submitted by Commissioner Ned Pyne

- (vi) "To ask the Manager about Traffic Calming measures for Hampton Street, Balbriggan?" Commissioner Pyne requested that traffic calming on this street be included in the Councils list of priority for year 2000.

Question Submitted by Commissioner Thérèse Fingleton

- (vii) "To ask Fingal County Council what plans they have for cutting the shrubbery at the top of Pump Lane where it joins Market Green as in its current state it is causing visual obstruction for drivers and pedestrians and this in turn has led to many near misses at this point." Letter dated 7/2/00 already presented to the meeting by the Town Clerk under Fingal County Council correspondence was noted in relation to this matter.

6. Other Correspondence

- (i) Letter dated 21/1/00 from Councillor Dermot Murray regarding Redevelopment of Balbriggan Town Hall and wheelchair access to Library was circulated. An Cathaoirleach May McKeon gave a brief account of the recent developments in relation to the Town Hall. Commissioner Harford spoke of the desires of the County Architect to make the Library accessible for the disabled. Commissioner Shields, Commissioner Pyne, and Commissioner Tuite referred to many years of campaigning by the Commissioners under the umbrella of the "Access" group. It was proposed by Commissioner McKeon that the Town Clerk acknowledge Cllr. Murray's letter and notify the Councillor in question when plans for the redevelopment of the halls have been finalised.
- (ii) Notice from Institute of Wastes Management Northern Ireland Centre regarding a conference entitled "Waste – Counting the Cost" to be held on 22 and 23 March, 2000 in the Slieve Donard Hotel, Newcastle, Co. Down was circulated and noted.
- (iii) Letter dated 21/1/00 from Fergus P. Taaffe & Co., for certificate under section 15 of the Gaming and Lotteries Act 1956 – Aidan Bissett, Quay Street Balbriggan was circulated and unopposed.

7. St. Patrick's Day Parade

A meeting was scheduled to take place on Thursday 17th February 2000 at 7.30p.m. to finalise plans for St. Patrick's Day.

8. **Publication of Commissioners Report (Monthly/Quarterly)**
This matter is to be discussed at the Commissioners scheduled meeting (Item 7 above) dated 17/2/2000.
9. **Report of meeting with Litter Warden**
Commissioner Fingleton agreed that she would contact the litter warden Mr. F. Kearney for an update on the outcome of the recent meeting held.
10. **Traffic Survey Results**
Commissioner Tuite outlined the findings of the Traffic Study Group and advised that they were seeking an immediate meeting with Fingal County Council to examine traffic management for the town of Balbriggan.
11. **Town Twinning**
This matter to be discussed at Commissioners scheduled meeting (Item 7 above) dated 17/2/2000.
12. **Town Square Redevelopment**
An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner May McKeon reported requests made by local traders to have the hoarding round the Square pulled back and signs erected to their shops. Mr. Quinn reported that engineers now had the matter in hand.
13. **Quarterly Meeting with F.C.C. set date**
The Town Clerk announced that the Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council will be held on 9/3/2000. Items for agenda to be submitted to Town Clerk by 18/2/2000.
14. **Any Other Business**
- (A) **Commissioner Thérèse Fingleton**
- (i) Asked the Manager why no representative from the Town Commission were on the Dublin Transportation Office.
- (B) **Commissioner Bredge Tuite**
- (i) Referred to a planning application for the demolition of 17 Bridge Street, Balbriggan
- (ii) Requested what Fingal County Council intended for lands purchased between Ardgillen and Balbriggan Golf Club.
- (C) **Commissioner Gertie Shields**
- (i) Reported a streetlight out of order at 45 Drogheda Street.
- (ii) Referred to difficulties with keyholders at Glover Court.
- (iii) Requested clarification on the laying of a new footpath at Lambeeher.
- (D) **Commissioner Moncia Harford**
- (i) Requested that the park at Lambeeher be re-instated.
- (ii) Requested details of waste disposal proposals for the Balbriggan Area.
- (iii) Requested that graffiti on walls at Lambeeher be removed.
- (E) **Commissioner Larry Dunne**
- (i) Reported a number of streetlights at Fancourt Heights out of order.
- (ii) Referred to previous requests to have the kerbing at Fancourt Heights replaced.
- (F) **Commissioner May McKeon**
- (i) Spoke in relation to the purchase of a new flag and poles for Balbriggan.

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May McKeon

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4th February, 2000.

DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Feabhra 8, 2000 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

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Motion Submitted by Commissioner Thérèse Fingleton

- (iv) "That Balbriggan Town Commissioners, in view of the many accidents and incidents, call on Fingal County council as a matter of urgency, to ask the Area Engineer to inspect and report on the safety precautions put in place by the contractors currently working on the Cycle Path from Flemington to Bath Road. It would appear that very little consideration to safety especially that of pedestrian traffic has been given to during the course of the works to date."

5. Questions

(i) Question Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite

"To ask the Manager to give a breakdown on the makeup and functions of the Strategic Policy Committees (S.P.C.'s)"

Question Submitted by Commissioner Larry Dunne

- (ii)** "To ask the Manager why have I not received a copy of the Health & Safety Council's Report on Blackrock Pier, which the Council say justify their decision not to replace the pier with a similar structure?"

Question Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford

- (iii)** "To ask the Manager for an update on flooding outside Glebe House, Market Green, Balbriggan."

Question Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford

- (iv)** "To ask the Manager for an update on subsidising on the road outside 81, Drogheda Street, Balbriggan."

Question Submitted by Commissioner Ned Pyne

- (v)** "To ask the Manager when will the cycle path and footpath at Flemington be completed?"

Question Submitted by Commissioner Ned Pyne

- (vi)** "To ask the Manager about Traffic Calming measures for Hampton Street, Balbriggan?"

Question Submitted by Commissioner Thérèse Fingleton

- (vii)** "To ask Fingal County Council what plans they have for cutting the shrubbery at the top of Pump Lane where it joins Market Green as in its current state it is causing visual obstruction for drivers and pedestrians and this in turn has led to many near misses at this point."

6. Other Correspondence

- (i)** Letter dated 21/1/00 from Councillor Dermot Murray regarding Redevelopment of Balbriggan Town Hall and wheelchair access to Library
- (ii)** Notice from Institute of Wastes Management Northern Ireland Centre regarding a conference entitled "Waste – Counting the Cost" to be held on 22 and 23 March, 2000 in the Slieve Donard Hotel, Newcastle, co. Down (circulated herewith)
- (iii)** Letter dated 21/1/00 from Fergus P. Taaffe & Co., for certificate under section 15 of the Gaming and Lotteries Act 1956 – Aidan Bissett, Quay Street Balbriggan (circulated herewith)

7. St. Patrick's Day Parade

8. Publication of Commissioners Report (Monthly/Quarterly)

9. Report of meeting with Litter Warden

10. Traffic Survey Results

11. Town Twinning

12. Town Square Redevelopment

13. Quarterly Meeting with F.C.C. set date

14. Any Other Business

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON TUESDAY 14TH MARCH, 2000.**

Commissioners Present: Cannon, Mary Mullen, Mark
Dunne, Larry Pyne, Ned
Fingleton, Thérèse Shields, Gertie
Harford, Monica Tuite, Bredge
McKeon, May

Officials Present: Mr. W. Soffe, County Manager
Mr. Eugene Quinn, A/Principal Officer
Ms. Yvonne Toal, Town Clerk

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner May McKeon, presided.

Commissioner McKeon sympathised with Commissioner Larry Dunne on his recent bereavement and conveyed the sympathies of the Town Commissioners .

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) Minutes of Meeting held on 8/2/00 were circulated and confirmed subject to the following inclusion

Item 6 (i) Other Correspondence

Letter received from Cllr. Dermot Murray dated 21/1/00 refers. Commissioner Larry Dunne requested that an account of derogatory remarks made by the Town Commissioners under Item 6 (i) be recorded. Commissioner Pyne apologised sincerely to Comm. Dunne and his fellow Commissioners in respect of the remarks made. Comm Dunne accepted the apology made by Commissioner Pyne and wished to have his objection to the remarks recorded.

Item 14: Any Other Business

(D) Commissioner Monica Harford

- (iv) Requested that Balbriggan Town Commissioners apply to be upgraded to the status of Urban District Council

2. Applications for Hire of Hall

There was no new business under this heading.

3. Correspondence

(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 7/2/00 from Private Secretary, Minister for Finance, regarding the introduction of the lottery onto the Internet was circulated. Commissioner Tuite once again expressed her concerns over the monitoring and protection of underage users of the new proposed lottery games on the Internet. It was agreed to note the contents of the Ministers letter and monitor the situation over the coming months.
- (ii) Letter dated 21/2/00 from Private Secretary, Minister for Health and Children, regarding three separate motions adopted by Balbriggan Town Commissioners at the January 2000 meeting was circulated and noted. Commissioner Shields together with her fellow Commissioners welcomed the favourable response received from other Local Authorities in relation to the motions passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners over a number of health issues and suggested that the many responses from the other Local Authorities be forwarded to the Minister for Health and Children for his attention.

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 8/2/00 from Director of Community and Enterprise inviting the Council to nominate a member to its board was circulated. An Cathaoirleach

Commissioner McKeon spoke in relation to a number of meetings held by Fingal County Council's Director of Community and Enterprise and reported matters to her fellow Commissioners. Commissioner Tuite proposed that Commissioner McKeon be nominated to represent the Town Commissioners on the County Development Board, this was seconded by Commissioner Shields. As there were no other nominations, Commissioner McKeon was deemed elected to the board.

- (ii) Letter dated 14/2/00 from Administrative Officer, Environmental Services Department, regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners at the February meeting regarding the refurbishment of the harbour area and the replacement of Blackrock Pier was circulated. Commissioner McKeon reminded Commissioners of recent discussions held with the Environmental Services Department at the Fingal County Council Quarterly Meeting in relation to the replacement of the pier. Commissioner McKeon reminded her fellow Commissioners that she was not satisfied that the pier would not be replaced and stated that the National Safety Report carried out did not, in fact, suggest same. Commissioner Shields and Commissioner Harford, however, stated that they felt that the matter of the demolition of the pier was a 'fait accompli' and spoke in relation to the provision of a replacement facility for the harbour area. Commissioner McKeon rejected these remarks and reiterated the need to establish whether or not it was feasible to have the pier replaced in the first instance.
- (iii) Letter dated 21/2/00 from Administrative Officer, Housing Department regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated. Commissioner Harford criticised at length the current system operated by Fingal County Council in relation to persons applying for loans under the shared ownership scheme and asked the two managers present to report on the matter. Mr. Soffe, County Manager spoke in relation to the housing crisis and the surplus of demand over supply. Mr. Quinn, Acting Principal Officer confirmed that the present shared ownership scheme system being operated by Fingal County Council was as fair as possible despite many difficulties given the current housing market. Mr. Quinn confirmed that Fingal County Council were in the process of building a number of housing schemes in the Fingal area and many of the houses built would be designated to persons approved under the shared ownership scheme. Commissioner Harford stated that she was still unsatisfied with the current system and spoke in general of difficulties experienced in relation to both the housing allocations system and the shared ownership scheme.
- (iv) Letter dated 29/2/00 from The Administrative Officer, Roads & Traffic Department regarding a number of road and traffic matters raised at the Commissioners February meeting was circulated and noted.
- (v) Letter dated 29/2/00 from The Administrative Officer, Roads & Traffic Department regarding the school warden service at Skerries Road, Fancourt Heights was circulated. Commissioner Dunne once again expressed his concerns over the removal of the traffic warden service at this location. Commissioner Dunne together with his fellow Commissioners expressed his total dissatisfaction with the reply issued by the Roads and Traffic Department. Commissioner Pyne requested that the Town Clerk request further clarification on proposals to review the service in particular at the beginning of the new school term. Commissioner Tuite suggested that the Town Clerk write to the National Road Safety Council and obtain their

observations. Commissioners also spoke of the need for traffic calming measures at the hazardous junction.

- (vi) Letter dated 29/2/00 from The Administrative Officer, Roads & Traffic Department regarding a motion passed at the February 2000 meeting concerning the cycle track and footpath at Bremore was circulated. Commissioner Fingleton spoke of several accidents and incidents that had occurred at this location and reiterated the need for proper safety measures to be put in place, in the interest and safety of pedestrians. Commissioner Cannon reported the appalling condition of the footpaths at this location. Commissioner Pyne updated his fellow Commissioners on the current position at the new cycleway and proposed that the Town Clerk write back to the Roads and Traffic Department requesting a further report and completion date for the scheme.
- (vii) Letter dated 1/3/00 from Clerical Officer, Environments Services Department regarding the removal of graffiti at Lambreecher Estate was circulated. Commissioner Harford stated that the wall in question remained covered in graffiti and suggested that the Town Clerk clarify matters with the Parks Department.

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4. Motions

(i) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Marine and Natural Resources to inform all banned fishermen of their entitlements during their time of being banned."

Commissioner Harford outlined the background to her motion. Commissioner Pyne spoke in relation to the problems encountered by banned fishermen. Following discussion it was suggested that Commissioner Harford and Commissioner Pyne clarify certain matters with the Town Clerk to enable further consideration of this matter.

5. Questions

(i) Question Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford

"Is it the intention of Fingal County Council to make Balbriggan Library wheelchair accessible temporarily?"

Commissioner Harford asked the Manager to respond to the question as presented. Mr. Soffe replied that the Library was simply not large enough in its present state to become wheelchair accessible. However, it is envisaged that the entire question would be taken into consideration as part of the overall plan for the redevelopment of the Town Hall properties. Mr. Soffe further advised that the librarian had a system of supplying books to certain wheelchair users in the interim period.

6. Other Correspondence

- (i) Letter dated 8/1/00 from Breda Hand regarding a request to involve Balbriggan Town Commissioners in Telethon Day was circulated. Commissioner Shields, Commissioner Pyne and Commissioner Harford suggested that the Commissioners contact the lady in question with a view to examining proposals for activities for Telethon Day. A meeting was scheduled for Monday 20th March, 2000 at 8.00 p.m.
- (ii) Letter dated 3/2/00 from Nuclear Free Local Authorities regarding Third Irish and UK Local Authorities Conference on Nuclear Hazards to be held on 13th

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- (iii) Letter dated 1/3/00 from The Director, Sherkin Island Marine Station regarding 16th Annual Environmental Conference scheduled for Thursday 4th and Friday 5th May, 2000 to be held at the Carrigaline Court Hotel, Carrigaline, Co. Cork was circulated and noted.
- (iv) Letter dated 8/3/00 from Marie Wright, Celebration Director, M'Lady Erin requesting the Commissioners to host a welcome reception for the M'Ladies on Thursday 1st June, 2000 at 5.00 p.m. was circulated. It was unanimously agreed that the Town Commissioners would once again host this festive event.

7. St. Patrick's Day Parade

Commissioner McKeon gave her fellow Commissioners an update on events for the parade including the judging of Art, Essay and Poetry competitions. All Commissioners received a schedule of events from the Town Clerk giving details of times, participants, civic reception and festivities in the Town Hall. All Commissioners urged members to encourage the people of the town to participate and celebrate the annual parade.

8. Standing Orders – Balbriggan Town Commissioners Meetings

Commissioner McKeon opened the debate by questioning the introduction of standing orders. Commissioner Pyne advised that under new government regulations all groups and organisation must have standing orders. The Manager, Mr. Soffe spoke in relation to the introduction of standing orders and suggested that the Commissioners examine the draft of Fingal County Councils standing orders as presented with a view to adopting standing orders for the Town Commissioners. Mr. Soffe suggested that the Council would assist the Town Commissioners in this task.

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner May McKeon took the opportunity of discussing planning matters in conjunction with the overall development of the town of Balbriggan with the County Manager. Commissioner McKeon spoke in relation to Urban Renewal Projects and urged her fellow Commissioners to be vigilant and conscious of plans for certain tax incentive sites in the town. Mr. Soffe advised the Commissioners that Fingal County Council were very much aware of the spiralling development of the town. A discussion ensued on the poor condition of the harbour and the problems with the Port Authorities. All Commissioners expressed their concerns at the state of the harbour and suggested that more pressure be put to bear on the Minister for Marine and Natural Resources.

Mr. Eugene Quinn, Acting Principal officer then announced that unfortunately the County Architect together with Consultant Architects were not in a position to update Commissioners on progress in relation to the redevelopment of the Town Hall. Mr. Quinn advised Commissioners that a full report would be presented for the April meeting.

9. Any Other Business

(A) Commissioner May McKeon

- (i) Announced that Balbriggan Town Commissioners should investigate proposals to introduce an historical and informative background to the town of

Balbriggan by means of a Website. It was agreed by the Manager that Fingal County Council would examine this proposal on behalf of the Town Commissioners.

- (ii) Reminded Commissioners to submit items of interest for the Commissioners Newsletter.

(B) Commissioner Thérèse Fingleton

- (i) Stated that the Town Hall offices still did not have a telephone answering service.
- (ii) Requested that graffiti at the entrance to Chapel Gate Estate be removed and public lighting at this location be reinstated.

(C) Commissioner Bredge Tuite

- (i) Requested that a letter received by An Cathaoirleach recently, be open for discussion at the next Commissioners meeting.
- (ii) Requested clarification of roadworks at Lambeeher.
- (iii) Reported major subsidence to footpaths at the entrance to Chapel Gate Estate.
- (iv) Requested that the Council complete work on the refurbishment of seats and bins at the Bandpark.

(D) Commissioner Gertie Shields

- (i) Reported dumping of materials under the last arch at the Viaduct.

(E) Commissioner Monica Harford

- (i) Requested an update on the re-instatement of the park at Lambeeher.
- (ii) Asked how the FAS Scheme caters of the disabled.
- (iii) Requested an update on thatched cottage at Bremore.
- (iv) Announced that the centenary of the opening of the Town Hall will be on 03/05/2000.
- (v) Requested that a sign for the public toilets at the harbour be erected at the top of Quay Street.

(F) Commissioner Larry Dunne

- (i) Reported a defective light at Fancourt Heights.
- (ii) Requested that the kerbing at Fancourt be marked black & amber, in the interest of safety.
- (iii) Reported dog fouling at various locations in the town.
- (iv) Suggested renovations for the Boathouse.
- (v) Requested criteria for the establishment of an Urban District Council.

The Meeting concluded at 9:50 p.m.

May McKeown

Balbriggan Town Commissioners
Financial Statement
JANUARY - MARCH 2000

EXPENDITURE

Programme Item	Estimate 2000	Unpaid Bill 1999	Nett Expenditure to 31.3.2000	Gross Expenditure to 31.3.2000
Housing Insurance	110.00	102.00	0.00	102.00
BALLROOM & CORPORATE PROPERTY				
Heat & Light	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Repairs & Renovations	600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wages	18,000.00	15,574.19	0.00	15,574.19
Rates	1,400.00	0.00	583.44	583.44
Other Expenses	400.00	0.00	156.09	156.09
OFFICE EXPENSES				
Heat & Light	1,400.00	352.00	631.00	983.00
Office Expenses	3,500.00	69.76	640.99	710.75
Town Clerk Allowance	4,600.00	5,281.36	0.00	5,281.36
Members Expenses / Conferences	13,500.00	0.00	3,062.42	3,062.42
Legal Fees	6,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Insurance	4,000.00	0.00	3,621.87	3,621.87
Audit	1,650.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tourist/Town Decoration & Improvement	4,600.00	1,551.40	470.27	2,021.67
Election	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Expenses	300.00	0.00	210.00	210.00
AMAI Contributions	1,750.00	0.00	1,590.00	1,590.00
Gas Heating System	2,200.00	532.44	691.36	1,223.80
Phones	1,200.00	72.78	142.78	215.56
Staff Catering	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS:	67,410.00	23,535.93	11,800.22	35,336.15

RECEIPTS

Programme Item	Estimate 2000	Receipts to 31.3.2000
<u>HOUSING</u>		
Rents	90.00	15.00
Miscellaneous	50.00	0.00
<u>GENERAL</u>		
Demand Fingal Co. Co.	39,300.00	39,300.00
BALLROOM RENTS	12,000.00	2,652.68
CORPORATE PROPERTY RENT	9,300.00	2,324.00
OTHER RECEIPTS	500.00	371.83
TOTALS:	61,240.00	44,663.31



COIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

APPLICATION FOR HIRE OF BALLROOM, HAMILTON HALL, MEETING ROOMS, SUPPERROOM AND/OR BANDROOM

1. Name of Applicant: DUBLIN COMMUNITY GAMES
2. Address of Applicant: CARMICHAEL HOUSE NTH BRUNSWICK ST
DUBLIN 7 Tel No. 8728203
3. If applying on Behalf of an Organisation, state:-
 - (a) Name of Organisation: AS ABOVE
 - (b) Name of Secretary: MRS MAIREEN QUINLAN
 - (c) Address of Secretary
or Organisation Address: AS ABOVE
 - (d) Whether Community or Commercial: COMMUNITY
4. Application for Hire of: Ballroom ☒ Hamilton Hall ☐ Meeting Rooms ☐
Supperroom ☐ Bandroom ☐
5. Date(s) of Proposed Hiring: 12/4/00
6. Times Requested: 7.30 PM - 8.30 PM
7. Type of Function: SET DANCING COMPETITION
8. Purpose of which Function is being held: _____
9. Number of Persons Attending Function: 20
10. Age Group of Persons Attending Function: U/14
11. Number of Stewards Employed: 3

Names, addresses, and dates of birth of stewards and subsistuites should be listed
overleaf:

I/we hereby declare that I/we have read the conditions of letting and that I/we agree to be bound by them. I/we undertake to immediately repair any damage (accidental or otherwise) caused during the time in which I/we are using the premises and to furnish a written statement to the Commissioners, giving full details of such damage. I/we agree to recoup to the Commissioners any losses they may incur, through loss of booking as a result of such damage.

I/we agree to pay the required deposit with this application and to pay the full hiring charge before the function. I/we understand that should I/we fail to do so that the Commissioners reserve the right not to accept the booking or having accepted it, reserve the right to cancel it, and the Commissioners will not be held responsible for such non-acceptance or cancellation. (Details of deposit and letting fees are available on request).

Signed: S. White Date: 30/3/00

Application Received and Checked: _____
Date: _____

Application Noted by Commissioners: _____
Chairman (or nominated member)

Date: _____

BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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14th March, 2000.

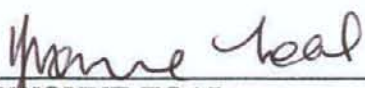
DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Marta 14, 2000 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 14th March 2000 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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YVONNE TOAL,
CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.

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Dunne, Larry	Pyne, Ned
Fingleton, Thérèse	Shields, Gertie
Harford, Monica	Tuite, Bredge
McKeon, May	

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An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner May McKeon, presided.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) Minutes of Meeting held on 14/3/00 were circulated. Commissioner Larry Dunne objected to the adoption of the March 2000 Minutes, in particular to Item No. 1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 8/02/00 and referred to the inclusion of an account of remarks made under Item No. 6 (i) Other Correspondence. Following lengthy discussion, it was proposed by Commissioner Pyne, seconded by Commissioner Cannon, that the minutes of meeting 14/3/00 be confirmed as presented. The matter was put to a vote, 6 for, 2 against, one abstention. The minutes of meeting dated 14/3/00 were therefore confirmed.

2. Applications for Hire of Hall

Application by Dublin Community Games to hire the Ballroom on Wednesday 12th April 2000 from 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. to hold set dancing competition was approved.

3. Correspondence

(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 27/3/00 from Private Secretary, Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform regarding staffing levels at Balbriggan Garda Station was circulated and noted.

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 4/4/00 from Director of Community and Enterprise seeking one nomination from Balbriggan Town Commission to the Strategic Policy Committee, Culture and General Services was circulated. Commissioner Cannon proposed Commissioner Fingleton, seconded by Commissioner Tuite. Commissioner Dunne proposed Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner Mullen. The matter was put to a vote, Commissioner Fingleton received 6 votes, Commissioner Harford received 3 votes, Commissioner Fingleton was duly elected to represent the Town Commissioners on the Cultural and General Services SPC. Mr. Eugene Quinn, A/Principle Officer informed the Commissioners that the first meeting of this SPC was scheduled for 26th June 2000.

The Town Clerk then circulated the following letters:

- (i) Letter dated 29th March, 2000 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services Department, regarding replacement of seats and bins at Lambeeher Estate. Commissioner Tuite explained that the refurbishment of the seats and bins had, in fact, taken place, however certain minor works now required completion. The Town Clerk agreed to pursue this with the Environmental Services Department.
- (ii) Letter dated 6/4/00 from the A/Administrative Officer, Housing Department regarding security doors at Lambeeher flats. Mr. Eugene, A/Principal Officer outlined the councils position on same and invited Commissioners to discuss the matter further following the meeting.

C. Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated 8/3/00 from Town Clerk, Ballyshannon Town Commissioners regarding a motion passed by its members was circulated and noted. Following discussion, it was suggested that the Town Clerk write back to Ballyshannon Town Commissioners and request further clarification on the motion in question.
- (ii) Letter dated 13/3/00 from Ardee Town Commissioners regarding two separate motions passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and noted.
- (iii) Letter dated 31/3/00 from Town Clerk, Wexford Corporation regarding a motion passed by their council was circulated. Commissioner Pyne, Commissioner Tuite and Commissioner Fingleton spoke in relation to the motion presented by Wexford Corporation, the motion was unanimously supported.
- (iv) Letter dated 30/3/00 from Gorey Town Commissioners regarding a motion passed by its members was circulated. This motion was unanimously supported by the Town Commissioners.

4. Motions

(i) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Ned Pyne

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to place double yellow lines at the entrance to Shannon Embroidery"

It was proposed by Commissioner Pyne, seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed to adopt the motion as presented.

(ii) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields

"That we Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to introduce Bye-Laws making drinking in public places in Balbriggan town illegal."

Commissioner Shields outlined the background to her motion. Commissioner Harford fully supported the motion and referred to the Commissioners previous representations on the matter. It was proposed by Commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner Fingleton and agreed that the motion be adopted.

(iii) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields

" That Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Government and the Minister for Finance to allocate all monies from the lottery (for at least a year) to provide equipment and personnel needed to bring hospital services up to standard."

Commissioner Shields outlined the background to her motion and spoke of the scandalous health service and thousands of people on waiting lists. Commissioner Harford and Commissioner Fingleton fully supported. Following further discussion, it was proposed by Commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner Fingleton and agreed that the motion be adopted.

(iv) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to introduce a scheme for the replacement of prefabricated fireplaces in Lambreecher Estate where professional evidence exists that these fireplaces were installed the wrong way round, thus creating a fire hazard in the houses in which they are installed and which also put at risk the lives of the residents and those of their adjoining neighbours."

Commissioner Tuite outlined the background to her motion and re-worded the motion as follows:

"In view of the fact that Fingal County Council are replacing problem fireplaces in homes in Pinewood Green Avenue, will the Council now commence replacing the prefabricated fireplaces in Lambreecher Estate where professional evidence exists that these fireplaces were installed the wrong way round, thus creating a fire hazard in the houses in which they are installed and which also put at risk the lives of the residents and those of their adjoining neighbours."

Mr. Eugene Quinn, Acting/Principal Officer, spoke and gave a brief history of the matter. The motion was further discussed, however the motion was not carried.

(v) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Public Enterprise to provide alternative transport for commuters in the event of a bus or rail strike." Commissioner Harford outlined the backroad to her motion and spoke of difficulties expressed by commuters during the recent bus and rail strikes. Commissioner Harford stated her disappointment that the matter of alternative transport for commuters was not addressed by Government Ministers. The motion was proposed by Commissioner Harford and seconded by Commissioner Tuite.

(vi) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Inspector of Taxes to arrange easy terms of payment of tax for PAYE workers who have exceeded their limit at the end of a tax year."

Commissioner Harford outlined the backroad to her motion. It was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner Shields and agreed that the motion be adopted.

5. Questions

(i) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Ned Pyne**

"To ask the Manager when will Fingal County Council take Tempville Estate in charge"

The Town Clerk advised that the developer in question had requested that Fingal County Council take the estate 'in-charge', however outstanding works require completion. It is envisaged by the Council that the estate will be taken 'in-charge' in approximately 1 years time.

(ii) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Ned Pyne**

"To ask the Manager has the duration of the quarterly meeting with Fingal County Council changed from 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. to 2.00 – 3.00 p.m."

Mr. Eugene Quinn, Acting/Principal Officer spoke in relation to the revised calendar of meetings approved recently by the Council, allocating only 1 hour to the Town Commissioner's meetings. All Commissioners expressed disappointment and dissatisfaction with the time limit on these meetings. Mr. Eugene Quinn Acting/Principal Officer advised that he would investigate the matter further with the Council and perhaps set the meetings for a longer period.

(iii) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite**

"To ask the manager when are the Council going to install the security gates (as promised) on the stairways of the senior citizens flats (18-26) in Lambreecher?"

This question was already discussed under item 3 (b) (ii).

6. Other Correspondence

- (i) Letter dated 10/2/00 from Mrs. Molly Guildea regarding Commissioners February meeting was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Notification dated 14/3/00 from Bray Heritage Centre regarding a conference entitled "Waste Management Control" to be held on 5th May 2000 in the Esplanade Hotel, Seafront, Bray, Co. Wicklow was circulated and noted.

The Town Clerk then circulated the following additional correspondence:

- (i) Preliminary notice of '2000 La Touche Legacy Seminar' scheduled from 29th September to 1st October 2000 at La Touche Hotel, Greystones, Co. Wicklow was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated April 2000 from Patrick Murray, 109 Hampton Cove, Balbriggan regarding pedestrian laneway between Fancourt Heights and Hampton Cove was circulated and noted. Commissioner Pyne, Commissioner Harford and Commissioner Dunne spoke in relation to anti-social activity at this location. The Town Clerk advised that the matter was being dealt with under business of the Fingal County Council Balbriggan/Swords Area Committee Meeting dated 13th April. It was agreed that the Town Clerk follow up the matter with the Gardai at the upcoming meeting with the Superintendent.
- (iii) Letter dated 10/4/00 from Sean Dunne, Pinewood Celtic, Balbriggan requesting permission to use the Balbriggan Town Crest. It was unanimously agreed that Pinewood Celtic be given the approval for same.

7. Update Urban Renewal - Balbriggan/IAP

Commissioner Shields updated her fellow Commissioners on progress in relation to the Balbriggan Integrated Area Plan, Urban Renewal tax designated areas. Commissioner Shields announced that Fingal County Council together with the Town Commissioners will be launching their brochure advertising all sites, opportunities and incentives for investors in May 2000.

8. Town Hall Re-Development

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner May McKeon, announced that she was extremely disappointed that the manager was not in a position to report any further progress in relation to the re-development of the Town Hall. Mr.

Eugene Quinn, Acting/Principal Officer stated that he was due to meet the Consultant Architects this week and will report back to the Commissioners in the next couple of weeks.

9. Meeting with Superintendent Gallagher

The Commissioners submitted a number of items for the Commissioners Meeting scheduled with the Superintendent for Tuesday 2nd May 2000.

10. Update on Newsletter

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner May McKeon, invited Commissioners to submit items for the forthcoming newsletter to be produced by the Commissioners. Following lengthy discussion, it was agreed that a meeting be scheduled to discuss proposals further on 2/5/00 following the meeting with the Superintendent.

11. A.O.B.

(A) Commissioner May McKeon

- (i) An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner May McKeon announced that April 2000 is "National Clean-Up Month", and suggested that, in liaison with the Tidy Towns Committee a "Clean-Up" for Balbriggan be organised for all areas of the town. Commissioner Therese Fingleton announced that the Tidy Towns Committee had organised their Annual Clean-Up for 29th April 2000 and that the Tidy Towns Committee will be making an appeal to all residents to make full use of the cleansing service provided. Commissioner Fingleton paid tribute to Fingal County Council staff for their assistance in this area. It was agreed that the Town Clerk liaise with Fingal County Council, Cleansing Department for the organisation of a total clean up for the town.
- (ii) Announced that the Inaugural Meeting of the County Development Board was to be held on 15 April, 2000 and a further meeting is scheduled for 14 and 15 May 2000.

(B) Commissioner Mark Mullen

- (i) Reported damage to green between Tara Cove and Clonard Court following ESB works carried out.
- (ii) Reported lights out of order at Tanners Water (Wavin) Lane, Hampton Mill Lane and lane at Craoibhin Park.

(C) Commissioner Larry Dunne

- (i) Requested an update on the criteria required in order to establish an UDC. The Town Clerk advised that she is awaiting a response from the Department of the Environment.

(D) Commissioner Monica Harford

- (i) Reported damage to a bus shelter on Drogheda Street, near Lambreecher Estate.
- (ii) Requested that all Chemists in the town display times and hours of business at weekends and public holidays.

(E) Commissioner Ned Pyne

- (i) Requested that road markings for bus stops on Dublin Street be repainted.

(F) Commissioner Bredge Tuile

- (i) Requested clarification in relation to housing matters.
- (ii) Requested that the Council use grass collection boxes when cutting grass at Lambreecher Estate.

- (iii) Requested the permission of her fellow Commissioners to issue letters to the Department of An Taoiseach and other party leaders requesting that the government provide for our own homeless in the first instance, before providing "flotels" and accommodation for refugees.
- (G) **Commissioner Thérèse Fingleton**
 - (i) Commissioner Fingleton announced that she was not available to attend the forthcoming LAMA conference on 27th and 28th April, 2000 in Kilkenny. Commissioner Dunne proposed Commissioner Monica Harford, seconded by Commissioner McKeon. It was agreed that Commissioner Harford would attend the LAMA conference.

The meeting concluded at 10.20 p.m.

Mary McKeon

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DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Aibreán 11, 2000 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 11th April, 2000 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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YVONNE TOAL,
CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.

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7. Update on Urban Renewal – Balbriggan Integrated Area Plan

8. Town Hall Redevelopment

9. Meeting with Superintendent Gallagher – Items for Agenda

10. Update on Newsletter

11. Any Other Business

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON TUESDAY 9th MAY, 2000**

Commissioners Present:

Cannon, Mary	Mullen, Mark
Dunne, Larry	Fingleton, Thérèse
Shields, Gertie	Harford, Monica
Tuite, Bredge	McKeon, May

Officials Present:

Mr. Eugene Quinn, A/Principal Officer
Ms. Yvonne Toal, Town Clerk
Ms. Margaret Wilde, F.C.C.

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner May Mc Keon, presided.

Apologies for non attendance were received from Commissioner Ned Pyne.

An Cathaoirleach May McKeon sought approval for consent to the resale of 16, Gibbons Terrace, Balbriggan.

Proposed by Commissioner Dunne and seconded by Commissioner Cannon.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) Minutes of Meeting held on 11/4/00 were circulated and confirmed.

2. Application for Hire of Hall

No new business under this heading.

3. Correspondence

(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 12/4/00 from Department of Environment & Local Government regarding upgrading of Town Commissioners to Urban District Council status was circulated. The Town Clerk circulated the New Local Government Bill 2000 to each Commissioner for their information and attention.

The Town Clerk circulated a number of responses received in relation to the Commissioners concerns over proposals by the Government to accommodate refugees and asylum seekers, in advance of providing for our own homeless people. Enclosures as follows:

- (ii) Letter dated 4/5/00 received from Ruairi Quinn, T.D. leader of the Labour party enclosing recent press releases and statements was noted.
- (iii) Letter dated 5/5/00 received from Trevor Sargent, T.D. The Green Party was noted. A meeting to be arranged with Deputy Sargent.
- (iv) Acknowledgement dated 5/5/00 received from the Private Secretary, Office of An Taoiseach was noted.
- (v) Letter dated 8/5/00 received from Proinsias De Rossa, T.D. MEP, Labour Party President, enclosing a copy of the Labour Party's proposals for housing

was noted. Report held with Town Clerk for reference, additional copies requested for each Town Commissioner.

The Commissioners noted the contents of all correspondence received.

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 11/4/00 from Administrative Officer, Roads & Traffic Department regarding school warden service at Fancourt Heights, Balbriggan was circulated. It was agreed to write to St. Teresas N.S. and St. George's N.S. to find out exact numbers of pupils requiring this service.
- (ii) Letter dated 17/4/00 from Administrative Officer, Parks Department regarding fencing along the river opposite the shopping centre was circulated. It was agreed to write to Fingal Parks Department and arrange a meeting with Commissioner Shields to visit and identify location.
- (iii) Letter dated 26/4/00 from Senior Staff Officer, Environments Services Department regarding various environmental matters was circulated. It was agreed to write to Mr. Frank McKearney, F.C.C. Litter Warden to pursue these matters further.

The Town Clerk then circulated additional correspondence received from Fingal County Council:

- (iv) Letter dated 5/5/00 received from the Administrative Officer, Fingal County Council Roads and Traffic Department, in relation to the provision of a new roadway fronting 15/22 Bremore Court, Balbriggan. It was agreed to forward a copy of Fingal County Councils reply to Sergt. Austin Foran, Balbriggan Garda Station for his perusal.

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated 10/4/00 from AMAI regarding motions for Annual Conference 2000 scheduled from 12th to 14th September, 2000 was circulated. Commissioners to consider and agree 2 motions to be submitted in writing to A.M.A.I. at the June meeting
- (ii) Memorandum dated 31/3/00 from IPA regarding new criteria for Town Twinning Grants from European Commission was circulated. It was agreed to write to the former Town Twinning Committee to arrange the necessary meeting in order to pursue the matter of Town Twinning further.

4. Motions

(i) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Ned Pyne

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Manager to provide street nameplates displaying the Balbriggan Town Crest, for St. George's Square and adjoining streets e.g. Dublin St., Bridge St., Hampton St. and High St. as part of the Balbriggan Improvement Scheme."

Cathaoirleach McKeon made representations on behalf of Comm. Pyne. It was proposed by Commissioner McKeon, seconded by Commissioner Fingleton and unanimously agreed that this motion be carried.

- (ii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Mary Cannon**
 "Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to provide a name plate for the Bracken River."
 It was proposed by Commissioner Cannon, seconded by Commissioner Shields and unanimously carried.
- (iii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**
 "Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the East Regional Health Authority to have all premises in receipt of rent subsidy professionally checked, to ensure they comply with environmental standards and basic requirements and also the rent being charged is justified."
 Commissioner Harford referred to previous correspondence on the matter and outlined the background to her motion. It was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner Tuite and the motion was carried. It was agreed we write to the Minister to seek further clarification on funding and subsidising of rents for sub-standard accommodation.

5. Questions

- (i) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**
 "To ask the Manager for the proposed completion date of the Balbriggan/Skerries Waste Water Disposal Scheme?"
 Report received from Fingal County Council regarding this matter was circulated and noted.
- (ii) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**
 "To ask the Manager if there is any further developments in acquiring additional burial grounds for Balbriggan?"
 Fax dated 8/5/00 received from Administrative Officer, Fingal County Council regarding Balbriggan Cemetery was circulated. It was agreed that the Town Clerk write back to the Environmental Services Department urging the Council to continue to seek additional burial grounds.

6. Other Correspondence

- (i) Letter dated 7/4/00 from Rattoo Heritage Society regarding Annual Kerry Environmental Recognition Conference scheduled from 25th May to 27th May, 2000 in the Listowel Arms Hotel, Listowel, Co. Kerry was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Notification received from NGCS regarding The Second Island of Ireland Mills Conference scheduled for 14th and 15th June, 2000 in Cork was circulated and noted.

7. M'Lady Erin Reception

It was agreed to host a reception in the Commissioners Rooms on Thursday, 1st June 2000.

8. Commissioners Annual Meeting

Agreed Date Tuesday 27/6/00 8 p.m.

9. Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council – 8/6/00, 2.00 – 3.00 p.m.

Items for agenda to be submitted to Town Clerk by 19/5/00

Mr. Eugene Quinn announced that the duration of the quarterly meeting with Fingal County Council for 8/6/00 will be of one hour duration from 2 to 3

p.m., however Mr. Quinn is at present examining the matter and will report back to the Town Commissioners.

10. Update on Town Hall Re-Development

A meeting to be arranged for Tuesday 23rd May, 2000 at 7 p.m. with Mr. Jim Cody, Consultant Architect and Mr. David O'Connor, F.C.C. County Architect, to advise Commissioners of new proposals and developments.

An Cathaoirleach, May McKeon, announced that there is to be a launch of the Balbriggan Integrated Area Plan on Wednesday, 24th May, 2000 at 12.30 p.m. in Ardgillen Castle, Balbriggan. Town Clerk to obtain clarification on matters raised.

11. Any Other Business

A. Commissioner McKeon

- (i) Informed the meeting of a request by Mr. David Pratt to meet with the Commissioners. It was agreed that Commissioners meet in Commissioners Rooms on Tuesday 23rd May 2000. Four meetings to take place:

(i) Mr. Jim Cody, /Mr. E. Quinn, Fingal County Council.

(ii) Mr. Trevor Sargent T.D. Green Party.

(iii) Mr. David Pratt.

(iv) Mr. Colm Timmins

B. Commissioner Larry Dunne

- (i) Reported his intention to attend a meeting of Balbriggan Area Project Association on 12/5/00.

C. Commissioner Monica Harford

- (i) Reported a damaged Street Name Plate at Drogheda Street.

(ii) Reported the bus shelter at the southern end of the town, near Lambeecher Estate, still needs re-instatement.

(iii) Requested that A.M.A.I. Conference 2002 be held in Balbriggan. Commissioner Tuite announced that a written submission should be made listing all facilities available in Balbriggan town.

(iv) Reported a number of wrecks in Harbour. The Town Clerk stated it was the responsibility of Dublin Port and that we will notify them accordingly.

D. Commissioner Bredge Tuite

- (i) Reported the grass verges and open space at Craobhin Close are in urgent need of cutting, requested Fingal County Council to landscape initially and reported that the residents would then be able to maintain same.

(ii) Requested adequate litter bins for the Town of Balbriggan. Commissioner Tuite referred to a complaint from Mrs. Loughrey, Drogheda Street, who lives adjacent to a bus stop and traffic lights, and would appreciate a litter bin at this location.

(iii) Requested that Bollards be erected at the entrance to Lambeecher Estate near the Phone Box, and reported danger to pedestrians and disabled people at this location.

E. Commissioner Gertie Shields

- (i) Enquired about development work progress on the Square. Mr. Quinn informed the meeting that the completion date will be 4/6 weeks approximately.

F. Commissioner Therese Fingleton

- (i) Referred to Tidy Towns meetings and asked when will the wall at St. Peter & Paul's Church Car Park be repaired? Commissioner Dunne informed the meeting that Fingal County Council had advised him that no repairs would be carried out on this wall until the car park is resurfaced.

G. Commissioner May McKeon

- (i) Informed the meeting that Mr. Colm Timmins will design the front page for the Newsletter, a meeting to be arranged for samples to be shown to Commissioners.
- (ii) Commissioner McKeon read a letter dated 4/5/00 from Rev. Dermot O'Mahony D.D. in reply to a letter written on behalf of Balbriggan Town Commissioners and the Balbriggan Community to mark his Silver Jubilee. Commissioner McKeon was congratulated by her fellow Commissioners on the content of the letter written.

The meeting concluded at 10.05 p.m.

May McKeon

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5th May, 2000.

DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Bealtaine 9, 2000 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON TUESDAY 13th June, 2000**

Commissioners Present: Dunne, Larry Fingleton, Thérèse
 Harford, Monica McKeon, May
 Pyne, Ned Shields, Gertie
 Tuite, Bredge

Officials Present: Mr. Eugene Quinn, A/Principal Officer
 Ms. Yvonne Toal, Town Clerk

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner May Mc Keon, presided.

An apology for non- attendance was received from Commissioners Cannon and Mullen.

The Town Clerk sought the approval of the Town Commissioners to the re-sale of 26, Lawless Terrace. Commissioner Pyne proposed, seconded by Commissioner Shields, consent thereby granted.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of Meeting held on 9/5/00 were circulated.

Proposed Commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner Harford, minutes confirmed.

2. Applications for Hire of Hall

No new business under this heading.

3. Correspondence

(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 8/5/00 from the Private Secretary Office of the Minister, Department of Finance regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners concerning allocation of National Lottery Funds was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 11/5/00 from Private Secretary, Department of Health and Children regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners – see 3 (A) was circulated and noted.
- (iii) Letter dated 12/5/00 from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform regarding staffing levels at Balbriggan Garda Station was circulated. Following lengthy discussion it was agreed that a number of items be clarified, matter deferred to July Meeting.
- (iv) Letter dated 19/5/00 from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister, Department of Finance regarding a motion adopted by Wexford Borough Council was circulated and noted.
- (v) Letter dated 19/5/00 from Private Secretary, Office of the Department of Finance regarding a motion adopted by the Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and noted.

- (vi) Letter dated 29/5/00 from the Private Secretary, Department of Health & Children regarding the subsidising of rents by the Eastern Regional Health Authority was circulated and noted.

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 23/5/00 from Administrative Officer regarding Band Park was circulated. The Town Clerk to write back to Parks Department regarding certain matters.
- (ii) Letter dated 30/5/00 from Administrative Officer, Parks Department regarding a number of parks matters raised at the last meeting was circulated and noted.
- (iii) Letter dated 16/5/00 from Senior Administrative Officer, Roads & Traffic Department enclosing Fingal County Council Draft Parking Places Bye-Laws was circulated and noted. Commissioners to study Draft Bye Laws, a meeting to be held in the near future.
- (iv) Letter dated 12/5/00 from Senior Administrative Officer, Planning Department regarding Civic Feature for Balbriggan Town Square was circulated. Town Clerk to acknowledge submission.
- (v) Letter dated 1/6/00 from Administrative Officer, Environmental Department regarding demolition of Pedestrian Pier at Balbriggan Beach was circulated and noted. An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner McKeon and her fellow Commissioners confirmed that they are satisfied the matter of the replacement of the pier is exhausted. Commissioners look forward to replacement amenity facilities for the entire area.
- (vi) Letter dated 31/5/00 from Senior Staff Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding a number of roads matters was circulated and noted.

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Notification of a one day seminar to be held by AMAI, GCCC and LAMA on Thursday 6th July 2000 at the Mount Brandon Hotel, Tralee, Co. Kerry to consider the New Local Government Bill 2000 was circulated. Agreed Commissioner Tuite, AMAI delegate to attend Seminar, substitute delegate, Commissioner Pyne. Town Clerk to seek meeting through AMAI Executive to advise Town Commissioners on all aspects of the New Local Government Bill 2000.
- (ii) Letter dated 10/4/00 (circulated at May meeting) requesting the submission of two motions for the A.M.A.I. Annual Conference to be held on 11/9/00 was circulated. Town Commissioners selected three separate motions for submission to AMAI Conference.
- (iii) Letter dated 26/5/00 from the Secretary, Dublin Port Company regarding wrecks in Balbriggan Harbour was circulated. Copy letter to Fingal County Council Environmental Services Department for their observations.
- (iv) Letter dated 31/5/00 from Harbour Master, Dublin Port Company regarding removal of wrecks from Balbriggan Harbour was circulated and noted. Matters to be discussed further at July Meeting.

4. Motions

(i) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Mary Cannon.

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to provide suitable ramps for pedestrians with buggies at Seabanks area and Harbour area

to enable suitable access to and from the beach". Motion deferred to July Meeting.

(ii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite**

"As Fingal County Council and Iarnrod Eireann have yet again ignored our requests to have the grass/weeds cut at the beginning of May each year, I insist that a meeting be arranged with the relevant personnel of both bodies without delay." Motion held pending clarification from Parks Department, Fingal County Council.

(iii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite**

"As our request to have the Inner Relief Road footpaths dished has not even received a reply can we meet with the Developers/Fingal County Council as soon as possible." Proposed by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner Shields, motion passed.

(iv) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Larry Dunne**

"In view of the radical and irreversible nature of the plan for the redevelopment of the Civic Properties in Balbriggan as outlined to the Commissioners on Tuesday May 23rd that the Balbriggan Town Commissioners initiate as a matter of urgency a through and comprehensive investigation into alternative methods of proceeding with this project." Commissioner Dunne outlined the background to his motion. An Cathaoirleach Commissioner McKeon, Commissioners Tuite, Commissioner Pyne spoke, Commissioner Shields requested that the motion be ruled out of order. Following lengthy discussion the motion was proposed by Commissioner Dunne, no seconder, Motion not carried

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"In view of the concern that exists in certain quarters, and considering the manner in which contact has already been made with the Senior Citizens by an official of Fingal Council that the Town Commissioners resolve that they shall elicit the co-operation of the Senior Citizens Committee with respect to any proposed development of the Civic Properties in Balbriggan by exclusively voluntary and non compulsive means." Commissioner Dunne outlined the background to his motion. Following lengthy discussion, Commissioner Dunne stated he was happy to withdraw the motion on the basis of the assurances of An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner McKeon.

(vi) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields**

"That we, Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Education and Science to make immediate provision for a new National School in the Balbriggan area to accommodate the expanding young population in the town". Proposed by Commissioner Shields, seconded Commissioner Fingleton, motion passed.

(vii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Public Enterprise to have all their offices and sub-offices fully accessible for all people with disabilities". Proposed Commissioner Harford, seconded Commissioner Tuite, motion passed.

5. Questions

(i) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Larry Dunne**

"Will the Manager confirm that no outside parties other than the architects retained by Fingal County Council have been consulted or informed by the Council of the proposed redevelopment of the Civic Properties in Balbriggan?" Mr. Eugene Quinn, Acting Principal Officer, gave a brief history and account of matters relating to the redevelopment of the Town Hall.

6. Other Correspondence

- (i) Letter dated 8/5/00 from John Bruton T.D., Leader of Fine Gael enclosing copy of Fine Gael Policy Document on Immigration was circulated and noted.
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- (iii) Letter dated April 2000 from the Programme Co-ordinator, Co-operation Fingal inviting participation in the consultation process for its Strategic Plan under the Social Inclusion Programme 2000 – 2006 was circulated and noted.

7. Commissioners Annual Meeting - Date – 27/6/00 at 8.00 p.m.

All Commissioners noted same.

8. Update on Town Hall Re-Development

Matters arising already discussed at meeting.

9. Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts & Culture Awards

Balbriggan Town Commissioners to set a meeting following Annual Meeting.

10. Commissioners Insurance

Town Clerk to issue insurance options to all Town Commissioners.

11. Any Other Business

A. Commissioner Larry Dunne

- (i) Requested that signal box at Railway Station be restored.

B. Commissioner Monica Harford

- (i) Reported ponding outside Glebe House, Market Green.
- (ii) Requested an update on refurbishment of toilets at harbour.
- (iii) Reminded Commissioners of her desire to hold the AMAI Conference in Balbriggan in year 2002.
- (iv) Requested clarification of SOS applications.

C. Commissioner Gertie Shields

- (i) Reported on behalf of I.A.P. Steering Committee.
- (ii) Made enquiries regarding the provision of security cameras for the elderly.

D. Commissioner Thérèse Fingleton

- (i) Reported ponding at No. 1 and No 36 Bremore Court.
- (ii) Reported ponding at the junction of Bremore Court and Covetown at entrance to Inner Relief Road.

- (iii) Thanked the Environmental Services Department, Fingal County Council, for their prompt response to clearing of drains at Bremore Estate recently.

E. Commissioner Bredge Tuite

- (i) Announced that Bus Eireann services from Drogheda and Dundalk will be re-routed via Inner Relief Road from 1/9/2000. Commissioner Tuite expressed her outrage at the change in services and urged her fellow Commissioners for their support.

The meeting concluded at 10.30 p.m.

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8th June, 2000.

DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

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I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 13th June, 2000 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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8. **Update on Town Hall Re-Development**
9. **Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts & Culture Awards**
10. **Commissioners Insurance**
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**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN
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Commissioners Present: Cannon, Mary Mullen, Mark
Dunne, Larry ~~Pyne, Ned~~ *M. Harford?*
Fingleton, Therésé Shields, Gertie
McKeon, May Tuite, Bredge

Officials Present: Mr. Eugene Quinn, A/Principal Officer
Ms. Margaret Wilde, F.C.C.

Apologies: Commissioner Ned Pyne

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Commissioner McKeon, opened the meeting and thanked her fellow commissioners for their support during her term of office, with special thanks to the Manager, Mr. Eugene Quinn A/Principal Officer, Ms. Yvonne Toal, Town Clerk, staff and caretaker of the Town Hall, and the sponsors of various events held through out the year. Commissioner McKeon then handed the business of the election of Cathaoirleach to the A/Principal Officer, Mr. Eugene Quinn.

1. Election of Cathaoirleach

Commissioner Shields proposed Commissioner Fingleton and this was seconded by Commissioner Tuite. As there were no other nominations Commissioner Fingleton was elected to the position of Cathaoirleach. Commissioner Fingleton was presented with the chain of office, took the chair and thanked her fellow Commissioners.

2. Election of Leas Cathaoirleach

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3. Election of Delegate to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance's Ltd.

Commissioner Dunne proposed that Commissioner Shields would hold the position of delegate to IPB for the coming year.

4. Election of Representative for BAPA and Substitute Delegate

Commissioner McKeon proposed that Commissioner Dunne would continue to represent Balbriggan Town Commissioners on this committee and that Commissioner Harford would remain as Substitute Delegate. It was agreed to forward the representatives home addresses for notification of future BAPA meetings.

5. Election of Estimates Committee

It was agreed that all Commissioners would be members of this committee. It was agreed that a preliminary meeting be held prior to the Annual Estimates meeting.

6. Election of Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts and Culture Awards Committee.

It was agreed that all Commissioners would be members of this committee. A special notice to be advertised in the Media with an article in advance of the Awards Night. (The Arts Festival will take place on Thursday, 28th September, 2000. It was also agreed to stop business at 9.30 at the meeting scheduled for 11th July, 2000 to discuss this years Millennium Tidy Districts Awards.)

7. St. Patrick's Day Committee

It was agreed that all Commissioners would be members of this committee.

All Commissioners paid tribute to the outgoing Cathaoirleach, Commissioner McKeon and welcomed the new Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Fingleton.

The meeting concluded at 8.30 p.m.

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HELD ON TUESDAY 11th July, 2000**

Commissioners Present:

Cannon, Mary	Mullen, Mark
Dunne, Larry	Pyne, Ned
Fingleton, Thérèse	Shields, Gertie
Harford, Monica	Tuite, Bredge
McKeon, May	

Officials Present: Mr. Eugene Quinn, A/Principal Officer
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An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Thérèse Fingleton, presided.

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Proposed by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner Shields.

2. Applications for Hire of Hall

No new business under this heading.

3. Correspondence

(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) 2 separate letters dated 25/1/00 and 12/5/00 from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform regarding staffing levels at Balbriggan Garda Station deferred to July meeting were circulated and noted.

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 16/6/00 from Senior Administrative Officer, Roads & Traffic Department regarding street nameplates were circulated and noted. Town Clerk to write to Environmental Department regarding same.
- (ii) Letter dated 16/6/00 from Road Safety Officer, Roads & Traffic Department regarding School Warden Crossing on Skerries Road was circulated and noted. Commissioner Dunne to personally contact the relevant schools regarding new enrolment, and to refer to Town Clerk. Town Clerk to write to Roads Department regarding reinstatement of School Traffic Warden.
- (iii) Letter dated 26/6/00 from Senior Staff Officer, Roads & Traffic Department, regarding various roads matters was circulated and noted. The Town Clerk to write before September Budget to ensure funding is set aside for dishing of footpaths on Inner Relief Road. This matter to be included on agenda for Fingal County Council Quarterly Meeting 4th September, 2000.

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated 26/5/00 from Harbour Master, Dublin Port Company regarding removal of wrecks from Balbriggan Harbour was circulated and noted at June meeting and deferred to July meeting for further discussion was circulated and noted. Commissioner Harford to gain relevant names and addresses and

inform Town Clerk who will forward to Harbour Master. Town Clerk to write to Minister for Marine regarding same.

- (ii) Letter dated 7/6/00 from Greystones Town Commissioners regarding notice of motion for consideration at the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland deferred from June meeting was circulated and noted. Commissioners agree to support this motion at Conference.
- (iii) Letter dated 15/6/00 received from A.M.A.I. enclosing Preliminary Notice and Accommodation List for the Associations Annual Conference was circulated and noted. Commissioner Tuite asked the Manager to take into account the distance from accommodation to actual venue of Conference. The Manager said all legitimate/vouched expenses (including taxis) are covered.
- (iv) Notice dated 29/6/00 received from Local Authority Members Association, National Association of Councillors NR. Ireland/Great Britain regarding Joint Annual Conference 2000 to be held Friday 13th October 2000 to Sunday 15th October 2000 in West County Hotel, Ennis, Co. Clare was circulated and noted.
- (v) Notice received 21/6/00 from A.M.A.I. of One Day Seminar on the Local Government Bill 2000, to be held on 6th July, 2000 venue: Brandon Hotel, Tralee, Co. Kerry was circulated and noted. Cathaoirleach Thérèse Fingleton circulated information packs received at the Seminar on Local Government Bill, 2000 at Tralee.
- (vi) Letter received 21/6/00 from Assistant County Manager, Clare County Council regarding the 12th National Tourism Conference to be held on 24/25th November, 2000 at the Falls Hotel, Ennistymon was circulated and noted.
- (vii) Letter and Memorandum received 27/6/00 from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance's Ltd., regarding Group Personal Accident Insurance Elected Members – Schemes A&B was circulated and noted. Commissioners agreed to see about their own individual insurances for the present and to make a decision regarding future insurance. Town Clerk to write to Finance Officer, Fingal County Council to see if Fingal County Council would pay the minimum cover and if the Commissioners require further insurance cover they would pay the difference themselves.
- (viii) Letter received 3/7/00 from Regional Chief Executive, Eastern Regional Health Authority regarding Funding & Subsidising Rents for Unfit & Subsidised Accommodation was circulated and noted. Town Clerk to write requesting a copy of the report no SI 382 of 1995, and to seek further clarification on items raised.

4. Motions

(i) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Mary Cannon

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Manager to provide suitable ramps for pedestrians with buggies at Seabanks area and Harbour area to enable suitable access to and from the beach" deferred from June meeting. Commissioner Cannon outlined the background to her motion and circulated a sketch map highlighting the area concerned. Proposed by Commissioner Cannon and seconded by Commissioner Tuite. The Town Clerk to forward sketch map with letter to Environmental Department, Fingal County Council.

(ii) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite

"In so far as Fingal County Council Environmental Section seem unable to manage the grass cutting on the front beach and Seabanks at Balbriggan, that this function be transferred to the Parks Department without delay".

Commissioner Tuite outlined the background to her motion.. The meeting was informed that the Cleansing Department of Fingal County Council had now completed the work. A letter of thanks to be forwarded to Mr. Bill O'Brien for his prompt action and to request a copy of the programme of works for this area for the remainder of the season. The Town Clerk to write to Mr. Murphy at McBride Station to identify by way of a map what actual area he has responsibility for, and a similar letter to Mr. Brian Buckley, Environmental Department, Fingal County Council. Motion Agreed.

(iii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Education to provide adequate classrooms and teachers for the rapidly increasing population of Balbriggan, either by building new schools or extending the existing schools suitably". Commissioner Harford outlined the background to her motion. An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Fingleton circulated a copy of a Press Statement issued by Deputy Sargent, Green Party, and a reply to a Parliamentary question raised in the Dail regarding same. Proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner Fingleton.

(iv) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner May McKeon**

"The Balbriggan Town Commission request an up to date report from Fingal County Council, Colquhoun Consultants, Eircom and E.S.B. on the progress and projected completion date of Balbriggan Town Square refurbishment under Village Renewal Scheme". Commissioner McKeon outlined the background to her motion. Mr. Eugene Quinn explained that several matters raised had already been sorted. The Town Clerk to write to Mr. McGlynn requesting clarification of traffic control following the completion of these works. Mr. Quinn also requested that the Agenda for monthly meetings be forwarded on the Wednesday prior to the meeting.

(v) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields**

"That the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to erect a sign on Balbriggan Beach prohibiting dogs." Commissioner Shields outlined the background to her motion. The motion to be amended to "That the Balbriggan Town Commissioner call on Fingal County Council to erect a sign quoting the Control of Dogs Act and the bylaws to be enforced". Motion agreed.

Commissioner Larry Dunne requested that the bollard be reinstated under the Arches to prevent traffic on the beach. The Town Clerk to write to Environmental Department, Fingal County Council regarding this matter.

5. Questions

(i) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Ned Pyne**

"To ask the Manager to extend the footpath by 100 meters on the right hand side of the Skerries Road in the interest of pedestrian safety." The Town Clerk to write to the Roads Department, Fingal County Council requesting that provision be made in the next years estimates. Seconded by Commissioner Harford.

(ii) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

"To ask the Manager why is the beach (Fingal County Council end) is in such an appalling condition, with grass, weeds, nettles and thistles and when was it last cut?" this matter already dealt with under Motions (ii)

6. Other Correspondence

- (i) Letter dated 8/5/00 (already circulated) requesting the support of Balbriggan Town Commissioners for the Labour Party Housing Policy (deferred from June meeting.) circulated and noted. Commissioner Tuite proposed to defer this item to September Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Pyne.
- (ii) Letter dated 20/6/00 from Mr. Paul Higgins, Donore Road, Co. Meath, regarding commemorative centre piece for the Square was circulated and noted. As a commitment has already been made, it was agreed to write a letter of thanks to Mr. Higgins and request to see his portfolio with a view to the future re-development of the town.
- (iii) Letter dated 23/6/00 from Mr. Niall Watters, Programme Co-ordinator, Co-Operation Fingal regarding Consultation meeting for North Fingal Social Inclusion Strategic Plan was circulated and noted. A meeting to be arranged for Monday 17th July, at 8 p.m. in Commissioners Rooms.
- (iv) Letter dated 27/6/00 received from Nigel Grizzard, The Second Island of Ireland Mills Conference, regarding a Conference to be held on 20/21st September in the Firkin Crane Cultural Centre, Shandon, Cork. was circulated and noted.

7. Update on Town Hall Re-Development

Mr. Eugene Quinn gave an up dated report and the next meeting will take place on Friday 14th, July 2000. The Commissioners displayed a Photo Graphic picture regarding a future development at High Street.

8. Co Operation Fingal

This matter already dealt with under other correspondence item (iii).

9. Tidy Districts Sports, Arts and Cultural Awards

It was agreed at A.G.M. to stop all business at 9.30 to discuss this.

An update was given on all entries received to date.

Notification had gone to all local clubs, organisations and residents associations.

Ms. Dominica McKeveatt, 3 Tudor Hamlet, Balbriggan to be contacted by letter requesting that she would adjudicate the garden competition. It was proposed that Commissioners meet at the Town Hall at 7p.m. on Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th July for the judging of the gardens providing this is suitable to Ms. McKeveatt. Subject to confirmation by Ms. McKeveatt, a notice to be displayed in the Commissioners window. Notice to be given to Niamh Tuite, Fingal Independent and also the Parish Bulletin.

Letters to sponsors to be sent out as soon as possible using same list as previous year. Commissioner Harford will personally deliver the Tecreté letter and Commissioner Pyne will deliver the An Phost letter. Commissioner Pyne to give full list to the Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk to write to Mr. Paul Barnes, The Arts Committee, Fingal County Council requesting a grant.

A breakdown of all finances to be made available for the next meeting of the Tidy Districts Committee.

10. Any Other Business

A Commissioner Mary Cannon

Reported that all grass verges at Lambeecher Estate are not being cut and all cut grass is not collected. Commissioner Tuite distributed photographs highlighting this matter. Mr. Quinn said he would bring the photos to the attention of the Parks Department.

B Commissioner Monica Harford

- (i) Reported infestation of rats at the Tunnel at Lambeecher. The Town Clerk to report to Pest Control.
- (ii) Reported that the Bus Shelter at Drogheda Street has yet to be restored. The Town Clerk to write to Bus Eireann regarding this matter.

C Commissioner Bredge Tuite

Reported that the public are concerned about reports that the Bus Service through Balbriggan will soon be cancelled, and that there would be only two stops, one at each end of the Inner Relief Road. The Commissioners to arrange to meet with Mr. Kevin Flannery, Bus Eireann as soon as possible to discuss this matter.

D Commissioner Larry Dunne

- (i) Reported that the corner of the footpath at the County Bridge/Skerries Road has been repaired with tarmac, but this needs to be properly re-instated. The Town Clerk to write to Roads Department, Fingal County Council regarding this matter.
- (ii) Enquired if we as Commissioners were to submit plans for the restoration of the Bath House at the Back Strand?
- (iii) Reported traffic congestion on the Main Street/Bridge Street. Commissioner Dunne related an incident of an articulated truck preceding up the wrong way in Quay Street. The Town Clerk to contact Balbriggan Gardai regarding this matter.

E Commissioner Mark Mullen

Reported new sleeper poles at Lambeecher Estate. The Town Clerk to write to Environmental Department Fingal County Council to see what plans are being made for these sleepers.

F Commissioner Ned Pyne

Reported that following the completion of the Bypass that no public light was erected at the Bridge near Bascadden heading to Tubbertown. Commissioner Pyne to give exact location to Town Clerk who will write to Public Lighting Department, Fingal County Council regarding this matter.

G Commissioner Bredge Tuite

- (i) Again requested that a litter bin be provided at Mrs. Loughrey's house at Drogheda Street.
- (ii) Reported that the tenant of number 19, Lambeecher Estate has vacated this flat due to harassment, and asked why is it necessary to board up vacant dwellings for long periods in view of the huge housing list?

H Commissioner May McKeon

Reported that front garden walls are being removed from Gibbons and Lawless Terraces to make driveways, resulting in the street scape being completely destroyed and requested that Planning be on the Agenda for the September Quarterly meeting with Fingal County Council. The Town Clerk to write to the Planning Department regarding same.

I Commissioner Gertie Shields

- (i) Proposed that Commissioners who forward motions/questions for the Quarterly Meetings with Fingal County Council, to ensure that they will be present at the meeting.
- (ii) Reported that the Signal Box at the local railway Station has been removed and a request has been made by a local group for the Commissioners to write to Iarnrod Eireann to delay any decision to demolish this historical item of interest. The Town Clerk to write to Mr. John Stoakes regarding this matter.

Memo dated 10th July, 2000

Clean up of Local Estates – Skips

Brian Buckley, Environment Section, Fingal County Council advised that the best way to approach the clean up is for each Resident Association to contact Mr. Niall Gargan, Supervisor directly so he can arrange the distribution of the skips. The reason being that the Council would not have sufficient skips to give out on any one given day. Mr. Gargan can be contacted directly at 8401979 between 9.00 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.

The Town Clerk to contact Mr. Gargan for further details.

The meeting concluded at 10.00 p.m.

Cherise E. W. Stoker

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DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Iúil 11, 2000 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 11th July, 2000 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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P.P. Margaret Wiese
YVONNE TOAL,
CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.

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1. **Confirmation of Minutes**
 - (i) Minutes of Meeting held on 13/6/00 (circulated herewith)
2. **Applications for Hire of Hall**
3. **Correspondence**
 - (A) **Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**
 - (i) 2 separate letters dated 25/1/00 and 12/5/00 from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform regarding staffing levels at Balbriggan Garda Station deferred to July meeting (circulated herewith)

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 16/6/00 from Senior Administrative Officer, Roads & Traffic Department regarding street nameplates (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 16/6/00 from Road Safety Officer, Roads & Traffic Department regarding School Warden Crossing on Skerries Road (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 26/6/00 from Senior Staff Officer, Roads & Traffic Department, regarding various roads matters (circulated herewith)

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated 26/5/00 from Harbour Master, Dublin Port Company regarding removal of wrecks from Balbriggan Harbour was circulated and noted at June meeting and deferred to July meeting for further discussion (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 7/6/00 from Greystones Town Commissioners regarding notice of motion for consideration at the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland deferred from June meeting (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 15/6/00 received from A.M.A.I. enclosing Preliminary Notice and Accommodation List for the Associations Annual Conference (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Notice dated 29/6/00 received from Local Authority Members Association, National Association of Councillors NR. Ireland/Great Britain regarding Joint Annual Conference 2000 to be held Friday 13th October 2000 to Sunday 15th October 2000 in West County Hotel, Ennis, Co. Clare (circulated herewith)
- (v) Notice received 21/6/00 from A.M.A.I. of One Day Seminar on the Local Government Bill 2000, to be held on 6th July, 2000 venue: Brandon Hotel, Tralee, Co. Kerry (circulated herewith)
- (vi) Letter received 21/6/00 from Assistant County Manager, Clare County Council regarding the 12th National Tourism Conference to be held on 24/25th November, 2000 at the Falls Hotel, Ennistymon (circulated herewith)
- (vii) Letter and Memorandum received 27/6/00 from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance's Ltd., regarding Group Personal Accident Insurance Elected Members – Schemes A&B (circulated herewith)
- (viii) Letter received 3/7/00 from Regional Chief Executive, Eastern Regional Health Authority regarding Funding & Subsidising Rents for Unfit & Subsidised Accommodation (circulated herewith)

4. Motions

(i) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Mary Cannon

“Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Manager to provide suitable ramps for pedestrians with buggies at Seabanks area and Harbour area to enable suitable access to and from the beach” deferred from June meeting.

(ii) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite

“In so far as Fingal County Council Environmental Section seem unable to manage the grass cutting on the front beach and Seabanks at Balbriggan, that this function be transferred to the Parks Department without delay”.

(iii) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford

“Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Education to provide adequate classrooms and teachers for the rapidly increasing population of Balbriggan, either by building new schools or extending the existing schools suitably”.

- (iv) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner May McKeon**
"The Balbriggan Town Commission request an up to date report from Fingal County Council, Colquhoun Consultants, Eircom and E.S.B. on the progress and projected completion date of Balbriggan Town Square refurbishment under Village Renewal Scheme".
- (v) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields**
"That the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to erect a sign on Balbriggan Beach prohibiting dogs."

5. Questions

- (i) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Ned Pyne**
"To ask the Manager to extend the footpath by 100 meters on the right hand side of the Skerries Road in the interest of pedestrian safety."
- (ii) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**
"To ask the Manager why is the beach (Fingal County Council end) is in such an appalling condition, with grass, weeds, nettles and thistles and when was it last cut?"

6. Other Correspondence

- (i) Letter dated 8/5/00 (already circulated) requesting the support of Balbriggan Town Commissioners for the Labour Party Housing Policy (deferred from June meeting.) circulated herewith
- (ii) Letter dated 20/6/00 from Mr. Paul Higgins, Donore Road, Co. Meath, regarding commemorative center piece for the Square (circulated herewith)
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7. Update on Town Hall Re-Development

8. Co Operation Fingal

9. Tidy Districts Sports, Arts and Cultural Awards

It was agreed at A.G.M. to stop all business at 9.30 to discuss this.

10. Any Other Business

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON TUESDAY 12th September, 2000**

Commissioners Present: Cannon, Mary Mullen, Mark
Dunne, Larry Fingleton, Thérèse
Harford, Monica McKeon, May

Officials Present: Mr. Eugene Quinn, A/Principal Officer
Ms. Margaret Wilde F.C.C.

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Thérèse Fingleton, presided.

Apologies for non attendance were received from Commissioners Pyne, Shields and Tuite.

An Cathaoirleach proposed a minutes silence in respect of the three recent deaths.

1. Patrick Donnelly – County Council Worker.
2. John Boland – T.D.
3. Jerry Walsh

Letters of condolences to be sent to the families.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) Minutes of Meeting held on 11/7/00 were circulated and adopted with the inclusion of attendance of Commissioners Cannon and Mullen.

1. Applications for Hire of Hall

(A) New Applications

Hirer	Function	Hall	Days	Time
Senior Citizens	Mass	Ballroom	14/9/00	7.30p.m.-11.30pm
Tidy Towns	Meeting	Commercial Club	20/9/00	8.30p.m.-9.30p.m.

(B) Renewal of Hire Applications

HIRER	FUNCTION	HALL	DAYS	TIME
B.A.D. Group	Meetings	Bandroom	1 st Mondays	8.00p.m.-9.00p.m.
Caroline Burke	Art Class	Hamilton Hall	Saturday	11.00a.m.-12.00m.d.
Elaine Crean	Dancing Class	Hamilton Hall	Mondays	4.30p.m.-7.00p.m.
			Wednesdays	4.00p.m.-6.00p.m.
Claire Smith	Yoga	Bandroom	Tuesday	8.00p.m.-9.30p.m.
Country Market	Market	Ballroom	Friday	9.00p.m.-12.00m.d.
Jehovah's Witnesses	Bible Education	Bandroom	Tuesday	7.00p.m.-9.00p.m.
			Thursday	7.00p.m.-10.00p.m.
			Sunday	10.00a.m.-1.00 p.m.
North County School of Ballet	Ballet	Supper Room	Wednesday	4.30p.m.-7.00p.m.
			Thursday	3.00p.m.-8.00p.m.

Pauline Mulryan	Unislim	Bandroom	Monday	8.00p.m.-9.00p.m.
Rodney Lawless	Aerobics	Hamilton Hall	Tuesday	7.30p.m.-8.30p.m.
			Thursday	7.30p.m.-8.30p.m.
ScoilRince Cualann	Irish Dancing	Ballroom	Wednesday	3.30p.m.-5.00p.m.
			Friday	4.00p.m.-5.30p.m.
Sean Ryan, T.D.	Clinic	Bandroom	1 st & 3 rd Saturday	11.30a.m.-12.00m.d.
Trevor Sargent, T.D.	Clinic	Bandroom	Friday	7.00p.m.-7.30p.m.

The Commissioners approved in principle on the lettings at the Town Hall.

2. Correspondence

(A) Correspondence from Government Department and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 17/7/00 from Mary O'Rourke T.D., Minister for Public Enterprise, regarding access to public offices for people with disabilities was circulated and noted. Commissioner Harford to draft letter.
- (ii) Letter dated 14/8/00 from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform regarding Balbriggan Garda Station - Divisional boundaries was circulated. This item to go on Agenda for quarterly meeting with Superintendent Tom Gallagher. A copy of this letter to be included with agenda.
- (iii) Letter dated 23/8/00 from the Department of the Environment and Local Government regarding the Irish Language in Local Government was circulated and read, individuals to reply if desired.

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 19/7/00 from Environments Services Department regarding various environmental matters was circulated. Mr. Richard Fitzpatrick has notified the Commissioners of 22 Bins to be placed in various locations in the Town and would make amendments to list following consultation.
- (ii) Letter dated 25/8/00 from Clerical Officer, Environments Services Department, regarding the provision of a litter bin at Tankerville, Tankardstown, Balbriggan was circulated. The Town Clerk to contact Mrs. Loughrey regarding the most suitable location. Bus Eireann to be contacted with a view to relocating the bus stop to a more suitable location.
- (iii)
 1. Letter dated 21/7/00 from Patrick Kenny, General Purposes Section regarding Group Personal Accident Insurance was circulated. Commissioner McKeon formally proposed that all Commissioners be adequately insured while conducting the business of the Balbriggan Town Commission including travelling. This item to be put forward as a motion at the Commissioners October Meeting. Mr. Euene Quinn A/Principal Officer requested that a copy of Income & Expenditure be available for the October Meeting.
 2. Letter dated 2/8/00 from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. Regarding Group Personal Accident Schemes A & B - Elected Members was circulated.
- (iv) Letter dated 21/7/00 from Senior Staff Officer, Roads & Traffic Department regarding finishing of footpaths on the Inner Relief Road was circulated.
- (v) Letter dated 24/7/00 from Senior Staff Officer, Roads & Traffic Department regarding provision of public lighting on the bridge between Balscadden Village and Tubbertown Cross was circulated.

- (vi) Letter dated 24/7/00 from Senior Staff Officer, Roads & Traffic Department regarding provision of footpaths at Skerries Road and repair of footpaths at County Bridge/Skerries Road was circulated.
- (vii) Letter dated 3/8/00 from Senior Staff Officer, Roads & Traffic Department regarding the inclusion of the Town Crest on street nameplates at George's Square was circulated. This item to be raised as a motion at the October Meeting.
- (viii) Letter dated 31/7/00 from Administrative Officer, Parks Department regarding cutting back trees at Clonard Street was circulated.
- (ix) Letter dated 18/8/00 from Senior Administrative Officer, Planning Department, regarding St. George's Square was circulated.

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated 12/7/00 from The Secretary, Tipperary SR County Council regarding a Resolution passed at a recent meeting was circulated and supported by Balbriggan Town Commissioners.
- (ii) Letter dated 12/7/00 from Town Clerk, Ballyshannon Town Commissioners regarding Local Government Bill 2000 was circulated. Commissioner Dunne to draft a letter in this connection. Commissioners Pyne and Tuite to give report following conference.
- (iii) Letter dated 12/7/00 from Town Clerk, Muinebheag Town Commissioners regarding two motions was circulated. First motion was noted and 2nd motion was supported by Balbriggan Town Commissioners.
- (iv) Letter dated 18/7/00 from Town Clerk, Bantry Town Commissioners regarding a resolution adopted at their recent meeting was circulated. This was supported by Balbriggan Town Commissioners.
- (v) Letter dated 17/8/00 from Town Clerk, Sligo Corporation regarding a resolution unanimously resolved at a recent meeting was circulated and noted.
- (vi) Letter dated 17/7/00 from Eastern Regional Health Authority enclosing details from SI 382 Rent and Mortgage Supplements was circulated and noted.
- (vii) Letter dated 1/8/00 from Northern Area Health Board regarding rodents at the Tunnel Bridge in Lambeeher Estate was circulated and action taken.
- (viii) Letter dated 4/9/00 from Assistant Chief Executive, Northern Area Health Board regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners in May 2000 was circulated and filed.
- (ix) Memorandum dated 31/7/00 from Institute of Public Administration regarding Closing of European Commission Twinning Programme 2000 and introduction of a New System for 2001 was circulated. Letters to be sent to Patricia Gallen and Eddie Darcy to arrange meeting.
- (x) Letter dated 21/8/00 from NGCS regarding Mills Conference September 20th & 21st 2000 was circulated.
- (xi) Notice received 1/9/00 from Greystones Town Commissioners regarding 2000 La Touche Legacy Seminar taking place 29/9/00 to 1/10/00 was circulated.
- (xii) Letter dated 13/7/00 from Area Manager, Bus Éireann regarding bus services to/from Balbriggan to be dealt with after motions.

3. Cathaoirleach's Business.

Sponsorship of Chain of Office.

This matter was deferred to October Meeting.

4. Motions

- (i) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite**
 "The Fingal County Council complete the RVI Plan for Balcadden by December 2000". This matter to be raised at October Meeting.
- (ii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields.**
 "That the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Manager to expedite all outstanding business i.e. Dealings with Leases, Valuations on premises etc. to facilitate an early start on the Town Hall Development." This matter was raised by Commissioner McKeon in Commissioner Shields absence and was 2nd by Commissioner Harford and supported by Commissioner Dunne. Commissioner McKeon outlined the background to this motion and following discussion it was agreed to meet with representatives of the Senior Citizens and shopkeepers. Mr. Eugene Quinn A/Principal Officer to give a more detailed report at October Meeting.
- (iii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner May McKeon.**
 "Balbriggan Town Commissioners formally request Fingal County Council to confirm in writing, a commitment that the North Beach in Balbriggan be refurbished as a 2nd Phase of the Bremore Castle Project and in the meantime the area be maintained in the interest of Public Health & Safety" (copy of this motion to be circulated to each Fingal County Councillor). Commissioner McKeon outlined the background to her motion which was 2nd by Commissioner Dunne and supported by Commissioner Harford. Mr. Eugene Quinn A/Principal Officer will give an updated report at October Meeting.
- (iv) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford.**
 "Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Health & Children to immediately supply Crumlin Children's Hospital with adequate staff and beds to ensure that no children have to be sent to Britain for treatment." This motion to be amended to include or abroad. Motion 2nd by Commissioner McKeon and supported by Commissioners Dunne and Fingleton.
- (v) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford.**
 "Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to check all graveyards in the Fingal area and to carry out the necessary resurfacing where required". This motion was adopted. The Town Clerk to notify Fingal County Council of an area near the back wall in Ballyboghill Graveyard which is in need of resurfacing.

5. Questions

- (i) **Question submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford.**
 "To ask the Housing Manager of Fingal County Council when will Clonard Street houses be completed and allocated?" Mr. Eugene Quinn A/Principal Officer said no date yet.
- (ii) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford.**
 "To ask the Housing Manager of Fingal County Council if applicants for transfers to Clonard Street be considered before those on the Housing List" Mr. Eugene Quinn stated that normally a certain proportion is set aside for transfers.

6. Other Correspondence

- (i) Letter dated 22/8/00 from Carina Byrne (no address or phone number available) regarding local Bus Eireann Transport was circulated. Following

discussion it was agreed to write to Mr. Flannery, Bus Eireann regarding numerous complaints received.

- (ii) Notice from The Housing Unit regarding a Seminar on Homelessness – An Integrated Strategy Plan was circulated and noted.
- (iii) Notice from The Housing Unit regarding a Conference on Housing & Disadvantage was circulated and noted.
- 7. **Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts and Culture Awards**
Next Meeting set for Monday 18th September, 2000 at 8.00 p.m.
- 8. **Any Other Business**
 - (i) Proposed Draft Standing Orders. Mr. Eugene Quinn A/Principal Officer circulated draft Standing Orders to all Commissioners for their perusal. It was agreed that the matter be discussed at the October Meeting.

Mr. Eugene Quinn stated that Senan Turbull Fingal County Council had not received instructions from Balbriggan Town Commissioners nominating representatives to Fingal Development Board sub-committees. Following discussion it was agreed that the following nominations be forwarded.

Commissioner Mc Keon	- Planning Committee
Commissioner Harford	- Transport
Commissioner Dunne	- Cordonated Economic Development
Commissioner Fingleton	- County Identity

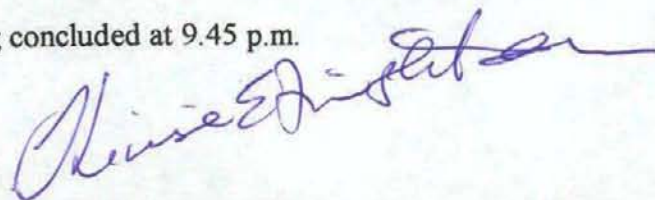
Confirmation by letter to follow this meeting.

- (A) **Commissioner Fingleton**
 - (i) Requested a meeting be arranged with Colm Gamble, Mill Street Residents. After discussion a possible date for above meeting will be Monday 18th September prior to the Tidy Districts Meeting.
- (B) **Commissioner McKeon**
 - (i) Requested a meeting be arranged with David Pratt – proposed date 25/9/00.
 - (ii) Reported the traffic lights at the Post Office were out of order. The Town Clerk to report to Fingal County Council.
- (B) **Commissioner Dunne**
 - (i) Commissioner Dunne gave an up dated report on Balbriggan Area Project Association.
 - (ii) Enquired if C.I.E. had permission to demolish the Old Signal Box. The Town Clerk to check the Draft Development Plan. The Town clerk to write follow on letter to C.I.E.
- (A) **Commissioner Fingleton**
 - (ii) Suggested that with so many requests for meetings the Commissioners set a date and time to hold a deputation's meeting each month.
- (B) **Commissioner Harford**

Requested that the footpath at the square crossing be dishd and that a large pot hole exists under the Tunnel at Lambeeher. The Town Clerk to write to Fingal County Council.
- (D) **Commissioner Cannon**

Requested that a stone or name plate be erected with the name Bracken River to identify the local river which runs under Bridge Street. The Town Clerk to write to Fingal County Council.

Meeting concluded at 9.45 p.m.



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7th September, 2000.


DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Meán Fómhair 12, 2000 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

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- (vi) Letter dated 24/7/00 from Senior Staff Officer, Roads & Traffic Department regarding provision of footpaths at Skerries Road and repair of footpaths at County Bridge/Skerries Road (circulated herewith).

- (vii) Letter dated 3/8/00 from Senior Staff Officer, Roads & Traffic Department regarding the inclusion of the Town Crest on street nameplates at George's Square (circulated herewith)
- (viii) Letter dated 31/7/00 from Administrative Officer, Parks Department regarding cutting back trees at Clonard Street (circulated herewith)
- (ix) Letter dated 18/8/00 from Senior Administrative Officer, Planning Department, regarding St. George's Square.

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated 12/7/00 from The Secretary, Tipperary SR County Council regarding a Resolution passed at a recent meeting (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 12/7/00 from Town Clerk, Ballyshannon Town Commissioners regarding Local Government Bill 2000 (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 12/7/00 from Town Clerk, Muinebheag Town Commissioners regarding two motions (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 18/7/00 from Town Clerk, Bantry Town Commissioners regarding a resolution adopted at their recent meeting (circulated herewith)
- (v) Letter dated 17/8/00 from Town Clerk, Sligo Corporation regarding a resolution unanimously resolved at a recent meeting (circulated herewith).
- (vi) Letter dated 17/7/00 from Eastern Regional Health Authority enclosing details from SI 382 Rent and Mortgage Supplements (circulated herewith).
- (vii) Letter dated 1/8/00 from Northern Area Health Board regarding rodents at the Tunnel Bridge in Lambreecher Estate (circulated herewith)
- (viii) Letter dated 4/9/00 from Assistant Chief Executive, Northern Area Health Board regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners in May 2000.
- (ix) Memorandum dated 31/7/00 from Institute of Public Administration regarding Closing of European Commission Twinning Programme 2000 and introduction of a New System for 2001 (circulated herewith)
- (x) Letter dated 21/8/00 from NGCS regarding Mills Conference September 20th & 21st 2000 (Circulated herewith).
- (xi) Notice received 1/9/00 from Greystones Town Commissioners regarding 2000 La Touche Legacy Seminar taking place 29/9/00 to 1/10/00.
- (xii) Letter dated 13/7/00 from Area Manager, Bus Éireann regarding bus services to/from Balbriggan (circulated herewith)

4. Cathaoirleach Business.

5. Motions

- (i) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite**
"The Fingal County Council complete the RVI Plan for Balscadden by December 2000. "
- (ii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields.**
"That the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Manager to expedite all outstanding business i.e. Dealings with Leases, Valuations on premises etc. to facilitate an early start on the Town Hall Development."
- (iii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner May McKeon.**
"Balbriggan Town Commissioners formally request Fingal County Council to confirm in writing, a commitment that the North Beach in Balbriggan be refurbished as a 2nd Phase of the Bremore Castle Project and in the meantime

- the area be maintained in the interest of Public Health & Safety" (copy of this motion to be circulated to each Fingal County Councillor).
- (iv) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford.**
"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Health & Children to immediately supply Crumlin Children's Hospital with adequate staff and beds to ensure that no children have to be sent to Britain for treatment."
- (v) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford.**
"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to check all graveyards in the Fingal area and to carry out the necessary resurfacing where required".

6. Questions

- (i) **Question submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford.**
"To ask the Housing Manager of Fingal County Council when will Clonard Street houses be completed and allocated?"
- (ii) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford.**
"To ask the Housing Manager of Fingal County Council if applicants for transfers to Clonard Street be considered before those on the Housing List"

7. Other Correspondence

- (i) Letter dated 22/8/00 from Carina Byrne regarding local Bus Eireann Transport (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Notice from The Housing Unit regarding a Seminar on Homelessness – An Integrated Strategy Plan (circulated herewith).
- (iii) Notice from The Housing Unit regarding a Conference on Housing & Disadvantage (circulated herewith).

8. Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts and Culture Awards

9. Any Other Business

Proposed Draft Standing Orders.

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON TUESDAY 10th OCTOBER 2000.**

Commissioners Present: Cannon, Mary Mullen, Mark
Dunne, Larry Pyne, Ned
Fingleton, Thérèse Shields, Gertie
Harford, Monica Tuite, Bredge
McKeon, May

Officials Present: Mr. Alan Carthy, Principal Officer
Mr. Dave Storey, Town Clerk (incoming)
Mr. David O'Connor, County Architect
Ms. Margaret Wilde F.C.C.

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Thérèse Fingleton, presided.

An Cathaoirleach introduced Mr. Dave Storey as the New Town Clerk. The Commissioners welcomed Mr. Storey to Balbriggan Town Commission.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) Minutes of Meeting held on 12/9/00 were circulated
Proposed by Commissioner Mullen, seconded by Commissioner Shields

**2. Applications for Hire of Hall
(A) New Applications**

Hirer	Function	Hall	Days	Time
M.O'Melia	Khai Bo Classes	Supper Room	Tues & Thursdays	8.15.p.m. – 9.15 p.m.

No objection applications approved.

3. Correspondence

(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 27/9/00 from Assistant Principal, Department of the Environment regarding Local Authority Estimate of Expenses, 2001 was circulated. It was agreed to hold a pre meeting on Tuesday 17th October at 5.30 p.m. Commissioner Cannon will be unable to attend.
- (ii) Letter dated 26/9/00 from Minister for Public Enterprise, regarding accessibility for people with disabilities was circulated and noted subject to full response from the Minister.

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 20/9/00 from Administrative Officer, Environments Services Department regarding proposed transfer of Balbriggan Harbour from Dublin Port Company to Fingal County Council was circulated. It was proposed by Commissioner McKeon and seconded by Commissioner Shields that the Town Clerk write to the Minister for the Marine.

- (ii) Letter dated 25/9/00 from Fingal Development Board was circulated. Commissioner McKeon to follow up. It was agreed that this matter be discussed at the meeting on 14th November, 2000.
- (iii) Letter dated 28/9/00 from Senior Administrative Officer regarding Section 46 of the Road Traffic Act 1961 was circulated enclosing copies of the draft Bylaws and maps. The Town Clerk to arrange photocopies for all Commissioners and the matter to be discussed in the future.

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated 18/9/00 from B. White Hon Secretary, Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland regarding Annual Conference 2000 was circulated and kept on file.
- (ii) Notification Reminder from L.A.M.A. regarding Joint Annual Conference 2000 was circulated and noted.
- (iii) Letter dated 25/9/00 from Town Clerk, Portlaoise Town Commission regarding Notices of Motion were circulated and noted.
- (iv) Letter dated 20/9/00 from Ass. Town Clerk, Waterford Corporation regarding resolution passed was circulated and supported and Town Clerk to acknowledge. Town Clerk to write to An Taoiseach.
- (v) Letter dated 28/9/00 from Acting County Secretary, Sligo County Council regarding a motion passed was circulated and supported. The Town Clerk to write to The Minister for Agriculture.
- (vi) Letter dated 3/10/00 from Primary Care Manager, Northern Area Health Board regarding invitation to Public Meeting was circulated. Copies of the minutes of the meeting were circulated to all present.

The following additional correspondence was circulated.

- (i) Acknowledgement dated 7/10/00 from Private Secretary, Department of Health & Children regarding motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners at September Meeting was circulated and noted
- (ii) Letter dated 6/10/00 from President, Balbriggan & District Chamber of Commerce regarding Parking in Balbriggan was circulated enclosing copy of letter sent to Mr. William Soffe. This matter was noted and Commissioner Tuite was delegated to attend a meeting to be held on 16th October, 2000 at 1 p.m.
- (iii) Invitation received from European Commission to attend Conference on More Effective Information & Training in Public Procurement 16/17 November, 2000 was noted.
- (iv) Letter dated 5/10/00 received from the Secretary, Country Markets Limited, regarding increased Public Liability Indemnity was circulated. The Town Clerk to follow up.
- (v) Letter of Congratulations dated 6/10/00 received from Pauline O'Hare regarding Tidy Town Awards was circulated and noted.
- (vi) Commissioner Harford circulated a letter received from Mr. David Pratt on behalf of Roughan Properties Ltd. This letter was noted.
- (vii) Commissioner Tuite circulated a report from the 87th A.M.A.I. Conference which was attended by Commissioners Pyne and Tuite.

4. Cathaoirleach's Business

5. Motions

(i) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite

"The Fingal County Council complete the R.V.1 Plan for Balscadden by December 2000". This motion deferred from September Meeting. Commissioner Tuite outlined the background to her motion. Motion passed. The Town Clerk to make further enquiries.

(ii) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite

"That stringent measures must be taken to ensure that all pedestrian crossings in Balbriggan are kept free of parked vehicles at the south end of the entrance to Lambreecher Estate, as the emerging traffic's visibility is totally blocked". Motion passed. A copy to be sent to Superintendent Tom Gallagher at Balbriggan Garda Station with the Agenda for the Quarterly Meeting.

(iv) Motion Submitted by Commissioner May McKeon

"In the absence of a full time Town Clerk, the absence and uncertain future of the Part Time Town Clerk, the absence of a full time Clerical Officer to guarantee continuity of work programme, the Balbriggan Town Commission liase with Fingal County Manager, Mr. Soffe in an effort to address and improve the situation". This motion was formally withdrawn and Commissioner McKeon welcomed the new Town Clerk.

(v) Motion Submitted by Commissioner May McKeon

"To safeguard the interest of the Commission in the event of claims made against and by and of its elected representatives, their relatives or members of the Public for injury, damage or loss while attending, travelling to and from Commission Business, the Balbriggan Town Commission include adequate finance to arrange appropriate Insurance Cover in Estimates 2000/2001". Motion seconded by Commissioner Tuite. The Town Clerk to contact Edel Burke at Irish Public Bodies. The matter to be discussed next Tuesday.

(vi) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields

"That Fingal County Council give an update on the progress of the Town Hall". Mr. David O'Connor, County Architect presented draft plans and will have further details within 2 weeks.

(vii) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Health and Children to provide an evening and night medical service for Balbriggan, in Balbriggan and that this service be put in place immediately". Motion seconded by Commissioner Tuite. The matter to be discussed further following the meeting on Thursday 12th October at 9 a.m.

(viii) Motion submitted by Commissioner Larry Dunne

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to introduce restrictions on the size of commercial vehicles that are permitted to travel through the town". This motion was deferred to November meeting.

(ix) Motion submitted by Commissioner Larry Dunne

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"That the Balbriggan Town Commissioners set aside time at their next meeting for a formal and detailed discussion of the proposed redevelopment of the Gallen's Mill Area and its implication for the town". This motion seconded by Commissioner Mullen. The matter to be discussed at the next monthly meeting.

6. Questions

(i) Question Submitted by Commissioner Ned Pyne

"To ask the Manager when will Wavin sign be re-erected?"

Mr. Alan Carthy, Principal Officer said that the contractors have agreed to re-erect the sign before 27th October, 2000.

(ii) Question Submitted by Commissioner Ned Pyne

"To ask Fingal County Council Parks Department to cut back bushes underneath the bridge at Bath Road leading to Tower field" The Town Clerk spoke to Ted Lynch, District Supervisor who will inspect the situation and include on the programme of works.

(iii) Question Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford

"To ask the Manager when will the next phase of Local Authority houses be built in Balbriggan and how many houses will be built?" Mr. Alan Carthy, Principal Officer gave an update and said that an action plan was in the process of being prepared.

7. Other Correspondence

- (i)** Letter dated 18/9/00 from Patrick Tallan & Co. Solicitors regarding 27 Lawless Terrace was circulated and noted.
- (ii)** Forum Report No 18 September 2000 received from The National and Economic and Social Forum is available in office.
- (iii)** Letter dated 4/10/00 from Louise Behan regarding increase in Insurance Indemnity was circulated and the Town Clerk to follow up.
- (iv)** E-Mail dated 29/9/00 from Sonia O'Sullivan was circulated.

8. Tidy Districts Sports, Arts and Cultural Awards

No discussion

9. Any Other Business

- (i)** It was agreed that Standing Orders to be first item on next months agenda.
- (ii)** A vote of thanks was given to Ms. Margaret Wilde for her commitment and hard work in recent months.



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6th October, 2000.


DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an 10 Deireadh Fómhair, 2000 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 10th October, 2000 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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1. Confirmation of Minutes
(i) Minutes of Meeting held on 12/9/00 (circulated herewith)

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4. Cathaoirleach's Business

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8. **Tidy Districts Sports, Arts and Cultural Awards**

9. **Any Other Business**

(i) Standing Orders to be discussed at 9 p.m.

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10th October, 2000

TO EACH MEMBER OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS

A Chara,

I enclose herewith additional correspondence for your information.

- (i) Acknowledgement dated 7/10/00 from Private Secretary, Department of Health & Children regarding motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners at September Meeting (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 6/10/00 from President, Balbriggan & District Chamber of Commerce regarding Parking in Balbriggan (circulated herewith) enclosing copy of letter sent to Mr. William Soffe (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Invitation received from European Commission to attend Conference on More Effective Information & Training in Public Procurement 16/17 November, 2000 (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 5/10/00 received from the Secretary, Country Markets Limited, regarding increased Public Liability Indemnity (circulated herewith)
- (v) Letter of Congratulations dated 6/10/00 received from Pauline O'Hare regarding Tidy Town Awards (already circulated)

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PP Margaret Wilde
YVONNE TOAL,
CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON TUESDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2000.**

Commissioners Present:

Cannon, Mary	Mullen, Mark
Dunne, Larry	Pyne, Ned
Fingleton, Thérèse	Shields, Gertie
Harford, Monica	Tuite, Bredge

Officials Present:

Mr. Alan Carthy, Principal Officer
Mr. David Storey, Town Clerk
Ms. Margaret Wilde F.C.C.

Apologies: Commissioner May McKeon

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Thérèse Fingleton, presided.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) Minutes of Meeting held on 10/10/00 were circulated. Proposed by Commissioner Fingleton and seconded by Commissioner Pyne. Minutes adopted.

It was agreed at the September Meeting that Standing Orders would be the first item discussed. Following lengthy discussion the following amendments were made to the draft standing orders.

That the Cathaoirleach would have a Minute Book which would be available at all future meetings.

10. Commencing time to be changed to 7.30 p.m. and the meeting to conclude at 9.30 p.m.

11. That the Agenda be circulated in such a manner so as to reach Balbriggan Town Commissioners by 4 clear days prior to meeting. In the event of a Special Meeting being convened that a minimum notice of 24 hours be given.

21. To read as follows:

Any member of the Town Commissioners may submit an original motion relevant to the business of the Town Commissioners on giving notice in writing, signed by himself, to the Town Clerk. The latest date for the submission of motions for inclusion on the Agenda for meetings of the Town Commissioners shall be 11 clear days (not including Bank Holidays), before the day of the meeting. Only those Notices of Motion, which are received before close of business of that day, shall appear on the Agenda Paper.

- 50.a To fill any vacancies on any Committee/Bodies or attend any Meetings of Associations, Conferences, or Deputation's that the members chosen to represent the Balbriggan Town Commissioners be chosen in the following manner:

Each nomination must be proposed and seconded.

Each member shall have only 1 vote. Those members achieving the greatest number of votes shall be chosen to represent the Balbriggan Town Commissioners. In the event of equality of votes for position/s The Cathaoirleach shall have the casting vote/s.

56. All documents to be preserved shall be kept and placed in the Archive office of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners, and no documents placed there shall be removed except by the authority of the town Clerk naming the person to whom such authority is given, and specifying the reason for removal, and it shall be the duty of the town Clerk to obtain receipts therefor, and to have such documents returned, and to have the date of such return duly recorded in a book to be kept for that purpose.

Subject to the inclusion of the above amendments the Commissioners will vote at the December Meeting to accept and adopt same.

2. Applications for Hire of Hall

Cllr. Sean Sweeney – every 2nd and 4th Saturday commencing 11/11/00.

This application was approved subject to proof of insurance.

3. Correspondence

(C) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Circular dated 6/10/00 received from Assistant Principal, Department of the Environment & Local Government regarding Public Services Committee of ICTU/Programme for Prosperity and Fairness was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Circular dated 13/10/00 received from Higher Executive Officer, Department of the Environment & Local Government regarding Personal Long Service Increment (LSI) to Pensioners was circulated and noted.
- (iii) Letter dated 25/10/00 received from Minister of State, Department of Public Enterprise regarding a motion on Sellafield adopted by Waterford Corporation was circulated and noted.
- (iv) Acknowledgement dated 27/10/00 received from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Agriculture, Food & Rural Development regarding Electronic Tagging of Cattle was circulated and noted.
- (v) Letter dated 27/10/00 received from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for the Marine & Natural Resources regarding transfer of ownership of Balbriggan Port. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would make further enquiries on this matter.
- (vi) Acknowledgement dated 3/11/00 received from Private Secretary, Department of Health & Children regarding Balbriggan Medical Service was circulated. This item to be discussed under 5. Questions (i).

(A) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Acknowledgement received 11/10/00 from Senior Staff Officer, Roads & Traffic Department regarding various issues was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 25/9/00 received from The Secretary, Fingal Development Board regarding the allocation of places on its County Identity and Transportation Working Groups. (Deferred from October meeting) was circulated. The Town Clerk to make further enquiries and forward letter.

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (iii) Letter dated 24/10/00 received from County Secretary, Clare County Council regarding 12 National Tourism Conference to be held 24/25th November, 2000 in the Falls Hotel, Ennistymon was circulated and noted.
- (iv) Letter dated 11/10/00 received from Town Clerk, Ballyshannon Town Commissioners regarding Establishment of Vocational Town Commissioner Group was circulated. The Town Clerk to write follow up letter.
- (v) Letter dated 16/10/00 received from Area Manager, Bus Eireann regarding the new bus service launched in July was circulated. The Town Clerk to write back and request that official bus stop be designated at the following location in Swords.
 - (vi) Near Woodies at the roundabout.

- (i) Letter dated 25/10/00 received from Hon. Secretary, AMAI regarding Chairman's Expenses was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 18/9/00 received from Hon. Secretary, AMAI enclosing copy of Local Government Bill 2000 was circulated and noted.

The Town Clerk then circulated the following correspondence:
- (i) Letter of appreciation received from the Festival of Arts 2000 Committee was noted
- (ii) Letter dated 9/11/00 received from Action Committee "Doctor or Call Service" requesting follow up meeting was circulated. Following discussion it was agreed to set meeting for Thursday 30th November 2000 at 7.30 p.m.
- (iii) Letter dated 6/11/00, which was sent to Mr. Thomas McManus, Senior Administrative Officer, Roads & Traffic Department, regarding Road Traffic Act Bye Laws/Speed Limits 2000. All Commissioners agreed on these submissions. The Town Clerk to forward same.

3. Motions

(iii) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Larry Dunne

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to introduce restrictions on the size of commercial vehicles, specifically articulated trucks, that are permitted to travel through the town". Commissioner Dunne outlined the background to this motion. Mr. Alan Carthy, Principal Officer gave update on the current situation. Seconded by Commissioner Tuite. Motion Agreed.

(ii) Motion submitted by Commissioner Larry Dunne

"That the Balbriggan Town Commissioners set aside time at their next meeting for a formal and detailed discussion of the proposed redevelopment of the Gallen's Mill Area and its implication for the town". Motion in the name of Commissioner Dunne was not moved.

(iii) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners convene a meeting to give serious consideration to the future of the Town Hall Properties, and that a list of any developers who have shown an interest in its development be contacted forthwith." Commissioner Tuite outlined the background to this motion. Motion seconded by Commissioner Harford. Following discussion it was

agreed that the Town Clerk would set up a meeting with all Commissioners and Mr. David O'Connor, County Architect, to discuss the proposed plans when available from Fingal County Council.

(iv) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields**

"That we Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to complete outstanding work on piping stream and other ancillary drainage works, at Bremore/Tankerville to eliminate serious flooding" Tankerville to be changed to Tankerstown. Commissioner Shields outlined the background to this motion. Motion seconded by Commissioner Fingleton. Commissioner Shields returned plans she had received to The Town Clerk. The Town Clerk to contact the Area Engineer.

(v) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Social, Community and Family Affairs to review the current method of means testing for "Carers Allowance" with a view to accessing an applicant in their own right and not on what their spouse or partner is earning". Commissioner Harford outlined the background to this motion. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tuite. It was agreed that this motion be circulated to all other Local Authorities.

(vi) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht & the Islands that if an application is made by R.T.E. to increase the T.V. Licence Fee by £30/£40 and if it is decided that such a large increase is necessary then this increase be phased over a period of time". Commissioner Harford outlined the background to this motion. Following discussion it was agreed to edit the motion to read as follows "Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht & the Islands that if an application is made by R.T.E. to increase the T.V. Licence Fee by £50, and if such an increase is necessary, that this increase be reduced to a more acceptable level that will not impact on inflation". A written submission to be forwarded to the Minister.

3. Questions

(iii) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields**

"Are the Balbriggan Town Commissioners satisfied with the feed-back from our meeting with the Eastern Regional Health Authority and the Doctors – re Doctor on Call for Balbriggan." Letter of 6/11/00 circulated and following discussion it was agreed to set a meeting for Thursday 30th November 2000 at 7.30 p.m. A request for minutes of the Meeting which was held on 12th November 2000 was made by the Town Clerk on numerous occasion but to no avail. It was agreed that the minutes taken by the Town Clerk are a true and accurate account and that they be adopted as the official minutes of the meeting. All persons who contributed to the Public Meeting to be invited.

(ii) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Thérèse Fingleton**

"Further to my request at the June Meeting, when will the Area Engineer have a progress report on the drainage at Bremore Court/Covetown " The Town Clerk gave a report of his discussion with the Area Engineer.

(iii) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

"To ask the Manager if Fingal County Council will be examining storm damage to rented accommodation with a view to doing necessary repairs to prevent

tenants experiencing such hardships in future"? Mr. Alan Carthy, Principal Officer outlined Fingal County Council procedure regarding this question.

6. **Other Correspondence**

Letter dated 6/11/00 received from Con O'Connor, Solicitor regarding requesting consent to transfer of 10 Gibbons Terrace, Balbriggan was circulated. Approval Noted.

7. **Any Other Business**

Commissioner Larry Dunne

- (i) Requested that Environmental Services clean the drains under the pedestrian Tunnel at Convent Lane.

(ii) **Commissioner Mary Cannon**

Requested that Environmental Services clean under the second tunnel near O'Dwyers football pitch at Bath Road.

(iii) **Commissioner Monica Harford**

That the lane on the left-hand side of Bridgestone be cleared of overgrowth to eliminate rats in this pedestrian area.

(iv) **Commissioner Ned Pyne**

Reported flooding/sewage at McGraths Cottage, Bremore.

When will the Housing List be re-vamped?

Mr. Alan Carthy, Principal Officer said that a meeting will take place on Friday to discuss same and if approved it would be issued in approximately 4 weeks.

If the council had bought the property at 43, Derham Park for shared-ownership ? The Town Clerk to make enquiries.

Meeting Concluded at 10.20p.m.



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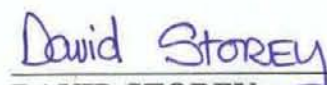
DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Samhaim 14, 2000 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 14th November 2000 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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DAVID STOREY,
CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.

CLÁR

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) Minutes of Meeting held on 10/10/00 (circulated herewith)

It was agreed at the September Meeting that Sanding Orders would be the first item discussed.

2. Applications for Hire of Hall

Cllr. Sean Sweeney – every 2nd and 4th Saturday commencing 11/11/00.

3. Correspondence

- (A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Circular dated 6/10/00 received from Assistant Principal, Department of the Environment & Local Government regarding Public Services Committee of ICTU/Programme for Prosperity and Fairness (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Circular dated 13/10/00 received from Higher Executive Officer, Department of the Environment & Local Government regarding Personal Long Service Increment (LSI) to Pensioners. (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 25/10/00 received from Minister of State, Department of Public Enterprise regarding a motion on Sellafield adopted by Waterford Corporation. (circulated herewith).
- (iv) Acknowledgement dated 27/10/00 received from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Agriculture, Food & Rural Development regarding Electronic Tagging of Cattle (circulated herewith)
- (v) Letter dated 27/10/00 received from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for the Marine & Natural Resources regarding transfer of ownership of Balbriggan Port (circulated herewith)
- (vi) Acknowledgement dated 3/11/00 received from Private Secretary, Department of Health & Children regarding Balbriggan Medical Service (circulated herewith)

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Acknowledgement received 11/10/00 from Senior Staff Officer, Roads & Traffic Department regarding various issues (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 25/9/00 received from The Secretary, Fingal Development Board regarding the allocation of places on its County Identity and Transportation Working Groups. (Deferred from October meeting).

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated 24/10/00 received from County Secretary, Clare County Council regarding 12 National Tourism Conference to be held 24/25th November, 2000 in the Falls Hotel, Ennistymon. (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 11/10/00 received from Town Clerk, Ballyshannon Town Commissioners regarding Establishment of Vocational Town Commissioner Group. (circulated herewith).
- (iii) Letter dated 16/10/00 received from Area Manager, Bus Eireann regarding the new bus service launched in July. (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 25/10/00 received from Hon. Secretary, AMAI regarding Chairman's Expenses. (circulated herewith).
- (v) Letter dated 18/9/00 received from Hon. Secretary, AMAI enclosing copy of Local Government Bill 2000. (circulated herewith).

4. Motions

(i) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Larry Dunne

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to introduce restrictions on the size of commercial vehicles that are permitted to travel through the town". (Motion deferred to November meeting)

(ii) Motion submitted by Commissioner Larry Dunne

"That the Balbriggan Town Commissioners set aside time at their next meeting for a formal and detailed discussion of the proposed redevelopment of

the Gallen's Mill Area and its implication for the town". (Motion deferred from October meeting).

(iii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite**

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners convene a meeting to give serious consideration to the future of the Town Hall Properties, and that a list of any developers who have shown an interest in its development be contacted forthwith."

(iv) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields**

"That we Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County council to complete outstanding work on piping stream and other ancillary drainage works, at Bremore/Tankerville to eliminate serious flooding"

(v) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Social, Community and Family Affairs to review the current method of means testing for "Carers Allowance" with a view to accessing an applicant in their own right and not on what their spouse or partner is earning".

(vi) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht & the Islands that if an application is made by R.T.E. to increase the T.V. Licence Fee by £30/£40 and if it is decided that such a large increase necessary then this increase be phased over a period of time".

5. Questions

(i) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields**

"Are the Balbriggan Town Commissioners satisfied with the feed-back from our meeting with the Eastern Regional Health Authority and the Doctors – re Doctor on Call for Balbriggan."

(ii) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Thérèse Fingleton**

"Further to my request at the June Meeting, when will the Area Engineer have a progress report on the drainage at Bremore Court/Covetown "

(iii) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

"To ask the Manager if Fingal County Council will be examining storm damage to rented accommodation with a view to doing necessary repairs to prevent tenants experiencing such hardships in future"?

6. Other Correspondence

Letter dated 6/11/00 received from Con O'Connor, Solicitors regarding consent to Transfer of 10 Gibbons Terrace, Balbriggan.

7. Any Other Business

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON TUESDAY 12th DECEMBER 2000.**

Commissioners Present: Cannon, Mary Mullen, Mark
Dunne, Larry Pyne, Ned
Fingleton, Thérèse Shields, Gertie
Harford, Monica Tuite, Bredge
May McKeon

Officials Present: Mr. Eugene Quinn, A/Principal Officer
Mr. David Storey, Town Clerk
Ms. Maureen Finn F.C.C.

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Thérèse Fingleton, presided.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) Minutes of Meeting held on 14/11/00 were circulated. Proposed by Commissioner Fingleton and seconded by Commissioner Shields. Minutes adopted.

It was agreed at the November Meeting that Standing Orders be amended. The amended Standing Orders were presented to the Commissioners and proposed by Commissioner Fingleton and seconded by Commissioner Shields.

An Cathaoirleach proposed a note of sympathy in respect of former Commissioner Davis & Family on the death of his mother.

2. Applications for Hire of Hall

No new business under this heading.

3. Correspondence

(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 7/11/00 received from Mary O'Rourke, T.D. Minister for Public Enterprise regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners concerning "accessibility for disabled people" was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 8/11/00 received from Finance Section, Department of the Environment and Local Government regarding Capping of Rate in the Pound Increases in 2001. Following a discussion Commissioner McKeon, Commissioner Harford, Commissioner Fingleton and Commissioner Tuite expressed their delight regarding the 9% increase. Commissioners agreed that the Town Clerk write to Department of the Environment requesting that we receive the proposed increase for next year before the Estimates Meeting 2001. Note to be put on Estimates file.
- (iii) Letter dated 6/11/00 received from Finance Section regarding 2001 Estimates was circulated and noted with above item.

- (iv) Letter dated 27/11/00 received from The Private Secretary, Minister for Social Community and Family Affairs acknowledgement of motion passed at the November Meeting re "Carers Allowance" was circulated and noted.
- (v) Acknowledgement dated 30/11/00 received from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister, Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht and the Islands was circulated and noted.
- (vi) Letter dated 20/11/00 received from the Minister for the Marine and Natural Resources not circulated. Deferred to January meeting.

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Acknowledgement dated 30/11/00 received from Roads & Traffic Department regarding heavy goods vehicles was noted and circulated.

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated 8/11/00 received from P.Power, Assistant Town Clerk, Waterford Corporation regarding resolutions passed concerning Student Mothers was circulated and noted. Town Clerk to clarify details of part (a) of Motion.
- (ii) Letter dated 9/11/00 received from D.F.Curtain, Town Clerk, Wexford Corporation regarding delays in hearing appeals for Social Welfare/Disability Benefit was circulated and noted. Town Clerk requested to write to Corporation.
- (iii) Memorandum received IPA, 17th November 2000 re New System for making applications under the European Union's Twinning Programme for 2001. Commissioners agreed to defer this item to January Meeting. Commissioners requested the Town Clerk to write to previous Town Twinning Committee with regard to re-activating a new Committee.
- (iv) Notification received from I.P.A. regarding Conference to be held Thursday 30th November 2000 in Dublin Castle Conference Centre was circulated and noted.
- (v) Notification received from General Council of County Councils regarding Conference to be held 26/27th January 2001 at the Welcome Inn Hotel, Castlebar, Co. Mayo theme "Councillors as Leaders for Local Development" was circulated and noted.
- (vi) Notification received A.M.A.I. re Spring Seminar 2001 "Update Local Government Bill 2000" to be held in the Brandon Hotel, Tralee, Co. Kerry on 9th and 10th February 2001. Commissioner Pyne to attend. Town Clerk to check funding for second person to attend.

4. Cathaoirleach's Business

- (i) Commissioner Fingleton proposed that the Commissioners hold a monthly meeting with various bodies on the third Monday of each month. Commissioner Pyne seconded this.

5. Motions

(i) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council and the Department of Education to insure that during the North West Balbriggan

Construction Plan that the proposed schools and other amenities be constructed simultaneously with residential construction".

This motion to be amended to read as follows " Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council and the Department of Education to insure that the proposed schools and other amenities be constructed simultaneously with residential construction". After a discussion it was agreed to forward the motion to Fingal County Council.

6. Questions

(i) Question Submitted by Commissioner

No business under this heading.

7. Other Correspondence

Letter dated 9/11/00 received from Strategic Planning Office, regarding Guidelines for the Greater Dublin Area was circulated and noted. Town Clerk to write to Fingal County Council Planning Department requesting that the Commissioners be informed of all the particulars of the plan.

8. Town Twinning.

See C (iii)

9. Any Other Business

(i) Town Clerk

Will advise Commissioners of any future Social Housing Conferences.

(ii) Town Clerk

County & City Development Leaflet was circulated and noted

(iii) Commissioner Tuite

Requested Chamber of Commerce Newsletter be circulated. Town Clerk requested to set up meeting with Fingal County Council, Garda, Chamber of Commerce and Traffic Committee which includes Commissioner Tuite, Commissioner Harford and Commissioner Fingleton to discuss parking problems in Balbriggan.

(iv) Commissioner Harford

Requested Town Clerk to speak to Xmas lights contractor regarding a complaint lodged with the Commissioners.

(v) Commissioner Dunne

Requested that Town Clerk contact the Xmas lights contractor to report nine bulbs out of order.

(vi) Commissioner Tuite

Requested Town Clerk to contact the Traffic Warden regarding people parking in the disabled car parking places.

(vii) Commissioner Shields

Requested that a copy of the Chamber of Commerce Newsletter be sent to the Access Committee.

(viii) Town Clerk

(a) Made clear that if sponsorship monies were not available by 22/12/00 Fireworks Display would be cancelled.

Commissioners requested copy list sent requesting sponsorship.

(b) Commissioner Shields

Asked that posters be displayed requesting donations from the public.

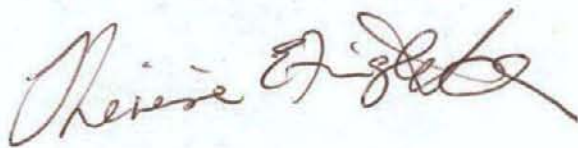
(ix) Commissioner Harford

Presentation to Fr. Freeney to be arranged.

- (x) **Commissioner McKeon**
Requested that all Commissioners receive copy of letter regarding Millennium Fund.
- (xi) **Commissioner Fingleton**
Asked Town Clerk to arrange function for Millennium presentations to Commissioners.
- (xii) **Commissioner Tuite**
Planning Permission FOOA/1074 – Howard Holdings Plc.
Not adhering to planning conditions. Letter to go to Planning Dept, F.C.C.
- (xiii) **Commissioner McKeon**
Town Clerk to write to F.C.C. requesting plans for extension to graveyard.
- (xiv) **Commissioner Cannon**
Town Clerk to write to F.C.C. reporting
 - (a) Ponding at – 47 Hampton Street, Balbriggan (Mrs Maura McKenna)
 - (b) Flooding at Hampton Place
- (xv) **Commissioner McKeon**
Asked that Library Clock be reported out of order.
- (xvi) **Commissioner Fingleton**
Reported compliments on the floodlights
- (xvii) **Commissioner McKeon**
Asked when pelican light will be in place at the Square.

Meeting concluded at 9.00 p.m.

Commissioner Fingleton thanked staff for their co-operation over the year.



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12th December 2000.

DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Nollaig 12, 2000 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 12th December 2000 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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p.p. M. Wilde
DAVID STOREY,
CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.

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1. **Confirmation of Minutes**
 - (i) Minutes of Meeting held on 14/11/00 (circulated herewith)
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3. **Correspondence**
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4. Cathaoirleach's Business

5 Motions

(i) Motion Submitted by Commissioner

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6. Questions

(i) Question Submitted by Commissioner

No business under this heading.

7. Other Correspondence

Letter dated 9/11/00 received from Strategic Planning Office, regarding Guidelines for the Greater Dublin Area. (circulated herewith)

8. Town Twinning.

9. Any Other Business

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON TUESDAY 9th JANUARY 2001.**

Commissioners Present: Cannon, Mary May, McKeon
Dunne, Larry Pyne, Ned
Fingleton, Thérèse Shields, Gertie
Harford, Monica Tuite, Bredge

Officials Present: Mr. Eugene Quinn, A/Principal Officer
Mr. David Storey, Town Clerk
Ms. Margaret Wilde F.C.C.

Apologies: Commissioner Mark Mullen

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Thérèse Fingleton, presided.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) Minutes of Meeting held on 12/12/00 were circulated and adopted subject to the following amendments.

Any Other Business (December 2000)

(xii) **Commissioner Bredge Tuite**

Commissioner Tuite referred to non-compliance of planning conditions with special mention regarding parking spaces within the Balbriggan area. Letter to be forwarded to Fingal County Council highlighting this issue.

(xvi) **Commissioner May McKeon**

To ask Fingal County Council for an up to date report on the Library Clock.

The Amended Minutes were then proposed by Commissioner Fingleton, seconded by Commissioner Shields

2. Applications for Hire of Hall

No new business under this heading.

3. Correspondence

(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 20/11/00 received from the Minister for the Marine and Natural Resources not circulated at December Meeting was circulated. The Town Clerk read a reply from the Minister. Following discussion the Town Clerk to write again to Fingal County Council requesting a copy of feasibility study. Commissioner Shields highlighted the condition of a memorial plaque on the Lighthouse, which is in urgent need of restoration. The Town Clerk to check Balbriggan Town Commissioners records to find out responsibility of same.

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 11/12/00 received from Senior Engineer Roads & Traffic Department regarding Traffic Management in Balbriggan was circulated and noted. A meeting to be arranged later in January.

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated 8/11/00 received from P. Power, Assistant Town Clerk, Waterford Corporation regarding resolutions passed concerning Student Mothers was circulated at December Meeting. At the December meeting part (b) of the Motion was supported and part (a) of the Motion was to be checked with Waterford Corporation, clarification has now been given for part (a) and this is now put to the Commissioners for their support was circulated and agreed.
- (ii) (a) Letter dated 15/12/00 received from Town Clerk, Kilrush Urban District Council regarding motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners 14/11/00 was circulated and noted.
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- (c) Letter dated 21/12/00 received from Acting Town Clerk, Cobh Urban District Council regarding motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners 14/11/00 was circulated and noted.
- (iii) Letter dated 30/11/00 received from Town Clerk, Sligo Corporation regarding motion adopted by its members was circulated and noted.
- (iv) Preliminary Notice received from L.A.M.A. regarding 18th Annual Conference to be held Thursday 19th and Friday 20th April 2001 at the Rochestown Park Hotel, Cork was circulated and noted.
- (v) Letter dated 21/12/00 received from Office of the Minister for Social, Community and Family Affairs regarding letter forwarded by Balbriggan Town Commissioners to Minister on 19/12/00 supporting Motion adopted by Wexford Borough Council was circulated and noted.

4. Cathaoirleach's Business -

Motion Submitted by An Cathaoirleach Therésé Fingleton

- (i) "In view of the Commissioners close association and relationship with St. Patrick's Brass and Reed Band since its formation. I propose that we, Coimisinéirí Bhaile Brígin, sponsor and provide embroidered Balbriggan Town Crests to be worn on the breast pocket of the Band Uniform". Seconded by Commissioner Shields.

Following discussion it was agreed that the unique association of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners with St. Patrick's Brass & Reed Band warranted the approval of the presentation of the Town Crest to all Band Members. A formal presentation to be arranged at a later date.

5. Motions

(i) Motions Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuíte:

- (i) "To quote Minister Michael Martin, the £4,000,000 sanctioned two years ago to pay arrears due to the elderly was diverted for other purposes by the Health Boards. This raises fundamental questions in relation to the public administration of the country, who knowingly

acted outside the law. In view of this, we call on the Minister to instigate, without delay, the diversion of that £4,000,000, which rightfully belongs to nursing home patients and their families".

Seconded by Commissioner Fingleton, Motion unanimously adopted.

- (ii) "Balbriggan Town Commissioners question why the Minister for Environment sanctioned the erection of the 394 foot stainless steel needle as the focal point on the main street of our capital city, when the vast majority of the citizens of the country do not want it. In view of the public opposition to this project the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister to invest the proposed £4 million pounds on the provision of housing for the homeless."

Seconded by Commissioner Dunne, Motion unanimously adopted.

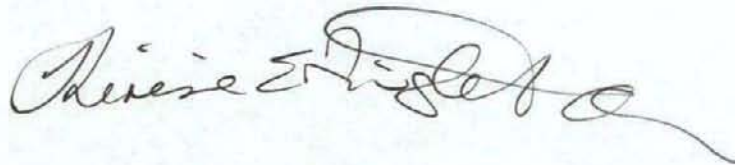
6. Questions

- (i) No Questions Submitted

7. Other Correspondence

The first monthly Deputation's Meeting will be held on Monday 15th January 2001 at 8 o'clock in the Commissioners Rooms. All Commissioners were requested to attend meeting if available.

Meeting Concluded 8.45 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Christine E. Fingleton', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

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2nd January 2001.

DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

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I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 9th January 2001 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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David Storey
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6. Questions

(i) **No Questions submitted.**

7. Other Correspondence.

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON TUESDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2001.**

Commissioners Present: Cannon, Mary Mullen, Mark
Dunne, Larry Pyne, Ned
Fingleton, Thérèse Shields, Gertie
Harford, Monica Tuite, Bredge
McKeon, May

Officials Present: Mr. Eugene Quinn, A/Principal Officer
Mr. David Storey, Town Clerk
Mr. David O'Connor, County Architect
Ms. Susan Murphy, Clerical Officer

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Thérèse Fingleton presided.

At the outset of the meeting Mr. Quinn apologised on behalf of County Manager, Mr. W. Soffe for non attendance at meeting which was due to unavoidable circumstances. He hoped to attend the Commissioners next meeting.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) Minutes of Meeting held on 9/1/01 were circulated, proposed by the Cathaoirleach, seconded by Commissioner Shields and adopted.

(ii) Town Hall Redevelopment

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. David O'Connor, County Architect. Mr. O'Connor presented the Commissioners with plans for the redevelopment of the Town Hall, which consists of a new civic property, auditorium, library extension, courtyard, retail units and apartments.

He informed the Commissioners that the project would take approximately 2 years to complete and agreed to present revised plans to the Commissioners at a special meeting to be held on 27th February, 2001 at 7.30 p.m. in the Commissioners Rooms. It was also agreed that the Manager contact the Commissioners legal advisor seeking clarification on various matters.

2. Applications for Hire of Hall

No new business under this heading.

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(D) Conferences

Commissioner Pyne reported on the recent AMAI conference that both himself and Commissioner Tuite attended and circulated information regarding the Direct Vote Recording and Electronic Vote Counting.

4. Cathaoirleach's Business

No new business under this heading.

5. Motions

(i) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields

"That we Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to supply us with an update on the Sewerage Treatment Plant and a possible date for its completion, in view of the recent application by developers at Flemington and the area North West of same"

Proposed by Commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner McKeon and agreed.

Following discussion it was agreed to write to Fingal County Council as a matter of urgency.

(ii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Mary Cannon**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Justice to ensure that proper probation services are provided for young offenders following their release from detention/prison to assist them with their re-introduction back into the general community"

Proposed by Commissioner Cannon, seconded by Commissioner McKeon and following discussion agreed to amend the above motion to read as follows:

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Justice to ensure that proper probation services are provided for young offenders from the Balbriggan area following their release from detention/prison to assist them with their re-introduction back into the general community"

(iii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Larry Dunne**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call upon Fingal County Council to remove Loughbarn from the list of locations being considered as a sight for a proposed dump."

Proposed by Commissioner Dunne, seconded by Commissioner Harford and following discussion agreed.

(iv) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Thérèse Fingleton**

"Coimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín call on Fingal County Council to consider keeping the public counter of the Planning Office open one evening a week (at least until 7.30 p.m.) for the sole purpose of inspecting planning application files."

Proposed by Commissioner Fingleton, seconded by Commissioner McKeon and following discussion agreed.

(v) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Education and all Teachers Unions to ensure that all future strike action does not interfere in any way with the supervision of exams, the marking of exam papers or the everyday teaching of pupils."

Proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner McKeon. Following discussion the motion was put to a vote with 5 Commissioners voting for the motion, 3 against and 1 abstaining. The motion was therefore carried.

(vi) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner May McKeon**

"Balbriggan Town Commission call on Fingal County Council's Planning Department to make a condition on Planning Application F00A/1464 that site works do not commence until Naul Roads are upgraded, the Balbriggan/Skerries Sewerage Treatment Scheme is completed, the inadequate electricity power supply upgraded to accommodate the present and future additional demands, the location of the open space referred to in this plan be relocated to an area on Naul Road so that the amenity is central and can be enjoyed by all of the Balbriggan community, and that permission be granted subject to policy recommendations on 'Balbriggan Integrated Development Framework - A New Town A New Vision' Report August 2000."

Proposed by Commissioner McKeon, seconded by Commissioner Harford and following discussion agreed.

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"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners, call on Fingal County Council to clarify the present position of lands at St. Mologa's restoration site shown

on the Draft Development Plan as "open space", at present in the ownership of the St. Laurence O'Toole Trust, for Church and Presbytery."

Proposed by Commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner Fingleton and following discussion agreed.

(viii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Larry Dunne**

"Taking into account the projected growth of Balbriggan, the Commissioners call upon Fingal Council to ensure that proper provision be made for the construction of a secondary school and that this be included as part of any future development plan for the town."

Proposed by Commissioner Dunne, seconded by Commissioner Fingleton and following discussion agreed. It was also agreed to write to the Minister for Education and Science.

(ix) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Health and Children to have all asylum seekers vaccinated against Polio, TB, Rubella, etc. prior to placing them in our schools."

Proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner McKeon and following discussion agreed.

(x) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Larry Dunne**

The Commissioners call on Fingal Council to take action to ensure that the grave yard is not used by groups for drinking and other undesirable purposes."

Proposed by Commissioner Dunne, seconded by Commissioner Tuite and following discussion agreed. Following further discussion it was agreed to put this matter on the agenda of the Commissioners deputation with the Gardai and quarterly meeting with Fingal County Council. It was also agreed to discuss the expansion of the graveyard with Fingal County Council.

6. Questions

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"Will the Manager advise the Commissioners when funding will be received from Dublin Corporation for the relocation of Balbriggan Fire Brigade from its present location at Chapel Street to the site allocated on the Inner Relief Road as the present site at Chapel Street is zoned for development?"

Reply

Fingal County Council have been advised by Dublin Corporation who operate the fire service in the Fingal area on an agency basis that the proposed site at the Inner Relief Road is not suitable.

An alternative site is at present being looked at in partnership with the North Eastern Area Health Board who also want to provide an ambulance service for the area.

100% funding for approved fire stations is provided by the Department of the Environment.

Following discussion it was agreed to write to the Department of Environment and Local Government seeking an update on the matter.

(ii) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Larry Dunne**

"When is it the intention of the Council to clear the drains at the subway leading to the beach at the end of Convent Lane?"

Reply

Mr. Maurice McDonough, Administrative Officer, Environmental Services Department, Fingal County Council has advised that the drains at this location will be cleaned within the next few weeks.

(iii) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

"What is the latest update on the removal of the wrecks from Balbriggan Harbour?"

Reply

At present, ownership, control and management of the harbour at Balbriggan lies with the Dublin Port Company (formerly the Dublin Port and Docks Board). Consequently, the removal of wrecks from the harbour are a matter for that company rather than the Council.

There is a proposal in the Harbours Act, 1996 whereby ownership of this harbour will be transferred from the Dublin Port Company to Fingal County Council. The transfer of such ownership has not as yet been effected. Pending such transfer responsibility remains with the Dublin Port Company.

Following reply from the Town Clerk Commissioner Harford requested the Town Clerk to write to Dublin Port and Docks Company seeking an update.

(iv) **Question Submitted by Commissioner May McKeon**

"Can the Town Clerk explain to the meeting why when Commissioner McKeon requested the standing orders be suspended in order to discuss a very important issue at the January meeting he said - 'It will depend on what the issue is'?"

Reply

At the Balbriggan Town Commissioners meeting of 9th January 2001, Standing Orders for Balbriggan Town Commissioners were introduced.

Commissioner McKeon requested a suspension of Standing Orders at approx. 8.30 p.m.

Standing Order No. 56 states: Suspension of Standing Orders

"Any Standing Order or Standing Orders may, at any time by consent of not less than three-fourths of the members present at the Meeting of the Town Commissioners, such Meeting consisting of not less than one-half of the members of the whole Town Commissioners then present, be suspended, on a motion duly made, for the purpose of any specific business then before the Town Commissioners and defined in the Suspensory Motion, save that no such Motion may be made until one hour after the commencement of business, or at the conclusion of the business, whichever is the earlier."

This clearly defines the manner in which Standing Orders can be suspended.

At the January Meeting Commissioner McKeon was asked by the Cathaoirleach on three separate occasions her reason for suspension of Standing Orders.

Commissioner McKeon refused to state her reason for suspension of Standing Orders.

(v) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Larry Dunne**

"When is it envisaged by the Council that the Local Town Bus Service will be introduced for Balbriggan?"

Reply

The Draft Area Action Plan for Balbriggan has recently been on public display.

At present the Planners of Fingal County Council are reviewing the submissions made by the public.

The Action Plan is due to go to the Area Committee and to the full Council in the near future (April/May) for adoption.

Once the Action Plan is adopted, it is envisaged that the bus routes for the Balbriggan area will be introduced as one of the first items of the plan, subject to funding.

Fingal County Council Planners are having ongoing discussions with Bus Eireann in relation to this matter.

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"Will the Town Clerk produce minute of meeting when Town Commission members agreed to deduct £1,000 (cost of refurbishing chain of office) from £5,000 grant received from Fingal County Council on request/application of Commissioner McKeon Cathaoirleach 1999/2000 and sanctioned by County Manager, Mr. Soffe for agreed expenditure?"

Reply

The members of Balbriggan Town Commission were advised by Commissioner McKeon that funding would be available from National Irish Bank for the refurbishment of the Cathaoirleach's chain of office.

The refurbishment was undertaken at a cost of £1000. Following our request to the Bank for payment of this amount Cathaoirleach Thérèse Fingleton received a letter from the Bank refusing our request for funding for the chain.

This left the Balbriggan Town Commissioner's with a bill of £1000 on its accounts to be paid from their own resources.

This matter was raised at the pre Estimates Meeting of Tuesday 17th October 2000.

It was suggested at that meeting that the cost of the chain might go against a grant to be received from Fingal County Council in relation to a Millennium Fund. As this grant has now been received, it is intended to charge this expenditure against the Millennium Grant.

In future no expenditure for any item will be allowed without prior approval.

Following reply from the Town Clerk it was agreed to write to National Irish Bank to clarify that a new chain of office had not been purchased by the Commissioners but that the old one had actually been refurbished and to seek funding for this item.

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8. Balbriggan Town Commissioners Community Grant Scheme 2001

Commissioners McKeon, Tuite and Shields spoke against the introduction of this scheme as grants are readily available to community groups from various bodies within Fingal. The introduction of such a scheme could lead to a duplication of funding to some organisations. It was agreed to discuss the millennium grant further at the March meeting.

It was agreed that the meeting be extended by 15 minutes to enable completion of agenda and discussion of documentation presented by Commissioner Tuite after her attendance at recent AMAI Conference.

Commissioner Tuite circulated information regarding the Local Government Bill and suggested that the Town Clerk write to the Chairperson of the AMAI Executive Committee calling on him to convene a meeting of the Cathaoirleachs of each UDC and Town Commissioners in order to discuss the Bill in detail. Commissioners were requested to read the report in full and submit their observations to the Town Clerk prior to letter being sent to AMAI.

9. St. Patrick's Day Parade

To be discussed at deputation's meeting on 19th February, 2001.

The meeting concluded at 9.45 p.m.

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8th February 2001.


DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Feabhra 13, 2001 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 13th February 2001 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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Meeting with various bodies to take place on Monday 19/2/01

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD
ON TUESDAY 13th MARCH 2001.**

Commissioners Present:

Cannon, Mary	Mullen, Mark
Dunne, Larry	Pyne, Ned
Fingleton, Thérèse	Shields, Gertie
Harford, Monica	Tuite, Bredge
McKeon, May	

Officials Present:

Mr. William Soffe, County Manager
Mr. Eugene Quinn, Principal Officer
Mr. David Storey, Town Clerk
Mr. David O'Connor, County Architect
Ms. Frances Power, F.C.C. Architects Dept.
Ms. Margaret Wilde, F.C.C.

An Cathaoirleach welcomed the Manager and the County Architect and Staff to the Meeting. On behalf of the Commission Mr. Eugene Quinn was congratulated on his recent promotion to Corporate Affairs.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) Minutes of Meeting held on 13/2/01 were circulated. Subject to the inclusion of the following amendments:

Motions (I) Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite

"That we Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform to abolish forthwith the practice of discriminating against married women who are not in receipt of any welfare payments and who want to return to the work force through the C.E. scheme network"

Proposed by An Cathaoirleach and seconded by Commissioners Harford and Dunne.

(ii) **Town Hall Redevelopment**

Mr. David O'Connor presented three draft copies of his report on Development Strategies for the Property at the Town Hall, Hamilton Hall, Commissioners' offices and associated properties at George's Square, Balbriggan. Many questions were raised by the Commission. Mr. O'Connor gave clarification on various items including legal matters regarding title of deeds, exact wording in the text regarding custodians, and following discussion it was unanimously agreed that the outlined report was excellent and was endorsed by the Commission. Mr. O'Connor and Ms. Power were congratulated by An Cathaoirleach on behalf of the Commission their commitment to the project. Commissioner Tuite proposed that when the development is completed that Mr. O'Connor should have a hall named in his honour. One copy to be available in office but not for public display until finalised.

The Manager suggested that initially the Chamber of Commerce and similar interested groups be invited to inspect the finalised report.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that Ms. Mary Arnold, Solicitor was unable to attend the meeting but she would check ownership/ title of deeds and present them to the office within the next few days.

The Manager expected to commence mid May 2001. Mr. O' Connor said that the plans would be put on display within the next two weeks.

Mr. O'Connor and Ms. Power were then excused. Commissioner Mullen also requested to be excused.

2. Applications for Hire of Hall

No new business under this heading.

3. Correspondence

(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Circular dated 31/1/01 received from the Principal Officer, Housing, Rents and Tenure Section, Department of the Environment and Local Government regarding Childcare Facilities in Local Authority & Social Housing Projects was circulated and noted.
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(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

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- (iii) Letter dated 19/02/01 addressed to The Minister, Department for the Environment and Local Government received from Leixlip Town Commissioners regarding lack of provision for increased powers for Town Commissioners in the current local Government Bill 2000 was circulated and noted. Commissioner Tuite asked for permission to discuss this item at close of business. Permission granted.
- (iv) Letter dated 19/1/01 from Town Clerk, Castleblayney Urban District Council regarding motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and noted.

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No business under this heading.

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No business under this heading.

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NOTE – The A.M.A.I. have lobbied the Minister on this issue but to no avail."

Seconded by Commissioner Fingleton, Motion unanimously adopted. Minutes to be amended to include revised motion. Town Clerk to forward letter to Minister.

(ii) **Motion submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

"That we Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for the Environment and local Government to extend the First time buyers grant only available to buyers of new houses to those buying second hand houses."

Seconded by Commissioner Tuite and unanimously adopted. Motion to be forwarded to all Local Authorities.

6. **Questions**

(i) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

"Have Fingal County Council any plans to provide renting tenants with only one or two fireplaces as means of heating a whole house with proper heating.

Reply: Mr. Soffe explained that the Councils programme which commenced in 2000 is unfortunately limited as there is no government funding available.

Following discussion it was agreed that this question be presented at the April meeting in the form of a motion to be submitted by Commissioner Harford.

Report: The Town Clerk circulated the following report from Mr. Maurice McDonagh in relation to development/construction at the front beach.

Reply:

Clonmel Enterprises have been contracted by Iarnród Eireann to provide wheelchair access to the Railway Station. Regarding the temporary fencing – they have been given permission by Fingal County Council to work on land outside of Iarnród Eireann property in order to achieve this.

Local Government Bill 2000

Commissioner Tuite presented a submission to the meeting in relation to the above. It was unanimously agreed that a working group be formed to present a submission of behalf of the Commission. The Town Clerk to inform the Minister by fax on Friday 16th March 2001. An Cathaoirleach requested a copy of the fax to be forwarded to her. The Commissioner to phone comments to office.

An Cathaoirleach thanked all present for their attendance.

Meeting concluded 9.00 p.m.

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DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

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- (iv) Letter dated 19/1/01 from Town Clerk, Castleblayney Urban District Council regarding motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners (circulated herewith)

(D) Conferences

4. Cathaoirleach's Business

5. Motions

(i) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite

"That we Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Equality and Law Reform to have the practice of discriminating against married women who are not in receipt of any welfare payments and who want to return to the work force through the C.E. scheme network abolished forthwith –

NOTE – The A.M.A.I. have lobbied the Minister on this issue but to no avail."

(ii) Motion submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford

"That we Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for the Environment and local Government to extend the First time buyers grant only available to buyers of new houses to those buying second hand houses."

6. Questions

(i) Question Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford

"Have Fingal County Council any plans to provide renting tenants with only one or two fireplaces as means of heating a whole house with proper heating."

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD
ON TUESDAY 10th April 2001.**

Commissioners Present:

Cannon, Mary	Mullen, Mark
Dunne, Larry	Pyne, Ned
Fingleton, Thérèse	Shields, Gertie
Harford, Monica	Tuite, Bredge
McKeon, May	

Officials Present:

Mr. Eugene Quinn, Principal Officer
Mr. David Storey, Town Clerk
Ms. Margaret Wilde F.C.C.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) Minutes of Meeting held on 13/3/01 were circulated.
Proposed Commissioner Fingleton, Seconded by Commissioner Shields.

2. Applications for Hire of Hall

No new business.

3. Correspondence

(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 6/3/01 received from Minister for Health & Children, regarding asylum seekers and vaccinations circulated and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 26/3/01 from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Environment and Local Government regarding Local Government Bill circulated and noted.
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(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 5/3/01 received from Senior Administrative Officer, Planning Department, regarding Planning Application FOOA/1464 was circulated and noted. Commissioner McKeon highlighted the importance of this matter.
- (ii) Letter dated 6/3/01 received from Senior Planner, Planning Department regarding provision of Secondary School for future Development was circulated and following discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk would write letter.
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- (i) Letter dated 16/3/01 received from B. White, Hon. Secretary, A.M.A.I. enclosing copy of National Roads Authority's "Review 2000 and Programme for 2001 Report" (report available in office) was circulated and noted.
- (ii) **Commissioner Shields** requested to refer to correspondence received from Longford Urban District Council and circulated at March Meeting. The Town Clerk read the motion. Proposed by Commissioner Shields and agreed. Letter of support to follow.

(D) Conferences

- (i) Letter dated 22/2/01 from LAMA regarding 18th Annual Conference to be held in Rochestown Park Hotel, Rochestown, Cork on 19th/20th April, 2001 was circulated and following discussion it was agreed to send two delegates. Commissioner Dunne proposed Commissioner Harford, 2nd by Commissioner Pyne. By agreement An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Fingleton will also attend.

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"That we Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for the Environment to retain the name and identity of which we are justly proud – That of Town Commissioners – with extra powers of responsibility for our own electoral area." Seconded by Commissioner Fingleton. Motion Passed.

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"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Environment to provide Fingal County Council with the necessary finance needed to install central heating in all rented accommodation with only one or two fireplaces as a means of heating the entire house." Seconded by Commissioner Shields. Amend text to read as follows: "Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for

Environment to provide Fingal County Council with the necessary finance needed to install central heating in all local authority rented accommodation as a means of heating the entire house." Seconded by Commissioner Shields. Motion Passed. C.C. to all Local Authorities.

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"Balbriggan Town Commission examine the feasibility of occupying the available rooms of the court house premises during the redevelopment of the Town Hall property." Seconded by Commissioner Tuite. Motion Passed. This matter to be examined further.

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6. **Questions**

(i) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite**

"When are Fingal County Council installing the pedestrian beacon at the Square, as the situation has become dangerous for drivers and pedestrians alike?"

Reply:

The Roads Department have advised the Town Clerk that a special bracket adapter had to be manufactured to allow for the fixing of the Pedestrian Beacon to the column used for flood lighting the Courthouse. The fitting is now available and L.E. Electrical Ltd., expect to complete installation of the beacon by the end of next week.

(ii) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields**

"When does the County Council Drainage Department intend to do something to unblock the drain near the Inner Relief Road between Tara Court and County Council new housing scheme – to prevent water running down the walk way onto Clonard Road junction?"

Reply:

In relation to the un-blocking of the drain near the Inner relief Road between Tara Court and The County Council's new housing scheme, I advise that I have referred this matter for investigation to the Senior Executive Engineer for drainage maintenance who has confirmed to me that the matter will be investigated with a view to identifying the problem and for its resolution as may be appropriate in the light of his investigations. Mr. Eugene Quinn Principal Officer to speak to Director of Services for Water and Drainage.

(iii) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

"To ask the manager for an update report on the proposed new fire station for Balbriggan?"

Reply:

As regards the new Fire Station for Balbriggan, I have been in touch with the Corporation who advise that a firm of Architects are working on outlining plans

for the Station as present. This proposal is at an early date. It will be necessary to obtain planning permission and also to make a submission to the Department of the Environment and Local Government with a view to the approval of the plan and the securing of the necessary grant to finance the Project.

Commissioner Shields stated that this prime site under Urban Renewal cannot be developed until this matter has been resolved. Commissioner McKeon suggested that strong recommendations be made to the Corporation. Commissioner Harford suggested that this matter be brought to the attention of the Steering Committee of Urban Renewal. The Town Clerk to clarify if the Steering Committee is a limited company. Mr. Eugene Quinn to raise this matter with the Planning Department on 10th April 2000.

Urban Renewal update to be included on May Agenda.

(iv) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields**

"When will action be taken to unblock drains under Railway Bridge at Convent Lane?"

Reply:

In relation to the un-blocking of the drain under the railway bridge at Convent Lane, I have been in touch with the Senior Executive Engineer for drainage maintenance who advise that this drain will be cleared shortly. The Council's Water Pollution Officer has already been in touch with Iarnrod Eireann regarding presence of some diesel oil in the water in this drain. This aspect will be followed up by the Water Pollution Officer with Iarnrod Eireann.

Commissioner Dunne referred to reply of 13th February which stated that the work would be commenced within a few weeks. Commissioner Tuite requested a work schedule. The Town Clerk to enquire about exact date of commencement of works. Mr. Eugene Quinn Principal Officer, to contact Mr. Douglas Hyde, Director of Services, Water and Drainage.

(v) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

"To ask the Manager what road works have been carried out to date in Balbriggan from the programme of works on non-national roads for 2000?"

Reply:

The following works at Balbriggan were provided for in the Programme of Works on non-national roads for 2000.

1.	Bremore Court (15/22) Balbriggan – construct road	£30,000
2.	Fancourt Lane Balbriggan – resurface	£10,000
3.	Clonard Street – retaining wall and footpath	£ 5,000
4.	Hampton Cove – reconstruct footpaths	£ 6,000
5.	St. Paul's Crescent – reconstruct footpaths	£ 5,000
6.	Craobhin Park – reconstruct footpaths	£ 6,000
7.	Bremore/Cove Town – resurface road	£ 5,000
8.	Old NI Golf Club to Balrothery – reconstruct footpath	£10,000
9.	Market Green – surface restoration	£10,500
10.	County Bridge/Derham Park – fit 3 new 55w sox lantern on existing ESB poles	£ 540

11.	Curran Park – erect new column with 55w sox lantern	£ 1,250
12.	Tara Cove – upgrade 12 lights with 55 w sox lanterns	£ 2,200
13.	School Lane – fit 1 new 55w sox lantern on existing ESB pole.	£ 180
14.	Mercury light – replacement programme (110 lights)	£16,200

The works referred to above have been carried out with the exception of item Nos. 1 and 11. In regard to the proposed construction of a new section of road fronting 15/22 Bremlere Court it was not possible to assign staff to complete the detailed design for this section of road due to the extensive traffic management schemes programme approved for the year 2000 including the Quality Bus Corridors Schemes for Blanchardstown and Swords. The Balbriggan /Swords Area Committee of the County Council has requested that when the design for the road is prepared that a further report be submitted to a future meeting of the committee. Due to the very many competing demands on the engineering resources of the Roads and Traffic Department it has not been possible to assign staff to the completion of the design for this section of road.

The public lighting at the section of Curran Park where it was intended to install a new public lighting column has been re-examined by the Council's Public Lighting Engineers. The Public Lighting Section considers that the only other suitable location for a new column is at the boundary between house Nos. 10 and 11. If the householders at this location submit written confirmation to the provision of a new column arrangements will be made to have the work carried out.

In regard to the mercury lights replacement programme this is being undertaken by the ESB on a country wide patrol basis as replacements are required.

In addition road improvements works were also carried out at Tanners Water Lane, Balrothery.

(vi) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

"To ask the Manager, Cathaoirleach and Town Clerk that in the event of our monthly meetings finishing before the specified time, the remaining time be used to discuss local issues of recent importance?"

Reply:

In reference to the Question submitted by Commissioner Harford, any member of the Commission may request a suspension of Standing Orders to raise any issue subject to majority agreement of the members.

Following closure of business at Statutory Monthly Meeting, members are free to discuss any issues of importance. Any recommendation from the Commission following on from informal discussion may be brought to the attention of the Town Clerk.

Commissioner Shields requested to speak to the Town Clerk regarding the development at the front Beach.

" Is the work being monitored by Fingal County Council?

Reply:

The Town Clerk to contact the Environment Services Department for further information.

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- (iii) Acknowledgement Letter dated 21/3/01 from K. Boland regarding recent bereavement was circulated and noted.

Meeting concluded 9.00 p.m.

Cherise E. H. O'Connell
08 May 2001

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4th April 2001.

DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Aibreán 10, 2001 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 10th April 2001 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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Susan Murphy
P.P. DAVID STOREY,
CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.

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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON TUESDAY 8th May 2001.**

Commissioners Present: Cannon, Mary Dunne, Larry
 Fingleton, Thérèse Harford, Monica
 Tuite, Bredge McKeon, May
 Pyne, Ned

Officials Present: Mr. Eugene Quinn, Principal Officer
 Mr. David Storey, Town Clerk
 Ms. Maureen Finn F.C.C.

Apologies: Commissioner Mark Mullen
 Commissioner Gertie Shields

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Thérèse Fingleton, presided.

An Cathaoirleach proposed a vote of sympathy in respect of Councillor Sean Sweeney and Family on his recent sudden death. Commissioners expressed a vote of sympathy for Councillor Sean Sweeney.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) Minutes of Meeting held on 10/4/01 were circulated.
Proposed Commissioner Fingleton, Seconded by Commissioner Pyne and adopted.

2. Applications for Hire of Hall

No new business.

3. Correspondence

(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Circular dated 28/3/01 received from Higher Executive Officer, Department of the Environment and Local Government, regarding Revision of Remuneration – 30th Pay Round Phase 2 was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 29/3/01 received from Private Secretary, Department of the Environment and Local Government, regarding the New House Grant was circulated and noted. Commissioner Harford called for a further letter to be sent to the Minister.

- (iii) Circular dated 6/4/01 received from Local Government Personnel, Department of the Environment and Local Government, regarding Travelling Expenses was circulated and noted.
- (iv) Letter dated 30/3/01 received from the Private Secretary, Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform, acknowledging letter dated 27/3/01, regarding discrimination against married women from joining the CE Scheme was circulated and noted.
- (v) Notification dated 10th April 2001 received from Department of Foreign Affairs regarding Treaty of Nice – White Paper (copies available in office) circulated and noted.

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter and enclosure from Maurice McDonagh, Water & Drainage Dept., Fingal County Council dated 20th April 2001 regarding Balbriggan Town Commissioners' request for copy of Consultant's Report prepared for the Dublin Port Company was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Faxed letter dated 11th April 2001 addressed to Director of Services, Water & Drainage Dept. from Eugene Quinn, Head of Corporate Services Fingal County Council regarding two questions raised at April monthly meeting relating to unblocking of drains at Tara Court/Clonard Road junction and also at Convent Lane was circulated and noted. Town Clerk and Eugene Quinn advised they had spoken with Fingal County Council and was assured that this work will be carried out in the near future.
- (iii) Notification received from Planning Department, Fingal County Council regarding Section 20 of The Local Government (Planning & Development) Act 2000 relating to lands at Balrothery & Castlelands notice and maps was circulated and noted.
- (iv) Notification received from P. Caulfield, Senior Executive Office, Fingal County Council regarding Balbriggan Innter Relief Road Phase III Dublin Road to Skerries Road notice was circulated and noted – maps on display in office.

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated 19/04/01 received from Town Clerk, Kilrush Urban District Council regarding motion passed by Kilrush Urban District Council was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Following letters received in support of motion regarding extension of First Time Buyers Grant passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners at March monthly meeting:-
 - Letter dated 10/4/01 received from Town Clerk, Carrickmacross Urban District Council was circulated and noted.
 - Letter dated 11/4/01 received from, Town Clerk, Bantry Town Commissioners was circulated and noted.
 - Letter dated 19/04/01 received from Town Clerk, Kilrush Urban District Council was circulated and noted.
 - Letter dated 26/04/01 received from Acting Town Clerk, Ballina Urban District Council was circulated and noted.

(D) Conferences

- (i) Letter dated 24/04/01 received from A.M.A.I. regarding Annual Conference 2001 to be held in the Holiday Inn, Letterkenny, County Donegal on 13th/15th

September 2001 was circulated and noted.
It was agreed to be put on next months agenda.

4. Cathaoirleach's Business

5. Urban Renewal Update.

Reply:

Fingal County Council has advised that the Town Clerk that the Planner dealing with this item has been unavailable during the last week. Liam McGlynn, Senior Executive Officer has informed the Town Clerk, that the matter will be dealt with in the near future and a report will be sent onto the Members as soon as possible.

6. Redevelopment of Town Hall.

- (i) Letter dated 8/5/01 received from Fingal County Council, Architects Department, Senior Executive Architect, outlining up to date details of the Balbriggan Town Hall Development. Circulated and noted.
It was agreed to put this item on next months Agenda.

Town Clerk to arrange a Special Meeting to be held 21/5/01 at 8.00 p.m.

7. Motions:-

(i) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Larry Dunne:-**

"That the Standing Orders presently in force at meetings of the Commissioners' be amended to include the provision of a specified time slot (duration of which to be decided upon by the Commissioners) during which matters not on the formal Agenda may be raised".

Proposed by Commissioner Dunne, seconded by Commissioner Harford.

It was agreed that the wording of Standing Orders be amended.

Members to be given 30 minutes at their Monthly Meeting with 1 item per Commissioner allowed for discussion on items of importance.

Eugene Quinn to come back with proposal.

(ii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Mary Cannon:-**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to provide a disabled bay outside the Senior Citizen's premises on High Street". Motion amended as follows -

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to provide a set down bay outside the Senior Citizen's premises on High Street".

Amended motion was proposed by Commissioner Cannon. Seconded by Commissioner Fingleton and following discussion agreed.

Town Clerk to send letter to Fingal County Council requesting same.

(ii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford:-**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Health & Children to provide Balbriggan with an evening/night doctor and surgery service to replace that which was removed by the Northern Area Health Board".

Proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner Tuite. Following discussion agreed.

Town Clerk to send letter of protest to Minister for Health & Children, N.A.H.B. and local Doctors. Also to arrange a further meeting with N.A.H.B, Mr. Michael Walsh, and Doctors for the Balbriggan Area.

8. Questions

(i) Question Submitted by Commissioner Ned Pyne

"To ask the Manager when will the signs for Ashfield Estate and Fullam Green Flats be erected?"

Reply:

(a) Ashfield Estate:-

Fingal County Council, Roads Department have confirmed that Ashfield Estate has not yet been taken in charge. It is a matter for the Builder to erect a sign at this location.

Town Clerk to request Fingal County Council to have estate taken in charge and have signs erected, or to request Fingal County Council to take enforcement proceedings against the Builder.

(b) Fullam Green Flats:-

Fingal County Council, Housing Department have confirmed that quotes for signs are at present being sought from suppliers. This shall be erected as soon as possible.

Town Clerk to sent letter to Housing requesting time frame for this work.

(ii) Question Submitted by Commissioner Larry Dunne:-

"When will the tree planting undertaken recently in Fancourt Heights be completed?"

Reply:

Colm Morris from Ardgillen confirmed that the tree planting programme has been completed for this year. They have put some trees in at the front of Fancourt Heights and on the grass margin and that is all that will be planted until Autumn.

(iii) Question Submitted by Commissioner May McKeon:-

"To ask the Manager what is the up to date position on urban renewal for Balbriggan?"

Question answered with item No. 5.

(iv) Question Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford:-

"To ask the Manager what are the reasons for the large number of applications for transfers from Pinewood on the Balbriggan Housing list who are not downsizing or looking for bigger accommodation (this does not include the priority cases)?"

Reply:

The Housing Department have advised the Town Clerk, that this matter would necessitate detailed investigation for which proper resources are not available. The Housing Department have stated, however that each application for transfer is looked at on it's individual merits.

Eugene Quinn advised that consultation with various bodies were taken into consideration to housing transfers.

(v) Question Submitted by Commissioner Ned Pyne

"To ask the Manager about Traffic Calming measures for Hampton Street, Balbriggan?" This matter was raised at the February 2000 meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners. Commissioner Pyne then requested that traffic calming on this street be included in the Councils list of priority for year 2000.

Reply:

This matter was raised with the Roads Department. They confirmed that no funds are available in the Estimates for 2001 for these works.

Town Clerk to write letter to Fingal County Council requesting inclusion of works for this year

(vi) **Question Submitted by Commissioner May McKeon:-**

"To ask the Manager what is the up to date position on the redevelopment of the Town Hall property?"

Question answered with item No. 6.

(vi) **Question Submitted by Commissioner May McKeon:-**

"At present Fingal County Council are accommodating Iarnrod Eireann by allowing them to use the beach on a temporary basis while work is being carried out on the Railway Station – when can we expect the beach to be returned to it's original state?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council has been advised by the Contractor that the Contractor that work on this particular project was delayed due to the fact that the ESB had to carry out some minor works at this location. The contractor will completed the works by mid-July.

Town Clerk to request letter of commitment from Fingal County Council.

9. Other Correspondence

- (i) Letter dated 9/4/01 received from Secretary, Balbriggan Senior Citizen's Centre, regarding their centre on High Street was circulated and noted.

Town Clerk to reply to Senior Citizen's letter advising that this item had been discussed at the Monthly Meeting and to enclose copy letter sent to FCC.

- (ii) Letter dated 18th/04/01 received from Fiona O'Loughlin, Special Olympics World Games Ireland 2003 regarding launch of Host Town Programme was circulated and noted.

Town Clerk to send letter to BOI, contact Fiona McLoughlin, proposing Balbriggan as a host town. Draft letter with T. Fingleton.

- (iii) Letter dated 2/5/01 from G. L. McGowan Solicitors, requesting consent to proceed with the mortgaging of 15 Hampton Street, Balbriggan.
Circulated and noted.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk write and give this permission.

- (iv) Report from Transportation SPC's working group was circulated by Commissioner Harford.

- (v) Letter dated 30/4/01 from Bracken Court Hotel, General Manager introducing himself as the new Manager.
This was noted.

- (vi) Commissioner Harford raised the point of lack of manpower in the Balbriggan Garda Station.

It was agreed to put this on the Deputation next meeting.

Meeting concluded 9.15 p.m.

Heise Eingle
12 June 2001



OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE, EQUALITY AND LAW REFORM
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(A)



26 April, 2001

Mr. David Storey,
Balbriggan Town Commissioners,
Town Hall,
Balbriggan,
Co. Dublin.

Dear Mr. Storey,

I am directed by the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform, Mr. John O' Donoghue to refer to your letter of the 27th March 2001 in connection with the text of a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners at their meeting of the 13th March 2001.


The question of women's access to education and training opportunities was the subject of a report under the Partnership 2000 agreement, *Women's Access to Labour Market Opportunities*. The Report found the use of the Live Register as a gateway to labour market opportunities constitutes a barrier for women. The report contains a total of 45 individual recommendations to address this and other issues which have a bearing on women's participation in the labour market.

The Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform participated on the Working Group which agreed the report. The issue of eligibility for participation on the Community Employment Scheme falls within the responsibility of the Táinaiste and the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment.

A copy of your correspondence has been forwarded to the Táinaiste's office, for direct reply to you.

I trust this clarifies the matter for you.

Yours sincerely,


Private Secretary

26 April, 2001

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Balbriggan Town Commissioners,
Town Hall,
Balbriggan,
Co. Dublin.

Dear Mr. Storey,

I am directed by the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform, Mr. John O' Donoghue to refer to your letter of the 27th March 2001 in connection with the text of a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners at their meeting of the 13th March 2001.

The question of women's access to education and training opportunities was the subject of a report under the Partnership 2000 agreement, *Women's Access to Labour Market Opportunities*. The Report found the use of the Live Register as a gateway to labour market opportunities constitutes a barrier for women. The report contains a total of 45 individual recommendations to address this and other issues which have a bearing on women's participation in the labour market.

The Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform participated on the Working Group which agreed the report. The issue of eligibility for participation on the Community Employment Scheme falls within the responsibility of the Táinaiste and the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment.

A copy of your correspondence has been forwarded to the Táinaiste's office, for direct reply to you.

I trust this clarifies the matter for you.

Yours sincerely,

OONAGH MC PHILLIPS

Private Secretary

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2nd May 2001.

DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Bealtine 8, 2001 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 8th May 2001 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

Is mise le meas,

David STOREY
DAVID STOREY,
CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.

CLÁR

1. **Confirmation of Minutes**
 - (i) Minutes of Meeting held on 10/4/01 (circulated herewith)
2. **Applications for Hire of Hall**
3. **Correspondence**
 - (A) **Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**
 - (i) Circular dated 28/3/01 received from Higher Executive Officer, Department of the Environment and Local Government, regarding Revision of Remuneration – 30th Pay Round Phase 2 (circulated herewith)
 - (ii) Letter dated 29/3/01 received from Private Secretary, Department of the Environment and Local Government, regarding the New House Grant (circulated herewith).
 - (iii) Circular dated 6/4/01 received from Local Government Personnel, Department of the Environment and Local Government, regarding Travelling Expenses (circulated herewith).

- (iv) Letter dated 30/3/01 received from the Private Secretary, Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform, acknowledging letter dated 27/3/01 (Circulated herewith).
- (v) Notification dated 10th April 2001 received from Department of Foreign Affairs regarding Treaty of Nice – White Paper (notice circulated herewith – booklets available in office)

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter and enclosure from Maurice McDonagh, Water & Drainage Dept., Fingal County Council dated 20th April 2001 regarding Balbriggan Town Commissioners' request for copy of Consultant's Report prepared for the Dublin Port Company (circulated herewith).
- (ii) Faxed letter dated 11th April 2001 addressed to Director of Services, Water & Drainage Dept. from Eugene Quinn, Head of Corporate Services Fingal County Council regarding two questions raised at April monthly meeting relating to unblocking of drains at Tara Court/Clonard Road junction and also at Convent Lane (circulated herewith).
- (iii) Notification received from Planning Department, Fingal County Council regarding Section 20 of The Local Government (Planning & Development) Act 2000 relating to lands at Balrothery & Castlelands (notice and maps circulated herewith).
- (iv) Notification received from P. Caulfield, Senior Executive Office, Fingal County Council regarding Balbriggan Innter Relief Road Phase III Dublin Road to Skerries Road (notice circulated herewith – maps on display in office)

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated 19/04/01 received from Town Clerk, Kilrush Urban District Council regarding motion passed by Kilrush Urban District Council (circulated herewith).
- (ii) Following letters received in support of motion regarding extension of First Time Buyers Grant passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners at March monthly meeting:-
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 - Letter dated 11/4/01 received from, Town Clerk, Bantry Town Commissioners (circulated herewith).
 - Letter dated 19/04/01 received from Town Clerk, Kilrush Urban District Council (circulated herewith).
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4. Cathaoirleach's Business

5. Urban Renewal Update.

6. Redevelopment of Town Hall.

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"That the Standing Orders presently in force at meetings of the Commissioners' be amended to include the provision of a specified time slot (duration of which to be decided upon by the Commissioners) during which matters not on the formal Agenda may be raised".

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"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to provide a disabled bay outside the Senior Citizen's premises on High Street".

(iii) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford:-

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Health & Children to provide Balbriggan with an evening/night doctor and surgery service to replace that which was removed by the Northern Area Health Board".

8. Questions

(i) Question Submitted by Commissioner Ned Pyne

"To ask the Manager when will the signs for Ashfield Estate and Fullam Green Flats be erected ?

(ii) Question Submitted by Commissioner Larry Dunne:-

"When will the tree planting undertaken recently in Fancourt Heights be completed?"

(iii) Question Submitted by Commissioner May McKeon:-

"To ask the Manager what is the up to date position on urban renewal for Balbriggan?"

(iv) Question Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford:-

"To ask the Manager what are the reasons for the large number of applications for transfers from Pinewood on the Balbriggan Housing list who are not downsizing or looking for bigger accommodation (this does not include the priority cases)?"

(v) Question Submitted by Commissioner Ned Pyne

"To ask the Manager about Traffic Calming measures for Hampton Street, Balbriggan?" This matter was raised at the February 2000 meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners. Commissioner Pyne then requested that traffic calming on this street be included in the Councils list of priority for year 2000.

(vi) Question Submitted by Commissioner May McKeon:-

"To ask the Manager what is the up to date position on the redevelopment of the Town Hall property?"

(vi) Question Submitted by Commissioner May McKeon:-

"At present Fingal County Council are accommodating Iarnrod Eireann by allowing them to use the beach on a temporary basis while work is being carried out on the Railway Station – when can we expect the beach to be returned to it's original state?"

9. Other Correspondence

(i) Letter dated 9/4/01 received from Secretary, Balbriggan Senior Citizen's Centre, regarding their centre on High Street (circulated herewith).

(ii) Letter dated 18th/04/01 received from Fiona O'Loughlin, Special Olympics World Games Ireland 2003 regarding launch of Host Town Programme (circulated herewith).

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD
ON TUESDAY 12th JUNE 2001.**

Commissioners Present: Cannon, Mary Mullen, Mark
Dunne, Larry Pyne, Ned
Fingleton, Thérèse Shields, Gertie
Harford, Monica Tuite, Bredge
McKeon, May

Officials Present: Mr. Eugene Quinn, Principal Officer
Ms. Maureen Finn F.C.C.

Apologies: Mr. David Storey, Town Clerk

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Thérèse Fingleton, presided.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) Minutes of Meeting held on 8/5/01 were circulated.
Proposed Commissioner Fingleton, Seconded by Commissioner Harford and adopted.

2. Applications for Hire of Hall

Lisa Smith – every Monday to Thursday 9.30 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. – Playschool.

3. Correspondence

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- (i) Letter dated 3/5/01 received from Administrative Officer, Planning Department, Fingal County Council, regarding Planning Application F00A/1464 was circulated. Commissioner McKeon asked Town Clerk to write to Fingal County Council, Planning Department for a copy of the conditions they sent to the Developer.
- (ii) Letter and enclosure from Administrative Officer, Housing Department, Fingal County Council dated 3/5/01 regarding construction of detached infill house at 174A Lambeeher Est., Balbriggan was circulated and noted.
- (iii) Letter from Administrative Officer, Fingal County Council, Development Department, regarding CPO at burial ground, Naul Road, Balbriggan was circulated and Commissioner McKeon asked that this letter be redirected to Mr. P.J. Howell, Director of Environment Services & Parks.
- (iv) Letter dated 29/5/01 received from Administrative Officer Planning Department regarding taking in charge of Ashfield Estate, Balbriggan was circulated and noted.

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

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 - Letter dated 17/5/01 received from Acting Town Clerk, Ballyshannon Town Clerk was circulated and noted.
 - Letter dated 9/5/01 received from A/Town Clerk, Longford Urban District Council was circulated and noted.

- (iv) The following letters received in support of motion regarding finance needed to install central heating in all local authority accommodation passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners at March monthly meeting:-
- Letter dated 9/5/01 received from Town Clerk, Bantry Town Commissioners was circulated and noted.
 - Letter dated 16/5/01 received from Town Clerk, Carrickmacross Urban District Council was circulated and noted.
 - Letter dated 16/5/01 received from Town Clerk, Youghal Urban District Council, acknowledging motion from Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and noted.
 - Letter dated 23/5/01 received from Town Clerk, Ennis Urban District Council was circulated and noted.
 - Letter dated 24/5/01 received from Director of Services, Waterford Corporation was circulated and noted.
 - Letter dated 25/5/01 received from Principal Officer, Dublin Corporation was circulated and noted.
- (v) Letter dated 17/5/01 received from Administrative Officer, Tralee Urban District Council, regarding motion passed by Tralee Urban District Council was circulated and noted.

(D) Conferences

- (i) Letter dated 24/04/01 received from AMAI regarding Annual Conference 2001 to be held in the Holiday Inn, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal on 13th /15th September. (already circulated). This was noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 8/5/01 received from L.A.M.A. regarding a Conference in relation to the Local Government Bill provisionally arranged to be held 16/5/01 or 23/6/01. (Already circulated). This was noted. Commissioner Fingleton stated that the two motions must be in by Friday, 29th June, 2001 and asked that copies of these motions to be distributed at next months monthly meeting.

4. Cathaoirleach's Business

(i) Special Olympics

Commissioner Fingleton confirmed that letters had been sent to organisations and sporting clubs in order to ascertain the level of interest. She confirmed that there has been a good response and is at present in contact with the organisers. She hopes to make arrangements for a public meeting soon in the hope of forming a Committee of about 7 – 9 people.

(ii) M'Lady Eirn

Commissioner Fingleton circulated a letter received from M'Lady Eirn Celebration Ltd., requesting Balbriggan Town Commissioners to host a reception of welcome the ladies. This was noted and it was unanimously agreed to host this reception on Thursday 2nd August 2001 in the Commissioners Rooms.

5. Amendment to Standing Orders

Reply:

Arising from the motion which was proposed by Commissioner Dunne, seconded by Commissioner Harford and resolved at the meeting of the Town Commissioners held on 8th May 2001 that:-

Motion Submitted by Commissioner Larry Dunne:-

"That the Standing Orders presently in force at meetings of the Commissioners' be amended to include the provision of a specified time slot (duration of which to be decided upon by the Commissioners) during which matters not on the formal Agenda may be raised".

It is recommended that the following Standing Orders be inserted after Standing Order 46 under the heading Other Urgent Business:-

The Cathaoirleach may permit a member if time allows, to raise one item which did not appear on the Agenda paper and which is considered urgent, provided the time taken on the item does not exceed three minutes and that the maximum time to be spent on such items does not exceed thirty minutes.

It is also recommended that this Standing Order, if adopted become No. 47 and that all the remaining Standing Order numbers be altered to facilitate its insertion.

In order to facilitate the inclusion of this item on the Agenda Paper it is further recommended that Standing Order No. 17 be amended to include the following

(f) Other urgent business not included on the Agenda Paper.

Reply was circulated and noted. Following a discussion it was agreed that a further amendment would be made to the already amended standing orders. Amended as follows:-

"A member, if time permits may raise one item which did not appear on the Agenda paper and which is considered urgent, provided the time taken on the item does not exceed three minutes and that the maximum time to be spent on such items does not exceed thirty minutes."

6. **Commissioners Annual General Meeting 26th June 2001 7.30 p.m.**
This date confirmed.

7. **Urban Renewal Update**

Reply:

Urban Renewal

In February 1999 The Minister for Housing and Urban renewal designated 6 areas in Balbriggan for Urban Renewal incentives. The following is the current position on each of the 6 designated sites:

Site 1: Railway Station, Gallens Mill, Smyths Factory, Georges Hill.

An application for Planning Permission for a mixed use development on this site (Reg. Ref. 00A/561) comprising of residential and commercial developments was submitted to the Council on 25/8/2000. A decision to grant permission for the development was made by the Council on 24/10/2000. The application is currently under appeal to An Bord Pleanála.

Site 2: Spicers Bakery, Drogheda Street.

No Planning applications on the site.

Commissioner Pyne stated that the Manager should write to the Fingal County Council, Development Department to take a lead in attracting potential Developers.

Site 3: Former Church and Abattoir, Chapel Street.

No application applications on this site.

Commissioner Pyne stated that as Fingal County Council owns this land and asked the Manager should write to the Development Department to take a lead in attracting potential Developers and also to look for a suitable alternative site for the Fire Station.

Site 4: Balbriggan Harbour.

Under Planning application Ref: F99A/1166 permission was granted for 3 houses, 33 two bedroomed and 7 one bedroomed apartments at the Harbour, Balbriggan.

Under Planning application Reg. Ref. F01A/0006 permission was sought for 19 apartments in a four storey block. On the 1st March 2001 Planning Permission was refused by the Council for this proposal.

Commissioner Shields suggested that Fingal County Council try to attract Developers in view of building a Marina, Commissioner Fingleton asked to bring this back in the form of a motion.

Site 5: Town Hall and Shopping Area Block. The Square.

Under Register Reference F00A/707 Planning Permission was sought for demolition of High Street Shop Units and Shopping Centre roof top structures and the construction of 41 dwellings. Additional information was requested on this application. An Additional Information was submitted to the Council on 11th May 2001 and no decision has been made on the application to date.

Under Planning application Register Reference F01A/0547 which was lodged with the Council on 8th May 2001 Planning Permission sought for a new fourth floor to the Hotel, fronting Bridge Street. No decision on this application to date.

Site 6: Industrial Estate at Stephenstown.

The land is in the ownership of Fingal County Council. This site has been developed and a total of 18 Enterprise units have been provided.

The Annual Report of the Monitoring Committee covering the twelve month period March 2000 to March 2001 will soon be prepared and a copy will be forwarded to the Town commissioners for their information.

Commissioner Shields proposed that the Town Clerk write on behalf of Balbriggan Town Commissioners to the Steering Committee asking them to call a meeting to discuss the interest or lack of interest on the Intergrated Area Plan as there is only about 1 ½ years left to take up this grant.

8. Tidy District's Sports, Arts and Cultural Awards 2001

Suggested dates given were 27/9/01 or 4/10/01. County Manager to confirm this. It was agreed that the Balbriggan Town Commissioners would discuss this at their Deputation's Meeting on 18/6/01.

9. Redevelopment of Town Hall

A disc with the brochure for the Town Hall Redevelopment has now been produced and forwarded to printers for production. It is hoped to have a launch date on either Thursday 21st or Friday 22nd June where Interested Parties, Press and Public Representatives will be invited for this occasion.

Thursday 21st June was the agreed date.

It was also agreed to write to Government Ministers, Developers, and interested parties. Commissioner Fingleton proposed that each Town Commissioner should contact the office on 14th June with their lists.

It was also agreed to provisionally book the Bracken Court Hotel for Thursday, 7 p.m., June 21st.

10. Motions:

Motion Submitted by Commissioner May McKeon

- (i) "Balbriggan Town Commission, and Fingal County Council liase with E.S.B. , Eircom, Bord Gais and other agencies to have all overhead wires laid underground during any road works in progress on Main Street (Dublin Street, Bridge Street and Drogheda Street)".

Proposed by Commissioner McKeon, seconded by Commissioner Shields and following discussion agreed.

- (ii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Larry Dunne**

"That as part of the redevelopment of the Town Hall, provision be made for a "One Stop Shop" capable of providing information and basic administrative facilities in respect of Fingal Council Services, i.e. Motor Taxations etc.,"

Proposed by Commissioner Dunne, seconded by Commissioner Fingleton and following discussion agreed.

- (iii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fás to install a full time Fás Office in Balbriggan to provide the following":

A. Registration facilities.

- B. Full access to all job interviews.
- C. Qualified personnel to provide information and advise to anybody who requires same.

Proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner Tuite and following discussion unanimously agreed.

(iv) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Thérèse Fingleton

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to clarify the position in relation to the redevelopment of Bremore Castle and will the Council please give a completion date for this project".

Proposed by Commissioner Fingleton, seconded by Commissioner McKeon.

Following discussion Commissioner McKeon asked to amend the wording of the motion to read as follows:-

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to clarify the position in relation to the restoration of Bremore Castle and will the Council please give a completion date for this project".

Commissioner requested that the Manager organise a visit for Balbriggan Town Commissioners with Mr. Lynch for an official visit to the Castle.

11. Questions

Question Submitted by Commissioner May McKeon

- (i)** Request that administrative staff revert to using Banking Cheques "Coimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín" to reflect the business image and status of the Commission."

Reply:

The current cheque book allows for the correct administration of accounting procedures which involves proof of cheques written i.e. stub book. The previous cheque book did not have this facility.

Commissioner Dunne pointed out that the correct administration of accounting procedure was a payments book.

Commissioner McKeon stated that Balbriggan Town Commissioners were always officially known as "Coimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín" and asked that the Town Clerk contact the Bank to request a corporate cheque book. This was unanimously agreed.

(ii) Question Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford

"To ask the Manager if there is any provision in place for people over 75 years of age in Balbriggan to buy burial space in St. Peter & Paul's Cemetery?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council do not have a policy in relation to the disposal of burial plots on an age basis. Due to the limited number of plots available in St. Peter and Paul's Cemetery, Fingal County Council are unable to sell these plots in advance of death. However in certain circumstances, i.e. if a person is terminally ill, arrangements can be made for the purchase of a plot in advance of death. The following table details the costs of burial ground charges with effect from 1st June, 2001 (M/O FES/211/00 refers).

Purchase of Grave Space without	Single	£375.00
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Foundation for Headstone	Double	£750.00
Purchase of Grave Space with Foundation for Headstone	Single	£500.00
	Double	£1,000.00

After a discussion the Manager outlined Fingal County Council policy on this matter.

12. Other Correspondence

- (i) Petition of Objections of proposed dwelling at 174A Lambreecher Estate, Balbriggan (available for inspection at office). This was noted.
- (ii) Circular together with question & answer booklet on EU Enlargement was circulated and noted.
- (iii) Brochure re Euro was circulated and noted.
Commissioner Fingleton requested that the Town Clerk arrange training of the Euro for members of Balbriggan Town Commissioners.

13 A.O.B.

- (i) Commissioner Harford stated that when a person phones Fingal County Council's emergency telephone number you get through directly to the Fire Brigade. The Manager advised that in the new telephone book, coming out in August each emergency number will be listed individually and will be available during office hours as well as after hours.
- (ii) Commissioner McKeon stated that at the Quarterly Meeting the Balbriggan Town Commissioners wished to raise their concerns not objections about the proposed development at J. D.'s. Commissioner Fingleton asked for this to be put in letter form and it would have to be endorsed with the other Commissioners.
- (iii) Commissioner Tuite asked Town Clerk to write to Fingal County Council outlining concerns about illegal parking outside the AIB Bank in Balbriggan.
- (iv) Commissioner Pyne asked that Town Clerk write to Fingal County Council regarding weeds growing between seats at Seabanks Balbriggan.
- (v) Commissioner Dunne asked that Town Clerk write to Port & Docks and to clarify what maintenance they can carry out to prevent further deterioration of the Harbour.

Meeting concluded at 9.25 p.m.

Gertie Shields.

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6th June 2001.

DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

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- B. Full access to all job interviews.
- C. Qualified personnel to provide information and advise to anybody who requires same.

(iv) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Thérèse Fingleton**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to clarify the position in relation to the redevelopment of Bremore Castle and will the Council please give a completion date for this project".

11. **Questions**

Question Submitted by Commissioner May McKeon

- (i) Request that administrative staff revert to using Banking Cheques "Coimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín" to reflect the business image and status of the Commission."

(ii) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

"To ask the Manager if there is any provision in place for people over 75 years of age in Balbriggan to buy burial space in St. Peter & Paul's Cemetery ?"

12. **Other Correspondence**

- (i) Petition of Objections of proposed dwelling at 174A Lambreecher Estate, Balbriggan (available for inspection at office).
- (ii) Circular together with question & answer booklet on EU Enlargement (circulated herewith).
- (iii) Brochure re Euro (circulated herewith)

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN
COMMISSIONERS HELD ON TUESDAY 26TH JUNE, 2001**

Commissioners Present:

Cannon, Mary	Mullen, Mark
Dunne, Larry	Pyne, Ned
Fingleton, Therésé	Shields, Gertie
Harford Monica	Tuite, Bredge
McKeon, May	

Officials Present:

Mr. Eugene Quinn, Manager
Mr. David Storey, Town Clerk
Ms. Margaret Wilde, F.C.C.

Apologies:

The Town Clerk circulated an amended agenda to all present. Commissioner McKeon proposed that the Commissioners consider the amended agenda. Commissioner Tuite proposed that the meeting proceed with the amended agenda. This was agreed by all the members.

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Fingleton, opened the meeting and thanked her fellow commissioners for their support during her term of office, with special thanks to the Manager, Mr. Eugene Quinn A/Principal Officer, Mr. David Storey, Town Clerk, Commissioner Gertie Shields Leas Cathaoirleach, staff and caretaker of the Town Hall, and the sponsors of various events held through out the year. Commissioner Fingleton then handed the business of the election of Cathaoirleach to the Town Clerk, Mr. David Storey.

1. Election of Cathaoirleach

Commissioner Tuite proposed Commissioner Shields and this was seconded by Commissioner Cannon. Commissioner McKeon proposed Commissioner Dunne and this was seconded by Commissioner Mullen. A vote was taken. Commissioner Shields received 5 votes, Commissioner Dunne received 4 votes. Commissioner Shields duly elected as Cathaoirleach. Commissioner Shields accepted the position, Commissioner Shields was then presented with the chain of office, took the chair and thanked her fellow Commissioners.

2. Election of Leas Cathaoirleach

Commissioner Cannon proposed Commissioner Tuite and this proposal was seconded by Commissioner Fingleton. Commissioner McKeon proposed Commissioner Dunne and this was seconded by Commissioner Mullen. A Vote was taken. Commissioner Tuite received 5 votes and Commissioner Dunne received 4 votes. Commissioner Tuite was duly elected as Leas Cathaoirleach. Commissioner Tuite accepted the position and thanked the Commissioners for their support.

3. Election of Delegate to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance's Ltd.

Commissioner Fingleton proposed that Commissioner Shields would hold the position of delegate to IPB for the coming year. This was seconded by Commissioner Harford.

4. **Election of Representative for BAPA and Substitute Delegate**

Commissioners McKeon and Tuite proposed that Commissioner Dunne would continue to represent Balbriggan Town Commissioners on this committee. Commissioner Dunne agreed on condition that in the event of his being unable to attend a meeting that any member can be delegated to attend as Substitute Delegate to represent the Commission. Commissioner Shields agreed to be the Substitute Delegate. It was agreed to request a listing of future meeting's from the Secretary of the Balbriggan Area Project Association.

5. **Election of Estimates Committee**

It was agreed that all Commissioners would be members of this committee. It was agreed that a preliminary meeting be held prior to the Annual Estimates meeting.

6. **Election of Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts and Culture Awards Committee.**

It was agreed that all Commissioners would be members of this committee. Mr. Quinn confirmed the date for this event 4th October 2001.

7. **St. Patrick's Day Committee**

It was agreed that all Commissioners would be members of this committee.

All Commissioners paid tribute to the outgoing Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Fingleton and welcomed the new Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Shields.

The meeting concluded at 8.30 p.m.

Gertie Shields.

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD
ON TUESDAY 10th JULY 2001.**

Commissioners Present: Cannon, Mary, Pyne, Ned
Fingleton, Thérèse Shields, Gertie
Harford, Monica Tuite, Bredge
McKeon, May

Officials Present: Mr. David Storey, Town Clerk.
Ms. Maureen Finn F.C.C.

Apologies: Mr. Eugene Quinn, Principal Officer.
Larry Dunne.
Mark Mullen.

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Gertie Shields presided.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) Minutes of Meeting held on 12/6/2001 were circulated.
Proposed by Commissioner Fingleton, seconded by Commissioner Tuite and adopted.

2. Applications for Hire of Hall

No new business

3. Correspondence

(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Circular and enclosures dated 1/6/01 received from Assistant Principal, Department of the Environment and Local Government regarding Annual Pension Benefit Statements for all Pension Scheme Members.
Taken as read and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 31/5/01 received from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform regarding provision of Probation Services for the Balbriggan Area.

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated 29/5/01 received from Town Clerk, Navan Urban District Council regarding text of motion passed at their meeting of 1/5/2001

This was circulated and noted. It was agreed that the Town Clerk send a letter of support to Navan Urban District Council.

- (ii) Letter dated 22/5/01 received from the Town Clerk, Kilrush Urban District Council regarding Notice of Motion

This was circulated and noted. It was agreed that the Town Clerk write to Kilrush Urban District Council to have the motion clarified.

- (iii) Acknowledgement Letter dated 12/6/01 received from the Town Clerk, Wexford Corporation regarding motion

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Social, Community and Family Affairs to review the current method of means testing for "Carers Allowance" with a view to accessing an applicant in their own right and not on what their spouse or partner is earning"

This was circulated and noted

- (iv) Acknowledgement Letter dated 12/6/01 received from the Town Clerk, Wexford Corporation regarding adoption of Motion

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for the Environment and Local Government to extend the First time buyers Grant only available to buyers of new houses to those buying second hand houses"

This was circulated and noted

- (v) Acknowledgement Letter dated 12/6/01 received from the Town Clerk, Wexford regarding adoption of Motion

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Environment and Local Government to provide all Local Authorities with the necessary finance needed to install central heating in all local authority rented accommodation as a means of heating the entire house"

This was circulated and noted

(D) Conferences

- (i) Preliminary Notice dated 8/6/01 received from B. White Hon. Secretary A.M.A.I. enclosing Accommodation List for Annual Conference 2001

Delegates: Commissioner Ned Pyne and Commissioner Bredge Tuite

- (iii) Copy of Motions sent to A.M.A.I. for Annual Conference 2001

Circulated and noted. Town Clerk advised that Mr. B. White will do his best to get the three motions put on the agenda.

A discussion took place about the CE Scheme motion and it was agreed that the revised eligibility conditions for the Scheme does not appear to be forwarded to local employment exchange. Town Clerk to write to Minister for Social Community highlighting this.

4. Cathaoirleach's Business

5. Standing Orders

Circulated and noted. Commissioners still not happy with amended amendments (17) f and 47. Town Clerk will speak to The Manager and will have these amended for the next monthly meeting.

6. Redevelopment of Town Hall

Town Clerk gave an update on the redevelopment. He stated that about 15 developers were interested at present. Expression of Interest Forms were sent out and interviews will then be held. The Commissioners requested that the Town Clerk ask could they sit in on the interview board. Town Clerk advised that business is not conducted in this manner by the Local Authorities.

An Cathaoirleach Gertie Shields, proposed for the Commission to be included on the interview board for selection of developer. Seconded by Commissioner Harford. Agreed by the members

7. Financial Statement to 30th June 2001

Circulated and noted. Town Clerk pointed out that the estimates were reduced in 2001. Town Clerk suggested that should monies not used under various headings be transferred to Town Decoration. This was unanimously agreed.

8. Motions:-

(i) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Education and Science to include on the departments payroll all primary school secretaries, as their present employment status is determined by the capitation grant. As their job is essential to the running of the school, their salary must be the responsibility of the department and not some grant scheme."

Proposed by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner Fingleton and agreed. Town Clerk to write to the Minister for Education.

(ii) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields

"That we Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for the Marine, Port and Docks Board and Fingal County Council that in view of the totally negative report by consultant engineers, and the resultant stalemate – to take note that we as an elected body give due notice of our intention to meet with private developers with a view to upgrading the Harbour as a fishing Port and developing a Marina in the immediate area"

Commissioner Shields stated that some developers were interested in developing this site as a Marina. She pointed out that there were grants available and Town Clerk reminded the Commissioners that time frame for these grants was December 2002.

It was also agreed to amend the motion to read as follows:-

"That we Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for the Marine, Dublin Port Company and Fingal County Council that in view of the totally negative report by consultant engineers, and the resultant stalemate – to take note that we as an elected body give due notice of our intention to meet with private

developers with a view to upgrading the Harbour as a fishing Port and developing a Marina in the immediate area”

Amended Motion Proposed by Commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner Tuite. Motion passed.

(iii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Ned Pyne**

“ Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to erect a No Parking sign or to put double yellow lines outside right of way leading into the back of houses 44 Hampton Street to 50 Hampton Street, Balbriggan as the residents of these houses cannot access their back entrance due to people parking cars and trucks.”

Proposed by Commissioner Pyne and seconded by Commissioner Harford. It was agreed to amend the motion to read as follows:-

“ Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to erect a No Parking sign and to put double yellow lines outside right of way leading into the back of houses 44 Hampton Street to 50 Hampton Street, Balbriggan as the residents of these houses cannot access their back entrance due to people parking cars and trucks.”

Amended Motion proposed by Commissioner Pyne and seconded by Commissioner Harford. Motion Passed.

(iv) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

“Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Health & Children to further extend the Medical Card Scheme to students from 16 years regardless of what their parents income is.”

Proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner Shields . Motion passed.

(v) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite**

“ Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to employ one extra worker in the Environment Cleansing Section to serve Balbriggan as the present situation of leave/holiday due to the workers in not covered due to the lack of man/women power.”

Proposed by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner McKeon. It was agreed to amend the motion to read as follows:-

“ Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to employ one extra worker in the Environment Cleansing Section to serve Balbriggan Town and to appoint extra staff to cover leave/holiday periods”. Town Clerk to write to Fingal County Council to seek adequate cover.

It was agreed the Town Clerk write in particular to The Pop Inn outlining their responsibilities regarding litter on the Square and also to write to Fingal County Council requesting litter signs to be erected .

Amended motion proposed by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner McKeon. Motion passed.

9. Questions

(i) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Ned Pyne**

“ To ask the Manager for an update on traffic calming measure for Hampton Street and the feasibility of pedestrian crossing as the majority of residents are elderly people.”

Reply

Hampton Street, Balbriggan will be listed for consideration in the context of the preparation of a draft Traffic Calming Programme for 2002, which will be submitted to the members of the County Council for consideration following the Estimates meeting later in the year. Letter to Fingal County Council to make concerted effort to have Hampton Street included in Traffic Calming Programme for 2002.

(ii) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

"Can the Manager arrange to have a name stone erected as soon as possible at the entrance to Lambeecher Estate in place of the original estate identity sign which was removed some years ago?"

Reply

This request has been acknowledged. An inspection will be carried out and the request will be considered.

(iii) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

"To ask the Manager to have all the weeds and grass growing up through roads and paths and along walls in estates sprayed immediately?"

Reply

These weeds will be cut back in the next week or two.

10. Other Correspondence

- (i) Letter dated 28/6/01 received from Frank Snowe, Senior Placement Officer, Fás, Enterprise House, regarding full-time Balbriggan FAS office.

Circulated and noted after discussion. It was agreed that the Town Clerk write to Mr. Snowe requesting a meeting with Balbriggan Town Commissioners as soon as possible. Suggested date 18/7/01.

Commissioner McKeon advised that Fingal Development Board is now on line www.fbd@ericom.

11 Tidy Districts Sports, Arts and Cultural Awards 2001

Town Clerk advised that entry forms had been distributed to all clubs and businesses. It was agreed that the inspection of the gardens would take place the last week in July. Town Clerk to request Dominica McKeivitt from Ardgillan to judge same and also to include an ornamental garden section when judging. Commissioner Shields stated that she would arrange to have this included in the Parish Bulletin

A.O.B.

St. Theresa's School Pinewood, Balbriggan.

Commissioner McKeon asked that the Town Clerk write to Department of Education requesting that the present system for pupil ratio be scrapped and a new one implemented.

Proposed house at Lambeecher.

Commissioner Harford requested Town Clerk to send petitions and letters of grievances to Mr. John Burke, Housing Department, Fingal County Council regarding this matter.

Meeting concluded at 9.30 p.m.

Gerie Shields. 11-9-01.

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4th July 2001.

DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Lúil 10, 2001 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 10th July 2001 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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David Storey
DAVID STOREY,
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11 Tidy Districts Sports, Arts and Cultural Awards 2001

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ON TUESDAY 11th SEPTEMBER, 2001.**

Commissioners Present: Cannon, Mary, Harford, Monica
Dunne, Larry Shields, Gertie
Fingleton, Thérèse Tuite, Bredge

Officials Present: Mr. Stephen Peppard, Sen. Ex. Officer, F.C.C.
Mr. David Storey, Town Clerk.
Ms. Margaret Wilde, F.C.C.

Apologies: Commissioner May McKeon
Commissioner Mark Mullen
Commissioner Ned Pyne

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Gertie Shields presided.

An Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Stephen Peppard, Senior Ex. Officer, Corporate Services, to the meeting. Mr. Peppard attended the meeting as Mr. Eugene Quinn was unavailable due to leave.

The members sympathised with An Cathaoirleach on the recent death of her brother.

A minutes silence was held in respect of the recent death of Mr. Jim Quigley and for the people of America who died in acts of terrorism in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania, today 11/9/2001. A book of condolences was opened as a mark of respect to the American People.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) Minutes of Meeting held on 10/7/2001 were circulated
Proposed by Commissioner Fingleton, seconded by Commissioner Tuite and adopted.

2. Applications for Hire of Hall

(A) New Applications

Hirer	Function	Hall	Days	Time
Lisa Smith	Playgroup	Bandroom	Mon to Thurs inc	9.30a.m.-12 Noon
Andrea McCreary	Unislim	Bandroom	Tuesday	12.00md.-1.30 p.m.

(B) Renewal of Hire Applications

Hirer	FUNCTION	HALL	DAYS	TIME
B.A.D. Group	Meetings	Bandroom	1 st Mondays	8.00p.m.-9.00p.m.
M.O'Melia	Khai Bo Classes	Supper Room	Tue & Thursdays	8.15p.m. - 9.15p.m.
North County School of Ballet	Ballet	Supper Room	Wednesday Thursday	4.30p.m.-7.00p.m. 3.00p.m.-8.00p.m.
Pauline Mulryan	Unislim	Bandroom	Monday	8.00p.m.-9.00p.m.
Rodney Lawless	Aerobics	Hamilton Hall	Tuesday Thursday	7.30p.m.-8.30p.m. 7.30p.m.-8.30p.m.
Sean Ryan, T.D.	Clinic	Bandroom	1 st & 3 rd Saturday	11.30a.m.-12.00m.d.
Trevor Sargent, T.D.	Clinic	Meeting Room	Friday	7.00p.m.-7.30p.m.

The above applications were in order and were approved by the Commissioners. Some applications still outstanding will be presented at the October Meeting.

3. Correspondence

(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Circular Letter dated 29/6/01 received from Assistant Principal, Superannuation Section Department of the Environment and Local Government regarding Increase in Retirement Lump Sum circulated and noted
- (ii) Statutory Audit Report 1999 dated 22/5/01 received from Clodagh Henehan, Local Government Auditor, Office of Minister for the Environment and Local Government together with Abstract of Accounts 1999 circulated and noted
- (iii) Letter dated 29/8/01 received from Higher Executive Officer, Department of the Environment & Local Government, regarding Auditor's Report for 1999 circulated and noted
The Town Clerk brought this to the attention of the members and informed them of the outcome of a recent meeting with Mr. Soffe, Mr. Quinn, Internal Audit and Government Auditor. The Town Clerk to clarify the Bank Account arrangements.
- (iv) Letter dated 5/7/01 received from Private Secretary, Department of the Environment and Local Government regarding Local Government Bill 2000 circulated and noted
- (v) Circular Letter dated 6/7/01 received from Higher Executive Officer, Superannuation Section, Department of the Environment and Local Government regarding Guide to Local Authority Superannuation (Eleventh Revision) circulated and noted
- (vi) Letter dated 11/7/01 received from Private Secretary, Tanaiste and Office of the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment enclosing copy of £13.9 Million Labour Market Support Package circulated and noted
- (vii) Letter dated 20/7/01 received from The Ministers Office, Department of the Marine and Natural Resources acknowledging receipt of our letter dated 16/7/01. It was agreed to write again requesting update.

- (viii) Acknowledgement dated 27/7/01 received from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform regarding probation services for Balbriggan Area circulated and noted
- (ix) Acknowledgement Letter dated 23/7/01 received from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Education & Science regarding payment of Primary school secretaries circulated and noted
- (x) Acknowledgement Letter dated 30/7/01 received from Private Secretary, Department of Health & Children regarding Medical Cards for students 16 years and over circulated and noted
- (xi) Letter dated 26/7/01 received from Secretary General circulated and noted, enclosing Statement of Strategy 2001-2004 (available at office)
- (xii) Letter dated 1/8/01 received from Secretary General, Department of the Environment and Local Government regarding Customer Service Action Plan 2001 – 2004 circulated and noted
- (xiii) Letter dated 31/7/01 received from Private Secretary, Department of Enterprise, Trade & Enterprise regarding C.E. Schemes circulated and noted.
The Town Clerk informed the meeting that a letter had already been sent and we are presently awaiting a further reply.
- (xiv) Letter dated August 2001 received from Local Government Policy Section, Department of Environment & Local Government enclosing booklet of Local Government Act, 2001 booklet already circulated.
- (xv) Letter dated 22/8/01 received from Dr. Michael Woods TD. Minister for Education and Science regarding Employment and Payment of School Secretaries Commissioners Tuite and Fingleton to liaise with the Town Clerk to follow up letter
- (xvi) Letter dated 23/8/01 received from Local Government Personnel Section, Department of the Environment enclosing copy of "Office of the Directive of Equality Investigations Annual Report 2000" (booklet available at office)
- (xvii) Letter dated 27/8/01 received from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform, regarding follow up service for young offenders, following their release from prison circulated and noted

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 27/6/01 received from Mr. Paul Cantwell S.E.E. Road Design regarding Stephenstown Industrial Estate Distributor Road Maps included for office display. Noted.
- (ii) Acknowledgement Letter dated 5/7/01 received from Senior Staff Officer, Parks Department regarding provision of trees/shrubs at Chapel Gate and Pineridge Estates circulated and noted
- (iii) Letter dated 10/7/01 received from Senior Executive Officer, Planning Department regarding Register Reference : F01A/0226 John D's Public House, Balbriggan circulated and noted. The Town Clerk circulated a copy of the letter sent by An Cathaoirleach to An Bord Pleanála in connection with Planning Ref: FOIA/0226. The Town Clerk to request a copy of the 35 conditions from the Planning Department.

- (iv) Letter dated 12/7/01 received from Staff Officer, Environmental Services Department regarding Beach at Balbriggan circulated and noted
- (v) Letter dated 24/7/01 received from Senior Staff Officer regarding motion passed concerning Environmental Staff for Balbriggan Town circulated and noted The Town Clerk to write requesting extra permanent staff.
- (vi) Letter dated 27/7/01 received from Staff Officer, Roads & Traffic Department regarding illegal parking & restoration of a bollard circulated and noted
- (vii) Letter dated 21/8/01 received from Senior Executive Officer, Planning Department regarding Planning reference no: FOOA/1464 circulated and noted

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated 3/7/01 received from Town Clerk, Kilrush Urban District Council regarding Notice of Motion to all Local Authorities concerning "Public Donations" circulated and noted
- (ii) Letter dated 3/7/01 received from Town Clerk, Kilrush Urban District Council regarding Notice of Motion to all Local Authorities concerning "Council Housing Developments provision for persons with restricted physical abilities/disabilities" circulated and noted
- (iii) Letter dated 6/7/01 received from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance's Ltd. Regarding Group Personal Accident Schemes/Elected Members circulated and noted. The Town Clerk to clarify.

(D) Conferences

- (i) Letter dated 24/7/01 received from B.White Hon. Sec. A.M.A.I. enclosing copies of Agenda Motions for delegates and 87th Official Report (available at office)
- (ii) Letter dated 17/8/01 received from A/County Secretary, Monaghan County Council regarding L.A.M.A. Annual Winter Seminar 2001 circulated. It was agreed to put this item on the October Agenda for discussion.

4. Cathaoirleach's Business

To request the Manager to draw down a sum of £900.00 from the Millennium Fund for the purchase of 9 Gold Millennium Pins, presently on order from Goldsmith Jewellers, Drogheda St., Balbriggan. This was agreed by the members.

5. Standing Orders

Amended Standing Orders were circulated and adopted by the Commissioners.

6. Redevelopment of Town Hall

- (i) Letter dated 15/8/01 received from County Architect, Architects Department, regarding assessment of proposals for Town Commissioners' property was circulated and noted.

The Town Clerk gave a update on the developments to date.

Mr. Peppard explained in detail the reasons outlined by the Architects Department regarding the interview board. The Commissioners agreed providing that they are kept fully informed at all stages and confidentiality is vital.

7. Motions;-

(i) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Government to legislate for the following inclusion under the Road Traffic Act – "That the use of mobile phones while driving a vehicle" be considered an offence.

Proposed by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner Shields and agreed.

(ii) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council, Planning Department, to be selective in the Developments approved for the Balbriggan Area".

It was agreed to amend the motion to read as follows; "Balbriggan Town Commissioner call on Fingal County Council, Planning Department, to be selective in the Housing Developments approved for the Balbriggan Area"

Proposed by Commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner Fingleton and agreed.

(iii) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners object to the naming of new developments without prior consultation with the elected body and other interested parties".

Proposed by Commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner Dunne and agreed.

(iv) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Mary Cannon

" Balbriggan Town Commissioners support the call by young mothers in the Balbriggan area that changing/feeding facilities be installed in shopping centres, restaurants and all public buildings".

Proposed by Commissioner Cannon, seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed.

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"The Balbriggan Town Commissioners call upon the Minister of Education to ensure that fees for students attending colleges as under graduates are not recouped by the Colleges in the form of registration charges, levies etc".

Proposed by Commissioner Dunne, seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed This motion to go forward at Conference.

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"To ask the Manager when will the keys of Clonard Hill Houses be allocated?"

Reply:

The houses in question have been named Clonard Rise. These houses will be available for occupation in early October 2001.

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"To ask the Manager who has responsibility for the pedestrian entrance leading from the Harbour up on to the Strand? The paint is an eyesore and the walls need to be cleaned and restored."

Reply:

This wall was painted a number of years ago by a film crew. This forms part of the Harbour Boundary Wall and is not the responsibility of Fingal County Council. However, the Environment Section will undertake some work at this location to enhance the visual aspect of the wall.

(iii) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Mary Cannon**

"To ask Fingal County Council, Environment Department when do they intend to clear the overgrowth of the Bracken River? Particularly the area at the town centre (Bridge Street).

Reply:

The area in question is considered to be in private ownership belonging to the occupants of the houses adjoining the river. However, contact is being made with the Office of Public Works to obtain clarification as to their responsibilities regarding this river and the Council is awaiting a response.

The Council's Water and Drainage department is being asked to examine the situation.

(iv) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Larry Dunne**

"Would the Manager please outline the efforts and progress on the part of Fingal County Council in relation to obtaining additional land for the graveyard in Balbriggan?"

Reply:

This matter was an item on the agenda with a deputation from Balbriggan Town Commissioners (Quarterly Meeting) in the Council Chamber, Fingal County Hall, Swords on 3rd September 2001. Fingal County Council has land (c.4 acres) in the townland of Ring available for use as a burial ground, subject to tests such as trail hole tests.

At the Deputation's meeting Balbriggan Town Commissioners expressed the view that approaches should be made to purchase land adjacent to the existing burial ground.

The matter has to be revisited at the next Quarterly Deputation of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners. The Town Clerk to request Fingal County Council to write to the landowners.

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"Re a motion passed by the Commissioners, could the Manager please inform the Commissioners what progress has been made by Fingal County Council in respect of the provision of a children's' playground at Ardgillan Park?"

Reply:

Provision is included in the current years estimates to commence the construction of a playground in Ardgillan Demesne Regional Park. The design for the playground is currently being finalised and earthworks on site are about to commence. It should be noted that additional funding will be necessary to complete the playground in 2002.

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"When are the loading bay signs being put in place in order that the spaces can be used for loading only?"

Reply:

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The Town Clerk to follow up regarding enforcement of same.

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- (v) Letter received from Michael Blount, Save Our Street, enclosing photographs of green area adjoining 174 Lambreecher Estate, Balbriggan.
A letter received from Mr. Michael Blount, Save our Street Committee was circulated. As this issue is already with the Ombudsman, the members agreed it was not appropriate to discuss the matter.
- (vi) Copy of letter dated 6/9/01 sent by An Cathaoirleach, to an Bord Pleanála regarding Planning Ref: FO1A/0226

Tidy District's Meeting set for 8pm. On Wednesday 19th September 2001.

Meeting concluded 9.30 p.m.

Gertie Shields.

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DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Méan Fómhair 11, 2001 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 11th September 2001 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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DAVID STOREY,
CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.

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(A) New Applications

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Andrea McCreary	Unislim	Bandroom	Tuesday	12.00md.-1.30 p.m.

(B) Renewal of Hire Applications

Hirer	FUNCTION	HALL	DAYS	TIME
B.A.D. Group	Meetings	Bandroom	1 st Mondays	8.00p.m.-9.00p.m.
M.O'Melia	Khai Bo Classes	Supper Room	Tue & Thursdays	8.15p.m. - 9.15p.m.
North County School of Ballet	Ballet	Supper Room	Wednesday Thursday	4.30p.m.-7.00p.m. 3.00p.m.-8.00p.m.
Pauline Mulryan	Unislim	Bandroom	Monday	8.00p.m.-9.00p.m.
Rodney Lawless	Aerobics	Hamilton Hall	Tuesday Thursday	7.30p.m.-8.30p.m. 7.30p.m.-8.30p.m.
Sean Ryan, T.D.	Clinic	Bandroom	1 st & 3 rd Saturday	11.30a.m.-12.00m.d.
Trevor Sargent, T.D.	Clinic	Meeting Room	Friday	7.00p.m.-7.30p.m.

3. Correspondence

(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Circular Letter dated 29/6/01 received from Assistant Principal, Superannuation Section Department of the Environment and Local Government regarding Increase in Retirement Lump Sum (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Statutory Audit Report 1999 dated 22/5/01 received from Clodagh Henahan, Local Government Auditor, Office of Minister for the Environment and Local Government together with Abstract of Accounts 1999 (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 29/8/01 received from Higher Executive Officer, Department of the Environment & Local Government, regarding Auditor's Report for 1999 (circulated herewith).
- (iv) Letter dated 5/7/01 received from Private Secretary, Department of the Environment and Local Government regarding Local Government Bill 2000 (circulated herewith)
- (v) Circular Letter dated 6/7/01 received from Higher Executive Officer, Superannuation Section, Department of the Environment and Local Government regarding Guide to Local Authority Superannuation (Eleventh Revision) (circulated herewith)
- (vi) Letter dated 11/7/01 received from Private Secretary, Tanaiste and Office of the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment enclosing copy of £13.9 Million Labour Market Support Package (circulated herewith)
- (vii) Letter dated 20/7/01 received from The Ministers Office, Department of the Marine and Natural Resources acknowledging receipt of our letter dated 16/7/01 (circulated herewith)
- (viii) Acknowledgement dated 27/7/01 received from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform regarding probation services for Balbriggan Area (circulated herewith).
- (ix) Acknowledgement Letter dated 23/7/01 received from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Education & Science regarding payment of Primary school teachers (circulated herewith)

- (x) Acknowledgement Letter dated 30/7/01 received from Private Secretary, Department of Health & Children regarding Medical Cards for students 16 years and over (circulated herewith)
- (xi) Letter dated 26/7/01 received from Secretary General (circulated herewith) enclosing Statement of Strategy 2001-2004 (available at office)
- (xii) Letter dated 1/8/01 received from Secretary General, Department of the Environment and Local Government regarding Customer Service Action Plan 2001 – 2004 (circulated herewith).
- (xiii) Letter dated 31/7/01 received from Private Secretary, Department of Enterprise, Trade & Enterprise regarding C.E. Schemes (circulated herewith).
- (xiv) Letter dated August 2001 received from Local Government Policy Section, Department of Environment & Local Government enclosing booklet of Local Government Act, 2001 (circulated herewith – booklet already circulated).
- (xv) Letter dated 22/8/01 received from Dr. Michael Woods TD. Minister for Education and Science regarding Employment and Payment of School Secretaries (circulated herewith)
- (xvi) Letter dated 23/8/01 received from Local Government Personnel Section, Department of the Environment enclosing copy of "Office of the Directive of Equality Investigations Annual Report 2000" (letter circulated herewith booklet available at office)
- (xvii) Letter dated 27/8/01 received from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform, regarding follow up service for young offenders, following their release from prison (circulated herewith).

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 27/6/01 received from Mr. Paul Cantwell S.E.E. Road Design regarding Stephenstown Industrial Estate Distributor Road (circulated herewith) Maps included for office display.
- (ii) Acknowledgement Letter dated 5/7/01 received from Senior Staff Officer, Parks Department regarding provision of trees/shrubs at Chapel Gate and Pineridge Estates (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 10/7/01 received from Senior Executive Officer, Planning Department regarding Register Reference : F01A/0226 John D's Public House, Balbriggan (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 12/7/01 received from Staff Officer, Environmental Services Department regarding Beach at Balbriggan (circulated herewith)
- (v) Letter dated 24/7/01 received from Senior Staff Officer regarding motion passed concerning Environmental Staff for Balbriggan Town (circulated herewith)
- (vi) Letter dated 27/7/01 received from Staff Officer, Roads & Traffic Department regarding illegal parking & restoration of a bollard (circulated herewith)
- (vii) Letter dated 21/8/01 received from Senior Executive Officer, Planning Department regarding Planning reference no: F00A/1464 (circulated herewith).

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated 3/7/01 received from Town Clerk, Kilrush Urban District Council regarding Notice of Motion to all Local Authorities concerning "Public Donations" (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 3/7/01 received from Town Clerk, Kilrush Urban District Council regarding Notice of Motion to all Local Authorities concerning "Council Housing Developments provision for persons with restricted physical abilities/disabilities"(circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 6/7/01 received from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance's Ltd. Regarding Group Personal Accident Schemes/Elected Members (circulated herewith)

(D) Conferences

- (i) Letter dated 24/7/01 received from B.White Hon. Sec. A.M.A.I. (circulated herewith) enclosing copies of Agenda Motions for delegates and 87th Official Report (available at office)
- (ii) Letter dated 17/8/01 received from A/County Secretary, Monaghan County Council regarding L.A.M.A. Annual Winter Seminar 2001 (circulated herewith)

4. Cathaoirleach's Business

To request the Manager to draw down a sum of £900.00 from the Millennium Fund for the purchase of 9 Gold Millennium Pins, presently on order from Goldsmith Jewellers, Drogheda St., Balbriggan.

5. Standing Orders

Amended Standing Orders (circulated herewith).

6. Redevelopment of Town Hall

- (i) Letter dated 15/8/01 received from County Architect, Architects Department, regarding assessment of proposals for Town Commissioners' property (circulated herewith).

7. Motions:-

(i) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Government to legislate for the following inclusion under the Road Traffic Act – "That the use of mobile phones while driving a vehicle" be considered an offence.

(ii) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields

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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD
ON TUESDAY 9th October, 2001.**

Commissioners Present: Cannon, Mary, McKeon, May
Dunne, Larry Pyne, Ned
Fingleton, Thérèse Shields, Gertie
Harford, Monica Tuite, Bredge

Officials Present: Mr. Eugene Quinn, Principal Officer
Mr. David Storey, Town Clerk.
Ms. Margaret Wilde, F.C.C.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) Minutes of Meeting held on 11/9/2001 were circulated
Proposed by Commissioner Dunne, seconded by Commissioner Fingleton and adopted.

2. Applications for Hire of Hall

(A) Renewal of Hall Hire Applications

Hirer	Function	Hall	Days	Time
Senior Citizens	Mass	Ballroom	27/9/01	11.00 – 7.00 p.m.
S.C.Cualann	Irish Dancing	Ballroom	Wednesday & Friday	3.30 – 5.00 & 4.00 – 5.30 p.m.

The above applications were in order and were approved by the Commissioners.

3. Correspondence

(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 4/9/01 received from Private Secretary, Department of Enterprise, Trade & Employment regarding CE Scheme circulated and noted
- (ii) Letter dated 25/9/01 received from Higher Executive Officer, Department of the Environment & Local Government regarding local government staff pay increases circulated and noted
- (iii) Letter dated 25/9/01 received from private secretary, Department of the Environment & Local Government regarding the motion to support changing/feeding facilities passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners circulated and noted
- (iv) Letter dated 27/9/01 received from Private Secretary, Department of the Environment & Local Government regarding motion that mobile phones while driving a vehicle be considered an offence passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners circulated and noted

- (v) Letter dated 28/9/01 received from Private Secretary, Department of Health & Children, regarding casualty services in hospitals circulated and noted

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 31/8/01 received from Senior Executive Planner enclosing Action Area Plan for north-west Balbriggan together with letter dated 25/9/01 received from Senior Executive Officer was circulated and noted, maps available at the office for inspection.
- (ii) Letter dated 18/9/01 received from Planning Department, regarding Planning Permission Ref: F01A/0226 – John D's Public House was circulated and noted.
- (iii) Letter dated 26/9/01 received from An Cathaoirleach, regarding maintenance at Sea Banks, Balbriggan was circulated and noted.
- (iv) Letter dated 26/9/01 received from Senior Executive Officer, Planning Department, regarding Planning Permission Ref: F00A/1464 was circulated and noted.
- (v) Letter dated 26/9/01 received from Area Community Officer, Fingal County Council was circulated and noted.

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated 3/9/01 received from Hon. Secretary, AMAI enclosing copies of the Honorary Secretary's Report in respect of year ending 13/8/2001 was circulated, report available at office.

(D) Conferences

- (i) Letter dated 17/8/01 received from A/County Secretary, Monaghan County Council regarding L.A.M.A. Annual Winter Seminar 2001 (already circulated). It was agreed to carry this forward from the September meeting. Following discussion. The delegates nominated to attend are An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Shields and Commissioner Fingleton.

4. Cathaoirleach's Business

To remind members that when they feel it necessary to object to a planning permission, unless the matter is discussed and passed by the elected members, the objection cannot be represented as coming from Balbriggan Town Commissioners.

Following discussion Commissioner McKeon stated that she was extremely disappointed that An Cathaoirleach felt it necessary to have this item on the Agenda. Commissioner Tuite requested clarification on the use of headed paper by the Commissioners.

5. Redevelopment of Town Hall

The Town Clerk informed the Commission on progress to date. County Architect D. O'Connor to organise interview board, as soon as possible.

6. Motions:-

(i) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Ned Pyne

To ask the Manager Fingal County Council to impose penalty fines on the developers of Clonard Rise if the keys of the houses are not handed over at the end of October as promised.

Proposed by Commissioner Pyne, seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed.

(ii) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Ned Pyne

Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform to give an update on the legislation concerning the licensing of doormen at places of entertainment i.e. night clubs, public houses etc.

Proposed by Commissioner Pyne, seconded by Commissioner Fingleton. Following discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk write again to the Minister for Justice and request update before the current Minister's term of office expires. It was also agreed to write strong letter of support to A.M.A.I. The Commission also request a meeting to be arranged with the Local Vintners Association.

(iii) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields

That we Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council, Drainage Department to complete the work on the new mains system at Tankardstown, on the Drogheda Road without further delay.

Proposed by Commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner Harford. It was agreed that the Town Clerk write to Fingal County Council with regard to the safety of the area/access.

(iv) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields

That we Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on officials of Fingal County Council, Planning Department to arrange a meeting with the Commissioners to discuss new planning developments for the Balbriggan area.

Proposed by Commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner Dunne and agreed.

(v) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Larry Dunne

Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to have the public footpaths along the front beach put into proper order as a matter of priority.

Proposed by Commissioner Dunne, seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed. The Town Clerk to write as a matter of urgency outlining the safety aspect.

(vi) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Thérèse Fingleton

We, Coimisinéirí Bhaile Brigin request that the Town Clerk, in drawing up the estimates for the year 2002, include funding for the purchase of three flag poles and also include the cost of erecting these poles at the appropriate site on St. George's Square.

Proposed by Commissioner Fingleton, seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed. The Town Clerk will take into consideration and seek quotations.

(vii) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite

As car parking on the streets of Balbriggan has become a free for all, with vehicles parking on pedestrian crossways, thus blocking the designated exists and entry area. Parking in loading bays, parking at junctions, blocking the view of emergency traffic, able bodied drivers, parking in the designated parking spaces for disabled car users. We call on the relevant bodies, Fingal County Council, Garda and Traffic Warden to take the matter in hand by implementing the Road Traffic Act in relation to the above offences.

Proposed by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed. The Manager suggested that the Commissioners request Fingal County Council to do a survey and for Commissioners to meet with Superintendent Gallagher.

(viii) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite,

The view of the alarming discovery (Tuesday 25th September 2001) that no government department has fixed ideas what the plan is, in the event of a national disaster, we call on the government to convene a meeting immediately to address this matter.

Proposed by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner Shields and agreed.

(ix) Motion Submitted by Commissioner May McKeon.

In an effort to promote and maintain the traditional and historical aspects and appearance of our town, Balbriggan Town Commissioners again request Fingal County Council to allocate a Planning Officer to liase with the Town Commissioners to advice and monitor each planning application with particular emphasise on streetscapes, suitable buildings and shop facade and accessibility. The funding of this appointment to be charged to the Town Commissioners, if necessary and this project to operate for a specific period of time.

Proposed by Commissioner McKeon, seconded by Commissioner Harford. Following discussion it was agreed to amend the text of the motion to read as follows:

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(x) Motion Submitted by Commissioner May McKeon.

Balbriggan Town Commissioners to request to meet with Fingal Litter Warden in an effort to identify areas where we can create public awareness and assist the Warden and Tidy Town Committee to implement the litter law in full.

Proposed by Commissioner McKeon, seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed.

7. **Questions**

(i) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Ned Pyne**

To ask the Manager is there any plans to erect speed limit signs at the top and bottom of Flemington Lane, Bremore?

Reply:

Received from the Administrative Officer Roads Department – As part of the general speed limit review it is proposed to apply a 40 mph speed limit on Flemington lane. Arrangements are being made to have the necessary signage put in place with the least possible delay.

(ii) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Larry Dunne**

Would the manager please inform the Commissioners of the number of occasions in the last year on which the litter warden and dog warden patrolled Balbriggan?

Reply:

The Litter Warden who covers the Balbriggan Area inspects the area regularly, at least twice a week, and when required arising from complaints. Patrolling includes Saturday mornings. The Litter Warden for the area will carry out foot patrols in Balbriggan on the Principal streets of the town which will include lunch times.

The Dog Warden patrols the Balbriggan area on average once a week dealing with specific complaints and patrols in the Balbriggan area during such visits.

(iii) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Thérèse Fingleton**

To ask the Town Clerk, to consider the possibility of reconditioning/reconnecting the clock on the tower of Balbriggan library, with chimes limited to day time function.

Reply:

Re: Balbriggan Library Clock

Following a meeting on the 4th July 2001 with Mr. Philip Stokes of Stokes Clocks Ltd., at Balbriggan Library, to discuss the feasibility of putting the library clock back in operation, I attach a faxed copy of his proposals and costs in this regard.

In order to ensure the accurate timekeeping of mechanical public clocks, the standard practice nowadays is to remove the existing mechanical movement and replace it with an electric motor driven mechanism. This system will automatically compensate for the winter/summer hour difference and will self set to the correct time following a power cut.

The cost of this work is £2,980 excluding 12.5% Vat. Some additional costs will be involved to facilitate this work including the hire of a platform hoist for access to the clock face and the upgrading of the electrical system in the clock tower. I estimate these costs to be in the region of £800. These costs are considered reasonable for the work involved.

The library clock was fitted with a striking system in the recent past but the control panel for this facility was not located during our inspection. The original

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DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Deireadh Fómhair 9, 2001 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 9th October 2001 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

Is mise le meas,

David Storey

DAVID STOREY,
CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.

CLÁR

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 - (i) Minutes of Meeting held on 11/9/2001 (circulated herewith)
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(A) Renewal of Hall Hire Applications

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3. Correspondence

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- (v) Letter dated 26/9/01 received from Area Community Officer, Fingal County Council (circulated herewith).

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated 3/9/01 received from Hon. Secretary, AMAI enclosing copies of the Honorary Secretary's Report in respect of year ending 13/8/2001 (letter circulated herewith) report available at office.

(D) Conferences

- (i) Letter dated 17/8/01 received from A/County Secretary, Monaghan County Council regarding L.A.M.A. Annual Winter Seminar 2001 (already circulated). It was agreed to carry this forward from the September meeting.

4. Cathaoirleach's Business

To remind members that when they feel it necessary to object to a planning permission, unless the matter is discussed and passed by the elected members, the objection cannot be represented as coming from Balbriggan Town Commissioners.

5. Redevelopment of Town Hall

6. Motions;-

(i) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Ned Pyne

To ask the Manager Fingal County Council to impose penalty fines on the developers of Clonard Rise if the keys of the houses are not handed over at the end of October as promised.

(ii) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Ned Pyne

Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform to give an update on the legislation concerning the licensing of doormen at places of entertainment i.e. night clubs, public houses etc.

(iii) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields

That we Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council, Drainage Department to complete the work on the new mains system at Tankardstown, on the Drogheda Road without further delay.

(iv) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields

That we Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on officials of Fingal County Council, Planning Department to arrange a meeting with the Commissioners to discuss new planning developments for the Balbriggan area.

(vi) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Larry Dunne

Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to have the public footpaths along the front beach put into proper order as a matter of priority.

(vii) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Thérèse Fingleton

We, Coimisinéirí Bhaile Brigin request that the Town Clerk, in drawing up the estimates for the year 2002, include funding for the purchase of three flag poles and also include the cost of erecting these poles at the appropriate site on St. George's Square.

(viii) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite

As car parking on the streets of Balbriggan has become a free for all, with vehicles parking on pedestrian crossways, thus blocking the designated exists and entry area. Parking in loading bays, parking at junctions, blocking the view of emergency traffic, able bodied drivers, parking in the designated parking spaces for disabled car users. We call on the relevant bodies, Fingal County Council, Garda and Traffic Warden to take the matter in hand by implementing the Road Traffic Act in relation to the above offences.

(ix) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite,**

The view of the alarming discovery (Tuesday 25th September 2001) that no government department has fixed ideas what the plan is, in the event of a national disaster, we call on the government to convene a meeting immediately to address this matter.

(x) (x) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner May McKeon.**

In an effort to promote and maintain the traditional and historical aspects and appearance of our town, Balbriggan Town Commissioners again request Fingal County Council to allocate a Planning Officer to liaise with the Town Commissioners to advice and monitor each planning application with particular emphasise on streetscapes, suitable buildings and shop facade and accessibility. The funding of this appointment to be charged to the Town Commissioners, if necessary and this project to operate for a specific period of time.

(xi) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner May McKeon.**

Balbriggan Town Commissioners to request to meet with Fingal Litter Warden in an effort to identify areas where we can create public awareness and assist the Warden and Tidy Town Committee to implement the litter law in full.

7. **Questions**

(i) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Ned Pyne**

To ask the Manager is there any plans to erect speed limit signs at the top and bottom of Flemington Lane, Bremore?

(ii) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Larry Dunne**

Would the manager please inform the Commissioners of the number of occasions in the last year on which the litter warden and dog warden patrolled Balbriggan?

(iii) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Thérèse Fingleton**

To ask the Town Clerk, to consider the possibility of reconditioning/reconnecting the clock on the tower of Balbriggan library with chimes, limited to day time function.

(iv) **Question Submitted by Commissioner May McKeon**

Ask Fingal County Council who requested, who sanctioned and who monitored the siting of loading bays throughout the town recently?

(iv) **Question Submitted by Commissioner May McKeon**

Up to date report on my request to repair and maintain (or remove) the library clock.

8. **Other Correspondence**

Gertie Shield.

ITEM 1

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON TUESDAY 13th November, 2001.

Commissioners Present: Cannon, Mary, McKeon, May
Dunne, Larry Mullen, Joseph
Fingleton, Thérèse Shields, Gertie
Harford, Monica Tuite, Bredge

Officials Present: Mr. Eugene Quinn, Principal Officer
Mr. David Storey, Town Clerk.
Mr. Neil Humphries, Planning, F.C.C.
Ms. Margaret Wilde, F.C.C.

Apologies Received: Commissioner Ned Pyne

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) Minutes of Meeting held on 9/10/2001 were circulated
Proposed by An Cathaoirleach Gertie Shields, seconded by Commissioner Thérèse Fingleton and adopted.

2. Filling of Casual Vacancy in the Membership of the Town Commissioners occasioned by the resignation of Commissioner Mark Mullen.

The Town Clerk presented a letter received from Mr. Joseph Mullen who had been nominated by the Fiaána Fail Cumann to fill the vacant position on the Commission.

Commissioner Tuite circulated a letter regarding Co-Options Independents/Non Party, and requested that Standing Orders be an item on the December Agenda.

Commissioner Dunne proposed that Mr. Mullen be co-opted. This was seconded by Commissioner McKeon. Commissioner Mullen was then invited to attend the meeting.

An Cathaoirleach and the Commissioners welcomed Commissioner Mullen to the meeting and wished him well for the future.

3. **Planning Department Reports**

(i) **Request from Commissioner May McKeon**

"Request for Planning Officer in attendance to give a brief outline of procedures from when Planning Permission is applied for to Fingal County Council and permission is granted or additional information sought, and what are the guidelines for monitoring planning conditions: example John Keogh c/o John D's Planning No FOIA/0226"

The Manager introduced Mr. Neil Humphries, Planning Department, who answered questions raised by the Commissioners and the following reply was then circulated:

All Planning files are available for inspection at the public counter of the Planning Department. On receipt of an application it is referred to the Area Planner for consideration and circulated to other Council Departments and relevant organisations for report. The Council is restricted to considering the proper planning and development of the area with regard being had to the County Development Plan. When making a decision the Planning Officer takes into consideration all reports and objections/representations received in connection with the application.

A decision must be made within two months of the date of lodgement and can take one of the following forms:

- Decision to grant permission
- Decision to refuse permission
- Request for additional information
- Request for Time Extension

The Council does not have guidelines for monitoring planning conditions. The responsibility for complying with conditions attached to a permission rest with the Applicants. However if there is concern that conditions are not being complied with, The Council's Enforcement Section will investigate the matter following a written complaint.

Commissioner Fingleton referred to a previous request that the Planning Office Public Counter opening hours be extended to 7.30p.m. one evening per week.

The Manager suggested that the Town Clerk write to Director of Services of the Planning Department.

4. Applications for Hire of Hall

(A) Applications

Hirer	Function	Hall	Days	Time
Arts Council	Arts Festival	Ballroom	27 th – 31 st Oct	2.00p.m.-12.00 p.m
Fingal Dev Board	Public Meeting	Ballroom	15 th October	6.30p.m.-10.00p.m.

The above application were in order and were approved by the Commission. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that although the events had already taken place all applications received between meetings will be shown on Agenda as a matter of courtesy for the Commissioners information. Commissioner McKeon informed the meeting that the Draft Strategy for Economic, Social & Cultural Development in Fingal 2001 – 2011 is now available at the office for inspection.

5. Correspondence

(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Acknowledgement Letter dated 28/9/01 received from Keith McMullen, Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Education and Science regarding employment and payment of school secretaries was circulated and noted
- (ii) Received from Department of Public Enterprise, Press and Information Office, Information Book "Four Year Review" 1997 – 2001 (available at office)
- (iii) Letter dated 10/10/01 received from Private Secretary, Department of Education and Science regarding motion concerning fees for students attending colleges was circulated and noted
- (iv) Letter dated 11/10/01 received from Private Secretary, Department of the Environment regarding Commissioners motion concerning facilities for mothers was circulated and noted, enclosing copy of Childcare Facilities Guidelines for Planning Authorities (available at office)
- (v) Letter dated 12/10/01 received from Kevin Cullen, Local Government Policy Section, Department of the Environment and Local Government regarding Implementation of Local Government Act, 2001, enclosing Appendix Local Government Act, 2001 and Statutory Instruments S.I. No 458 of 2001, Schedule Repeals, and Explanatory Note was circulated and noted. Following discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk would write and ask for specific details outlining the precise functions/new statutory powers for Balbriggan Town Council" from 1/1/02.

- (vi) Acknowledgement Letter dated 16/10/01 received from Private Secretary Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform regarding legislation of doormen at places of entertainment was circulated and noted
- (vii) Letter dated 15/10/01 received from Spatial Planning Unit, Department of the Environment & Local Government regarding Deadlines for Submissions on National Spatial Strategy was circulated and noted
- (viii) Letter dated 22/10/01 received from Frank Fahey T.D., Department of Marine & Natural Resources, regarding Balbriggan Harbour was circulated and noted Commissioner Tuite is very disappointed with the reply and following discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk arrange a meeting with a representative from the Department of The Marine & Natural Resources, The Dublin Port and Docks, Fingal County Council and the Commission. Commissioner Harford proposed that a sub committed be formed with a view to private development of a Marina.
- (ix) Letter dated 26/10/01 received from Private Secretary, Department of Heath & Children, regarding emergency plan in the event of a national disaster was circulated and noted. Commissioner Tuite requested that the Town Clerk write and request a Copy of the Assessment following the "Trial Run" of Saturday 10th November 2001.
- (x) Letter dated 1/11/01 received from Private Secretary, Department of Health & Children regarding hospital casualty services was circulated and noted. Commissioner Harford referred to the Review would like to know if the public will be made aware of the findings.

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Acknowledgement Letter dated 17/10/01 received from Yvonne Clarke, Senior Staff Officer, Environmental Services Department regarding Fingal Litter Wardens was circulated and noted. Commissioner McKeon was delighted with the speedy response which was of great assistance to the tidy Town Committee. Following a meeting with Niall Gargan , and Yvonne Clark and two letters had gone out to all the local schools
- (ii) Letter dated 18/10/01 received from Pádraig Ó Mórdha, Oifigeach Riaracháin regarding overgrowth of the Bracken River was circulated and noted. Commissioner Cannon requested that the Town Clerk make enquiries with the Office of Public Works to clarify who has responsibility for the section not cleaned to date.
- (iii) Letter dated 19/10/01 received from Pádraig Ó Mórdha, Oifigeach Riaracháin, Environmental Services Department regarding Balbriggan Burial Ground was circulated and noted. Commissioner Dunne is disappointed with the reply and following discussion it was agreed that the issue be put on the Agenda for the Quarterly Meeting.

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Memorandum dated 16/10/01 received from the IPA Institute of Public Administration enclosing User Guide for the Town-Twinning Programme (circulated herewith) and application form.

6. Cathaoirleach's Business

An Cathaoirleach raised the possibility of Fireworks for New Years Eve (House to House Collection). Following discussion two proposals were identified.

- (a) Entertainment on the Square
- (b) Private Party Sponsor

An Cathaoirleach requested that should a private sponsor form a committee to organise the event that she be an honorary member.

7. Redevelopment of Town Hall

The Manager informed the meeting that interviews had taken place since the October Meeting and that interest was shown and we are now awaiting a submission.

8. Motions;-

(i) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite

"As Fingal County Council have introduced 2 Hour Parking in Malahide, Balbriggan Town Commission now call on Fingal County Council to introduce this system to Balbriggan Town"

Proposed by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner Fingleton. Motion Agreed

Commissioner McKeon opposed the motion.

The Town Clerk to write letter in respect of Balbriggan Town.

(ii) Motion Submitted by Commissioner May McKeon

"I ask Commission colleagues to agree my request to have our Administrative Staff, Manager and Town Clerk formally re-establish, publish and circularise to all concerned the code of protocol bestowed and associated with Cathaoirleach and Members of Balbriggan Town Commission since the formation of the Commission in 1860."

Proposed by Commissioner McKeon, seconded by Commissioner Harford. Motion Agreed.

(iii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields**

"That we Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council Housing Construction Department to explain the large proportion of Social Housing included the proposed Development Cardy Rock, as the percentage in the Housing Strategy Document clearly states that 10% is the allocation for the Balbriggan Area in each proposed development"

Proposed by Commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner Tuite, Motion Agreed.

(iv) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners for the second time call on the minister for Health and Children to provide Balbriggan with an Evening/Night Surgery Service to replace that which discontinued on the introduction of the Doctor on Call Service"

Proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner Tuite, Motion Agreed. Commissioner Harford said that she will put this issue as a motion on every Agenda until it is resolved. It was agreed that a date be set for the next public meeting. Commissioner Cannon informed the meeting that Deputy Mitchell would like notification to enable him to attend.

(v) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to notify every household in Balbriggan of the next date for water cut offs in the Balbriggan Area"

Proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner McKeon, Motion Agreed.

The Cathaoirleach read a letter from Commissioner McKeon requesting a suspension of Standing Orders for 10 Minutes. This request was granted. A local housing matter was brought to the attention of the Manager who will make enquiries regarding same. It was agreed that the Town Clerk write to the Housing Department

9. **Questions**

(i) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields**

"To ask the County Manager, Mr. William Soffe for an update on the position regarding the purchase of land for Graveyard extension in Balbriggan?"

Reply:

This matter was raised at the Quarterly Deputation's of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners in September 2001. The view was expressed at the Quarterly Deputation that land adjacent to the existing graveyard should be acquired. It is not proposed to proceed with this acquisition as the provision of a Burial Ground on the land in question is not recommended from a Planning or Commercial point of view.

The Council owns land at Ring Commons, Balrothery of approximately 8 acres. Some 4 acres of this has been leased to the Scouting Ireland C.S.I.(Fingal region) and the remaining 4 acres nearest to the motorway have been identified for a burial ground. Following discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk write follow up letter : What are the conditions regarding Planning or Commercial **non** use of this portion of land adjacent to the existing graveyard.

(ii) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Mary Cannon**

"Do Fingal County Council have any plans to Floodlight the Viaduct (Eleven Arches), The Harbour, Balbriggan?"

Reply:

There is no provision in the current years Public Lighting Programme for floodlighting at the location referred to in the question.

This location will be considered in the context of the preparation of the Draft Public Lighting Programme of Works for 2002.

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"Can we Balbriggan Town Commissioners be assured that the extension and upgrading of the Sewerage System from Quay Street to Isaac's Bower – as an interim measure will be included in the New Sewerage Treatment Plant when completed in 2002 – 2003?"

Reply:

The pipeline from Quay Street Pumping Station to the outfall at Isaac's Bower, is Currently being laid in advance of the main treatment works contract. As part of the main contract, a new underground pumping station will be built at Isaac's Bower, which will intercept the pipeline and pump the sewage to the new Treatment plant. This contract is expected to start late 2002/ early 2003.

- (iv) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**
"When will Balbriggan be supplied with re-cycling Wheelie Bins ?"

Reply:

At present there are approximately 18,750 houses on the three routes collecting dry recyclable materials. It is intended that this system will be introduced throughout other areas in Fingal on an ongoing basis and that up to 80% of all houses in the Dublin region will be included in this system, as stated in the Waste Management Plan, subject to adequate funding being available. At present, no such funding has been identified to extend this service.

- (v) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**
"Have Fingal County Council made any provision within their 2002 Estimates to install, central heating and weatherglass for renting tenants?"

Reply:

A provision in the sum of £200,000 was allocated in the estimates for 2001 for The installation of central heating to Council rented dwellings. In the preparation and making of the estimates for 2002, consideration will be given to the inclusion of a further sum for these purposes.

10. Other Correspondence

- (i) Letter dated 18/10/01 received from Cllr. Sean Ryan T. D. regarding traffic calming was circulated and noted
- (ii) Letter dated 23/10/01 from Chief Executive, Licensed Vintners Association, acknowledging our letter dated 12/10/01 was circulated and noted

An Cathaoirleach informed the meeting of the following letters of thanks received Following the Tidy District's Sports, Art and Cultural Awards. A letter of thanks was also read from The Festival of Arts Committee with special mention to the Town Hall Staff.

An Cathaoirleach congratulated Commissioner Fingleton on gaining the title of M'Lady Fingal when she represented the Local Special Olympics Committee in the recent M'Lady Eireann Competition, congratulations were also extended to Commissioner Cannon for her contribution.

Meeting Concluded 9.30 p.m.

Gertie Shields

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Fingleton, Thérèse Shields, Gertie
Harford, Monica Tuite, Bredge
Ned Pyne

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(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Acknowledgement letter dated 31/10/01 received from Senior Staff Officer, Roads & Traffic Department regarding illegal parking was circulated and noted. Commissioner Tuite asked if a letter regarding a survey was sent to FCC and if not could the Town Clerk follow this up.
- (ii) Letter dated 13/11/01 received from Senior Staff Officer, Housing Department regarding sign for Fullam Green Flats was circulated and noted.
- (iii) Letter dated 15/11/01 received from Senior Staff Officer, Environmental Services Department regarding issues raised on 31/10/01 was circulated and noted. It was agreed that a copy of the above letter be sent to the Tidy Town Committee asking for a suggestion for the location of the bin on the beach. Commissioner McKeon also suggested that the Commissioners and Tidy Towns Committee meet quarterly with Mr. Gargan, from Fingal County Council.
- (iv) Letter dated 23/11/01 received from Senior Executive Officer, Environment Department, regarding water supply cut-offs was circulated and noted.
- (v) Letter dated 27/11/01 received from G. Carrick, Administrative Officer regarding the Naming of New Developments was circulated and noted. As Commissioner Fingleton was nominated to sit on the Committee of the Naming of new Developments at FCC, she outlined what took place at the meeting and informed the Commissioners that anyone could write to FCC suggesting a name to be included on their register for use for future developments. There is no deadline for this and the next meeting will take place in January 2002. Commissioner Harford asked that the Town Clerk write to all Selling Agents in the Balbriggan Area informing them that the Committee exists and explaining its purpose.

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated 21/11/01 received from Hon. Secretary, AMAI regarding licensing of doormen at places of entertainment was circulated and noted.

4. Cathaoirleach's Business

6. Redevelopment of Town Hall

7. Standing Orders

It was agreed to put standing orders on the January Agenda.

8. Motions;-

(i) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Therese Fingleton

"Now that the houses at Westbrook on the Naul road (R122) are being occupied, Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council, in the interest of public safety and for the protection of pedestrians accessing their homes by walking along this dark stretch of road, to immediately construct a footpath and illuminate the road by means of adequate public lighting, which in view of the major development taking place this road can no longer be considered a rural road and that this be done as a matter of urgency before a calamity occurs."

Proposed by Commissioner Fingleton, seconded by Commissioner Tuite. Motion agreed.

A discussion took place and it was agreed that the Town Clerk write to the local Councillors asking for their support for the motion.

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"To ask Balbriggan Town Commissioners to support a motion calling on the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Brian Cowen, to seek the release of information from the British Government relating to the Dublin/Monaghan Bombings in 1974."

Proposed by Commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner Harford. Motion agreed.

It was agreed to write to all Local Authorities asking them to support the motion.

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"That Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council, Iarnród Eireann and the Minister for Transport, to extend the Dart Line to Balbriggan as a matter of urgency, to facilitate the huge growth in population to 30,000 plus."

Proposed by Commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner Mullen. Motion agreed.

Commissioner Tuite asked that the Town Clerk write to Iarnród Eireann's Safety Officer requesting him to meet with Balbriggan Town Commissioners in view of the unsafe conditions on the train.

(iv) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners condemn the judgement given today- Friday 30th November 2001 whereas a school student distributing cannabis on a school premises, now has the legal right to do so, without fear of arrest"

This motion was withdrawn.

Commissioner Tuite will redraft the motion and put it on January's agenda.

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"Motion to ask the Minister of the Environment and local Government to notify by public notice i.e. press/media the situation that currently prevails where a motor taxation certificate will not be issued if an N.C.T. has not been taken".

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(i) Question Submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields

“ To ask why the date for the completion of the Sewerage Treatment Plant is now at 2004 when the year 2002 was the initial completion date?”

Reply:

Originally, it was envisaged that this scheme would be completed in late 2003. It must be appreciated, however, that some aspects of the processing of the scheme (e.g.) departmental approvals and foreshore licences) are outside the control of the Council.

Contract documents (i.e. the detailed design of the scheme) for the Balbriggan/Skerries Wastewater Treatment Scheme were submitted to the Department of the Environment and Local Government for approval in April 2001. Approval to these contract documents cannot be issued until a foreshore licence has been received from the Department of the Marine. The council has been in ongoing contact with the Department of the Marine for a considerable time and it is also hoped that the Licence will be issued early in 2002.

The Council hopes to receive approval from the Department of the Environment and Local Government and to advertise for tenders as early as possible in 2002. It is hoped to have the project completed by the end of 2004 but this is dependant on receipt of the foreshore licence being received early in 2002.

Under the EU Urban Waste Water Directive the Council is obliged to have the Treatment Plant in place by the end of 2005.

A discussion took place and it was agreed that the Town Clerk write to the Department of the Environment, Department of the Marine, and Fingal County Council, Planning Department outlining that the original plan which was to be completed in 2003 would not be adequate now due to the expected increase in the population in 2005 and to request that they review the plans for the Sewerage Treatment Plan.

AOB

1. Fire Station at Chapel Street

This is part of the Urban Renewal Scheme. Commissioner McKeon brought it to the notice of the other Commissioners that the planning notice at the Fire Station in the name of Dublin Corporation.

2. Forming Limited Company.

Commissioner McKeon stated that she would be interested in forming a limited company in the New Year if needs be and asked the Commissioners to think about this idea over Christmas.

3. **Cardy Rock.**

Commissioner McKeon congratulated Commissioner Shields on raising the issue of the amount of the number of social housing in the Cardy Rock Development north of Balbriggan.

4. **Balbriggan Town Council**

Commissioner McKeon wish to remind the Town Clerk to make arrangements for the change of entry in the telephone directory etc. from January 2002.

Meeting concluded at 9.00 p.m.

Gertie Shields.

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DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Nollaig 11, 2001 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 11th December 2001 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON TUESDAY 8th January, 2002.**

Councillors Present: Cannon, Mary, McKeon, May
Dunne, Larry Mullen, Joseph
Fingleton, Thérèse Shields, Gertie
Harford, Monica Tuite, Bredge
Ned Pyne

Officials Present: Mr. Eugene Quinn, Principal Officer
Mr. David O'Connor, County Architect
Mr. David Storey, Town Clerk
Ms. Maureen Finn, F.C.C.

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Shields, presided.

An Cathaoirleach and the Councillors proposed a vote of sympathy in respect of the death of Mr. Mark Clinton and Mr. Tom Carthy.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) Minutes of Meeting held on 11/12/01 was circulated.
Proposed by Councillor May McKeon, seconded by Councillor Thérèse Fingleton and adopted.

2. Applications for Hire of Hall

3. Planning Department Reports

Town Clerk presented a report from Liam McGlynn, on Urban and Village Improvement Schemes. Grants of £100,000 are available for the Balbriggan and Balrothery Area. It was agreed a meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th January, 2002 at 8.00 p.m. in the Councillors Rooms, Town Hall, to discuss the report.

4. Correspondence

(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 30/11/01 received from Kevin Cullen, Local Government Policy Section, Department of the Environment and Local Government regarding the Local Government Act, 2001 and town councils was circulated and noted.
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- (v) Letter dated 10/12/01 received from Laurence Kelly, Local Government Policy Section, Department of the Environment and Local Government, regarding Representational Payments for Councillors was circulated and noted. Town Clerk explained about the payments the Councillors had already received in December and advised that the balance would be reimbursed when tax certificates were presented to Fingal County Council.
- (vi) Circular Letter dated 10/12/01 received from Marianne McDonnell, Higher Executive Officer, Superannuation Section, Department of Environment and Local Government regarding Local Government Superannuation Scheme, enclosing Explanatory Booklets was circulated and noted.
- (vii) Letter dated 11/12/01 received from Claire Byrne, Appointments Secretary Office of the Minister for the Marine and Natural Resources regarding request to meet with Minister Frank Fahey T.D. was circulated and noted. Town Clerk advised that a meeting was already arranged with Representatives of Dublin Port and 3 representatives from the Councillors at 11.00 a.m. on 11/1/02 at the Department of the Marine, Leeson Lane, Dublin. It was agreed that Councillor Shields, Councillor Fingleton and Councillor Tuite would attend.
- (viii) Annual report 2000 received from the Department of the Environment and Local Government (available at office) was noted.
- (ix) Letter dated 18/12/01 received from Kevin Cullen, Local Government Policy Section, Department of the Environment & Local Government regarding the implementation of Local Government Act, 2001 together with
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Local Government Act, 2001 – S.I. No. 589 of 2001 was circulated and noted.
- (x) Letter dated 18/12/01 received from Water Quality Section, Department of the Environment & Local Government regarding Local Government (Water Pollution Fees, 2001 together with Local Government Water Pollution Fees 2001 – S.I. No. 573 was circulated and noted.

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 11/12/01 received from Patrick Kenny, Corporate Services regarding Draft Regulations motion which was passed on 10th December 2001 was circulated and noted. The Councillors supported the motion and it was agreed to send a letter of support to Fingal County Council.

(B) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated 4/12/01 received from B.White, Hon. Secretary, A.M.A.I. regarding Spring Seminar 2002, enclosing programme of events was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 12/12/01 received from Liam Kenny, Director General Council of County Councils regarding seminar which will take place on 7/8th February 2002 was circulated and noted. Town Clerk advised that if two delegates attended the seminar it could jeopardise delegates attending seminars at a later date as this was not included in the Estimates. It could not be decided who or how many attend, so a vote was taken. It was proposed by Councillor Tuite and seconded by An Cathaoirleach to send one delegate to the Conference. It

was proposed by Councillor McKeon and seconded by Councillor Harford to send two delegates to the conference. A vote was taken. The following Councillors voted in favour of one delegate attending:

Councillor Fingleton, Councillor Cannon, Councillor Tuite, Councillor Pyne, Councillor Shields.

Councillor voted in favour of two delegate attending:

Councillor McKeon, Councillor Harford, Councillor Dunne, Councillor Mullen

It was agreed by the members to send one delegate

The following Councillors were nominated for attendance at the Conference Councillor McKeon, Councillor Shields and Councillor Harford. Before a vote was taken, Councillor Harford withdrew her nomination. A vote was taken between Councillor McKeon and Councillor Shields as to who should attend the conference. The vote was as follows:-

In favour of Councillor McKeon:

Councillor Mullen, Councillor McKeon, Councillor Pyne, Councillor Harford, Councillor Dunne, Councillor Shields.

In favour of Councillor Shields:

Councillor Fingleton, Councillor Tuite, Councillor Cannon

The Cathaoirleach proposed the vote passed.

5. Cathaoirleachs Business

6. Standing Orders

Eugene Quinn suggested and it was agreed to amend the Standing Orders and replace the name of Balbriggan Town Commissioner with Balbriggan Town Council where applicable. It was also agreed to change No. 57 - £5.00 to €6.35.

Amended Standing Orders would be put on February's Agenda.

Town Clerk will enquire with Department of the Environment & Local Government as to the correct Irish name for Balbriggan Town Council.

Mr. Eugene Quinn told the Councillors that Fingal County Council are carrying out a pilot scheme on listed buildings in Balbriggan and the Council would be in touch at a later date.

7. Redevelopment of Town Hall

Mr. David O'Connor, County Architect outlined the up to date position in relation to the Town Hall Development.

1. An advertisement was placed with the local press for an "expression of interest" in the re-development of the property.
2. 3 firm proposals were received for the re-development.
3. Interviews took place.
4. Fingal County Council then entered into negotiations with a Developer, on their proposal.
5. Financially there is a monetary shortfall for the project.

Councillor Fingleton suggested that the property should be sold and the new project be built on the site at Chapel Street. It was agreed this was a good idea but Councillor Pyne outlined that if this took place planning permission etc. would have to be applied

for and this would set the project right back to where it started. It was agreed that the Civic Office should remain on the Square if possible. Councillor McKeon suggested a partnership with Fingal County Council and asked that the Town Clerk write to Department of Arts, Culture and Gaeltacht and check as to what grants are available for such a project. Mr. O'Connor to arrange a survey of building and will report for the February meeting.

8. Motions

(i) Motion submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Bus Eireann to discontinue the current practice of setting down passengers travelling from Belfast, on the motorway at McDonalds Fast Food Outlet, Drogheda as this practice is putting the lives of the passengers in grave danger".

Proposed by Councillor Tuite. After a discussion it was agreed to send a letter to Bus Eireann seeking clarification on the policy of setting down passengers at this location.

(ii) Motion submitted by Councillor May McKeon

"In view of the serious consequence involved by the admission of Fingal County Council that they are unable to monitor planning permission conditions in Balbriggan, Coimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín now formally known as Balbriggan Town Council, endeavour to form a partnership with Fingal County Council, The Chamber of Commerce, local Business and Community Representatives for the purpose of sourcing financial support to enable us to engage a Planning Consultant to monitor and safeguard our town having regard to the many large private and commercial developments planned for our town."

Proposed by Councillor McKeon, seconded by Councillor Harford. Motion passed.

Councillor Tuite only agreed with the sentiments expressed in the motion.

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"In order for members to give the maximum impute to our new honoured role as elected Town Councillors and to provide a key focus of civic leadership in our town as required under the New Local Government Bill 2000, we formally make application to the Department of Local Government and whatever other agency as appropriate to review the Northern and Western Boundaries of our Town with a view to expanding our electoral area to include past, present and future developments at Stephenstown, Tankardstown, and Clonard/Bremore/Flemington, and consideration be given to granting Urban District Council Status to Balbriggan in the future".

Proposed by Councillor McKeon, seconded by Councillor Fingleton. Motion Passed.

(iv) Motion submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne

"The Balbriggan Town Commissioners call upon Fingal County Council to provide a proper footpath from Dublin Street to Market Green along the north side of the road".

Proposed by Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor McKeon. Motion Passed.

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"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Employment & Enterprise and the Trade Unions to liaise with employers with a view to altering the current practice of breaking employees service at Christmas time and that this should happen no more than twice before making an employee permanent".

Proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Shields. Motion Passed.

Councillor Harford asked that the Town Clerk check records for previous correspondence which was sent.

9. **Questions**

(i) **Question submitted by Councillor May McKeon**

Balbriggan Town Commissioners request an update on Balbriggan library clock restoration (Chimes) ?

Reply:

1. Balbriggan Library Clock has been operational for the past month.
2. The Clock was fitted with a striking system (chimes) in the recent past but the striking was discontinued due to objections from near neighbours. The fitting of a new strike facility (with night silencing if required) would cost in the region of €3,500.
3. The original movement is being cleaned at present and should be ready for display in the Library in February 2002.

It was agreed that the clock should chime on the hour (daylight hours) only.

(ii) **Question submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne**

Will the Manager please inform the Commissioners what the economic considerations were that resulted in the decision of Fingal County Council not to proceed with the extension of St. Peter & Paul's graveyard.

Reply:

Following a request from the Balbriggan Town Commissioners that the existing burial ground at Balbriggan be extended, enquiries were made in relation to the likely cost of acquiring the necessary land. This cost was estimated at €1,269.738 (£1,000.000).

Notwithstanding the cost of this land acquisition, the Planning Department when consulted, expressed the view that, due to the strategic location of the site relative to the surrounding residential and industrial areas along with the proposals to provide local bus services, the site is likely to have a higher order use. Any possibility of the current use of the site being changed at the next review of the Development plan would be prejudiced if the extension of the burial ground were to proceed.

In view of the above it is not proposed to pursue the extension of the burial ground but the Council's Development Department are actively seeking an alternative site.

In response to the reply received, it was noted that an identical response had been given at the Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council and had been deemed unacceptable and unsatisfactory by An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Boland. The Balbriggan Town Council find the reply unacceptable and now call on Fingal County Council to provide a proper and full answer to the question as submitted as a matter of urgency.

(iii) **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

As the site notice on the existing fire station in Balbriggan has been there for close to three years can the Manager establish exactly where the fire station will be.

Reply:

A site at Stephenstown has been indicated to Dublin City Council as a replacement Fire Station for Balbriggan.

The City Council are considering this site for its suitability for their long term needs.

The City Council has not yet returned to Fingal indicating if the site fulfils their needs.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk contact the Eastern Health Board and the Fire Service in order to seek clarification on the ongoing situation. It was also agreed to organise a meeting of the Councillors and Dublin Corporation regarding the fire service.

10. Other Correspondence

- (i) Letter dated 14/12/01 received from Trevor Sargent T.D. Party Leader Green Party, enclosing copy of reply regarding Traffic Calming in Balbriggan was circulated and noted.

The meeting concluded at 9.30 p.m.

Gertie Shields.

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DO GACH BALL DE COMHAIRLE BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

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HELD ON TUESDAY 12th February, 2002.**

Councillors Present:

Cannon, Mary,	McKeon, May
Dunne, Larry	Mullen, Joseph
Fingleton, Thérèse	Shields, Gertie
Harford, Monica	Tuite, Bredge
Ned Pyne	

Officials Present:

Mr. Shay Barker, Senior Executive Officer
Mr. David O'Connor, County Architect
Ms. Fionnuala May, Conservation Officer
Mr. David Storey, Town Clerk
Ms. Maureen Finn, F.C.C.

Apologies:

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4. Cathaoirleachs Business

St. Patrick's Day Parade

It was agreed to hold a meeting on Thursday, 14/2/02 at 8.00 p.m. to discuss the parade. It was also agreed to send a letter inviting the F.C.A., Swords to the parade.

5. Standing Orders

Town Clerk outlined amendments and name change to Standing Orders. Amended standing orders were agreed by the members.

6. Redevelopment of Town Hall

- (i) Fionnuala May, (Conversation Officer) spoke of her role within Fingal County Council, and outlined the position with regard to listed buildings in the Balbriggan area. She circulated a list of 24 listed buildings and stated that the Architects Department are now in the process of gathering a list of buildings which the public think should be included in this list. When the report is ready Fionnuala will present it to the Balbriggan Councillors.

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7. Motions

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Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Tuite. Motion agreed and passed.

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It was agreed to change the motion as follows:

"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council Environment Officials to meet with us as a matter of urgency to discuss the future of Balbriggan Harbour"

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"Balbriggan Town Councillors have previously been denied the right to vote in Seanad Elections, as our title was that of Town Commissioners, we now request the democratic right to do so now"

Proposed by Councillor Tuite, seconded by Councillor McKeon Motion agreed and passed. It was agreed that a letter outlining above motion be sent to LAMA, AMAI, and Mr. P. Lane of the General Council of County Councils..

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"As "Fingal Swimming Pool" is not now going ahead, can we Balbriggan Town Councillors and Fingal Councillors and our 4 TD's, agree to meet to discuss the possibility of sourcing a site and, investigate the funding and grant aid that might be available for Balbriggan Town Council to pursue such a project."

Councillor Cannon withdrew this motion.

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Motion proposed by Councillor McKeon, seconded by Councillor Tuite. Motion agreed and passed. It was agreed that a full page advertisement in the local paper seeking partnership with various bodies.

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"The administrators, staff of our Council examine the procedures to introduce a Bye-Law (available to us under the new Local Government Bill) with a copper fast guarantee that new development and refurbishment of shop front façade in Balbriggan reflect an accepted traditional design which is compatible to proper planning guide lines (Fingal County Council) and penalties to be introduced to defer offenders".

Motion proposed by Councillor McKeon, seconded by Councillor Harford. Motion agreed and passed. It was agreed that the Town Clerk check details on Local Government Act Bill 2001 for Bye-Laws for the Town Centre.

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"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to develop a truck park in the Industrial Park".

Motion proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Tuite. Motion agreed and passed. It was agreed to write to Fingal County Council seeking clarification of requirements to install a truck park.

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"Balbriggan Town Council call upon Fingal County Council to instigate immediately a program of remedial work to bring the public beaches in the Balbriggan area up to an accepted standard for use by the public during the coming summer months".

Motion proposed by Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor Shields. Motion agreed and passed. It was agreed to write to the Contractor who is undertaking work at the Balbriggan Train Station, asking him to reinstate the beach properly after works have been completed and also to ask representations from Environment Dept, Fingal County Council to come down and see the situation for themselves.

8. Questions

Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields

- (i) "Can Fingal County Council Drainage Department give us a date for the completion of work on the open drain south of St. Mologas School on the N.1. Motorway?"

Reply:

Following an examination of the works required at this location the Water and Drainage Department considered that the nature of the works required a specialist contractor. In view of this consultants have been engaged to prepare design and contract documents for this scheme to enable the Council to go out to tender for the necessary works. The design and tender period is estimated to take approx. 3 months. It is hoped to have a contractor on site at end June, 2002.

Councillor Tuite stated that this was not an acceptable reply. It was agreed to contact Fingal County Council asking for some one to come out and inspect the drain.

- (ii) **Question submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite**

"Request Fingal County Council, Roads Department to reinstate all yellow lines and other traffic markings in Balbriggan in the interest of addressing the present free for all parking situation?"

Reply:

The Senior Executive Engineer Road Maintenance Section has confirmed that road markings in Balbriggan will be reinstated as part of the maintenance programme in the coming year.

Councillor asked that Town Clerk write to Sargent William Lawlor outlining the problem.

- (iii) **Question submitted by Councillor Mary Cannon**

Ask Fingal County Council for an up date report on the nameplate/stone for the Bracken River".

Reply:

This matter is at present being investigated by the Roads Department. The erection of a sign must comply with Department of the Environment guidelines. A full report on this matter will be presented to the next meeting of Balbriggan Town Council.

Town Clerk advised that he will meet with Engineers next week and will meet with Councillor Cannon to clarify what is needed.

- (iv) **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

"What areas in Balbriggan have been included in the 2002 estimates for traffic calming measures".

Reply:

The Transportation Department will be presenting a draft programme of traffic management measures to the Committee at the end of this month and Balbriggan together with the many other requests for traffic calming schemes will be included for consideration.

Councillor Harford requested the Town Clerk write requesting a copy of the Draft Programme by sent to the Balbriggan Town Council when it becomes available.

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Will the manager please inform Balbriggan Town Council?

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Reply:

There are currently eight dwellings owned by Fingal County Council vacant in the Balbriggan area. Seven of these dwellings represent relatively recent purchases of ageing properties previously owned by Fingal County Council. These dwellings require substantial refurbishment work to bring them to current letting standards.

The time between a house being vacated/acquired and re-let is dependent upon various factors, i.e. the legal position, the extent of the refurbishment required, the number of houses being dealt with by a contractor at any one time, the availability of contractors to carry out such works and the number of offers of housing refused by applicants on the Housing List.

The eight dwellings concerned became vacant in February 2002 and it is expected that these dwellings will be available for letting towards the end of March.

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5th February 2002.

DO GACH BALL DE COMHAIRLE BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

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I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Council will be held on 12th February 2002 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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David Storey

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CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.

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- a. Continuity of employment not quantified
 - b. Especially no people laid off at Christmas
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- (iii) The following letters were received in support of motions regarding Dublin Monaghan Bombings in 1974 passed by Balbriggan town Council at December 2001 monthly meeting:-

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(D) Conferences

4. Cathaoirleach's Business

(1) Slí na Sláinte

A letter was received from Councillor Fingleton enclosing proposed Project for Green Town 2000, with draft maps outlining the various options for walkways supplied by Mr. Tom Fletcher. Following discussion it was unanimously agreed that we forward same to Fingal County Council seeking support and funding to bring this proposal to fruition.

(2) **St. Patrick's Day**

An Cathaoirleach informed the members of the groups taking part in the parade and the schools participating in the Poetry, Art and Essay Competition. It was agreed that the School Competition entries be displayed in the Ballroom on St. Patrick's Day. Arrangements for the Parade are at an advanced stage.

5. Redevelopment of Town Hall

Mr. Stephen Peppard outlined the up to date position in relation to the Town Hall Development. He informed the meeting that a full structural survey would be taken as a matter of urgency in the interest of health and safety.

It was suggested that the proposal for a theatre be relocated to a different site to make the Town Hall Site more attractive to the developers. It was agreed that the Civic Facilities would remain at the Town Hall location. The best option proposed would be a One Stop Shop with front line offices. Fingal County Council confirm commitment to provide a Sub Office for the Balbriggan Area.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk make arrangements for a delegation of the Town Council to meet with the County Manager and County Architect, and that the Councillors meet for discussion prior to same.

An Cathaoirleach referred to 15 million funding being made available to Athlone Town Council and requested that the Town Clerk make enquiries.

6. Motions

Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields

- (i) "Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council, Planning Department to monitor the quality and quantity of future housing developments in the town and its environs".

Proposed by Councillor Shields and Seconded by Councillor Harford.

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Proposed by Councillor Shields, Seconded by Councillor McKeon. Motion Passed.

- (iii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for the Environment to provide grant funding through Fingal County Council to enable renting tenants have weather glaze windows/doors and fascias fitted.

Proposed by Councillor Harford, Seconded by Councillor Dunne. Motion Passed.

7. Questions

Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford.

"Ask the Manager for an update on the proposed children's play park in Ardgillan Park".

Reply:

In 2001 the following works were completed in phase 1 of the development:

- Initial ground works including re-grading and provision of base for playground
- Lay out and provide base for footpaths from the upper and lower car parks to playground
- Provide boundary fence between play ground and depot yard
- Plant screen hedging between play ground and depot yard
- Plant trees on re-graded ground around the playground

In the 2002 Parks Works programme €190,000 has been provided for phase 2 of the development. It is intended to carry out the following works:

- Install kerb around playground
- Provide safety surface of pea gravel
- Surface paths and provide perimeter path and internal path in playground
- Commence purchase of playground equipment
- If the available finance permits it is also intended to commence installation of perimeter railing around the playground

Items that will be completed in phase 3 of the development include:

- Complete purchase and installation of playground equipment
- Provide toilets, first aid station and ranger station

8. Other Correspondence

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- (ii) Letter dated 4/1/02 received from Superintendent Tom Gallagher, An Garda Síochána regarding traffic/parking – Balbriggan Town Centre already circulated at February Meeting.

Following discussion it was agreed that a letter of support be forwarded providing that it be for a trial period of i.e. 6 months. A vote on the proposal was taken by the members.

The following members voted in favour:

Councillor Cannon, Councillor Dunne, Councillor Harford, Councillor Pyne, Councillor Shields, Councillor Tuite.

Against – Councillor Mullen.

Councillor McKeon abstained.

The meeting concluded at 9.30 p.m.

Lyndie Shields

Oifig an Aire
Office of the Minister



Please Quote Ref: REP13/ND/02

4 March, 2002.

Mr. David Storey,
Balbriggan Town Council,
Town Hall,
Balbriggan,
County Dublin.

Dear Mr. Storey,

I have been asked by Mr. Noel Dempsey, T.D., Minister for the Environment and Local Government, to acknowledge receipt of your recent letter in connection with Balbriggan Town Council's motion - "Motion to ask the Minister of the Environment and Local Government to notify by public notice i.e. press/media the situation that currently prevails where a motor taxation certificate will not be issued if an N.C.T. has not been taken".

A further letter on this matter will issue as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Noeleen Behan,
Private Secretary



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6th March 2002.

DO GACH BALL DE COMHAIRLE BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Bhaile Brigín Comhairle a thionolfar ar an Márta 12, 2002 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Council will be held on 12th March 2002 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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David Storey

DAVID STOREY,
CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.

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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 9th APRIL, 2002.**

Councillors Present: Cannon, Mary, Mullen, Joseph
Dunne, Larry Pyne, Ned
Fingleton, Therese Shields, Gertie
Harford, Monica Tuite, Bredge
McKeon, May

Officials Present: Mr. Eugene Quinn, Principal Officer
Mr. David Storey, Town Clerk
Ms. Margaret Wilde, F.C.C.

Apologies Received:

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Shields, presided.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) Minutes of Meeting held on 9/4/02 were circulated
Proposed by Councillor Joe Mullen, seconded by Councillor Monica Harford.

2. Applications for Hire of Hall

3. Correspondence

(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Acknowledgement Letter dated 4/3/02 received from Noeleen Behan, Private Secretary, Department of the Environment & Local Government regarding N.C.T. was circulated and noted
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(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated 13/3/02 received from B.White Hon. Secretary A.M.A.I. regarding copy correspondence received from Cllr. Denis Landy and proposed

changes in the Format for Annual Conference 12/14 September 2002 was circulated and noted

(D) Annual Financial Statement 2002 & 2001.

The Town Clerk following a directive from the Local Government Auditor asked the members to approve the over expenditure for 2000 and 2001 as circulated. The Expenditure was approved at this meeting by all members.

* The Town Clerk informed the members that the Demand from Fingal County Council is ready for collection on 10th April 2002. The members attention was drawn to the high increase in public liability insurance. The Town Clerk will present Financial Statements on a quarterly basis.

4. Cathaoirleachs Business

A request was made by the Special Olympics Committee for permission to use the Balbriggan Town Crest in conjunction with the Special Olympics Logo. All members approved and agreed.

5. Redevelopment of Town Hall

The Town Clerk informed the members that a letter based on the consensus of the members at the Special Meeting of 27th March, had gone to Fingal County Council. The Town Clerk is presently awaiting a reply from the Manager. Councillor McKeon requested a copy of the letter.

Councillor Harford asked that if the reply becomes available before the May Meeting would the Town Clerk circulate to all members.

The Town Clerk agreed.

6. Motions

Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields

- (i)** "Balbriggan Town Council call a meeting with interested parties to discuss the possibility of a Marina adjacent to Balbriggan Harbour and the upgrading of the Harbour itself"

Following discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk would organise a meeting of Balbriggan Town Council, Fingal County Council, Department of the Marine, and Dublin Port and Docks to seek clarification of procedures involved.

Proposed by Councillor Shields. Seconded by Councillor McKeon. Motion passed.

- (ii) Motion submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to purchase the plot of land adjacent to the graveyard, as the only natural extension to the cemetery or alternatively include the small triangle plot at the west tip of the cemetery (Fingal County Council property) and the road to the south of the cemetery which would enable a new entrance from the inner relief road"

Councillor Harford asked the Manager if the extension could be included on the 2005 Development Plan. The members were advised to put in notice of a submission to the Planning Department when the review of the Development Plan commences.

Motion Proposed by Councillor Tuite. Seconded by Councillor Harford. Motion passed.

(iii) Motion submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite

"Balbriggan Town Council call on Minister for Housing to amend the Affordable Housing Scheme so applicants can be assessed on their nett earnings and not on their gross earnings"

Following discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk would request a copy of the guidelines from the Housing Department.

Councillor Tuite withdrew this motion to amend it and will bring it forward at the May meeting.

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"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Government to abolish the levy charge on "a bag for life" on top of the cost of the bag in order to seriously encourage people to use them"

Motion proposed by Councillor Harford. Seconded by Councillor McKeon. Motion passed.

(v) Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Government to urgently find a way of stopping the pyramid investment sham before it causes much more devastation and heartache"

Following discussion it was agreed to amend the motion to read as follows:

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Government to urgently bring forward legislation to stop the pyramid investment scheme/women empowering women before it causes much more devastation and heartache"

Motion proposed by Councillor Harford. Seconded by Councillor McKeon. Motion passed.

7. Questions

Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields

"To ask the Manager why George's Square, Balbriggan is not included in the programme for seasonal planting and maintenance and can ensure that seasonal planting and maintenance of the Square, takes place"

Reply:

The planting scheme for George's Square was prepared on an agency basis for the Roads Department. At the time arrangements for ongoing maintenance were unclear and there was also a concern that vandalism might make efforts to provide seasonal bedding futile. Vandalism has become a problem with the scheme and the design is now being review. The question of providing seasonal bedding will be considered as part of this review.

Following discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk ask the Parks Department to notify the Balbriggan Town Council of any future review/plan for the Square Area.

The Town Clerk to check the Bye Laws with regard to skateboarding, drinking, littering.

The Town Clerk suggested that the Balbriggan Town Council contact local businesses with regard to sponsorship of seasonal plants for the Square Gardens if Fingal County Council cannot provide funding.

Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford

Can the Manager explain why a proposed 5 acre site for a fire station in Balbriggan has now been changed to a 2 acre site and is there a possibility of there being an ambulance space with no ambulance ?

Reply:

The site most recently offered to the Corporation for the provision of the fire station is based on the Corporation's stated needs in terms of the size of the site.

From discussion with the Corporation, it is confirmed that provision is not being made by the Corporation for an ambulance service on this site.

The Town Clerk to write to the Health Board and ask what is their position on this matter.

8. Other Correspondence

- (i) Letter dated 19/3/02 received from Fr. Paul Freeney, Board of Management S.S. Peter & Paul's J.N.S. regarding the opening of Pineridge gate for staff car parking in school grounds was circulated and noted.
It was agreed that a copy of this letter be sent to the Chapel Street Residents Committee.

The Town Clerk asked the members for permission to fund the proposed Advertising Campaign from the Millennium Account. The members agreed subject to the Town Clerk circulating to all members prior to publication. It was also agreed to fund 250 business cards to each member.

Councillor Mullen and **Councillor Fingleton** requested that an engineer inspect the problem regarding raw sewerage overflowing during heavy rain at Lambreecher Estate.

Councillor McKeon referred to the proposed planning application that includes provision for an incinerator with recycling units for the Courtlough area.

Councillor McKeon sought the support of the Town Council to arrange an information day and invite Fingal County Council and all relevant authorities.

Councillor Pyne enquired about a reply he was promised by Mr. Stephen Peppard regarding Cardy Rock Development.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that Fingal County Council had no intention to purchase further housing other than that which was approved in the Housing Strategy. The 40% will be made up of Affordable and Social Housing.

Councillor Harford referred to the open space at Lambreecher and circulated a flyer which was circulated by the "Save our Street" committee regarding same to all members.

Councillor Harford also referred back to her request regarding a Truck Park.
The Town clerk to follow up.

Meeting concluded 9.15 p.m.

Gertie Shields

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3rd April 2002.

DO GACH BALL DE COMHAIRLE BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Bhaile Brigín Comhairle a thionolfar ar an Aibreán 9, 2002 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

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HELD ON TUESDAY 14th MAY, 2002.**

Councillors Present: Cannon, Mary, Mullen, Joseph
Dunne, Larry, McKeon, May
Fingleton, Therese, Shields, Gertie
Harford, Monica, Tuite, Bredge

Officials Present: Mr. Willie Soffe, County Manager
Mr. Eugene Quinn, Principal Officer
Mr. David O'Connor, County Architect
Mr. David Storey, Town Clerk
Ms. Maureen Finn, F.C.C.

Apologies Received: Pyne, Ned

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Shields, presided.

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Proposed by Councillor Fingleton and seconded by Councillor Harford.

2. Applications for Hire of Hall

(A) New Applications

Hirer	Function	Hall	Days	Time
Carol Cromwell	Dance Class	Hamilton Hall	Fridays	4 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.

The Councillors agreed the above letting.

3. Correspondence

(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 9/4/02 received from Noel Dempsey, T.D., Department of the Environment & Local Government, regarding European Car Free Day 2002 was circulated and noted. The Councillors agreed that the Local Authority, Chamber of Commerce and Garda should be informed. Mr. Quinn stated that the date suggested might be the All Ireland Final Day. Town Clerk to check this out and this item will be put on the Agenda for the Garda Meeting.
- (ii) Letter dated 23/4/02 received from Laurence Kelly, Policy Section, Department of the Environment & Local Government, regarding Representational Payment for Councillors was circulated and noted.
- (iii) Letter dated 25/4/02 received from Noeleen Behan, Private Secretary, Department of the Environment & Local Government, acknowledging receipt of letter requesting grant funding for weather glaze windows/doors and facias was circulated and noted.
- (iv) Letter dated 30/4/02 received from John Kiernan, Assistant Principal Officer, Environment Awareness Section, Department of the Environment and Local

Government enclosing list of proposed grants to Local Authorities in 2002 and application form available at office was circulated herewith.

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 8/4/02 received from Margaret Howard, Senior Executive Officer, Water & Drainage Department, regarding completion of Balbriggan/Skerries Waste Water Treatment Plant was circulated and noted. Councillors requested that the Town Clerk write to the Minister requesting a Foreshore Licence be approved as a matter of urgency.
- (ii) Letter dated 12/4/02 received from Liam McGlynn, Senior Executive Officer regarding quality and quantity of housing development in the Balbriggan area was circulated and noted.
- (iii) Letter dated 19/4/02 received from Lucette Browne, Senior Staff Officer, enclosing the following Draft Local Area Plans
 - (i) Draft Local Area Plan from Lands at Rush
 - (ii) Draft Local Area Plan for Lands at Balrothery
 - (iii) Draft Local Area Plan for Lands at Naul
 - (iv) Draft Local Area Plan for Lands at CastlelandsWere circulated and noted. (Maps available for inspection at the Town Hall)
It was agreed by the Councillors that a separate meeting be scheduled for 21/5/02 at 8.00 p.m to discuss the Draft Area Plans above.
- (iv) Letter dated 30/4/02 received from Liam McGlynn, Senior Executive Officer regarding Urban Village Improvement scheme 2002, Balbriggan was circulated and noted. The Councillors agreed that the Church Car Park and the Front Beach would be a suitable alternative project. The Town Clerk to write to Mr. McGlynn outlining this.

(C) Conferences

- (i) Letter dated April 2002, received from Liam Kenny, Director, General Council of County Councils, together with programme, regarding Annual Conference of the General Council of County Councils was circulated and noted. The Town Clerk advised that Councillors could not attend this Conference as there was no money allocated in the estimates for this.
- (ii) Letter dated 25/4/02 received from B. White, Hon. Secretary, AMAI regarding Annual Conference was circulated and noted.

4. Cathaoirleachs Business

Arrange meeting with Balbriggan Town Councillors and Garda.

A meeting was set for Tuesday 21/5/02 at 7.30 p.m. This has to be confirmed with the Garda. The Councillors were advised to forward items for the agenda.

5. Redevelopment of Town Hall

Mr. O'Connor, Country Architect outlined alternative plans for the Redevelopment of the Town Hall. He also advised that Fingal County Council hope to gain access to the site at Chapel Street for inspection on Friday. After inspection Fingal County Council would report back to Balbriggan Town Council on its findings. Mr. Soffe highlighted the advantages of the alternative plan. He also advised that Balbriggan Town Council could not directly avail of grants but if Fingal County Council come on board the grants would then become available. Mr. Soffe hopes to find an alternative site in the Business Park for a new Fire Station. This would free the Chapel Street site

and allow greater development (theatre). After a discussion the Councillors gave their consent in principal for Fingal County Council to approach interested parties on their behalf. The Town Clerk suggested that Fingal County Council Officers involved would come down, monthly if applicable and keep the Councillor up to date on the position.

Councillor Harford proposed that Standing Orders be suspended. Agreed by the Members.

Councillor Harford asked the County Manager to look into the situation, which has developed with a resident at Bath Road. This person is involved with the "Save our Street Campaign". There appears to have been no steps taken as regards under the Litter Act and the Garda appear to be ignoring the situation. Mr. Soffe gave his word that this would be looked into.

Councillor Mullen brought to his notice that there appears to be raw sewerage overflowing in the river parallel to Lambreecher Estate, which is a health hazard. Mr. Soffe said he would also look into this matter.

6. Motions

Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields

- (i) "Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council Drainage Section to complete the work on the mains adjacent to St. Mologa's School at Tankardstown without further delay"

Motion proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Tuite. Motion passed.

- (ii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal Roads Department to install Traffic Lights at the junction of Market Green and Dublin Street in the interest of safety"

Motion proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Fingleton. Motion passed. Councillors advised that this item should be included on the Garda Agenda meeting.

- (iii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Social Community and Family Affairs to grant Medical Cards to all widows under 66 years of age"

Motion proposed by Councillor Tuite, seconded by Councillor Harford. Motion passed.

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"Balbriggan Town Council call on the minister for Health and the North Eastern Regional Health Board to place a full time ambulance service in Balbriggan"

Motion proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Dunne. Motion passed.

- (v) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

"Balbriggan Town Council call for the re-opening of the Citizens Information Centre without delay"

Motion proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Tuite. Motion passed.

- (vi) **Motion submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne**

"Balbriggan Town Council call upon Fingal County Council to arrange for the installation of a number of litter bins along the front beach"

Motion proposed by Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor Fingleton. Motion agreed.

7. **Questions**

(i) **Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

"Will the stainless steel handrail, removed by contractors when working on the overhead walkway at the Viaduct be returned and where is it presently located?"

Reply:

Iarnród Éireann, Eugene Fox, Divisional Engineer stated that the handrail in question was cast iron and it will not be returned as it is beyond repair. A new galvanised handrail will be put in its place and the remaining old cast iron rails are being painted. This work should be completed in about 4 weeks time.

(ii) **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

"Can the Manager please explain why is there a house in Clonard Rise boarded up?"

Reply:

The dwelling at Clonard Rise which was vacant, was re-allocated on the 3rd May, 2002

(iii) **Question submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne**

"Will the Council please explain why no reply to a question pertaining to clarification of the council's reply to an earlier question re the Balbriggan Cemetery has yet been received?"

Reply:

The Town Clerk stated that staff have tried to get a reply all week but to no avail.

Councillor Larry Dunne proposed that Balbriggan Town Council immediately contact the Minister for Local Government to demand to know why Fingal County Council has consistently refused to answer legitimate questions raised by the elected representatives pertaining to Balbriggan Cemetery. Agreed by the members.

8. **A.O.B.**

Town Clerk advised that he spoke with Marie Quill who suggested 31/5/02 for an Environment Information Day for Balbriggan to be held in the Town Hall. The Councillors agreed with the date. Town Clerk to get details from Environment Section.

Councillor Shields suggested that as Fingal County Council was not interested in taking over Balbriggan Harbour, the Balbriggan Town Council place a notice in a news item in a local paper asking that interested parties contact the Council. The replies of interested parties received could then be invited to a meeting outlining their interests to the Balbriggan Town Council who would then bring their ideas to the Minister of the Marine.

Councillor asked the Town Clerk to send a reminder to Fingal County Council in relation to the provision of a Truck Park in Balbriggan.

Councillor asked the Town Clerk that notification of wheelchair access at High Street be made available on Friday (elections). Town Clerk advised that the Sheriff's Office was responsible for this.

Councillors asked that a meeting be arranged with the Tidy Towns.

Meeting concluded at 9.30 p.m.

Gertie Shields

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DO GACH BALL DE COMHAIRLE BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Bhaile Brigín Comhairle a thionolfar ar an Bealtaine 14, 2002 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Council will be held on 14th May 2002 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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David Storey
DAVID STOREY,
CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.

CLÁR

1. **Confirmation of Minutes**
 - (i) Minutes of Meeting held on 9/4/02 (circulated herewith)
2. **Applications for Hire of Hall**

(A) New Applications

Hirer	Function	Hall	Days	Time
Carol Cromwell	Dance Class	Hamilton Hall	Fridays	4 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.

3. Correspondence

(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 9/4/02 received from Noel Dempsey, T.D., Department of the Environment & Local Government, regarding European Car Free Day 2002 (circulated herewith).
- (ii) Letter dated 23/4/02 received from Laurence Kelly, Policy Section, Department of the Environment & Local Government, regarding Representational Payment for Councillors (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 25/4/02 received from Noeleen Behan, Private Secretary, Department of the Environment & Local Government, acknowledging receipt of letter requesting grant funding for weather glaze windows/doors and facias (circulated herewith).
- (iv) Letter dated 30/4/02 received from John Kiernan, Assistant Principal Officer, Environment Awareness Section, Department of the Environment and Local Government enclosing list of proposed grants to Local Authorities in 2002 (circulated herewith) and application form available at office.

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 8/4/02 received from Margaret Howard, Senior Executive Officer, Water & Drainage Department, regarding completion of Balbriggan/Skerries Waste Water Treatment Plant (circulated herewith).
- (ii) Letter dated 12/4/02 received from Liam McGlynn, Senior Executive Officer regarding quality and quantity of housing development in the Balbriggan area (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 19/4/02 received from Lucette Browne, Senior Staff Officer, enclosing the following Draft Local Area Plans
 - (i) Draft Local Area Plan from Lands at Rush
 - (ii) Draft Local Area Plan for Lands at Balrothery
 - (iii) Draft Local Area Plan for Lands at Naul
 - (iv) Draft Local Area Plan for Lands at Castlelands(circulated herewith, maps available for inspection at the Town Hall)
- (iv) Letter dated 30/4/02 received from Liam McGlynn, Senior Executive Officer regarding Urban Village Improvement scheme 2002, Balbriggan (circulated herewith)

(C) Conferences

- (i) Letter dated April 2002, received from Liam Kenny, Director, General Council of County Councils, together with programme, regarding Annual Conference of the General Council of County Councils (circulated herewith).
- (ii) Letter dated 25/4/02 received from B. White, Hon. Secretary, AMAI regarding Annual Conference (circulated herewith)

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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 11TH JUNE 2002.**

Councillors Present: Cannon, Mary, Pyne, Ned
Dunne, Larry Shields, Gertie
Fingleton, Thérèse Tuite, Bredge
Harford, Monica

Officials Present: Mr. Eugene Quinn, Principal Officer
Mr. Liam McGlynn, Senior Executive Officer
Mr. John Daly, A/Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. Maurice McDonough, Administrative Officer
Mr. Bill O'Brien, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. David Storey, Town Clerk
Ms. Maureen Finn, F.C.C.

Apologies: McKeon, May
Mullen, Joe

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Shields, presided.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) Minutes of meeting held on 14/5/02 were circulated.
Proposed by Councillor Dunne and seconded by Councillor Shields.

2. Applications for Hire of Hall

3. Planning Matters

- (i) Under the Urban Improvement Scheme €110,000 has been allocated to Balbriggan Town. Mr. McGlynn outlined that €70,000 would be made available for the resurfacing of the Church Car Park while the remainder would be spent on upgrading the area. The Councillors were in agreement with this arrangement.

- (ii) Liam McGlynn stated that the closing date for the protected structures list was Thursday 20/6/02.

- (iii) Councillor Tuite's question on planning:
"As the current planning regulations do not require buildings being renovated, to put in place access to the premises for the disabled, we ask that this loophole be rectified without delay".

Reply:

Legislation in relation to disabled person's access to buildings is provided for in the Building Control Act 1990 and Regulations made under this Act by the Minister for the Environment. In general Building Regulations apply to the construction of new buildings and to extensions and material alterations to buildings.

The responsibility is on the designer and builder to make proper provision in accordance with requirements for disabled persons as set out in Part M of the Building Regulations.

Fingal County Council as a Building Control Authority carries out random inspections on approximately 12% of building under construction in its area, with special emphasis placed on buildings where the public has access.

Complaints concerning breaches of the Regulations are fully investigated. Where non-compliance is observed the owner is requested to comply and failing this enforcement action will be followed.

Mr. McGlynn commented on the following premises in particular.

1. **The Whiteheart Pub.**

They have stated that they propose to purchase the shop beside the pub and will then be in a position through re-development to provide proper disabled person access. If not they propose to provide a temporary ramp. Being followed up by J. Boyle. The councillors advised that this had been carried out.

2. **16 Dublin Street (Exile Clothing)**

They have provided disabled persons access. The Councillors advised that this had also been done.

The Councillors then asked that the new bookies at Drogheda Street be looked at, as there was no accessibility for the disabled.

(iv) Councillor Shields question on planning:

"To ask Mr. McGlynn to ensure that all current planned development be put on hold until the Sewerage Treatment Plant in accordance with E.U. regulations is operational".

The Councillors outlined their concerns as to raw sewerage lying on the back beach in Balbriggan. They informed the personnel present, from Water & Drainage that they had had a meeting with the residents of Castlelands, Balrothery and Ardgillen estates the night before who were concerned with the amount of development taking place without there being any infrastructure in place. Councillor Pyne and Tuite raised their concerns about the same problem in Balbriggan. Mr. Daly advised that the Foreshore Licence was now granted and the work on the sewerage could now commence. Mr. McGlynn outlined the following:

Foul Drainage

Fingal County Council has recently upgraded the existing rising main from the pumping station at Quay Street (to Issacs Bower at Hampton Cove) and these works were completed by the end of 2001. This will provide adequate capacity in the short term to facilitate the development of the subject lands. In the medium term, the Council has plans to further upgrade the Quay Street pumping station in order to cater for the future development in the entire Balbriggan area.

In order for development to occur on the Action Plan lands a foul mains sewer will need to be laid linking lands at north Balbriggan to the Quay Street pumping station. The Council has identified a number of alternative routes for

this sewer. It will be a requirement that the developers of the Action Plan provide this sewer as part of the planning applications on the subject lands.

Mr. McGlynn outlined that the pumping station in Quay Street would be used in the short term. He commented on conditions in the planning application on foul sewer and surface water as outlined in the Parkway Properties Ltd. Planning application no. P/1331/02

Councillor Fingleton asked about the e-coli in the harbour. Mr. Daly advised that with the interim scheme there overflows from Quay Street pumping station would be greatly reduced into the harbour.

The Councillors asked that a sign be put in place at the stream in the back beach warning of the danger of sewerage.

Maurice Mc Donough advised the meeting that he had been in touch with the Principal Environmental Health Officer regarding whether or not putting up a sign was appropriate. The Council would be guided by his advice on the matter.

4. Correspondence

(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Government Action Plan March 2002 received 29/5/02 from An Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern (available at office) was noted.
- (ii) Acknowledgement letter dated 27/5/02 received from Robert Delaney, Private Secretary Office of the Minister for Social, Community and Family Affairs regarding Medical Cards for Widow's under 66 years of age was circulated and noted.
- (iii) Letter dated 29/5/02 received from Bridget Flynn, Private Secretary, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment regarding "Women Empowering Women" was circulated and noted.

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 24/4/02 received from Brian Buckley, Senior Executive Officer, Environmental Services Department regarding Balbriggan Harbour was already circulated and noted. It was proposed by the members to initially arrange a meeting with interested parties before going any further with this project. A meeting was provisionally arranged for Thursday, 20th June at 7.30 p.m. This is to be confirmed. This was proposed by Councillor Tuite and seconded by Councillor Shields.
- (ii) Letter dated 22/5/02 received from Patrick Kenny, Corporate Services Department, regarding two motions passed at a recent Fingal County Council meeting was circulated and noted.
- (iii) Report on Proposed Protected Structure – Marian House, Loreto Convent, Convent Lane, Balbriggan was circulated and noted. It was agreed by the Councillors that in view of the fact that this house is on the conversation list the Town Clerk speak with Conservation Officer advising her that there is an application lodged for the demolition of the house in order to extend the Loreto School.

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter received from B. White, Hon. Secretary, AMAI, regarding Annual Conference 12th – 14th September 2002 was circulated and noted. Councillor

Tuite asked that the Councillors submit motions to the office within the next two weeks to allow these be discussed at the workshop.

- (ii) Notice received from Marie Murphy Conference Secretary, Carlow County Council regarding Local Authority Members Association Annual Winter Seminar 2002 to be held in the Dolmen Hotel, Carlow on 8/9th November 2002 was circulated and noted.

5. Cathaoirleachs Business

- (i) Fingal County Council Quarterly Meeting.

Town Clerk outlined that if the attendance at the Quarterly Meeting did not improve there would be likelihood that it could be cancelled. He advised that if Councillors could not attend themselves the Councillors in attendance could speak about motions on their behalf, as it was a deputation meeting.

- (ii) Balbriggan Town Council AGM – proposed date 26th June 2002.

The time and date was confirmed as 26th June 2002 at 7.30 p.m. in the Councillors Rooms.

- (iii) Councillor Shields advised the Councillors that she received a letter from the Historical Society in connection with the Dome of the Lighthouse. She advised that she had replied to the letter outlining the work already carried out by Balbriggan Town Council and suggested that the Councillors meet with the Historical Society. She advised that she would keep the Councillors advised of the situation when she receives a reply.

6. Redevelopment of Town Hall

The County Manager advised that he is now in the process of chairing the Project Team with David O'Connor, Architect to look at ideas about the redevelopment and would keep the Councillors up to date with the developments.

7. Motions

Motion submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite.

- (i) "Ask Fingal County Council in conjunction with Super Valu to implement traffic calming measures on Brick Lane as the increasing volume of traffic using the lane is impeding safe use by pedestrians".

Motion was proposed by Councillor Tuite, seconded by Councillor Shields. Motion passed. The Manager suggested that a letter be sent to Fingal County Council requesting a survey be carried out initially. This was agreed by the Councillors.

- (ii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Justice and the clerk of the courts to provide proper private facilities to conduct family law negotiations in Balbriggan court"

It was agreed to amend the motion to read as follows: -

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Justice and the clerk of the courts to provide proper private facilities in the former caretakers residence which is housed in Balbriggan Courthouse to conduct family law negotiations in Balbriggan court"

Motion proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Tuite.
Motion Passed.

8. Questions submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne

- (i) "When do Fingal Council intend to furnish Balbriggan Town Council with a reply to the question submitted in respect of Balbriggan Cemetery in January last."

Reply:

I refer to your question in relation to the economic considerations that resulted in the Council's decision not to extend the burial ground in Balbriggan.

The decision not to extend the burial ground was based primarily on the advice of the Planning Department. They advised us that due to the strategic location of the site it was likely to have a higher order use following a review of the current Development Plan. A higher order use would be a use that would better serve the needs of the community of Balbriggan based on the location and proximity of the site to existing and proposed commercial and residential developments.

The elected representatives will be given an opportunity to vote on any changes to the Development Plan at the time of its review.

Councillor Dunne again said that he was not happy with the reply. A discussion took place between the Councillors. After which Councillor Dunne outlined that the two basic questions he wanted Fingal County Council to answer was "who decides to abandon the draft plan for the graveyard and what is the higher order - what is proposed for the site"?

Councillor Tuite asked that the triangle of ground west of cemetery is taken into account and the Fingal County Council contact the owner. The Manager stated that the reply given outlined that a review of the current Development Plan would have to take place before any action would take place and that Fingal County Council Councillors would then have to vote on whether to implement it or not. Nothing would be done in the interim. At the moment Fingal County Council are only trying to identify alternative sites at the Bog of the Ring and the Naul Road.

(ii) Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford

"To ask the Manager why the radiators on Lambeecher Estate which have been littering the place for the past six weeks have not been moved despite being reported several times"

Reply:

The 3 radiators placed on footpaths (with NO HOUSE written them) in Lambeecher Estate were removed by staff of the Litter Management Unit on 6th June, 2002. The resident of 187, Lambeecher Estate, followed the staff who removed the radiators back to the depot in Watery Land and requested that these radiators be returned to him as he owned them. When refused, the resident called the Gardai in Swords, 2 Gardai came to the depot, listened to both sides and determined that it was a civil matter. The resident claimed ownership of the 3 radiators in the presence of the Gardai. The radiators were not returned and are currently stored in the depot. The resident told the staff

of the Litter Management Unit that he intended replacing the radiators they removed with 10 times as many more.

A further inspection of Lambeecher Estate was carried out on 8th June 2002 by the Inspector in charge of the Litter Management Unit. 2 radiators, 2 wooden boards, 1 galvanised sheet and one timber sign attached to the pole at the entrance to Lambeecher Estate were found to be present. All of the items had "No House" written on them. The Inspector removed the timber sign, and 2 wooden boards. The remainder of the material was removed by the Litter Management staff on 10th June 2002.

Councillor Harford was not happy with the reply as she was under the impression that no action was taken against the resident. The Manager stated that legal proceedings were underway at present. Town Clerk advised that he would be attending a Management Meeting during the week and would advise the Councillors of the situation regarding the commencement of work on the building at 174a Lambeecher Estate.

9. Other Correspondence

- (i) Letter dated 10/5/02 received from Michal J. Ozmin, Project Leader, The Barcelona Declaration Project, regarding Plenary Session of the Barcelona Declaration Project in Dublin was already circulated and noted. Town Clerk asked the Councillors to notify the office as to how many of the Councillors would be attending, as he had to let the Project Leader know by Wednesday 12th June.
- (ii) Developments in the European Union 59th Report – 1st July – 31st December 2001 (Booklet available for inspection at the office) was noted.

A.O.B.

- (i) Councillor Cannon asked that a letter be sent to the Environment Department, Fingal County Council asking that the grass on the beach be cut and for a general clean up of the beach to take place as soon as possible.
- (ii) Councillor Harford asked the Town Clerk to follow up her motion requesting a Truck Park to be made available in Balbriggan be followed up as a matter of urgency.

Meeting concluded at 9.15 p.m.

L. Dunne

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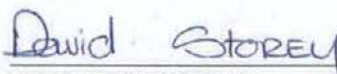
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A Chara,

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I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Council will be held on 11th June 2002 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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DAVID STOREY,
CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.

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**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26th JUNE 2002**

Councillors Present: Cannon, Mary Mullen, Joe
Dunne, Larry Pyne, Ned
Fingleton, Therésé Shields, Gertie
Harford, Monica Tuite, Bredge
McKeon, May

Officials Present: Mr. Eugene Quinn, Manager
Mr. David Storey, Town Clerk

Apologies:

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Councillor Shields, opened the meeting and thanked her fellow councillors for their support during her term of office, with special thanks to the Manger, Mr. Eugene Quinn, Manager, Mr. David Storey, Town Clerk, Councillor Bredge Tuite, Leas Cathaoirleach, staff and caretaker of the Town Hall, and the sponsors of various events held through out the year.

1. Election of Cathaoirleach

It was proposed by Councillor Mullen, seconded by Councillor McKeon

“That Councillor Larry Dunne be elected as Cathaoirleach”

It was proposed by Councillor Cannon, and seconded by Councillor Shields

“That Councillor Tuite be elected as Cathaoirleach”

On a division, the voting resulted as follows:

For Councillor Dunne:	Five (5)
For Councillor Tuite:	Four (4)

For Councillor Dunne: Councillors Dunne, Harford, McKeon, Mullen, Pyne (5)

For Councillor Tuite: Councillors Cannon, Fingleton, Shields, Tuite (4)

Having secured a majority of the votes of the Members present, Councillor Dunne was declared elected Cathaoirleach of Balbriggan Town Council.

Councillor Dunne than took the Chair and was presented with the Chain of Office by the outgoing Cathaoirleach, Councillor Gertie Shields.

Councillor Dunne thanked his proposer, seconder and Members for having elected him Cathaoirleach of Balbriggan Town Council, and stated he looked

forward to representing the Town Council and the people of Balbriggan in his term of office.

The Manager, Members and Town Clerk congratulated Councillor Dunne on being elected Cathaoirleach and wished him every success in the coming year.

2. Election of Leas Cathaoirleach

It was proposed by Councillor Tuite and seconded by Councillor Fingleton
"That Councillor Cannon be elected Leas Cathaoirleach"

It was proposed by Councillor Harford and seconded by Councillor Dunne
"That Councillor Pyne be elected Leas Cathaoirleach"

On a division, the voting resulted as follows:

For Councillor Cannon	Four (4)
For Councillor Pyne	Five (5)

For Councillor Cannon: Councillors Cannon, Fingleton, Shields, Tuite

For Councillor Pyne: Councillors Dunne, Harford, McKeon, Mullen, Pyne

Having secured a majority of the votes of the Members present, Councillor Pyne was declared elected as Leas Cathaoirleach of Balbriggan Town Council.

Councillor Pyne thanked his proposer, seconder and Members for having elected him Leas Cathaoirleach of Balbriggan Town Council.

3. Election of Delegate to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance's Ltd.

It was proposed by Councillor Tuite and seconded by Councillor McKeon that Councillor Shields remain as the delegate to I.P.B for the coming year.
Agreed by the members.

4. Election of Representative for BABA and Substitute Delegate

It was proposed by Councillor McKeon and seconded by Councillor Harford that Councillor Dunne would continue to represent Balbriggan Town Council on this committee.
Agreed by the members.

It was proposed by Councillor Dunne and seconded by Councillor McKeon that Councillor Harford would continue to represent Balbriggan Town Council as Substitute Delegate to this committee. Agreed by the members.

5. Election of Estimates Committee

It was agreed that all Town Councillors would be members of this committee.

6. Election of Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts and Culture Awards Committee

1 Councillor Fingleton proposed a Sub Committee with a separate chair.

2. It was agreed by the members that a Sub Committee of Chairperson and three Councillors be formed.

The following nominations were agreed by the members.

It was proposed by Councillor Shields and seconded by Councillor Pyne that Councillor Dunne be Cathaoirleach of this Sub Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor McKeon and seconded by Councillor Pyne that Councillor Harford be a member of the sub Committee

It was proposed by Councillor Tuite and seconded by Councillor Fingleton that Councillor Cannon be a member of the sub Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Harford and seconded by Councillor McKeon that Councillor Tuite be a member of the Sub Committee.

7. St. Patrick's Day Committee

It was agreed that all Town Councillors would be members of this committee. Following discussion Councillor Shields proposed that the position of Event Manager/Co-ordinator be advertised to co-ordinate this annual event. This was seconded by Councillor Mullen. It was also agreed that a meeting should be arranged with the Chamber of Commerce as soon as possible to discuss this matter.

8. Nominations for Fingal Development Board

It was proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Mullen "That Councillor McKeon be nominated as the representative for Balbriggan Town Council"

It was proposed by Councillor Tuite, seconded by Councillor Cannon "That Councillor Fingleton be nominated as the representative for Balbriggan Town Council"

On a division, the voting resulted as follows:

For Councillor McKeon	Five (5)
For Councillor Fingleton	Four (4)

For Councillor McKeon: Councillors Dunne, Harford, McKeon, Mullen, Pyne

For Councillor Fingleton: Councillors Cannon, Fingleton, Shields, Tuite

Having secured a majority of the votes of the Members present, Councillor McKeon was declared the representative for Fingal Development Board Committee.

The Meeting then concluded at 8.15 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 9th JULY 2002.**

Councillors Present: Cannon, Mary, Mullen, Joe
Dunne, Larry Pyne, Ned
Harford, Monica Tuite, Bredge
McKeon, May

Officials Present: Mr. Eugene Quinn, Principal Officer
Mr. David Storey, Town Clerk
Ms. Margaret Wilde, F.C.C.

Apologies: Fingleton, Therese
Shields, Gertie

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Larry Dunne, presided.

An Cathaoirleach and the Councillors proposed a vote of sympathy in respect of the death of Mr. Aidan Dempsey, late brother of Councillor Shields. This was followed by one minutes silence.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) Minutes of Meeting held 11/6/02 were circulated
Proposed by Councillor Mullen and seconded by Councillor Pyne

2. Correspondence

(A) Applications for Hire of Hall

Hirer	Function	Hall	Days	Time
The Chantries Residents Association	Public Meeting	Ballroom	10 th June 2002	8.00 p.m. – 10.30 p.m.
Helena Halpin 17, High Street Balbriggan	Spanish Students	Ballroom & Hamilton Hall	1 st July 2002 Mon Tue Thurs	2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

(B) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 30/5/02 received from Department of Health & Children received from Vera McManamon, Private Secretary acknowledging receipt of letter regarding the provision of an ambulance service in Balbriggan was circulated and noted
- (ii) Letter dated 31/5/02 received from Kevin Cullen, Local Government Policy Section, Department of the Environment & Local Government regarding Further Implementation of Local Government Act, 2001 was circulated and noted.

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- (v) Circular letter dated 14/6/02 received from Damian Smyth, Assistant Principal Officer, regarding Superannuation Gratuity for Councillors together with Statutory Instruments S.I. No. 281 of 2002 and Summary for Members was circulated and noted.
- (vi) Letter dated 21/6/02 received from John Goldrick, Local Government Policy Section, Department of the Environment & Local Government regarding Council of Europe - Conference in Dublin Castle, 14th October 2002 was circulated and noted.

(C) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 30/5/02 received from Marina Rennicks, Clerical Officer, regarding installation of litterbins was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 12/2/02 received from Margaret Campbell, Administrative Officer, Transportation Department, regarding provision of traffic lights was circulated and noted.

(D) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated May 02 received from Imy Whelan-Breen, Town Clerk, Kilrush Town Council regarding Medical Cards to asthmatic sufferers was circulated and noted.

3. Motions

(i) Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields and moved by Councillor Tuite in the absence of Councillor Shields

"That we Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal Planning Department to insist that developers who buy up sites in the town centre of Balbriggan be given a time limit to:

- (a) Commence the development of same.
- (b) If the building is in a state of dereliction that a decorative façade be erected to screen the site from the public.
- (c) That the site be made safe until development commences.

Motion proposed by Councillor Tuite and seconded by Councillor Pyne.
Motion Agreed.

(ii) Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields.

"That we Balbriggan Town Council adopt the motion to make Ingrid Betancourt an honorary citizen of our town and support Ingrid Betancourt and her fight for human rights in Colombia in recognition of her fight for democracy in supporting her action for social justice and her fight against corruption".

Copies of correspondence to be circulated to all members.

Following discussion it was agreed by the members to defer this motion to the September Meeting.

- (iii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite.**
Agreed by the members to take motion in conjunction with Item no 5 Amendments/additions to Standing Orders to comply with the Local Government Act, 2001

"To ensure parity of esteem, seats vacated by non party councillors be filled by non party candidates, nominated by the outgoing councillor's family.

- (iv) **Motion submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne.**

"To ask the Minister for Justice to bring in legislation regarding licenses for door men/ bouncers at night clubs, hotels etc"

Proposed by Councillor Pyne seconded by Councillor Hardford. Motion agreed. It was agreed that the Town Clerk write to the Minister for Justice quoting reply from AMAI.

4. Questions

- (i) **Questions submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**

To ask the Roads Department to install wheelchair access to the end of the footpath at Skerries road on the right hand side and also to install wheelchair access on the footpath on the left hand side (opposite).

Reply:

It is understood that the question refers to a point on the Balbriggan-Skerries Road (travelling towards Skerries) in the area of Ladystairs where the footpath on the right hand side of the road stops and a footpath commences on the other side of the road.

Arrangements are being made for this location to be examined and for the footpath to be dishd on both sides of the road and this work will be undertaken as soon as it can be fitted into the Area Engineer's Programme of Works for the area.

The Town Clerk to contact the Area Engineer and report back for September Meeting.

- (ii) **Question submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**

To Planning Department to ask how many new houses will be started in the year 2002/2003 in the Balbriggan area.

Reply:

The information sought is not currently available, however the Council has now commenced house counts for the period end of June 2002, and some of the information sought will be available in Mid August. It is not possible to indicate how many new houses will commence in 2003, as this will depend on market conditions, which are beyond the control of Fingal County Council.

The Town Clerk to report back for September Meeting.

5. Amendments/additions to Standing Orders to comply with the Local Government Act, 2001.

Manager, Mr. Eugene Quinn outlined the amendments to Standing Orders to comply with the Local Government Act 2001.

Following discussion it was agreed by the members to amend **Standing Orders No. 4** to read as follows:

"The membership of the Town Council shall consist of the Town Councillors of Balbriggan Town."

Motion Submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite

"To ensure parity of esteem, seats vacated by non party councillors be filled by non party candidates, nominated by the outgoing councillor's family.

Proposed by Councillor Tuite seconded by Councillor Mullen.

It was proposed by Councillor Harford and Seconded by Councillor McKeon that the motion be amended to read as follows:

"To ensure parity of esteem, seats vacated by non party councillors be filled by non party candidates"

On a division, the voting resulted as follows:

For amended motion 5, **Against** amended motion 2.

For amended motion: Councillors Cannon, Dunne, Harford, McKeon, Pyne

Against amended motion: Councillors Mullen, Tuite

Amended motion carried.

It was proposed by Councillor Harford and Seconded by Councillor McKeon that the amended motion be included as part of Standing Orders

On a division, the voting resulted as follows:

For 5, **Against** 2

For : Councillors Cannon, Dunne, Harford, McKeon, Pyne

Against : Councillors Mullen, Tuite

Amended standing orders proposed by Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor Pyne.

* Following a request from Councillor McKeon it was agreed by the members that Balbriggan Town Council draw up appropriate protocol arrangements for the Cathaoirleach of Balbriggan Town Council as it is not covered in Standing Orders. The Town Clerk to follow up *

6. Cathaoirleachs Business

1. Councillor Dunne circulated an invitation to attend a National Day of Commemoration, at Kilmainham Hospital on Sunday 14th July 2002. Councillor McKeon accepted the invitation to represent the Balbriggan Town Council.
2. Enquired if written replies to questions on the monthly agenda could be included with the agenda.
The Town Clerk informed the members this was not practical.
3. Councillor Dunne brought to the attention of the members that if they wish to discuss any item of correspondence at the monthly meeting would they kindly inform the office in writing prior to that meeting.

7. Financial Statement to 30th June 2002

Balbriggan Town Council				
Financial Statement				
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2002				
EXPENDITURE				
Programme Item	Estimate 2002 €	Unpaid Bill 2001	Nett Expenditure to 31.12.2002	Gross Expenditure to 30.6.2002
HOUSING				
Housing Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BALLROOM & CORPORATE PROPERTY				
Heat & Light	1,968.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Repairs & Renovations	762.00	0.00	488.97	488.97
Wages	25,395.00	19,808.97	0.00	19,808.97
Rates	2,032.00	0.00	1,663.47	1,663.47
Other Expenses	381.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OFFICE EXPENSES				
Heat & Light	1,841.00	645.00	1,419.00	2,064.00
Office Expenses	5,079.00	321.80	3,313.95	3,635.75
Photo Copier	0.00	0.00	675.67	675.67
Town Clerk Allowance	6,666.00	6,239.39	0.00	6,239.39
Members Expenses / Conferences	17,776.00	0.00	8,747.35	8,747.35
Legal Fees	654.00	0.00	103.15	103.15
Insurance	4,571.00	0.00	8,492.68	8,492.68
Audit	2,286.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tourist/Town Decoration & Improvement	6,349.00	2,309.25	1,894.42	4,203.67
Other Ex Windows	317.00	0.00	120.00	120.00
AMAI Contributions	2,254.00	0.00	2,255.00	2,255.00
Gas Heating System	2,793.00	0.00	916.65	916.65
Phones	1,524.00	153.38	645.18	798.56
Staff Catering	648.00	148.12	337.40	485.52
Tidy Districts	2,539.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Members Renumeration	68,566.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS:	154,401.00	29,625.91	31,072.89	60,698.80

Programme Item			Estimate 2002	Receipts to 30.6.2002
HOUSING				
Rents			0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous				
GENERAL				
Demand Fingal Co. Co.			58,725.00	58,725.00
Members Ren.			68,567.00	0.00
RENTAL INCOME				
Ballroom Rents			12,380.00	6,471.68
Corporate Property Rent			11,809.00	7,205.76
Other Receipts			2,920.00	1,441.50
Waste Tags				1,095.50
TOTALS:			154,401.00	74,939.44

8. Redevelopment of Town Hall

The manager informed the meeting that no information would be available until September. Project Team to meet shortly.

9. Other Correspondence

The Town Clerk circulated a reply from Fingal County Council regarding a Truck Park

Following discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk enquire where and when the study will be carried out.

A.O.B.

- (i) Councillor Tuite requested that the Town Clerk write to the Department of the Taoiseach requesting that the Glass Bottling Company stay open.
- (ii) Councillor Tuite also requested that a letter go immediately to the Parks Department requesting that the grass be cut for the month of May 2003 on Balbriggan Beach.
- (iii) Councillor Pyne referred to the Clonard Rise estate sign, which is overgrown and requested a programme of works for the cutting of grass in the Balbriggan area.
The Town Clerk informed the members that Clonard Rise Estate is not taken in charge yet.
- (iv) Councillor McKeon requested that the grass be cut between Market Green and Curran Park laneway. Councillor McKeon thanked the Manager for the planting of bedding plants in the Square.
The Town Clerk to meet with Christy O'Halloran and discuss the above requests.
- (v) Councillor Mullen informed the meeting of a very dangerous incident, which involved a J.C.B. backing up the slipway on the motorway exiting Balbriggan without a warning flag.
- (vi) Councillor Harford informed the meeting of an item of correspondence received from Lambreecher Residents Association.

The Town Clerk to make further enquiries to the relevant department within Fingal County Council regarding freedom of information. Councillor Harford also requested this letter be sent to Solicitors for advice. .

Meeting concluded 9.25 p.m.

L. Dunne

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3rd July 2002.

DO GACH BALL DE COMHAIRLE BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Bhaile Brigín Comhairle a thionolfar ar an Júil 9, 2002 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Council will be held on 9th July 2002 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

I would be most obliged if any councillor who wishes to speak on an item of correspondence on this agenda would ensure they contact this office before close of business on 9th July 2002.

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

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David Storey
DAVID STOREY,
CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.

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6. Cathaoirleachs Business

7. Financial Statement to 30th June 2002

8. Redevelopment of Town Hall

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 10th September 2002.**

Councillors Present:

Cannon, Mary,	McKeon, May
Dunne, Larry	Mullen, Joe
Shields, Gertie	Pyne, Ned
Harford, Monica	Tuite, Bredge

Officials Present:

Mr. Eugene Quinn, Principal Officer
Mr. David Storey, Town Clerk
Ms. Maureen Finn, F.C.C.

Apologies: Fingleton, Therese

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Larry Dunne, presided.

An Cathaoirleach and Balbriggan Town Councillors signed a Book of Condolences for Holly Wells and Jessica Chapman.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) Minutes of the AGM held on 26th June 2002 were circulated and noted.
Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Harford
- (ii) Minutes of Meeting held 9/7/02 were circulated and noted
Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Harford

2. Applications for Hire of Hall

New Applications

Hirer	Function	Hall	Days	Time
Credit Union	Annual Meeting	Ballroom, Hamilton Hall, Supperroom	Tuesday	3.00 p.m. – 11. 00 p.m.
Carol Cromwell	Hip Hop & Modern Dance	Ballroom	Fridays	4.00p.m. 6.15p.m.

(B) Renewals

Rodney Lawless	Keep Fit	Hamilton Hall	Tuesday & Thursdays	7.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.
Lisa Smith	Playschool	Bandroom	Mondays Thursdays	9.30 – 12.30
Sean Ryan T.D.	Clinic	Meeting Room	1 st & 3 rd Saturday	11.30a.m. – 12.00
North County School of Ballet	Ballet	Supper Room	Wednesdays & Thursdays	4.30p.m.-6.45p.m. 3.00p.m-8.00 p.m.
Pauline Mulyran	Unislim Classes	Bandroom	Wednesdays	8.00p.m.-9.00p.m
Irish Country	Produce Sale	Meeting Room	Fridays	8.45a.m. -

Market				11.45a.m
Breda Gibbons	Irish Dance Class	Supperroom Ballroom	Mondays Wednesdays Fridays	8.00p.m.-9.00p.m. 3.45p.m.-4.45p.m. 4.00p.m.-6.00p.m.

(C) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 26th June 2002 received from Laurence Kelly, Local Government Policy, Department of the Environment and Local Government referring to motions adopted, and enclosing Appendix Local Government Policy was circulated and noted
- (ii) Letter dated 8th July 2002 received from Jimmy Carolan, Dublin Port Co. regarding "Wrecks in Balbriggan Harbour" was circulated and noted. Following a discussing Councillor Shields asked the Town Clerk write to Dublin Port Co. seeking a timeframe for the removal of the wrecks from the harbour and also clarification of the nature and availability of the available funding.
- (iii) Letter dated 5th July 2002 received from Micheál Martin, Minister for Health & Children regarding "Casualty Services in Hospitals" was circulated and noted
- (iv) Letter dated 11th July 2002 received from Conor Falvey, Private Secretary, Department of the Environment & Local Government regarding grant funding was circulated and noted. Councillor Harford asked the Town clerk to write to Fingal County Council requesting them to make provision for this funding in their annual estimates.
- (v) Circular Letter dated 24th July 2002 received from Donal Enright Principal Air/Climate Department of the Environment & Local Government regarding Air Quality Standards Regulations 2002 enclosing copies of Statutory Instruments 269 and 271 was circulated and noted
- (vi) Letter dated 29th July 2002 received from Laurence Kelly, Local Government Policy Section, Department of the Environment & Local Government regarding Local Government Act, 2001 "Allowances under section 143" was circulated and noted
- (vii) Circular Letter dated 30th July 2002 received from Damian Smyth, Assistant Principal Officer, Local Government Division, Department of the Environment & Local Government regarding Superannuation Gratuity for Councillors- Amendment Regulations was circulated and noted
- (viii) Letter dated 31st July, 2002 received from Conor Falvey, Private Secretary Department of Environment and Local Government regarding motion passed relating to the "Bag Levy" was circulated and noted. Councillor Harford asked the Town Clerk to write to the Chamber of Commerce asking them to highlight the use of the use of reusable bags.
- (ix) Letter dated 6th August, 2002 received from Bridget Flynn, Private Secretary, Tanaiste and Office of the Minister, Department of Enterprise, Trade & Employment regarding closure of the Irish Glass Bottle Company was circulated and noted
- (x) Letter dated 12th August, 2002 received from Micheál Martin T.D. Minister for Health & Children regarding Evening/Night Surgery in the Balbriggan Area was circulated and noted. Councillor McKeon asked the Town Clerk to

write to Northern Area Health Board asking them to forward details of this service.

- (xi) Letter dated 23rd August, 2002 received from Catherine Burns, Private Secretary, Office of the Minister, Department of Health & Children regarding Medical Cards for Widow's under 66 years of age was circulated and noted

(D) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 3rd July 2002 received from Liam McGlynn, Senior Executive Officer, regarding "Balbriggan Urban and Village Renewal Scheme" enclosing copy of report was circulated and noted
- (ii) Letter dated 30th July, 2002 received from Liam McGlynn, Senior Executive Officer, regarding the Record of Protected Structures was circulated and noted
- (iii) Letter dated 31st July, 2002 received from Northern Motorway Contract 2, Po'Callaghan Project Resident Engineer, regarding incident on a slip road of the Balbriggan bypass was circulated and noted
- (iv) Letter dated 16th August, 2002 received from Ms. Costello, Senior Staff Officer was circulated and noted enclosing copy of the Local Area Plan for lands at Balrothery (available at office)
- (v) Letter dated 15th August, 2002 received from Lucette Browne, Senior Staff Officer, Planning Department was circulated and noted enclosing Draft Local Area Plan for Rowlestown Village and copy of public notice (available at office)

(E) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated 22nd July 2002 received from H. Hartery, D/Director of Services, Waterford Corporation, regarding resolution passed at their July meeting was circulated and noted
- (ii) Letter dated 15th July, 2002 received from Marian Lyons, Corporate Services, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, regarding superannuation gratuity for Councillors was circulated and noted
- (iii) Letter dated 18th July, 2002 received from John Davis, Board Secretary, East Coast Area Health Board, regarding development of ambulance base in the Balbriggan area was circulated and noted. Councillor Harford asked the Town Clerk to write to Fingal County Council seeking clarification of the ambulance base.
- (iv) Annual Report received from North Area Health Board (available at office)
- (v) Letter dated August 2002 received from Bertie White, Hon. Secretary, AMAI, enclosing Annual Report was circulated and noted. Report available at office for inspection
- (vi) Letter dated 13th August, 2002 received from Johnny Brosnan, Chief Executives Office NAHB H/Q regarding discontinuation of Mobile Hospital at Hampton Street, Balbriggan was circulated and noted
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The Town Clerk asked to members to withdraw the above motion and then circulated the following additional motion to all members.

"Balbriggan Town Council request for Fingal County Council, Roads Department to erect appropriate signs on approach roads and inner relief road which will enable drivers of heavy duty commercial vehicles to avoid driving through the main street causing havoc. A driving ban on traffic to be created with the exception to main street deliveries where necessary".

Proposed by Councillor McKeon, seconded by Councillor Shields. Motion passed.

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Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor McKeon. Motion passed. Councillor Shields asked the Town Clerk to write to Iarnród Eireann congratulating them on the work carried out and requesting if they could have the arches painted the same colour as the bridge (not green).

4. Questions

(i) Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields

"To ask Fingal County Council when the promised protective railings will be installed on the south facing area of the Bracken River at Quay Street"

Reply: Provision has been made in the 2002 Parks Works Programme for the installation of safety railings/fencing to be erected on the banks of the bracken River at Quay Street. Works will be completed before the end of the year. Councillor Shields asked the Town Clerk to write to Fingal County Council requesting that the railings be the same as those at Clonard Court, Clonard Street.

(ii) Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford.

"Has Fingal County Council any evidence that the tags for waste are not being used by people who have been issued with waivers".

Reply: Fingal County Council has no evidence that bin tags are not being used by people who have been issued with waivers.

It should be noted, however, that the Council has inspectors taking note of untagged bins for the purpose of pursuing the collection of unpaid charges.

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"As Fingal County Council are currently contravening the Water Pollution Act 1977, and the Bathing Waters E.U. directives, by allowing raw sewage flow on to the beach at the King Strand, what measures are been put in place to ensure that this contravention, ceases?"

Reply: A foul sewer overflow arrangement exists at the Tankardstown stream which flows to Blackrock Beach. The overflow operates in heavy rainfall conditions or in the event of sewer choke (unpredictable but infrequent). This is to prevent sewage overflow into private property. Heavy rainfall conditions would lead to high dilution of the foul effluent in the stream.

This issue was discussed with the Balbriggan Town Council at the meeting of 4 June 2002. At this meeting members of the Town Council requested that a warning notice be erected on Blackrock Beach to alert the public to the possible presence of sewage in the stream. The Council undertook to contact the principal Environmental Health Officer regarding the erection of warning notices.

In order to assess any possible danger to public health the principal Environmental Health Officer has undertaken to sample the seawater at the point where the stream enters the sea in order to assess the bacteriological quality of the water and a possible danger to public health. The Council is awaiting his report.

A new sewer to drain the North West Balbriggan Area and which will be connected to the Quay Street Pumping Station is currently under construction. It is the Council's intention to divert some of the existing areas into this sewer when completed. This should relieve some of the flooding/overflow problems.

It should be noted that the beach in question is not a designated beach and does not come under the Quality of bathing Water Regulations 1997.

Councillor Tuite asked that the Town Clerk to write to Fingal County Council seeking the guidelines of a designated beach.

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Can Fingal County Council indicate what action has been taken (in the interest of Public Health & Safety) to maintain and preserve the council property "Old Bath House" on Balbriggan North Beach".

Reply: It is hoped that the Council will be in a position to restore the Martello Tower and the Old Bath House when restoration of Bremore Castle is complete.

As a result of vandalism the Old Bath House has become dangerous. The Parks Division is investigating methods of zoning off the Old Bath House to prevent unauthorised entry.

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"With a view to monitoring the educational, housing & social needs of Balbriggan now and in the future can the appropriate Department of Fingal County Council furnish the members of the Town Council with the total number of registered landlords in the area and the percentage of accommodation financed by The North East Area Health Board"

Reply:

Area	No. of Registered Dwellings
Balbriggan	31
Ballyboughal	01
Garristown	0
Lusk	7
Naul	1
Oldtown	1
Rush	14
Skerries	48

Councillor McKeon asked the Town Clerk to write to the Northern Area Health Board seeking the number of accommodation units financed by them in the Balbriggan Area.

5. **Standing Orders**

Amended Standing orders circulated and noted.

6. **Cathaoirleachs Business**

(i) Guide to arrangement for attendance of An Cathaoirleach (circulated)

It was agreed to defer the item until the October meeting.

(ii) Development of Balbriggan Harbour. Following agreement, this item deferred to October Meeting.

An Cathaoirleach undated the members on attendance at the recent Fas Meeting. The Town Clerk to write seeking funding upfront for B.A.P.A.

6. **Redevelopment of Town Hall**

The Manager said there had been an initial within Fingal County Council about the redevelopment and hoped to have more information at the October meeting.

7. **Fingal County Development Board**

It was agreed to defer this item to the October meeting.

8. **Local Government Act 2001 – Community Fund**

It was agreed to defer this item to the October meeting.

9. Other Correspondence

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It was agreed to defer this item to the October meeting.

- (iii) Statutory Audit Report on the Accounts of Balbriggan Town Commissioners for the two years ended 31st December, 2001 (circulated herewith – Annual Financial Statement 2000 available at reception for inspection)

It was agreed to defer this item to the October meeting for discussion.

Meeting concluded at 9.30 p.m.

L. Dunne

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4th September 2002.

DO GACH BALL DE COMHAIRLE BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,


Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Bhaile Brigín Comhairle a thionolfar ar an Meán Fómhair 10, 2002 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Council will be held on 10th September 2002 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

I would be most obliged if any councillor who wishes to speak on an item of correspondence on this agenda would ensure they contact this office before close of business on 10th September 2002.

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

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DAVID STOREY,
CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.

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1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) Minutes of the AGM held on 26th June 2002 (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Minutes of Meeting held 9/7/02 (circulated herewith)

2. Applications for Hire of Hall

(A) New Applications

Hirer	Function	Hall	Days	Time
Credit Union	Annual Meeting	Ballroom, Hamilton Hall, Supperroom	Tuesday	3.00 p.m. – 11. 00 p.m.

Carol Cromwell	Hip Hop & Modern Dance	Ballroom	Fridays	4.00p.m. 6.15p.m.
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(B) Renewals

Rodney Lawless	Keep Fit	Hamilton Hall	Tuesday & Thursdays	7.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.
Lisa Smith	Playschool	Bandroom	Mondays – Thursdays	9.30 – 12.30
Sean Ryan T.D.	Clinic	Meeting Room	1 st & 3 rd Saturday	11.30a.m. – 12.00
North County School of Ballet	Ballet	Supper Room	Wednesdays & Thursdays	4.30p.m.-6.45p.m. 3.00p.m-8.00 p.m.
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(C) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

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- (iii) Letter dated 5th July 2002 received from Micheál Martin, Minister for Health & Children regarding "Casualty Services in Hospitals" (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 11th July 2002 received from Conor Falvey, Private Secretary, Department of the Environment & Local Government regarding grant funding (circulated herewith)
- (v) Circular Letter dated 24th July 2002 received from Donal Enright Principal Air/Climate Department of the Environment & Local Government regarding Air Quality Standards Regulations 2002 enclosing copies of Statutory Instruments 269 and 271 (circulated herewith)
- (vi) Letter dated 29th July 2002 received from Laurence Kelly, Local Government Policy Section, Department of the Environment & Local Government regarding Local Government Act, 2001 "Allowances under section 143" (circulated herewith)
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Councillors Present:

Cannon, Mary,	Mullen, Joseph
Dunne, Larry	Pyne, Ned
Fingleton, Thérèse	Shields, Gertie
Harford, Monica	Tuite, Bredge
McKeon, May	

Officials Present:

Mr. Eugene Quinn, Head of Corporate Services
Mr. David Storey, Meetings Administrator
Ms. Margaret Wilde

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Larry Dunne, presided.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

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Proposed by Councillor McKeon and seconded by Councillor Tuite. Motion passed.

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Proposed by Councillor McKeon, seconded by Councillor Shields.

The motion was amended to read as follows

"Balbriggan Town Council request for Fingal County Council, Roads Department to erect appropriate signs on approach roads and inner relief road which will enable drivers of heavy duty commercial vehicles to avoid driving through the main street causing havoc. A driving ban on traffic to be created with the exception to main street deliveries where necessary".

Proposed by Councillor McKeon, seconded by Councillor Shields. Motion passed.

The amended minutes were proposed by Councillor Tuite, seconded by Councillor Harford.

1. Applications for Hire of Hall

(A) No new applications.

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- (i)** Letter dated 3/9/02 received from Helen Costello, for Senior Staff Officer, Planning Department was circulated and noted, a copy of Local Area Plan for lands at South East Balbriggan (Castlelands) map is available at office for inspection.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk write to the Department of Education regarding availability of sites for schools in this plan.

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(D) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

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(E) Conferences

- (i) Notification received from Marie Murphy, Conference Secretary, Carlow County Council regarding Local Authority Members Association Annual Winter Seminar to be held at the Dolmen Hotel, Carlow, was circulated and noted, enclosing programme, registration form and list of accommodation.

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- (ii) Statutory Audit Report on the Accounts of Balbriggan Town Commissioners for the two years ended 31st December, 2001 (deferred from September agenda – Annual Financial Statement 2000 available at reception for inspection) was noted. Following discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk write and request a formal meeting with the Auditor and Balbriggan Town Council.

3. Motions

(i) Motion submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne

“To ask Fingal County Council to put in place a proper maintenance program for Local Authority houses in order to bring them up to a modern day standard”

The text of the above motion to be amended to read as follows:

“To ask Fingal County Council to put in place a proper upgrading program for Local Authority houses in order to bring them up to a modern day standard”

Proposed by Councillor Pyne, seconded by Councillor Tuite, motion passed.

(ii) Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields

“The we Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Education to reconsider his proposal to introduce college fees for students whose parents earn over a certain income”

Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Harford, motion passed.

(iii) Motion submitted by Councillor May McKeon

“In view of the negative response to motion (ix), 9th October 2001, Statutory Meeting:

“In an effort to promote and maintain the traditional historical aspects and appearance of our town, Balbriggan Town Commissioners again request Fingal County Council to allocate a Planning Officer to liase with the Town Commissioners to advise and monitor each planning

application with particular emphasise on streetscapes, suitable buildings and shop façade and accessibility"

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister of the Environment & Local Government and Fingal County Council to grant equal status to Balbriggan Town Councillors and Fingal County Councillors in the preparation of the Fingal Development Plan 2004 regarding the future development and planning in Balbriggan Town and surrounding area".

Proposed by Councillor McKeon, seconded by Councillor Pyne, motion passed.

(iv) Motion submitted by Councillor May McKeon

"In view of the negative response to motion (v) Statutory Meeting, February 1999:

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to seek funding or provide the necessary funding to liase with E.S.B. and Telecom Eireann with a view to having all wiring laid underground while drainage systems are being renewed at Dublin Street, Bridge Street, Drogheda Street and the Square, Balbriggan".

"Balbriggan Town Council again call on Fingal County Council to make available monies accrued on local planning penalties to provide the necessary funding to liase with ESB, Telecom and Local Enterprise, with a view to having all wiring laid underground at Dublin Street, Bridge Street, and Drogheda Street".

Proposed by Councillor McKeon, seconded by Councillor Shields, motion passed. It was agreed that the Town Clerk seek a meeting with E.S.B. Telecom and Fingal County Council.

4. Questions

(i) Question submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne

"To ask Fingal County Council what amount of housing budget is allocated for housing (repair program)"

Reply:

The figure adopted by Fingal County Council in its budget for 2002 under Programme. 1.1. under maintenance, Repair and Improvement was €4,053,700.

(ii) Question submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne

"When are proper lights and paths being put in place on the Naul Road up to Westbrook Estate?"

Reply:

On 30th January 1997 under Reg. Ref. F96A/0568 planning permission was granted for a residential development at Naul Road, Balbriggan.

Condition No 19 of this permission provides as follows:

"That the boundary of the subject site at Naul Road shall be set back to the road reservation line. The reservation line shall be set out on site and agreed with the Roads Engineer, Roads Planning Control and Fingal County Council. The proposed no 2 Dwellings with gable ends facing Naul Road shall be set back 8 metres from the new road improvement line. Details of this arrangement shall be submitted to the planning Authority for its written agreement prior to commencement of development on site".

On the 17th December 1999 under Reg. Ref F99A/0046 planning permission was granted by An Bord Pleanala for a residential development at Westbrook, phase two, Naul Road, Balbriggan.

Condition No 18B4 and Condition No 19 states as follows:

Condition No 18B4

"The applicant should submit acceptable Engineering details for the sewerage, paving and lighting of the Naul Road to the requirements of the Roads Department, from the site access down to the Inner Relief Road.

Its construction up to stage 1 shall take place before construction works commence within the site. Stage 1 shall consist of the provision of kerbing, channelling and road base".

Compliance with the foregoing conditions are being pursued with the developers by the Council.

(iii) Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields

"Could the Manager specify the planning permission (reg. No.) under which the Developer/Tower Homes is currently developing his lands at Bremore/Flemington?"

Reply:

Register Reference F01A/0718, for the demolition of house and construction of a residential development on lands between Flemington Lane & Hamlet Lane & adjacent to Hamlet Close Estate, Balbriggan for tower Homes was granted planning permission by the Council on 31 July 2002.

(iv) Question submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite

"After exhausted representations from Balbriggan Town Council and the residents of Chapel Street re traffic congestion, what measures are Fingal County Council putting in place on Chapel Street to ensure the safety of the residents?"

Reply:

On Chapel St., Balbriggan the following road markings are in position:-

1. A disabled car parking bay on the northside of Chapel St. outside house no 23.
2. School markings are in position on southside opposite St. Peter and Paul's National School from the eastern extremity of house no 54 of Chapel St. and extending west for 25.56 metres.
3. Yellow box junction markings over the full width of carriageway on Chapel St. Balbriggan at its junction with Chapel Crescent.
4. Double yellow lines on Chapel Crescent from the junction of Chapel St. northwards to new public lighting pole at corner opposite house no. 1 and continuing around the corner onto Chapel St. for a distance of 5 metres.
5. Double yellow lines are in position on the west side of Chapel Crescent for a distance of 5 metres on junction with Chapel St. to continue around corner onto Chapel St. for a further 5 metres.
6. Road markings indicating "School Ahead" were recently painted on Chapel Street on the Naul Road approach to the school.
7. A School Warden is in operation on Chapel Street outside the main entrance to St. Peter and Paul's National school.
8. The sum of €42,000.00 is included in the transportation Works Programme 2002 for the provision of traffic management measures on Chapel St., Balbriggan and these measures will be undertaken as soon as finance becomes available. A scheme for the proposed traffic management measures has yet to be prepared and submitted to the Balbriggan/Swords Area Committee Meeting for approval.

A Pay and Display pilot scheme was commissioned in mid July in Malahide and this scheme has operated satisfactorily since its inception. All the indications and feedback to date point to the scheme having been received very well by both business people and residents alike.

It is proposed to extend the Pay and Display Schemes to other towns in Fingal including Balbriggan and this matter will be considered in the context of the preparation of future Transportation Works Programmes. When the Pay and Display Scheme for Balbriggan is being prepared Chapel St. will be examined in relation to being included as part of the scheme.

There are two schools in this area i.e., St. Peter and Paul's National School, Chapel Street and Balbriggan Community College, Pineridge. The Road Safety Officer has been requested to examine this area and to contact the school authorities in relation to motorists collecting/dropping off children who attend the schools in this area to ascertain if any measures can be undertaken by the school authorities to encourage motorists to park in a place which does not cause traffic congestion on Chapel St.

5. Cathaoirleach Business

- (i) Guide to arrangement for attendance of An Cathaoirleach (deferred from September Meeting – already circulated) was agreed subject to the following amendment:

Formal: (b) An Cathaoirleach takes precedence over all other dignitaries except the President of Ireland at any function within the Town of Balbriggan.

- (ii) Development of Balbriggan Harbour (deferred from September Meeting) was noted. An Cathaoirleach to contact relevant interested bodies.

6. Redevelopment of Town Hall.

Mr. Eugene Quinn, Head of Corporate Services updated the members regarding discussions which have taken place with the Fire Service and Health Board. He will keep the members informed as information becomes available.

7. Fingal County Development Board

(deferred from September meeting).

Councillor McKeon updated the members and informed them of the next meeting set for November.

8. Local Government Act 2001 – Community Fund.

(deferred from September meeting)

9. AMAI Report.

Councillors Pyne and Tuite gave independent reports to the members present and Councillor Tuite circulated "Independents and Small Parties Alliance" leaflet to all present. Dermot Ryan will forward list of names relating to same.

- Councillor Shields and Councillor Fingleton extended apologies to the group as they are unable to attend as delegates the forthcoming LAMA Conference on 11th October 2002 in Newtonmountkenedy, Co. Wicklow. It was agreed that Councillor Harford would attend on behalf of the Town Council.

Tidy Districts – An Cathaoirleach to arrange meeting early next week to finalise arrangements and prizes.

Planning Matters to go on November Agenda (R1 32 Public Lighting and Footpaths)

Meeting concluded 9.30 p.m.

L. Dunne

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2nd October 2002.

DO GACH BALL DE COMHAIRLE BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Bhaile Brigín Comhairle a thionolfar ar an Deireadh Fómhair 8, 2002 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Council will be held on 8th October 2002 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

I would be most obliged if any Councillor who wishes to speak on an item of correspondence on this agenda would ensure they contact this office in writing before close of business on 8th October 2002.

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

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(deferred from September meeting).

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(deferred from September meeting)

9. AMAI Report.

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 12th November 2002.**

Councillors Present:

Cannon, Mary,	Mullen, Joe
Dunne, Larry	Pyne, Ned
Fingleton, Thérèse	Shields, Gertie
Harford, Monica	Tuite, Bredge
McKeon, May	

Officials Present:

Mr. Eugene Quinn, Head of Corporate Affairs
Mr. David Storey, Meetings Administrator
Ms. Margaret Wilde F.C.C.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) Minutes of Meeting held 8/10/02 were confirmed.
Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Mullen
Subject to the following amendments of text to amended motion (viii) of motion of minutes held 10th September 2002 submitted by Councillor May McKeon to read as follows:

"Balbriggan Town Council request for Fingal County Council, Roads Department to erect appropriate signs on approach roads and inner relief road which will enable drivers of heavy duty vehicles to avoid driving through the main street causing havoc. A driving ban on commercial traffic to be created with the exception to main street deliveries where necessary"

Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Mullen

Councillor May McKeon proposed that Standing Orders be suspended to discuss Item 6 Town Hall Redevelopment.

Seconded by Councillor Harford.

It was agreed by the members to suspend Standing Orders at 8.30 to discuss items 6 – Town Hall Redevelopment.

2. Applications for Hire of Hall

(A) New Applications

Hirer	Function	Hall	Days	Time
Ms. Tyson	Sale	H.Hall	31/10 & 7/11	9.30 – 7.00 p.m.
Balbriggan FC	Football Training	Ballroom	Every Wednesday	7.00 – 8.00 p.m.

Councillor McKeon voiced her concerns regarding the hire of Town Hall Premises to commercial sale business's which could affect local shops.

Renewals

Hirer	Function	Hall	Days	Time
T. Sargent	Clinic	Meeting Room	Fridays	7.00 – 7.30p.m.
Festival of Arts	Concerts	Ballroom/H.Hall	25/26/30/10/02	Various Times

(B) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 23/10/02 received from Laurence Kelly, Local Government Policy Section, Department of the Environment & Local Government regarding Representational Payment for Councillors was circulated and noted

(C) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 11/10/02 received from Liam McGlynn, Senior Executive Officer, regarding Open Space Lands was circulated and noted
- (ii) Letter dated 14/10/02 received from Padraig Ó Mórdha, Oifigeach Riaracháin regarding Grass Cutting of Balbriggan Beach Areas for the year 2003 was circulated and noted
- (iii) Notice of preparation of Draft Proposed Variation Stephenstown enclosing map received 24/10/02 was circulated and it was agreed to convene a meeting following the 2-year review with all relevant bodies.
- (iv) Letter dated 21/10/02 received from Mary McPhillips, Senior Staff Officer, regarding the provision of a one-way traffic system for Balbriggan was circulated and noted. The Town Clerk to follow up.

(D) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated 1/10/02 received from Fergus Muldoon, Town Clerk, Navan Town Council, regarding motion referring to Entrance fees to Third Level Colleges was circulated and noted. It was agreed to send letter of support.
- (ii) Letter dated 21/10/02 received from Northern Area Health Board regarding Rented Accommodation financed by Northern Area Health Board was circulated and noted. The Town Clerk to follow up.

(E) Other Correspondence

- (i) Letter dated 15/10/02 received from Jerry MacDonough, Senior Community Development Officer, Fas, Community Services regarding Funding of Community Employment Projects was circulated and noted
- (ii) Letter dated 18/10/02 received from Michael Murphy, Manager, Suburban Rail, Iarnród Éireann regarding the arches of the Viaduct at Quay Street, Balbriggan was circulated and noted.
- (iii) Letter dated 24/10/02 received from Jimmy Carolan, Dublin Port Co. regarding the removal of wrecks from the harbour was circulated and noted.

The Town Clerk to do reply letter seeking clarification on time frame for removal of wrecks.

- (iv) Letter dated 25/10/02 received from Andrew McCann, Development Manager, Swords Citizen Information Centre regarding the provision of information was circulated noted. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would arrange a meeting.
- (v) Letter dated 31/10/02 received from David Hepburn, General Manager, Community Affairs & Environment AerRianta, regarding Environmental Impact Assessment Consultation Exhibition was circulated and noted.
- (vi) Letter dated 20/10/02 received from Anne O'Connell Ingrid Betancourt Support Committee, regarding the Honorary Citizen Award was circulated and noted. An Cathaoirleach, proposed that Ingrid Betancourt be awarded the "Honorary Freeman of Balbriggan" in accordance with the Local Government Act 2001 Section 74 (b). This certificate to be signed at the December Meeting and the Colombian Government to be notified of same.

3. Motions

(i) **Motion submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite (deferred from September)**

"That we Balbriggan Town Councillors seek legal advice concerning the "filling of vacant seats, by non party elected members", as the substantive motion subsequently passed, does not, give parity of esteem enjoyed by party members seeking nomination to fill vacated seats, previously held by party members".

Proposed by Councillor Tuite, Seconded by Councillor Mullen

Following a vote this motion was defeated. For 3 Against 6

For: Councillors Mullen, Shields, Tuite

Against: Councillors Cannon, Dunne, Fingleton, Harford, McKeon, Pyne

(ii) **Motion submitted by Councillor May McKeon**

"In line with Local Government Act 2001, I call on Balbriggan Town Council members to agree the allocation in the council estimates of one thousand two hundred and fifty euro to Cathaoirleach of the Town Council, to be used at his/her discretion for the purpose of allowing personal expenditure incurred in his/her duty as Cathaoirleach. The primary objective being to promote the office of the Town Council and take whatever action is necessary to combine the historical, cultural, commercial and sporting activities of Balbriggan to benefit the community.

Proposed by Councillor McKeon, Seconded by Councillor Harford. Motion Passed.

The Town Clerk informed the members that following a discussion with the Finance Officer of Fingal County Council provision of €1000 is included in the Draft 2003 Budget which is subject to tax being deducted.

Standing Orders Suspended to discuss Item 6 – Town Hall Redevelopment.

Mr. Eugene Quinn gave an updated report on the progress to date and will continue to keep the Town Council informed at each monthly meeting as information becomes available.

(iii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Government and Fingal Planning Department to extend the accessibility now on new buildings to be included in

renovations/refurbishment on existing buildings in order to ensure that all buildings will become accessible"

Proposed by Councillor Harford, Seconded by Councillor Shields

Following discussion it was agreed to amend the text to read as follows:

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Government and Fingal Planning Department to extend the accessibility now on new buildings to be included in renovations/refurbishment on existing buildings in order to ensure that all buildings will become wheelchair accessible" Motion Passed.

(iv) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

"That we Balbriggan Town Council call on R.T.E. to carry out whatever adjustments are necessary to improve reception of all television channels in the Balbriggan area without extra cost to the householders"

Following discussion it was agreed to amend the motion to read as follows:

"That we Balbriggan Town Council call on R.T.E. to carry out whatever adjustments are necessary (i.e. Booster for Balbriggan Area) to improve and restore reception of all R.T.E. Licence channels in the Balbriggan area without extra cost to the householders"

Proposed by Councillor Shields, Seconded by Councillor Harford

Motion Agreed

(v) **Motion submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite**

"That Balbriggan Town Council formally adopt the Barcelona Declaration Project"

Proposed by Councillor Tuite, Seconded by Councillor Fingleton

A Copy of the signed Minutes to be forwarded.

(vi) **Motion submitted by Councillor May McKeon**

"In line with Local Government Act 2001 No. 37 section 109. I call on Balbriggan Town Council members to support a resolution to establish a separate Town Council account to service "Community Initiative" to include our Tidy District Sports and Cultural Awards ceremony. This account to be supervised and monitored by council members and administered under the strict terms and conditions of the Local Government Act"

This motion deferred to December Agenda.

The Town Clerk asked the members that item No 7 (Tidy Districts) be taken with this motion.

The Town Clerk circulated a statement of Income & Expenditure for the 2002 Tidy District Awards and informed the members that all invoices received to date had been paid.

Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts & Culture Awards 2002

Statement of Income & Expenditure

Date	Details	Debit	Credit	Total
	Received from Estimates		2539.48	2539.48
10/10/2002	Fingal Recycling Ltd.		250.00	2,789.48
14/10/2002	Murphy Concrete Ltd.		200.00	2,989.48
14/10/2002	Permanent TSB		50.00	3,039.48
18/10/2002	Sean Browne Butcher		75.00	3,114.48

14/10/2002	Around a Pound (Frames)	234.00		2,880.48
16/10/2002	Tommy Caffery (Cleaning Trophy)	6.00		2,874.48
17/10/2002	High St. Market (Bouquets)	60.00		2,814.48
17/10/2002	Tesco (Wine & Soft Drinks)	237.55		2,576.93
16/10/2002	Gallens Ltd. (Table Linen)	391.56		2,185.37
21/10/2002	Supervalu		250.00	2,435.37
22/10/2002	Crossons		100.00	2,535.37
22/10/2002	Tidy Districts Cash Vouchers	560.00		1,975.37
29/10/2002	Wavin Ireland Ltd.		200.00	2,175.37
04/11/2002	Goldsmith Jewellers	274.00		1,901.37
08/11/2002	Betty Halligan	40.00		1,861.37
05/11/2002	Helen Doherty (Catering)	600.00		1,261.37
	Balance			

(vii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Finance, when preparing his on-coming budget to look very favourably on the P.A.Y.E worker who always has been the reliable source of income necessary to subsidise all other requirements"

This motion deferred to December Meeting

4. Questions

(i) **Question submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite**

"What plans have Fingal County Council got for the playing pitches at Bremore and behind St. Peters and Paul's church"

Reply: Pitch No. 1 in Bremore was converted to allow allocation of the pitch to Hyde Park FC. This will be for a period of not more than 2 years while the pitch usually allocated to the club in Balbriggan Town Park is unavailable due to works on the extension to the Inner Relief Road. Pitch No. 5 has been converted to a rugby pitch. The decision to swap the pitches was taken as the rugby pitch was rarely played and the grass surface was superior to that of pitch No. 5. On completion of works at the Town Park Balbriggan, it is intended to return the pitches at Bremore to their original orientation.

(ii) **Question submitted by Councillor May McKeon**

"To ask the Manager for a progress report on the extension of Balbriggan St. Peters and Paul's burial ground to provide for expansion of Balbriggan and increase in population"

Reply: The Council is currently examining possible sites for extra burial space in the Balbriggan area along the Naul/Balbriggan road. As soon as the Council has Identified a suitable site the Town Council will be informed.

(iii) Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford

"Why, when all other County Councils have included Town Councils etc. on their full page in the phone book Fingal County Council have excluded Balbriggan Town Council"

Reply: "Balbriggan Town Commissioners were never included in the Dublin County Council/Fingal County Council page in the Telephone directory. The draft of the current Directory layout for Fingal County Council was prepared before the change in title to Balbriggan Town Council. There was no request from the Town Council, at any stage for the change as suggested in the question. The matter will be considered for the next Directory, if that is the wish of the Town Council.

(iv) Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields

"When is a decision expected from Fingal Traffic Department on submissions sent forward by Traffic committee for consideration on one way traffic system to be implemented on various streets in the Town"

Reply: The members will be aware that in 2000 the Council in association with the Dublin Transportation Office commissioned a study of land use and Transportation infrastructure in Balbriggan entitled Balbriggan Integrated Development Framework. This study was undertaken by SIAS Grontmij Engineering Consultants.

Included in the study were recommendations regarding Traffic Management Measures for Balbriggan including the town centre.

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5. Cathaoirleach Business

The Members agreed to meet with the Manager on Thursday 28th November 2002 at 5.30 p.m. in the Town Hall to discuss the Draft 2003 Budget

Meeting Concluded 9.30 p.m.

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6th November 2002.

DO GACH BALL DE COMHAIRLE BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Bhaile Brigín Comhairle a thionolfar ar an Samhain 12, 2002 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Council will be held on 12th November 2002 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

I would be most obliged if any Councillor who wishes to speak on an item of correspondence on this agenda would ensure they contact this office in writing before close of business on 12th November 2002.

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

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 - (i) Minutes of Meeting held 8/10/02 (circulated herewith)**

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Balbriggan FC	Football Training	Balroom	Every Wednesday	7.00 – 8.00 p.m.

Renewals

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T. Sargent	Clinic	Meeting Room	Fridays	7.00 – 7.30p.m.
Festival of Arts	Concerts	Ballroom/H.Hall	25/26/30/10/02	Various Times

(B) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 23/10/02 received from Laurence Kelly, Local Government Policy Section, Department of the Environment & Local Government regarding Representational Payment for Councillors (circulated herewith)

(C) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 11/10/02 received from Liam McGlynn, Senior Executive Officer, regarding Open Space Lands (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 14/10/02 received from Pdraig Ó Mórdha, Oifigeach Riaracháin regarding Grass Cutting of Balbriggan Beach Areas for the year 2003 (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Notice of preparation of Draft Proposed Variation Stephenstown enclosing map received 24/10/02 (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 21/10/02 received from Mary McPhillips, Senior Staff Officer, regarding the provision of a one-way traffic system for Balbriggan (circulated herewith)

(D) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated 1/10/02 received from Fergus Muldoon, Town Clerk, Navan Town Council, regarding motion referring to Entrance fees to Third Level Colleges (circulated herewith)
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(E) Other Correspondence

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- (ii) Letter dated 18/10/02 received from Michael Murphy, Manager, Suburban Rail, Iarnród Éireann regarding the arches of the Viaduct at Quay Street, Balbriggan (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 24/10/02 received from Jimmy Carolan, Dublin Port Co. regarding the removal of wrecks from the harbour (circulated herewith)

- (iv) Letter dated 25/10/02 received from Andrew McCann, Development Manager, Swords Citizen Information Centre regarding the provision of information (circulated herewith)
- (v) Letter dated 31/10/02 received from David Hepburn, General Manager, Community Affairs & Environment AerRianta, regarding Environmental Impact Assessment Consultation Exhibition (circulated herewith)
- (vi) Letter dated 20/10/02 received from Anne O'Connell Ingrid Betancourt Support Committee, regarding the Honorary Citizen Award (circulated herewith)

3. Motions

(i) Motion submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite (deferred from September)

"That we Balbriggan Town Councillors seek legal advice concerning the "filling of vacant seats, by non party elected members", as the substantive motion subsequently passed, does not, give parity of esteem enjoyed by party members seeking nomination to fill vacated seats, previously held by party members".

(ii) Motion submitted by Councillor May McKeon

"In line with Local Government Act 2001, I call on Balbriggan Town Council members to agree the allocation in the council estimates of one thousand two hundred and fifty euro to Cathaoirleach of the Town Council, to be used at his/her discretion for the purpose of allowing personal expenditure incurred in his/her duty as Cathaoirleach. The primary objective being to promote the office of the Town Council and take whatever action is necessary to combine the historical, cultural, commercial and sporting activities of Balbriggan to benefit the community.

(iii) Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Government and Fingal Planning Department to extend the accessibility now on new buildings to be included in renovations/refurbishment on existing buildings in order to ensure that all buildings will become accessible"

(iv) Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields

"That we Balbriggan Town Council call on R.T.E. to carry out whatever adjustments are necessary to improve reception of all television channels in the Balbriggan area without extra cost to the householders"

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"That Balbriggan Town Council formally adopt the Barcelona Declaration Project"

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6. Redevelopment of Town Hall

7. Tidy Districts

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 10th December 2002.**

Councillors Present:

Cannon, Mary,	Mullen, Joe
Dunne, Larry	Pyne, Ned
Fingleton, Thérèse	Shields, Gertie
Harford, Monica	Tuite, Bredge
McKeon, May	

Officials Present:

Mr. Eugene Quinn, Head of Corporate Affairs
Mr. David Storey, Meetings Administrator
Ms. Maureen Finn F.C.C.

An Cathaoirleach Larry Dunne presided.
Councillor Fingleton proposed a vote of sympathy for Jim Mitchell T.D. Councillor Harford seconded.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) Minutes of Meeting held 12/11/02 circulated and noted.
Proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Fingleton.

2. Applications for Hire of Hall

(A) New Applications

Hirer	Function	Hall	Days	Time
Fingal Martial Arts	Martial Arts	Hamilton Hall	Fridays	7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.
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(B) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter Dated 30/10/02 received from Conor Falvey, Runaí Aire, Department of the Environment & Local Government regarding Sections 11 and 12 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 was circulated and noted. Councillor Tuite referred to Sections 11 and 12 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000. Mr. Eugene Quinn will investigate this and clarify it at the January meeting.
- (ii) Letter dated 12/11/02 received from Rita Morrissey, Information Services, Department of Social, Community & Family Affairs regarding the Citizens Information Centre in Balbriggan was circulated and noted.
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- (v) Circular Letter dated 29/11/02 received from Damian Smyth, Assistant Principal Superannuation Section, Department of the Environment & Local Government regarding Superannuation Seminars was circulated and noted.

(C) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

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- (iii) Letter dated 11/11/02 received from Anita Morris, Secretary to the Board, Fingal Development Board, regarding nomination to the Fingal Development Board County Identity Monitoring Committee was circulated and noted. Councillor Harford proposed Councillor McKeon, Councillor Mullen seconded. Town Clerk to send letter advising Anita Morris of nomination.

(D) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated 7/11/02 received from Imy Whelan-Breen, Town Clerk, Kilrush Town Council regarding notice of Motion was circulated and noted.
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- (i) Letter dated 27/11/02 received from Liam Kenny, Director, General Council of County Councils enclosing details of Seminar of the General Council of County Councils to take place in the Abbey Court Hotel, Neagh on 7/8th February 2003 was circulated and noted.
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(F) Other Correspondence

- (i) Letter and dated 11/11/02 enclosing press release received from Ivor Roberts, British Ambassador regarding Books of Condolences forwarded was circulated and noted. Councillor Harford requested Town Clerk to forward a copy of this letter to the media so as to let the public know that the Books of Condolences were received.
- (ii) Letter dated 25/11/02 received from Tom McCarthy, Head of Viewer Information R.T.E. regarding impaired reception in Balbriggan Area was circulated and noted. Councillor Shields requested that the Town Clerk write back to R.T.E. stating that the situation at the moment is unsatisfactory.

3. Motions

(i) Motion submitted by Councillor May McKeon deferred from November Meeting

"In line with Local Government Act 2001 No. 37 section 109. I call on Balbriggan Town Council members to support a resolution to establish a separate Town Council account to service "Community Initiative" to include our Tidy District Sports and Cultural Awards ceremony. This account to be supervised and monitored by council members and administered under the strict terms and conditions of the Local Government Act"

Following a discussion it agreed that the motion be withdrawn. Councillor McKeon will reword the motion and present it at the January meeting.

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"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Finance, when preparing his on-coming budget to look very favourably on the P.A.Y.E worker who always has been the reliable source of income necessary to subsidise all other requirements"

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"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to provide a structure (wrought iron) within the Town Square which would display a town map and information regarding events happening in the Balbriggan"

Proposed by Councillor Tuite, seconded by Councillor Fingleton. Motion passed.

Following a discussion it was agreed that this should be a vandal proof structure. Town Clerk to write to the Department of Tourism seeking funding and also Liam McGlynn, Fingal County Council requesting it to be included in the village improvement scheme.

(iv) Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Employment & Enterprise and Unions to take whatever steps necessary to ensure that temporary employees service may be broken no more than twice before making them permanent"

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"That we Balbriggan Town Council request an urgent meeting with the head of administration from Bus Eireann and Iarnród Eireann to discuss the serious inadequacies in the travelling condition of their passengers"

Proposed by Councillor Tuite, seconded by Councillor Fingleton. Motion passed.

Following a discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk write to Kevin Flannery, Bus Eireann and a representative from Iarnród Eireann requesting a meeting with the Balbriggan Town Council to discuss transport problems in the Balbriggan area.

(vi) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

"That we Balbriggan Town Council make provision for purchase of gift for presentation to Fr. Feeeney in recognition of his service to the parish of Balbriggan"

Proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor McKeon. Motion passed.

Town Clerk to phone the presbytery and arrange the presentation for next week.

4. **Questions**

(i) **Question submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite.**

"To ask the Manager what is the delay in the completion of the RVI Plan for Balcadden? This plan was due to be ready in January 2002?"

Reply:

The RVI Study for Balcadden was scheduled for completion in December 2002. The study is at an advanced stage and will be presented to the Balbriggan/Swords Area Committee in January or February 2002.

It should be pointed out that due to the heavy workload on Forward Planning staff who are involved in preparing Local Area Plans, Variations of the Development Plan and major studies, it has not been possible to complete this study to date. Since the adoption of the Councils Development Plan in October 1999, 12 Local Area Plans and 20 Area Action Plans have been prepared, 26 Variations of the Development Plan have been undertaken and 4 major studies have been carried out.

The Forward Planning work Programme is carried out in order of priority and is also dependent on the availability of staff.

(ii) **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

"To ask the Manager for an update report on development of Truck Park in the Balbriggan area?"

Reply:

The Council is committed to undertaking a traffic management scheme for Balbriggan in 2003. As part of the proposed scheme the Consultants engaged by the Council will be asked as part of their brief to take into account truck parking difficulties. When a draft Scheme has been prepared it will be put on display in The County Hall, Swords and Balbriggan Town Hall. This will afford interested parties the opportunity to make representations/submissions on the Scheme to the Council.

(iii) **Question submitted by Councillor May McKeon**

"Balbriggan Town Council have made representations proposals and passed motions at Statutory Meetings throughout the year regarding badly needed maintenance and upgrading of Balbriggan Town. Will the County Manager and elected County Councillors indicate what provision has been made in the current estimates to provide for this work?"

Reply from Parks Department:

The following works are currently being undertaken in Balbriggan Town by the Parks Division. Replacement of the overhead barriers at the car park, kerbing and flower planting. A footpath is being put in place connecting the

Mill Pond to Tara Cove and an order for a replacement railing along the Bracken River is in the process of being placed and work is expected to commence at this location in the Spring of 2003.

Reply from Transportation Department:

Provision is made in the Transportation Works Programmes on an ongoing basis year for various works to be undertaken in the town of Balbriggan.

In The Transportation Works Programme 2002 provision was made for the following works:-

<u>Location</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Convent Lane, Balbriggan	Resurfacing	€21,00.00
Seapoint, Balbriggan	Footpath Improvements	€24,000.00
Inner Relief Road, Balbriggan.	Footpath Improvement.	€12,000.00
Clonard St., Balbriggan.	New Footpath.	€12,000.00
Derham Park, Balbriggan.	Footpath Improvement.	€10,000.00
Craoibhin Park, Balbriggan.	Footpath Improvement.	€12,000.00
Chapel St., Balbriggan.	Traffic Management.	€42,000.00
Bremore Court/Drive	Road Improvement	€50,000.00

It was necessary to defer the carrying out of these works due to financial constraints. The works will be undertaken as a priority in early 2003.

(iv) Question submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite.

"What action are Fingal County Council planning Department to take to prevent further flooding in the viaduct of the railway-bridge on Bath Road?"

Reply:

Transportation is currently programming a number of flood relief measures throughout the County following on from the flooding which occurred on 14th, 15th November 2002.

The Transportation Department will make the necessary arrangements for maintenance works to clear the gulley and pipelines at this location as soon as possible.

(v) Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford

"To ask the North Area Health Board when is doctor on Call service being installed in Balbriggan"

Reply:

I wish to advise you that discussions between our Board, North East Doctor on Call and the General Practitioners in relation to the provision of a G. P. out-of-hours service in Dublin North East are still on-going. A further meeting is scheduled to take place next week and it is anticipated that arrangements will

be finalised at this meeting which will lead to the commencement of this service in the Balbriggan area, early in the new year.

5. Cathaoirleach Business

St. Patrick's Day Parade 2003.

Following a discussion it was agreed that the schools be notified that The Special Olympic Theme be used for any of the school projects.

It was agreed to arrange a meeting for Tuesday 7th January 2003 at 7.30 p.m. to discuss this item and to invite the Chamber of Commerce to attend.

6. Redevelopment of Town Hall

Mr. Quinn advised that the transfer of sites at Chapel Street and Stephenstown Industrial Estate has been agreed between Dublin City Council and Fingal County Council. Temporary accommodation will now be required for the Fire Service. Fingal County Council is presently dealing with this.

He advised that a Fire Safety Consultant had inspected the Town Hall building and he was awaiting this report. He outlined that should the report prove to be unsatisfactory there was a possibility that the Town Hall will be closed. Fingal County Council are looking into alternative accommodation for the hall hire groups and temporary office accommodation should the need arise.

AOB

1. Letter was circulated to the Councillors from David McFadden, representative of St. Maloglas N.S. seeking a waiver of bin charges for schools.
2. Security lights out of order at Lambreecher Flats.
3. Bottom Green at Lambreecher flooding – Town Clerk to write to Fingal County Council requesting plans for the area.

Town Clerk thanked the Councillors for their help throughout the year and was looking forward to working with them in 2003.

Meeting concluded at 9.00 p.m.

L. Dunne

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"What action are Fingal County Council planning Department to take to prevent further flooding in the viaduct of the railway bridge on Bath Road?"
- (v) **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**
"To ask the North Area Health Board when is Doctor on Call service being installed in Balbriggan"

5. Cathaoirleach Business
St. Patrick's Day Parade 2003

6. Redevelopment of Town Hall

MINUTES OF ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING HELD ON 28th NOVEMBER
2002
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2003

Councillors Present: Cannon, Mary Shields, Gertie
Dunne, Larry Tuite, Bredge
McKeon, May

Officials Present: Mr. Eugene Quinn, Head of Corporate Affairs
Mr. David Storey, Meetings Administrator

Apologies: Councillors: Fingleton, Harford, Mullen and Pyne

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Larry Dunne presided.

Statutory notice had been given in the press and the draft estimates circulated in advance. The draft estimates provide for a total expenditure of €93560 and an income of €30810.

There would be a net requirement of €62750 which will be the demand to Fingal County Council in respect of 2003. This would require an Annual Rate and Valuation of €2.51 for 2003 compared to an Annual Rate and Valuation of €2.39 for 2002. This increase is in line with the recommendations from the Department of the Environment and Local Government and has been approved by the Fingal County Council Finance Officer.

Mr. Quinn and Mr. Storey answered questions from Councillors concerning various matters relating to the estimates.

The Estimate was formally proposed by Councillor Gertie Shields, and seconded by Councillor Mary Cannon and resolved that the Estimate as presented by the Manager be adopted.

The meeting then concluded.

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**MINUTES OF ESTIMATES MEETING FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR
ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2002**

Commissioners Present:

Cannon, Mary	Mullen, Mark
Dunne, Larry	Shields, Gertie
Fingleton, Thérèse	Tuite, Bredge
Harford, Monica	

Officials Present:

Mr. Eugene Quinn, Manager
Mr. David Storey, Town Clerk
Mr. Neil Humphries, F.C.C. Planning Dept.
Ms. Margaret Wilde F.C.C.

Apologies:

Commissioner Ned Pyne

An Cathloirleach, Commissioner Gertie Shields presided.

Statutory notice had been given in the press and the draft estimates circulated in advance. The draft estimates provide for a total expenditure of £121,600 and an income of £73,350.

There would be a net requirement of £46,250 which will be the demand to Fingal County Council in respect of 2002. This would require a town charge of £2.39 in the pound as compared to the 2001 figure of £2.31 in the pound. This increase is in line with the recommendations from the Department of the Environment and Local Government and has been approved by the Finance Officer.

Mr. Quinn and Mr. Storey answered questions from Commissioners concerning various matters relating to the estimates.

It was formally proposed by Commissioner Fingleton, seconded by An Cathaoirleach Commissioner Gertie Shields and resolved that the Estimate as presented by the Manager be adopted.

The meeting then concluded.

Gertie Shields.

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 14th January 2003.**

Councillors Present: Cannon, Mary, Mullen, Joe
Dunne, Larry Pyne, Ned
Harford, Monica Tuite, Bredge
McKeon, May

Officials Present: Mr. Eugene Quinn, Head of Corporate Affairs
Mr. David Storey, Meetings Administrator
Ms. Maureen Finn F.C.C.

Apologies: Thérèse Fingleton, Gertie Shields.

An Cathaoirleach Larry Dunne presided.

Councillor McKeon spoke on the December Minutes No. 3 (i)
Councillor McKeon informed the members that no motion was required to pursue the "Community Initiative"

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) Minutes of Meeting held 10/12/02.
Proposed by Councillor Mullen, seconded by Councillor Harford.
- (ii) Minutes of Annual Budget Meeting held 28/11/02.
Proposed by Councillor Tuite, seconded by Councillor Cannon.

2.

(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 9/12/02 received from Patrick Guiney, Local Government, Auditor regarding Statutory Audit Report of Balbriggan Town Commissioners for the two years ended 31st December 2001 was circulated and noted.
Councillor Harford outlined that the Auditor states in the above letter that the Tidy & Sports Awards account was opened by one of the Town Commissioners and Balbriggan Town Commission. She felt that this is misleading information as she outlined that the account was originally opened with three signatures. The Councillors agreed that the Town Clerk seek a meeting with the Auditor to discuss this. The Town Clerk advised that he had already requested two meetings but would request another.
- (ii) Letter dated 20/12/03 received from Conor Falvey, Runaí Áire, Department of the Environment and Local Government regarding affordable housing was circulated and noted.

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 3/12/02 received from Margaret Campbell, Administrative Officer, Transportation Department, regarding Traffic Management Scheme for Balbriggan was circulated and noted.
Councillor McKeon requested that Town Clerk write to Fingal County Council requesting them to erect signs on the approach roads and inner relief

roads, which will enable drivers of heavy-duty vehicles to avoid driving through the town and causing havoc.

Councillor Harford stated that following a meeting with the Gardai and Balbriggan Town Council in January 2002 a letter of support was forwarded to Fingal County Council. Councillor McKeon requested that the Town Clerk write to Transport Department outlining that the Balbriggan Town Council would like to make representations/submissions on the Traffic Management Scheme.

- (ii) Letter dated 11/12/02 received from Lucette Browne Senior Staff Officer, Planning Department regarding Proposed Variation of the Fingal Development Plan was circulated and noted.

- (iii) Fingal Draft County Retail Strategy dated November 2002 full copy available for inspection at office.

Councillor McKeon objected to a retail outlet and multi-storey car park suggested on the Viaduct Car Park site. She also objected to building of a supermarket on the Dublin Road Site.

Town Clerk outlined that this is only a draft strategy and that suggestions/objections could be made when strategy goes on public display.

- (iv) Letter dated 2nd January 2003 from Liam McGlynn, Senior Executive Officer regarding Balbriggan Overhead Network was circulated and noted.

Councillor McKeon suggested that the monies from the planning penalties be allocated for the Balbriggan Overhead Network.

Town Clerk to write to Fingal County Council.

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated 31st December 2002 from Bernie Kelly, Manager, Chief Executives Office, Northern Area Health Board regarding the discontinuation of Mobile Day Hospital Service at Hampton Street; Balbriggan was circulated and noted.

(D) Conferences

- (i) Local Authority Members Association. 20th Annual Conference, Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny, Thursday 24th and Friday 24th April 2003 was circulated and noted.

Delegates will be contacted regarding the LAMA Conference.

Councillor Pyne is unable to attend the AMAI Annual Spring Seminar 2003.

It was agreed by the members that Councillor Harford attend.

(E) Other Correspondence

- (i) Letter dated 3/12/02 received from Erick Falc/her-Poyroux, Deputy Mayor for Culture & Sport regarding "Possible Partnership" was circulated and noted. Enclosed information leaflets can be inspected at Office.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk liaise with Mr. Erick Falc/her-Poyroux and keep Balbriggan Town Council up to date with any progress.

- (ii) Letter dated 17/12/02 received from Tony Gallagher, Superintendent, An Garda Síochána, regarding request for speed checks, Naul Road. Was circulated and noted.

3. Motions

(i) Motion submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite

"That Balbriggan Town Councillors call on the Minister for Foreign Affairs to cease the practice of issuing 10 year passports to new born babies (or children under 7 years of age)".

Proposed by Councillor Tuite, seconded by Councillor Harford. Motion passed.

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"That we Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Social and Family Affairs to remove from Health Boards all authorisation to allocate funding for accommodation and bring back all such authorisations into the remit of Central Government".

Councillor Tuite proposed this motion in the absence of Councillor Shields. Seconded by Councillor Harford. Motion passed.

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Motion proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Tuite. Motion passed.

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"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Government with the Minister for Finance to introduce price control in all areas where none exist".

Proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Tuite. Motion passed.

4. Questions

(i) Question submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite

To ask the Manager what progress has Fingal County Council made on the solution regarding the flooding in the vicinity at the Railway Bridge area, Lambeechee/Baths?

Reply:

The problem of flooding in the vicinity of the Railway Bridge area, Lambeechee/Baths has been examined and the necessary remedial works are included on the Area Engineers Programme of Maintenance Works for immediate attention.

(ii) Question submitted by Councillor May McKeon

"To ask the Cathaoirleach and Balbriggan Town Councillors In the light of being elected to the Balbriggan Town Commission/Council which affords you the responsibility and privilege to represent this community and act as custodians of our town property i.e. Balbriggan Town Hall/Hamilton Hall, High Street, Meeting Room, Band Room, Commercial Room, Tourist Office, Retail Outlet on the Town Square together with our own meeting room and

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The Manager under item number 6 answered this question.

(iii) **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

"To ask the manager why can Balbriggan Town Councillors not have their own housing list"

Reply:

Fingal County Council is agreeable to providing each member of Balbriggan Town Council with a copy of "Balbriggan Housing Area" housing list, subject to the compliance with the Data Protection Legislation.

Copies of the "Balbriggan Housing Area" housing list will issue, subject to compliance with the Data Protection Legislation, to members of the Town Council in tandem with the issue of the housing lists to the members of Fingal County Council.

5. **Cathaoirleach Business.**

- (i) **Parking at Chapel Street Balbriggan**
Town Clerk to write to Fingal County Council regarding this matter.
- (ii) **Residents of Fancourt Heights/Hampton Cove have requested recycling bins in this area.**
Town Clerk to write to Fingal County Council requesting it.

6. **Town Hall Redevelopment.**

Councillor Dunne said that the Councillors were disappointed that they were not informed before the media of the closure of the Town Hall. They also asked if the caretaker could be kept on for security reasons.

The Manager outlined the up to date position regarding the Town Hall Redevelopment. He advised the members that the Town Hall offices are to be closed in the interest of health and safety of the staff. He hoped to have more information on the redevelopment in the next two to three months, negotiations are ongoing with the Developer. He advised the members that no final decision would be made without consultation with the Town Councillors. He advised that the Council had looked at four alternative offices and the only suitable premises available was the BEAT Centre which is wheelchair accessible. The Councillors agreed to the temporary move until the full Fire & Safety Report was received. Future meetings shall be held in the Bracken Court Hotel.

A.O.B.

1. The Manager advised that the next Balbriggan/Swords Area Meeting will be held on 25th February 2003 and submissions are to be in by 31st January 2003.
2. Councillor Harford asked to have the alleyway behind 101 Lambreecher cleaned.
3. Councillor Tuite asked to have the road markings outside Supervalu reinstated.
4. Councillor Pyne asked Town Clerk to find out where was Rochford Development located in Balbriggan.
5. Councillor Harford advised the members that the next Templeville Residents Association meeting is taking place on 29/1/03 in the Harvest Lounge at 8.30 p.m.
6. Councillor Dunne – Clear temporary hoarding from front of beach - put on schedule of works. Town Clerk to look into this.

Meeting ended at 9.30 p.m.

L. Dunne

Feb 11th 2003

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8th January 2003.

DO GACH BALL DE COMHAIRLE BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Bhaile Brigín Comhairle a thionolfar ar an Eanáir 14, 2003 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Council will be held on 14th January 2003 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

I would be most obliged if any Councillor who wishes to speak on an item of correspondence on this agenda would ensure they contact this office in writing before close of business on 14th January 2003.

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

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David Storey
DAVID STOREY,
MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR.

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5. **Cathaoirleach Business**

6. **Redevelopment of Town Hall**

Minutes of Special Meeting held 9th January 2003

Attended by: Councillors Cannon, Dunne, Fingleton, McKeon, Mullen, Pyne, Shields, Tuite,

Apologies: Councillor Harford

Meeting commenced at 8.15 p.m.

The Cathaoirleach outlined his reasons for calling the meeting. It is as the result of requests received from a number of Councillors to address concerns regarding the conditions/and closure of the Town Hall.

The first notice received by the Town council was received in an article in a local paper when members of the public brought this to their notice, expressed abhorrence at finding out in this manner despite repeated promises from the Manager that the Town Council would be notified before it became public. Councillor Dunne outlined the background to the publication. Councillor Dunne brought to the attention of the meeting the report received by Ms. Murphy a senior architect with Fingal County Council also read was a letter from the Combined Clubs responding to an offer by them to purchase tables from the Balbriggan Town Council.

A discussion ensued on the content of the inspector's letter.

Can the County Manager:

Q. "Is building held in trust by the Town Council of the day for the Town/People of Balbriggan.? Name on deeds"

Q. "When will we see the full comprehensive report on the building and how conclusions were arrived at?"

Councillor Cannon excused at 8.55 p.m.

Bankruptcy was this the aim of report in order to undermine Town Council

Definition of Town Council by Minister for Environment read from letter written by his private secretary.

(See Cathaoirleach Dunne if this information is required for clarification)

Q. "Is it the case that the building will be demolished without any notice to the Town Councillors?"

Q. "Who is involved in developing and who/what is driving the project – what is the agenda by that body?"

Proposal: We haven't taken sufficient power, we therefore inform the County Manager/The Manager/Town Clerk that no further statement appear in the media pertaining to Balbriggan Town Hall without prior consultation with the members of the Town Council.

- Q. Should Councillors seek legal advice on their ownership, responsibilities, and liabilities towards the future of the property and those using it?

Cathaoirleach to write to County Manager that he instruct the Town Manager, Town Clerk not to publicise anything to do with the development of Balbriggan Town Hall without first informing the Town Councillors of the precise content of the publicity.

Request County Manager to support us in making every effort in keeping Council offices open and retain our caretaker in place until a viable plan has been adopted and put in place.

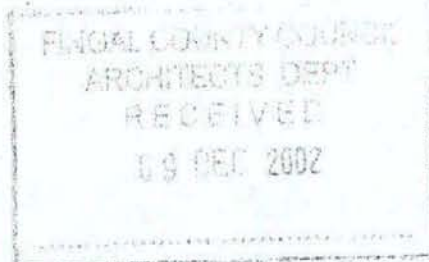
Conclusion:

1. Cathaoirleach to phone to request meeting with County Manager to discuss issues raised tonight.
2. Cathaoirleach to write a letter containing the concerns raised.
3. Meeting with County Manager to be minuted with minutes circulated to the Balbriggan Town Council – Fingal County Manager.

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Fire Safety Engineering Consultants
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 Dargle Road,
 Bray,
 Co. Wicklow,
 Tel/Fax 01 2762943 & 087 2942330

9th. December 2002

Marguerite Murphy
 Senior Architect
 Fingal Co. Council
 Fingal County Hall
 Main Street
 Swords
 Co. Dublin.



Re: Town Hall Balbriggan.

Dear Marguerite

Further to our visit to the Town Hall Balbriggan, while the visit did not constitute comprehensive inspection of the building it is obvious that there are serious deficiencies in the fire safety standards in the building.

The deficiencies are such that the building in my opinion is a *potentially dangerous building* as defined in the Fire Services Act 1981 as

- the means of escape are inadequate and in particular with regard to the crèche on the first floor
- the means of escape are not adequately protected
- the wall and ceiling linings in one of the halls are of combustible materials
- the fire resisting separation of the different parts of the building are inadequate
- the emergency lighting system is out of order
- there is no fire detection and alarm system in the building
- there is inadequate provision of proper storage of material within the building
- the roofs leak and it is possible that water could affect the electrical installation in the building and as such it constitutes a fire hazard

Given the condition of the building I must advise that the building be closed until suitable precautions are put in place.

To ascertain the full extent of the fire safety deficiencies in the building and to recommend remedial action, it will be necessary to carry out a comprehensive survey of the building.

Yours truly,


 Diarmuid P. Kelly Dip. Arch MRIAI AIFE

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 11th February 2003.**

Councillors Present:

Cannon, Mary,	Mullen, Joe
Dunne, Larry	Pyne, Ned
Fingleton, Thérèse	Shields, Gertie
Harford, Monica	Tuite, Bredge
McKeon, May	

Officials Present:

Mr. Eugene Quinn, Head of Corporate Affairs
Mr. David Storey, Meetings Administrator
Ms. Margaret Wilde F.C.C.

An Cathaoirleach Larry Dunne presided.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) Minutes of Meeting held 14/1/03 were circulated

2.

(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Circular Letter dated 7/1/03 received from Department of the Environment & Local Government regarding Local Elections(Disclosure of Donations and Expenditure) Act, 1999 enclosing Draft Guidelines was circulated and noted
- (ii) Circular Letter dated 6/1/03 received from Department of the Environment & Local Government regarding Public Private Partnership Fund for Local Authorities (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Circular Letter AC 1/03 dated 8/1/03 received from John McDermott, Assistant Principal Air/Climate Section Department of the Environment & Local Government regarding Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds from Organic Solvents Regulations 2002 (S.I. NO 543 of 2002" attached Statutory Instruments S.I. NO 543 of 2002 Council Directive 1999/12/EC of 11th March 1999 from the Official Journal of the European Communities was circulated and noted
- (iv) Letter dated 14/1/03 received from Loretta Barnett, Private Secretary, Department for Justice, Equality and Law Reform regarding Private Security Services Bill, 2001 was circulated and noted
- (v) Letter dated 28/1/03 received from Bridget Flynn, Private Secretary, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment regarding temporary employees was circulated and noted.

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 2/1/03 received from Lucette Browne, Senior Staff Officer, regarding Variations adopted by Fingal County Council on 9/12/02 was circulated and noted, enclosing (Map available for inspection at office).
- (ii) Letter dated 6/1/03 received from Richard Brady, Senior Executive Officer, regarding Rented Accommodation in Balbriggan Area was circulated and noted. The Town Clerk to write seeking clarification on exemption clauses and will Fingal County Council be pursuing landlords who sub-divide.

- (iii) Letter dated 13/1/03 received from Helen Costello, Senior Staff Officer, Planning Department regarding Local Area Plan for lands at Rowlestown Village was circulated and noted, enclosing (Map available for inspection at office)
- (iv) Letter dated 16/1/03 received from Lucette Browne, Senior Staff Officer, Planning Department enclosing draft local area plan for Hollystown was circulated and noted – Map available for inspection at office.
- (v) Letter from Eugene Quinn, received 28/1/03 regarding Declaration by Members, Part 15 of Local Government Act, 2001, Form A – Local Authority Members, Balbriggan Town Council, and notes on Part 15 of Local Government Act, 2001 for Councillors already circulated and was noted

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated 8/1/03 received from Dublin Port Co. regarding Balbriggan Harbour was circulated and noted
- (ii) Letter dated 17/3/03 received from Leonard Cleary A/Town Clerk, Kilrush Town Council regarding motion regarding Taxation of Members of the Credit Union was circulated and noted
- (iii) Letter dated 21/1/03 received from Town Clerk, Carrick On Suir Town Council, regarding motion to amend the existing Road Traffic Act 1961 (Section 103) (Offences) Regulations 1999 and increase the penalty for drivers that park in a space that is designated for disable drivers” was circulated and noted

(D) Conferences

- (i) Circular Letter dated 13/1/03 received from Mayor’s Office Town Hall, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary regarding Transport in Ireland to be held 7th & 8th March 2003 organiser Mayor’s Office Clonmel, Tipperary Institute, Presentation Primary, Clonmel was circulated and noted

(E) Other Correspondence

- (i) Letter dated 17/1/03 received from Fergus P. Taaffe & Co. Solicitors regarding Aidan Bissett – Gaming Licence Application was circulated. Proposed by Councillor Tuite, Seconded by Councillor Shields. The Town Clerk to send letter of approval.

3. Motions

(i) Motion submitted by Councillor Mary Cannon.

“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council/Iarnród Eireann to floodlight the viaduct at Balbriggan Harbour”

Proposed by Councillor Cannon, Seconded by Councillor Fingleton

(ii) Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford.

“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Court Service to upgrade and maintain Balbriggan Court House”

Proposed by Councillor Harford, Seconded by Councillor

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“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Education to recruit sufficient numbers of truancy officers to ensure children are attending school on a regular basis”.

Following discussion it was agreed by the members that the Town Clerk write to the Minister for Education and Science and to the Head of Services/Family Crisis, North Area Health Board Area 8 to demand liaison between both parties with responsibility for this matter.

Proposed by Councillor Harford, Seconded by Councillor Shields

4. Questions

(i) Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford.

To ask the Manager give an update on the new fire station for Balbriggan i.e. commencing and completion dates etc.

Reply: Dublin City Council have advised that the entire project will take in the region of 24-26 months subject to obtaining planning permission and subject to approval at various stages from the DoELG.

5. Cathaoirleach Business

An Cathaoirleach informed the members of the following meetings to be set:

- a. Clonard Rise Residents set for 7.45 p.m. 18th February Bracken Court Hotel. Town Clerk to notify residents chairperson by letter.
- b. St. Patrick's Day Meeting to take place immediately after Clonard Rise Meeting.

6. Redevelopment of Town Hall

The Manager updated the members to date. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the detailed Fire Consultant Report is due next week. A meeting is due to take place with the Manager, County Architect and the Developer.

7. Special Olympics

The members were notified of an Open Day on 1st March at Balbriggan Library to heighten awareness of Pakistan and its culture.

Councillor Fingleton gave a report on the arrival of the delegation and diary of events.

The Balbriggan Festival of Flowers will also hold an exhibition on 19th June 2003.

8. A.O.B.

The Town Clerk to also enquire about the promised green railings for the south side of the Bracken Bridge to be erected as soon as possible in the interest of public safety especially children exiting cars.

Councillor Fingleton asked that Liffey Development be put on the Agenda for the next Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council.

Councillor Tuite asked that the road markings/lines be reinstated in Balbriggan and surrounds, particularly at Supervalu as this is causing great distress to Disabled Drivers. This item was on the December Agenda, the Town Clerk to follow up with Roads Department.

Councillor Tuite also asked that due to the huge amount of development within the town that the Main Street be kept clean with road sweepers.

Councillor McKeon informed of the lack of Public Lighting on Dublin Street to Market Green. This item to go on the Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council.

Councillor McKeon also requested that St. Peter & Paul's Graveyard be on the Quarterly Agenda.

Councillor McKeon also requested that commendation letters be sent to Mr. Mark Walsh and Mr. Douglas Hyde to mark their retirement.

Councillor Pyne asked that Fingal County Council monitors developers with regard to drainage and ensure that proper piping is put in place.

Councillor Harford asked that the lights at the Senior Citizens Flats at Bath Road be repaired as a matter of urgency.

Councillor Mullen brought costal erosion north of Balbriggan to the attention of the members.

Mr. Eugene Quinn, Manager gave notice of the next Balbriggan Area Swords Committee Meeting set for 25th February 7.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

C. Dunne

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DO GACH BALL DE COMHAIRLE BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Bhaile Brigín Comhairle a thionolfar ar an Feabhra 11, 2003 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Council will be held on **11th February 2003 at 7.30 p.m. in the Bremore Hamilton Room, Bracken Hotel**, to consider the following agenda.

I would be most obliged if any Councillor who wishes to speak on an item of correspondence on this agenda would ensure they contact this office in writing before close of business on 11th February 2003.

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

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**DAVID STOREY,
MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR.**

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- (i) Letter dated 2/1/03 received from Lucette Browne, Senior Staff Officer, regarding Variations adopted by Fingal County Council on 9/12/02 (circulated herewith) enclosing (Map available for inspection at office).
- (ii) Letter dated 6/1/03 received from Richard Brady, Senior Executive Officer, regarding Rented Accommodation in Balbriggan Area (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 13/1/03 received from Helen Costello, Senior Staff Officer, Planning Department regarding Local Area Plan for lands at Rowlestown Village (circulated herewith) enclosing (Map available for inspection at office)
- (iv) Letter dated 16/1/03 received from Lucette Browne, Senior Staff Officer, Planning Department enclosing draft local area plan for Hollystown (circulated herewith) – Map available for inspection at office.
- (v) Letter from Eugene Quinn, received 28/1/03 regarding Declaration by Members, Part 15 of Local Government Act, 2001, Form A – Local Authority Members, Balbriggan Town Council, and notes on Part 15 of Local Government Act, 2001 for Councillors (already circulated)

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated 8/1/03 received from Dublin Port Co. regarding Balbriggan Harbour (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 17/3/03 received from Leonard Cleary A/Town Clerk, Kilrush Town Council regarding motion regarding Taxation of Members of the Credit Union"(circulated herewith)

- (iii) Letter dated 21/1/03 received from Town Clerk, Carrick On Suir Town Council, regarding motion to amend the existing Road Traffic Act 1961 (Section 103) (Offences) Regulations 1999 and increase the penalty for drivers that park in a space that is designated for disable drivers" (circulated herewith)

(D) Conferences

- (i) Circular Letter dated 13/1/03 received from Mayor's Office Town Hall, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary regarding Transport in Ireland to be held 7th & 8th March 2003 organiser Mayor's Office Clonmel, Tipperary Institute, Presentation Primary, Clonmel (circulated herewith)

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- (i) Letter dated 17/1/03 received from Fergus P. Taaffe & Co. Solicitors regarding Aidan Bissett – Gaming Licence Application (circulated herewith)

3. Motions

- (i) **Motion submitted by Councillor Mary Cannon.**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council/Iarnród Eireann to floodlight the viaduct at Balbriggan Harbour"

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"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Court Service to upgrade and maintain Balbriggan Court House"

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"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Education to recruit sufficient numbers of truancy officers to ensure children are attending school on a regular basis".

4. Questions

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To ask the Manager give an update on the new fire station for Balbriggan i.e. commencing and completion dates etc.

5. Cathaoirleach Business

6. Redevelopment of Town Hall

7. Special Olympics.

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 11th March 2003.**

Councillors Present:

Cannon, Mary,	Mullen, Joe
Dunne, Larry	Pyne, Ned
Fingleton, Thérèse	Shields, Gertie
Harford, Monica	Tuite, Bredge
McKeon, May	

Officials Present:

Mr. Eugene Quinn, Head of Corporate Affairs
Mr. David Storey, Meetings Administrator
Ms. Maureen Finn F.C.C.

An Cathaoirleach Larry Dunne presided.

An Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms. Joanne Carroll, journalism student who sat in at the meeting for research purposes.

Councillor McKeon raised the point that the standing order No. 59 (b) makes provision for only three visitors attending meetings due to lack of space. The Manager suggested that the standing orders be amended so that each Councillor could sign in one member of the public as the facilities being used in the Bracken Court Hotel will allow this. The Councillors agreed this.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) Minutes of Meeting held 11/2/03 were circulated and noted
Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Fingleton.

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Proposed by Councillor Cannon, seconded by Councillor Shields.

Motion passed.

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"To ask Fingal Planning Department to monitor all future developments under construction at present in the Balbriggan Area Plan to ensure that all developments are of similar nature and subsequently blend into the local environment and not have huge towers overlooking the landscape"

Proposed by Councillor Pyne, seconded by Councillor Tuite.

Motion passed.

It was also agreed that the Town Clerk write to Fingal County Council demanding that the Planners come to the meetings of Balbriggan Town Council to discuss the planning applications of future Developements.

(iii) Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford.

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Health to provide a physiotherapy and speech therapy service to nursing home residents who may require the service i.e. stroke suffers"

Proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Tuite.

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"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Education to ensure all schools are in good repair and properly maintained to the standard required for insurance coverage"

Proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Tuite.

Motion passed.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk writes to the Minister for Education seeking clarification of the insurance requirements for individual schools.

- (v) **Motion submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite**
"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council, Planning Department and the current developers of the commercial projects in Balbriggan, to meet with Balbriggan Town Council to give clarity of the facilities and services proposed within the said developments (i.e. Gallens/Spicers/Grain Store, Mill Pond)
Proposed by Councillor Tuite, seconded by Councillor McKeon.
Motion passed.
It was agreed that the Town Clerk write to Fingal County Council, Planning Department seeking a special meeting with Fingal and the local Developers.
- (vi) **Motion submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite**
"Balbriggan Town Council request an urgent meeting with Iarnród Éireann and Bus Éireann to discuss the service being provided at present.
Motion was withdrawn due to the reply received from Bus Éireann - 2. B 1 (v).

4. **Questions**

- (i) **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**
To ask the Manager if the Fingal Waste Collection Service is being privatised?

Reply:

Waste Management is rapidly becoming one of the most costly services being provided by local authorities nationally and Fingal is no exception.

In the current year the service will cost this Council over €18m. Financing the service presents the Council with a huge challenge, which must be met by raising adequate income.

The "Polluter Pays" principle has been enshrined in both E.U. and Irish law and the Department of the Environment and Local Government has made it absolutely clear to all local authorities that there would be serious financial consequences for any authority that does not have a system of household waste charges.

All County and City Councils now have a system of household waste charges operating in their areas. These charges are here to stay and in Fingal they represent a vital and necessary element of funding of our waste management strategy.

Two years ago, when considering the type of charging system for domestic waste, which should be introduced in Fingal, I concluded that a scheme of charges based on waste volume presented for collection would be the fairest and I recommended accordingly. I did so because such a system encourages reduction, recycling and reuse and, in any event, the Minister for the Environment and Local Government, in a policy statement around the same time, clearly signalled that, within three to four years a scheme of charges based on weight or volume would be compulsory.

While our system is very fair, collection of the charges is more difficult than a fixed charge system, particularly since the Supreme Court judgement in the

Cork Corporation case. The result has been that we are failing to meet our income targets in spite of the best efforts of Council staff.

I have repeatedly said that I am strongly in favour of retaining a system of household waste collection by direct labour. However, that can only be justified if the service is efficient and cost effective and the collection of charges can be maximised. Having recently reviewed the operation of the service, I have concluded that neither is attainable in current circumstances.

The existing refuse collection fleet needs urgent replacement. The leasing of a new fleet would give rise to a significant cost to the Council and could only be justified if the new fleet could be used to the fullest extent possible. This would require changes in work practices, the acceptance of which by the staff does not seem to be forthcoming. I am also concerned that some staff members are anything but supportive of other necessary changes in operation or of the new charging system.

With regard to our charging system I have repeatedly made the point that it is possible to have the grey bin collected for approximately €156 per annum, which is one of the lowest charges in the country. At budget time I gave the details of the charges levied by the 37 private contractors operating around the country for the year 2002. Members will recall that they ranged from €190 to €400 per annum in some cases with no provision for a waiver scheme. Many of these fixed annual charges have been increased for 2003, while our charges were retained at the 2002 level.

I find it extremely disappointing and frustrating that Members of this Council continue to openly campaign against payment of our charges contrary to approved Council policy. They have gone even further by mischievously and incorrectly interpreting for the public our decision not to increase charges for 2003, as evidence that we are not serious about levying these charges. I want to emphasise that nothing could be further from the truth.

All of this leads me to pose the question, "why is it that such a vigorous campaign is waged against the charges of a local authority, operating household waste collection by direct labour and there is no such targeting of private contractors whose charges are much higher".

I have sadly come to the conclusion that, in all the circumstances, the only way to achieve an effective household waste collection services and free our administrative staff in this area is to engage in more productive work is through privatisation and I have so informed the refuse collection staff and their Trade Union representatives.

The Trade Union representatives have asked me would I reconsider my decision to privatise if they came back to me, within a short period, with a business plan to save the direct labour service. I have indicated that, of course, I would and I expect the Union to come back to me with proposals within a few weeks.

If an efficient self contained business unit for refuse collection can be created within the Council, with buy-in from all the staff of the unit and funded by a system of charges under which collection can be refused for non payment (as now proposed in amending legislation), then I and the Council staff involved will ensure that direct labour will survive. If that is not achievable then privatisation is inevitable.

(ii) **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

Why is there a house boarded up in Clonard Rise?

Reply: Housing Department advised that there were no vacant houses in Clonard Rise.

(iii) **Question submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**

"To ask the Manager when will Balbriggan see recreational facilities implemented as the growth of the town escalates with each passing week?"

Reply:

A proposal to convert the tennis courts in the Balbriggan Town Park to an All Weather Training Facility has been on public display as part of the Part 8 procedure. A report on this proposal is being brought to the Balbriggan/Swords Area Committee on Thursday March 13th.

Funding to continue the development of the proposed playground at Ardgillan Demesne was not provided in the 2003 Parks Works programme and this project is currently on hold. There is no current proposal to develop other new recreational facilities in Balbriggan area.

Public open space for both passive and active recreation is being provided with each new development in Balbriggan and these areas will be developed as conditioned in the relevant planning permissions.

(iv) **Question submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne**

Can the Manager please inform Balbriggan Town Council when the remedial work promised in November 2001 on the front beach i.e. removal of temporary balustrades and removal/or repair of the temporary footpath be refurbishment?

Reply:

The path furthest to the left facing the beach will be repaired and a handrail erected. The temporary balustrades and footpath will be removed. This work will commence subject to clarification by the Balbriggan Town Council of their agreement to these works.

(v) **Question submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne**

Can the Manager please inform Balbriggan Town Council if the Town Council is currently indemnified against any action that may result from an accident occurring to anybody entering the Town Hall premises either authorised or unauthorised?

Reply:

Fingal County Council's Insurance Department does not look after any of The public liability policies for Balbriggan Town Council. The public liability policy remains in place for the Town Hall

5. **Cathaoirleach Business**

1. An Cathaoirleach informed the members that R.T.E, will be doing a live broad cast in Balbriggan on Sunday 16th March 2003. This is in

relation to the seal release. The Town Clerk will inform the Cathaoirleach of the details.

2. An Cathaoirleach suggested that the members be paid their monthly expenses by direct debit. He advised that the Town Clerk could facilitate this as long as all the members were in agreement. The members will advise the Town Clerk of their decision.

6. **Redevelopment of Town Hall**

The Manager advised that he would have the Fire Report at the next statutory meeting.

He advised that representatives from Fingal County Council would be meeting with the Developer on Thursday 20th March to discuss their proposals and costing and will advise the members of any developments. He advised that the second Developer was not forthcoming.

Councillor Tuite enquired about 24-hour security arrangements in the Town Hall. The Manager advised that the security arrangements have not changed.

Councillor Tuite also enquired about insurance arrangements with the Tourist Office and Sadlier's Shop. The Town Clerk advised that these premises hold a lease and the insurance arrangement are their own responsibility.

6. **A.O.B.**

1. Councillor Pyne advised that the Developers are not piping the ditches. The members advised that this item was raised at the Quarterly Meeting and Fingal County Council representatives had called out to the sites trying to discourage this practice. Peter Tuck gave an undertaking to follow this up. The Town Clerk to follow up.
2. Councillor McKeon advised that she did not receive the minutes for the last Quarterly Meeting. The Town Clerk advised that the office only received them the day before the meeting and they were given to the Councillors who attended the meeting in Swords. The remainder will be posted to the Councillors this week.
Councillor McKeon also requested the minutes of the meeting where she raised the issue of underground wiring in Balbriggan.
3. Councillor Harford asked the Town Clerk to clarify the situation regarding the Doctor on Call service.
4. Councillor Harford and Councillor McKeon advised that when future official invitations are received that all members of Balbriggan Town Council are advised and that protocol be sent to the organisations involved. The Town Clerk assured the members the protocol would be forwarded to the appropriate bodies.
5. The Manager outlined that a complaint had been lodged with him from a member of Fingal County Council library staff complaining about being insulted and abused by Councillor Harford on the telephone in relation to the fact that an invitation to a private function was only issued to some Councillors. Councillor Harford said she had never and would never insult or abuse a Council Official.
6. Councillor Tuite asked the Town Clerk to write to Fingal County Council advising them that the lights in Dublin Street are still out.
7. Councillor McKeon asked the Town Clerk to enquire as to when the 2003 grass cutting will commence.

8. Councillor Tuite asked the Town Clerk to enquire as to who is responsible for the hedgerows and to advise that these are being destroyed in the Balbriggan Area and are not being replaced.
9. Councillor Tuite asked the Manager to enquire about proper drainage at the green in Lambeeher Estate. Drains were cleared at the back of 100 – 130 Lambeeher but the problem is still not solved. Councillor Mullen advised the Town Clerk that there is no pipe on the gully. Town Clerk to look into this.
10. Councillor Shields asked the Town Clerk to get clarification regarding the reply to question No. 4. (iii) - Recreational facilities as she feels the information given is incorrect.

Meeting concluded 9.15 p.m.

L. Danne

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5. **Cathaoirleach Business**

6. **Redevelopment of Town Hall**

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 8th April 2003.**

Councillors Present: Cannon, Mary, McKeon, May
Dunne, Larry Pyne, Ned
Fingleton, Thérèse Shields, Gertie
Harford, Monica Tuite, Bredge

Apologies: Councillor Mullen

Officials Present: Mr. Eugene Quinn, Head of Corporate Affairs
Mr. David Storey, Meetings Administrator
Ms. Maguerite Murphy, Senior Architect
Ms. Margaret Wilde F.C.C.

An Cathaoirleach Larry Dunne presided.

The Manager requested to vary the order of business and allow item 6 Redevelopment of the Town Hall to be discussed as first item on this agenda. This was agreed by the members.

The Manager and Ms. Murphy displayed plans for the "Concept Scheme for Balbriggan Square".

Ms. Murphy explained in detail the proposed changes. The members asked various questions in relation to the Town Council Property, The Library, The Senior Citizens Club, and the improvements to the Bracken Court Hotel. An Cathaoirleach and all the members present expressed their concerns regarding the proposed Community Facility designated to be within the realms of the Bracken Court Hotel and the possible difficulties which could arise in the future. The Manager and Town Clerk re-assured the members that Fingal County Council would strike the best deal possible for the Town Council and the people of Balbriggan. He explained that this was the first step in the procedure and asked that agreement be made to proceed further as time was vital due to the closure date for Tax Exemption on this property. Councillor Ned Pyne proposed that a vote be taken, seconded by Councillor Tuite. Following this it was agreed unanimously that the Management and Town Clerk continue discussions with the interested developer as agreement in principal was reached, the main obstacle being the Community Facility. The Town Clerk to arrange a meeting between the Town Council and the Developer.

An Cathaoirleach Larry Dunne stated his opposition to the proposed redevelopment. The proposal does not include as previously promised provision of town hall facility. An Cathaoirleach could not support any such proposal.

An Cathaoirleach proposed a vote of sympathy to the family of the late Brian Purcell former Commissioner. One-minute silence followed by individual dedications to his life in public office.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) Minutes of Meeting held on 11/3/03 were circulated
Councillor Harford referred to Item 6 A.O.B. (5) following a discussion it was agreed that Councillor Harford would contact the Town Clerk in writing before the May Meeting. The March minutes will then be re circulated for approval at this meeting.

2. Correspondence

(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter received from Conor Falvey, Private Secretary, Department of the Environment & Local Government regarding Rent Assessment Review 2003 was circulated and noted
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(D) Conferences

- (i) Letter dated 28/2/03 received from Kathleen McGowan, Conference Co-ordinator, LAMA regarding 20th Annual Conference, Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny, 24th & 25th April 2003 was circulated and noted
Following discussion it was agreed that Councillors Harford and Tuite would attend.

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- (i) Letter dated 3/3/03 received from Louise Landers, Balscadden District Community Council regarding newly formed Community Council was circulated and noted

3. Motions

(i) Motion submitted by Councillor May McKeon

"Balbriggan Town Council seek the support of the Minister of the Environment, Martin Cullen, The Minister for Tourism Sport and Recreation John O'Donoghue, The Environmental Protection Agency, the elected representatives of Fingal and the entire community of Balbriggan to protect the remaining open spaces, green belts amenity, sporting and recreational areas including Balbriggan Golf Club and Course which is at present being targeted by property developers who are seen to be motivated by greed, with the main purpose of pursuing economic gain with no regard whatsoever for the historical characteristics of Balbriggan or traditional aspirations of the local people"

Proposed by Councillor McKeon, seconded by Councillor Shields. Motion Agreed.

(ii) Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields

"That we Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Social Community & Family Affairs to extend the Children's Allowance payment for over 18s until they have completed their 3rd level education"

Following discussion it was agreed to amend the text to read Child Benefit.
Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor McKeon. Motion Agreed.

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"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Health and Children to recoup the millions paid to doctors for ghost patients and to put it towards.

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Proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Tuite.
The Town Clerk to write seeking meeting.

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"As the footage of the Balbriggan Post Office is on certain days unable to meet the requirements of the growing population, Balbriggan Town Council request a meeting with the current owners and An Post to discuss ways to resolve the problem".

Proposed by Councillor Tuite, seconded by Councillor Pyne. Motion Agreed.

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Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Fingleton

4. **Questions**

(i) **Question submitted by Councillor Mary Cannon**

"To ask the Manager when will Fingal County Council erect a "No Litter" sign at George's Square, Balbriggan?"

Reply: In the experience of the Council's Litter Management Unit Anti Litter/Anti Dumping signs often have the opposite effect to that intended, instead of deterring people from throwing litter, signs appear to incite people to do it more. As Balbriggan Town is already cleaned on a regular basis by two members of staff, it is not the intention of the Council at this time to erect a "No Litter" sign at George's Square. The Litter Management Unit will however monitor the situation and investigate the source of the litter being generated. A litter Warden will call to the businesses in the area to remind them of their responsibilities under the Litter Pollution Act 1997.

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"To ask the Manager to bring Balbriggan Town Council up to date on any recent information regarding the proposal to site a Marine Sanctuary in the vicinity of Blackrock?"

Reply: Fingal County Council had reserved a site in Beaverstown and planning permission had been granted to the Irish Seal Sanctuary for construction of a marine facility.

Having further considered the matter it is now felt that such a Marine Conservation and Education Centre, which has the capacity to attract a significant number of visitors would be better located close to a town which could benefit from any tourism revenue generated.

Consequently, the area at Blackrock has been selected as the optimum location for such a facility, to be operated by the Irish Seal Sanctuary.

Plans are at an early stage and it should be noted that Central Government finance is likely to be required to complete the project.

(iii) **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

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Reply: No Parks Division staff have taken measurements on the open spaces in Templeville in the current year.

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Reply: The question would appear to ask the Manager to report on correspondence between two outside bodies. The Council is not privy to such information, and it would be impertinent to request the bodies concerned to provide access to same.

5. **Cathaoirleachs Business**

An Cathaoirleach thanked all the Council Members for their contribution in making the St. Patrick's Day Parade and function such a successful event. Thanks was also extended to the Town Clerk and staff for their co-operation and support.

6. **Redevelopment of Town Hall**

Following a request from the Manager this was taken as the first item of business.

7. **A.O.B.**

1. Councillor Tuite asked for clarification on communication between the Tidy Towns Committee and the Litter Unit of Fingal County Council.
2. Councillor Tuite wanted to know if the Planning Department expected the people west of Balbriggan to come in and use public transport.

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4th April 2003.

DO GACH BALL DE COMHAIRLE BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Bhaile Brigín Comhairle a thionolfar ar an Aibreán 8, 2003 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Council will be held on **8th April, 2003 at 7.30 p.m. in the Bremore Hamilton Room, Bracken Court Hotel**, to consider the following agenda.

I would be most obliged if any Councillor who wishes to speak on an item of correspondence on this agenda would ensure they contact this office in writing before close of business on 4th April 2003.

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

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David Storey

**DAVID STOREY,
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**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY, 18th APRIL, 2003.
Re: TOWN HALL REDEVELOPMENT**

Councillors Present:

Cannon, Mary	Dunne, Larry
Fingleton, Thérèse	Harford, Monica
McKeon, May	Mullen, Joe
Pyne, Ned	Shields, Gertie
Tuite, Bredge	

Officials Present:

Mr. Stephen Peppard, Fingal County Council
Mr. David Storey, Town Clerk
Mr. Luke Moriarity

D. Storey: Outlined proposal for the redevelopment of the Town Hall site, which includes:

1. Library Extension
2. Underground Car Parking
3. Hotel Extension with conference facility
4. Town Council offices
5. Fingal County Council offices
6. Apartments
7. Senior Citizens premises
8. Shops

L. Moriarity: Outlined his interest in the town of Balbriggan and in particular the Town Hall site and what the development has for each party involved in this partnership.
The cost issue is ongoing and still to be resolved.

S. Peppard: This package is based on including the tax incentives for the area in the costs. If agreement is not reached before May 2003 the figures in the proposal change.

G. Shields: The Town Council agreed in principal with the proposal at the April Statutory Meeting of 2003, but the outstanding issue of the Community Facility would have to be resolved to the satisfaction of the Balbriggan Town Council.
The Town Council requires some role in the Community Facility in order for the process to go forward.

B. Tuite: Community Facility, which is shared, does not work.
What types of facilities are going to be included in the Library?
Can a Community Facility be included in the Library extension?

- T. Fingleton: Reading space to be included with option of Community Facility. Stating she was in favour of proposal.
- N. Pyne: When the first plans were shown a Community Facility was included.
A Community Facility must be included in the development, with a 260-seat conference type centre.
- L. Dunne: Balbriggan Town Council has viewed a number of proposals for the Town Hall site.
The Town Council has been advised that offices and rental from shop are the only items that they are going to get in this proposal. He stated that he couldn't recommend a proposal that does not provide a Community Facility owned by Balbriggan Town Council for the people of Balbriggan.
- M. Cannon: Happy with proposal, as long as the Community Facility is included.
- J. Mullen: What's to know what space will Balbriggan Town Council retain, some facility has to be included, some compromise is needed to bring proposal forward.
- M. McKeon: Thanked Mr. Moriarity for attending the meeting. She has consulted various parties regarding the Development. The Town Council has a site, but the hotel is the major beneficiary of the project. We are giving away a site our identity, image for this proposal. It is no longer a Town Hall site.
Redevelopment the identity of Balbriggan Town Council is going to be lost. Needs more than just offices. Some Balbriggan Town Council image must be included in Town Hall site. This must be in the ownership of Balbriggan Town Council on behalf of the people of Balbriggan.
- M. Harford: The first proposal came in '95, '96. The Town Council were always aware that a private developer may be required for development.
Not in favour of community facility in the library extension. The Balbriggan Town Council have always stated the need for a community facility to be owned by Balbriggan Town Council. The Balbriggan Town Council will not receive any such community facility in this development.
Will consider a community facility, which is owned by Balbriggan Town Council.
- David Storey:
1. Explained that the Town Hall was running at a financial loss of approx. €20 - €25 over the last number of years.
 2. When the Town Hall was closed, there were 17 hall hirer/groups using premises.

3. Asked the Councillors to consider the following proposal taking into account the various opinions expressed by the Councillors.

"The redevelopment of the Town Hall site be agreed in principal subject to the inclusion of the following:

1. Officer for Balbriggan Town Council owned by Balbriggan Town Council.
2. Ownership of two shops
 - (i) Newsagents (ii) Tourist Office with rental income.
3. Provision of community facility to meet the needs of various groups i.e. Hall hirers – this facility to be owned by Balbriggan Town Council.
4. In the Moriarty Group conference room: provision to be included to allow for theatre type events to be held in this room.

Mr. Moriarty stated he would also sign agreement as part of this proposal that this conference room would have to remain in any future development of the hotel. This to be included in the overall agreement

L. Moriarty: Stated that he had no objection to the four conditions sought by Balbriggan Town Council.

A vote was taken on this proposal:

In Favour

Cannon
Fingleton
McKeon
Mullen
Pyne
Shields
Tuite

In favour: 7

Against

Dunne
Harford

Against: 2

L. Dunne: Stated his total opposition to the proposal. The Balbriggan Town Council was not receiving an offer that he could recommend to the people of Balbriggan. He also sought clarification on the title of the offices when complete.

M. Harford: Has reservations about development, would require assurance on the ownership of any future Community Facility.

D. Storey: Agreed by the members that proposal be presented to the Balbriggan /Swords Area Committee on Thursday 24th April at 2.00 p.m. He stated that more detailed plans and costing would be brought back to the Balbriggan Town Council for consultation.

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**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON FRIDAY, 9th MAY, 2003.
Re: TOWN HALL REDEVELOPMENT**

Councillors Present:

Cannon, Mary	Dunne, Larry
Fingleton, Thérèse	Harford, Monica
McKeon, May	Mullen, Joe
Pyne, Ned	Shields, Gertie
Tuite, Bredge	

Officials Present:

Eugene Quinn, Head of Corporate Affairs.
Marguerite Murphy, Architect's Department.
Mr. Stephen Peppard, Fingal County Council
Mr. David Storey, Town Clerk

- L. Dunne: Asked the Manager to bring the Town Council up to date.
- E. Quinn: Stated that Marguerite Murphy would give presentation on now proposed development which includes
1. Balbriggan Town Council offices
 2. Shops
 3. Hotel Extension
 4. Apartments
 5. Library Extension
 6. Fingal County Council offices
 7. Community facility owned by Balbriggan Town Council.
- M. Murphy: Outlined the revised programme, floor by floor. See attached document. Revision A (9/5/03).
- B. Tuite: Asked about sq. m. area of Community facility/and the height.
- M. Murphy: 168 sq. metres. Heights have to be clarified. Try and establish a 10 ft. height.
- T. Fingleton: In favour of development, happy with Community facility, extra offices. Would like more clarification on Senior Citizens.
- M. Cannon: Very happy with proposal. Asked for clarification on arches outside Senior Citizens.
- G. Shields: Stated was happy with extra space given for Community facility. Welcomed proposal.

- M. Harford: How many people would Community facility hold? 340 people can be accommodated. Everybody needs each other in this development. Proposal looks good.
- M. McKeown: Stated her disappointment in not receiving first set of plans. Is there two entrances?
- M. Murphy: No. Entrance from library to Town Council offices on 2nd floor.
- M. McKeown: Physical appearance is of the utmost importance. Wants it to be seen that the Town Council is giving the site and shops to the people of Balbriggan. Needs the Community facility to be sound proof and the acoustics are proper. Wants the Condition No. 4 to be included in any presentation.
- N. Pyne: On paper, proposal looks good. Balbriggan Town Council need somebody to monitor proposal as it is being developed. How are Balbriggan Town Council to do this? Facilities are needed for the redevelopment of the town. Here to look after the interests of the town.
- J. Mullen: Looking at plan. The Town Council are getting what they requested. Any revisions must be notified and agreed by the Balbriggan Town Council.
- E. Quinn: If after the Part XI process changes are required, these changes will come back to Balbriggan Town Council.
- M. McKeown: What are the legal implications of this proposal on the Balbriggan Town Council?
Can we ensure that we, the Town Council, are covered in this proposal, legally. Can we check with Tallons Solicitors?
- S. Peppard: The project team will ask Moriarity Group solicitors to handle the title of lands on this proposal. When the proposal goes to Part XI it should bring out any objectors.
- J. Mullen: Asked for clarification on car parking.
- S. Peppard: Car parking subject to separate agreement between interested parties.
- L. Dunne: Thanked Marguerite Murphy for proposal. Pleased with Community facility included in development. Stated that he would wish that the Community facility be bigger.
- Happy with provision of 20 car parking spaces.
Clarification required on Community facility in the hotel and the rates to be charged.

Main concern is the allocation of Community facility space for the Town Hall.

Proposal is 60% downgrading of space in this development.

B. Tuite: This library extension is for the people of Balbriggan. The library will offer a huge service to Balbriggan.

S. Peppard: The Senior Citizens are not on board for proposal. Asked the Town Council's help in an approach to make this work.

M. Murphy: What happens after decision tonight that the launch is inclusive of all parties. That Town Council be included in all dealings in an official launch of this proposal.

That this Council recommends that subject to agreement being reached with the Senior Citizens and Fingal County Council proceed to initiate the Part XI procedure in respect of the redevelopment of the town centre.

For:

Joe Mullen
Ned Pyne
May McKeown
Monica Harford
Gertie Shields
Mary Cannon
Therese Fingleton
Bredge Tuite
Larry Dunne

Against:

In favour:

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Ned Pyne

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 13th May 2003.**

Councillors Present:

Cannon, Mary,	Mullen, Joe
Dunne, Larry	Pyne, Ned
Fingleton, Thérèse	Shields, Gertie
Harford, Monica	Tuite, Bredge
McKeon, May	

Apologies:

Officials Present:

Mr. Eugene Quinn, Head of Corporate Affairs
Mr. Shay Barker, Corporate Affairs
Mr. David Storey, Meetings Administrator
Ms. Margaret Wilde F.C.C.

An Cathaoirleach Larry Dunne presided.

An Cathaoirleach on behalf of all the members and staff made a presentation to Mr. Eugene Quinn to mark his forthcoming retirement, as a mark of respect and gratitude for all his good work, effort and commitment to the Balbriggan Town Council and the town of Balbriggan. His advice and expertise will be greatly missed.

Mr. Quinn thanked An Cathaoirleach and all the members and wished them well, particularly in the new development of the Town Hall property and wished them all success in next years elections

Mr. Quinn then introduced Mr. Shay Barker, as Acting Head of Corporate Affairs who will be his replacement until the position is filled at a later stage.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) Amended minutes of Meeting held on 11/3/03 were circulated
Proposed by Councillor Pyne, Seconded by Councillor Tuite
- (ii) Minutes of Meeting held on 8/4/03 were circulated
Proposed by Councillor Harford. Seconded by Councillor Shields

2. Correspondence

(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 31/3/03 received from Mr. Noel Dempsey, Minister for Education & Science regarding Recruitment of Truancy Officers was circulated & noted.
Councillor Harford asked that the Town Clerk write seeking clarification and statistics. This was agreed.
- (ii) Letter dated 10/4/03 received from Joseph Hackett, Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs regarding length of validity of passports issued to minors was circulated & noted.
Councillor Harford asked for the Town Clerk to write seeking further clarification.
- (iii) Letter dated 17/4/03 received from Martin Cullen T.D., Minister for the Environment & Local Government regarding European Car Free Day 2003 was circulated & noted.

- (iii) Letter dated 15/4/03 received from Bridget Flynn, Private Secretary, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment regarding price control was circulated & noted.

Councillor Harford expressed her disappointment at this reply.

- (iv) Letter dated 24/4/03 received from Noel Dempsey T.D. Minister for Education and Science regarding Insurance Requirements for individual schools was circulated & noted.

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 26/3/03 received from Margaret Campbell, Administrative Officer regarding reinstatement of road marking was circulated & noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 7/4/03 received from Lucette Browne, Senior Staff Officer regarding Preparation of a Local Area Plan for lands at Skerries Road, Rush was circulated and noted – notice and map available at office for inspection.
- (iii) Letter dated 8/4/03 received from Siobhan Mulvey, A/Senior Staff Officer, Parks Division regarding grass cutting in Balbriggan was circulated & noted.
- (iv) Letter dated 17/4/03 received from Liam McGlynn, Senior Executive Officer, Planning Department regarding a request of Balbriggan Town Council to meet with Fingal County Council, Planning Department and current developers of commercial projects in Balbriggan was circulated & noted.

Councillor Tuite referred to local developments and stated that the Balbriggan Town Council must have all the necessary details to inform the public accordingly. The Town Clerk to write to the developers.

- (v) Letter dated 17/4/03 received from Liam McGlynn, Senior Executive Officer, Planning Department regarding monitoring of all future developments under construction in the Balbriggan Area Plan was circulated & noted.

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter received from Eileen Callaghan, Town Clerk, Boyle Town Council regarding motion on Licensing Laws for public houses was circulated & noted.

(D) Conferences

The Town Clerk informed the members that as Councillor Shields attended the L.A.M.A. Conference instead of Councillor Tuite.

(E) Other Correspondence

- (i) Letter dated 16/4/03 received from Deputy Sean Ryan, Dail Eireann, regarding residential development of Balbriggan Golf Course was circulated & noted.

3. Motions

(i) Motion submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne

“Balbriggan Town Council resolve that what ever the final proposals for the development of the property in its custodianship on St. George’s Square that presently comprised of The Town Hall, The Hamilton Hall, The Town Councils Offices, The Open Space, The Tourist Office and The Newsagent that no decision to proceed with such development to be taken unless and until the people of Balbriggan have given their approval to the afore mentioned development by way of a public meeting convened within the Town”.

Proposed by Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor

- Following recent developments this motion was deemed to be irrelevant and superseded, accordingly the motion was withdrawn by Councillor Dunne.
- (ii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**
"That we Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to install a stone boundary along the green area at Lambeeher Estate bordering the N.2."
Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Fingleton.
Motion agreed.
Councillor Shields stressed the safety aspect involved. Attention was drawn to the green area where grass seed had been sown on very rough ground without any form of levelling.
Councillor Fingleton referred to Bremlow Court which is still waiting for similar works to be done.
Councillor Cannon referred to the green area near 150 Lambeeher Estate which is in a similar condition following recent works.
Councillor Mullen highlighted the high mound of clay dumped near the railway lines.
Councillor Pyne drew attention the area in front of the Garda Station where the green area was also in need of repair.
The Town Clerk to request inspection of areas by officials.
- (iii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite**
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Proposed by Councillor Tuite, seconded by Councillor Cannon
Motion agreed. The Town Clerk to write to Fingal County Council requesting clarification.
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"In light of the decision by the members of this Council taken at the Special meeting of the Balbriggan Town Council, held on April 17, I propose that this Council instruct the Manager to proceed with the proposed development of the Town Hall site as discussed and agreed at that meeting"
This motion was formally withdrawn by Councillor Fingleton
- (v) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**
"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Government in conjunction with the Department of Education to set up a special community school with specially trained personnel to teach and train problem children between the ages of 8 – 14.
Proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Shields
Motion agreed.
- (vi) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**
"That we Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to replace the broken seats along the walkway above the sea without any further delay"
Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Cannon
Motion agreed. It was suggested that concrete seats similar to those at Stevensons Factory be installed as they have proved to be vandal proof for the last 80/100 years.

4. Questions

(i) Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields

"To ask the Manager to please identify specific area earmarked for Park and Ride facilities in Balbriggan?"

Reply: The sum of €50,000 is included in the Transportation Works Programme 2003 for the preparation of a Traffic Management Scheme for Balbriggan. Consultants have been engaged to prepare a draft scheme which will be submitted to the Balbriggan/Swords Area Committee in the coming months for approval to initiate a public display of the Scheme. The terms of the question will be submitted to the consultants for consideration in the context of the preparation of the draft scheme.

(ii) Question submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite

"To ask the Manager if Fingal County Council have made provision in their estimates (2002/2003) monies to enhance the town florally to mark the occasion of Balbriggan hosting the Pakistan Special Olympic Team?"

Reply: A sum of €8,000 was provided in the 2003 Parks Works programme for the provision of bedding schemes in balbriggan. These schemes are the same as in 2002. No extra provision has been made for additional bedding schemes.

(iii) Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford

"To ask the Manager to arrange to have trees planted on green in front of number 174A Lambeeher with two benches to enhance the area?"

Reply: The planting of trees at this location will be listed for consideration in the 2003/04 Tree Planting programme. Provision of park benches on open spaces such as this has often increased the attractiveness of the area for anti-social elements and led to considerable nuisance to the residents. There is no current proposal to provide park benches on this area of open space.

(iv) Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields

"To ask the Manager when will the Safety Railings promised by Fingal County Council be installed at the Southern side of the Bracken River at Quay Street?"

Reply: The safety railings for both the north and south side of the river were ordered in December 2002 and are being fabricated at present. The contractor is expected on site before the end of May 2003.

(v) Question submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite

"To ask the Manager what agency will monitor the proportion of social/affordable housing in all future developments in Balbriggan?"

Reply: The Housing Department of Fingal County Council will monitor the proportion of social/affordable housing in all future developments in the Balbriggan area.

5. Cathaoirleachs Business

(i) Proposed Deputation's meeting set for Monday 19th May at 7.30p.m. venue Bracken Court Hotel. Councillors to notify office of delegations attending.

(ii) Quarterly Garda Meeting proposed for Tuesday 3rd June at 7.30 p.m. venue Bracken Court Hotel.

6. **Redevelopment of Town Hall**

An Cathaoirleach informed the meeting that agreement had been reached between Balbriggan Town Council, Fingal County Council and Moriarty Holdings Ltd. Some financial aspects have still to be agreed.

7. **Quarterly Financial Statement**

The Town Clerk circulated the Financial Statement up to and including 30th April 2003. The Town Clerk highlighted the high cost of Public Liability Insurance. Councillor Shields informed the members that she would be attending Irish Public Bodies AGM next week and if required would seek clarification on various issues of concern.

8. **A.O.B.**

Councillor Pyne notified the members that the requested signs due to be put in place at Westbrook Estate (which are currently with Fingal County Council awaiting Gaelge text) should be erected as soon as possible to facilitate emergency services and delivery of post etc.

Councillor Harford circulated information leaflets on Outreach Moldova and requested that the Balbriggan Town Council crest be forwarded to Phyllis Monaghan who will be travelling to Moldova as a volunteer in the near future.

Councillor McKeon no business under this heading

Councillor Tuite asked for clarification on the communications breakdown between the local Tidy Towns Committee and Fingal County Council regarding the pick up of litter by volunteers on Saturday mornings. The Town Clerk to facilitate and make arrangements with the local depot and Mr. Tom Fletcher.

Councillor Tuite also asked for fast growing shrubs to be planted at the Iarnród Eireann railway fencing at Lambreecher.

Councillor Cannon no business under this heading.

Councillor Fingleton requested that the subway to the beach at Convent Lane be cleaned as a matter of urgency.

Councillor Mullen requested that the local parks especially Bremore and Town Park at rear of St. Peter & Paul's Church be cleared of plastic bottles and other litter. The Town Clerk to contact Environmental Services.

Councillor Shields referred to the condition of the road at Convent Lane and mentioned the serious potholes. It was also requested that all weeds be removed from around the tree grids giving a much-needed facelift to the Town. She complimented Fingal County Council on their work on the new walkway to the beach.

The Town Clerk asked the members to draw up a list of minor works i.e. giving specific locations of graffiti, weeding etc. and hand it in to the office.

Meeting concluded 9.00 p.m.

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7th May 2003.

DO GACH BALL DE COMHAIRLE BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Bhaile Brigín Comhairle a thionolfar ar an Bealtaine 13, 2003 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Council will be held on **13th May, 2003 at 7.30 p.m. in the Bremore Hamilton Room, Bracken Court Hotel**, to consider the following agenda.

I would be most obliged if any Councillor who wishes to speak on an item of correspondence on this agenda would ensure they contact this office in writing before close of business on 13th May 2003.

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

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**DAVID STOREY,
MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR.**

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 - (ii) Minutes of Meeting held on 8/4/03 (circulated herewith)

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(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 31/3/03 received from Mr. Noel Dempsey, Minister for Education & Science regarding Recruitment of Truancy Officers (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 10/4/03 received from Joseph Hackett, Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs regarding length of validity of passports issued to minors (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 17/4/03 received from Martin Cullen T.D., Minister for the Environment & Local Government regarding European Car Free Day 2003 (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 15/4/03 received from Bridget Flynn, Private Secretary, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment regarding price control (circulated herewith)
- (v) Letter dated 24/4/03 received from Noel Dempsey T.D. Minister for Education and Science regarding Insurance Requirements for individual schools (circulated herewith)

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 26/3/03 received from Margaret Campbell, Administrative Officer regarding reinstatement of road marking (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 7/4/03 received from Lucette Browne, Senior Staff Officer regarding Preparation of a Local Area Plan for lands at Skerries Road, Rush (circulated herewith) – notice and map available at office for inspection.
- (iii) Letter dated 8/4/03 received from Siobhan Mulvey, A/Senior Staff Officer, Parks Division regarding grass cutting in Balbriggan (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 17/4/03 received from Liam McGlynn, Senior Executive Officer, Planning Department regarding a request of Balbriggan Town Council to meet with Fingal County Council, Planning Department and current developers of commercial projects in Balbriggan (circulated herewith)
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(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter received from Eileen Callaghan, Town Clerk, Boyle Town Council regarding motion on Licensing Laws for public houses (circulated herewith)

(D) Conferences

No business

(E) Other Correspondence

- (i) Letter dated 16/4/03 received from Deputy Sean Ryan, Dail Eireann, regarding residential development of Balbriggan Golf Course (circulated herewith)

3. Motions

(i) Motion submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne

“Balbriggan Town council resolve that what ever the final proposals for the development of the property in its custodianship on St. George’s Square that presently comprised of The Town Hall, The Hamilton Hall, The Town Councils Offices, The Open Space, The Tourist Office and The Newsagent that no decision to proceed with such development to be taken unless and until the people of Balbriggan have given their approval to the afore mentioned development by way of a public meeting convened within the Town”.

- (ii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**
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- 6. **Redevelopment of Town Hall**
- 7. **Quarterly Financial Statement**

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 10th June 2003.**

Councillors Present:

Cannon, Mary,	Mullen, Joe
Dunne, Larry	Pyne, Ned
Fingleton, Thérèse	Shields, Gertie
Harford, Monica	Tuite, Bredge
McKeon, May	

Officials Present:

Mr. Shay Barker, Acting Town Manager
Corporate Affairs
Mr. David Storey, Meetings Administrator
Ms. Margaret Wilde F.C.C.

An Cathaoirleach Larry Dunne presided.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) Minutes of Meeting held on 13/5/03 were circulated
Proposed by Councillor Mullen, seconded by Councillor Shields

2. Correspondence

(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 14/5/03 received from Mr. Noel Dempsey T.D. Minister for Education & Science regarding "school maintenance and insurance coverage" was circulated and noted
- (ii) Letter dated 14/5/03 received from Tom Halpin, Head of Consumer Awareness, Sustainable Energy Ireland regarding European Car Free Day – 22nd September 2003/Local Authority Funding: call for Expressions of Interest, enclosing information booklet was circulated and noted. Following discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk liaise with the local Gardai to implement a one day way system for buses only at the Courthouse location. The Town Clerk to complete the enclosed Expressions of interest form and forward.
- (iii) Letter dated 15/5/03 received from Niall Callan, Secretary General, Department of the Environment & Local Government, regarding Statement of Strategy 2003-2005 was circulated and noted enclosing Statement of Strategy 2003/2005 Book (available at office for inspection)
- (iv) Letter dated 21/5/03 received from Conor Falvey, Private Secretary, Department of the Environment and Local Government regarding zoning of land for open space and recreational uses was circulated and noted. Following discussion it was agreed that the Town Councillors would submit their proposals in order to make a submission.

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 9/5/03 received from Christine Mullen for Lucette Browne, Senior Staff Officer regarding Draft Local Area Plan for lands at Barnageeragh, Skerries, Co. Dublin (exten. To Kelly's Bay Area Action Plan) and Draft Local Area Plan for Lands at Balscadden, Co. Dublin enclosing copy of Balscadden Draft Local Area Plan, was circulated and noted, maps available at office for inspection.

- (ii) Letter dated 16/5/03 received from E. McCullack, for Lucette Browne, Senior Staff Officer regarding Proposed Draft Variations to the Fingal County Development Plan 1999 Road Proposal at Hansfield SDZ and Local Objective Enclosing notice of the preparation of Draft Proposed Variation was circulated and noted, map available at office for inspection.
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- (iv) Letter dated 27/5/03 received from Lucette Browne, Senior Staff Officer Planning Department regarding Garristown Local Area Plan enclosing Local Area Plan was circulated and noted, map available for inspection at office.

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

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- (ii) Letter dated 3/5/03 received from Imy Whelan-Breen, Town Clerk, Kilrush Town Council regarding a motion passed at their May Monthly Meeting relating to the reintroducing of third level college fees was circulated and noted.
- (iii) Letter dated 20/5/03 received from Eddie Word, Chief Executive, National Educational Welfare Board, regarding recruitment of new Educational Officers was circulated and noted. The Town Clerk to seek clarification on statistics for the Fingal Area.

(D) Conferences

No business

(E) Other Correspondence

- (i) Letter dated 6/5/03 received from Trevor Sargent. T.D. regarding Balbriggan Golf Club motion was circulated and noted.

3. Motions

(i) Motion submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite

"Balbriggan Town Council request the Minister for Justice to release the list of private citizens who are having their business premises protected by Gardai".

Proposed by Councillor Tuite, seconded by Councillor Shields

Motion Agreed

(ii) Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Health, Micheál Martin to release adequate funding to the Northern Area Health Board in order to facilitate the establishment of a Doctor on Call Centre in Balbriggan without further delay"

Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Fingleton

Motion Agreed

- (iii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**
"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Health & Children to strongly reconsider his proposals to remove some respite services"
Proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Tuite
Motion Agreed
- (iv) **Motion submitted by Councillor May McKeon**
"Call on Balbriggan Town Council members to engage the services of Tallan & Co. our solicitors throughout the history of the Town Commission/Council to oversee in consultation with Fingal County Council legal advisors, the legal implications involved, perceived and generated by the present members in their agreement in principal to form a partnership for the purpose of developing the "Town Hall Property" on behalf of the people of Balbriggan and the ultimate support and acceptance of the plan created by Fingal County Councils Architect/Planning Departments and Ashling Coleman Heelan Architect for Moriarity Holdings in consultation with the Town Councillors.
Proposed by Councillor McKeon, Seconded by Councillor Pyne
Motion Agreed. It was agreed that the Town Clerk contact Fingal County Council legal team to liase with Tallons Solicitors.
- (v) **Motion submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite**
"Balbriggan Town Council call on the NAHB not to amalgamate the Balbriggan home help service with an administrative base in Swords. This service needs to continue being administrated locally if it is to retain its full social interactive benefits"
Proposed Councillor Tuite, seconded by Councillor Cannon
Motion Agreed. The Town Clerk to arrange a Meeting between Balbriggan Town Council, Adrian Charles and Fingal County Council representatives of the N.A.H.B.
- (vi) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**
"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Northern Area Health Board to reject any idea of removing Home Help Organisation from Balbriggan to Swords and to facilitate the local personnel in forming a committee to include a home help organiser and a home help assistant organiser in order that the present competent personal service continues"
Proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor McKeon
Motion Agreed

4. Questions

- (i) **Question submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite**
"To ask the Manager what affinity do the prospective buyers of Mount Rochford and New Haven have with the rural area of Flemington, as the prerequisite for local people working to build on their own lands is "that rural affinity must be proven before planning permission is given"
Reply:
The new housing estates referred to are located on lands zoned AI "To provide for new residential communities in accordance with approved action area plans and subject to the provision of the necessary social and physical infrastructure".
To Town Clerk to obtain information from the Planning Department and following that Balbriggan Town Council to make submissions.

(ii) **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

"To ask the Manager to arrange to have some "Children at Play" signs erected on Lambeecher as there is quite a lot of motorbike and car joyriding on the estate at the moment"

Reply:

Arrangements are being made for "Caution Children" signs to be erected at appropriate locations in the Lambeecher Estate. This work will be undertaken as soon as it can be fitted into the Area Engineer's Programme of Works for the area.

(iii) **Question submitted by Councillor May McKeon**

"To ask Maintenance Section Fingal County Council when they intend cutting grass in gardens at Fullam Street Flats, Glover Court Flats and the lane from Market Green to Curran Park?"

Reply 1: - Lane from Market Green to Curran Park.

Arrangements are being made for the grass on the laneway to be cut at an early date.

Reply 2: - Fullam Street Flats and Glover Court Flats

The Housing Department has engaged a contractor for the cutting and disposal of grass at several locations throughout the County including Fullam Street flats and Glover Court flats. The grass at Fullam Street flats and Glover Court flats was cut on the 23rd May 2003 and 4th June 2003 respectively.

The grass at these two locations will be cut again within the next 2-3 weeks.

(iv) **Question submitted by Councillor May McKeon**

"To ask the Manager to please indicate in writing to Balbriggan Town Council what the projected plans are for the provision of a Marine Conservation Centre and what area of our coastal amenity will be made available to accommodate same?"

Reply: Fingal County Council had reserved a site in Beaverstown and planning permission had been granted to the Irish Seal Sanctuary for construction of a marine facility.

Having further considered the matter it is now felt that such a Marine Conservation and Education Centre, which has the capacity to attract a significant number of visitors would be better located close to a town which could benefit from any tourism revenue generated.

Consequently, the area at Blackrock has been selected as the optimum location for such a facility, to be operated by the Irish Seal Sanctuary.

Plans are at an early stage and it should be noted that Central Government finance is likely to be required to complete the project.

A brief presentation on the proposal has been made to the Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism and a response is awaited.

The Manager Mr. Shay Barker informed the members that a 7 acre site had been identified which includes the Martello Tower and the Bath Houses. A brief presentation on the proposal has been made to the Minister for Arts, Sports and Tourism and a response is awaited.

4. Cathaoirleachs Business

- (i) An Cathaoirleach referred back to a motion on the May Agenda which was deemed at the time to be out of order. He referred to Standing Orders and informed the members that he will bring it forward again as a motion for the July Meeting.
- (ii) Annual General Meeting – following discussion An Cathaoirleach proposed that the 2003 Annual General Meeting take place on Monday 30th June 2003 at 7.30 p.m. in the Bracken Court Hotel.
Seconded by Councillor Pyne and agreed by the members.
- (iii) An Cathaoirleach informed the members that he had received a request for permission to hang a Poster on the railings of the Town Hall Garden. This was agreed.
- (iv) The new “signing in” procedure of members of the public at Statutory Town Council Meetings.
This item to be discussed at the July Meeting.

6. Redevelopment of Town Hall

The Manager Mr. Shay Barker informed the members that the County Manager Mr. Willie Soffe, is arranging for two independent financial advisors to assist in the proposed redevelopment plans in order to get:

- A. The best deal possible for Balbriggan Town Council.
- B. The best deal possible for Fingal County Council.

Following a recent meeting held last Friday, a report will be made available during the next two weeks.

A.O.B.

Councillor Ned Pyne:

Referred to the An Post sign and the annual cost of display of €630

The Town Clerk to seek copy of legislation from the Area Engineer and will circulate to all Town Council members.

Councillor Therese Fingleton:

Requested that the spare “Balbriggan Welcomes Pakistan” be erected on the railings of the Town Hall.

Councillor Bredge Tuite:

Requested that the Balbriggan Town Crest be presented to the head of delegation of the Pakistan Special Olympic Team, the other representative to receive packs of local picture cards.

The Town Clerk informed the members that special pens and pins bearing the crest of Balbriggan Town Council had been ordered.

Councillor Shields:

Enquired if everything was in order for the Civic Reception and was assured accordingly. She suggested that a painting of Balbriggan Harbour by Gerome Keogh (which was displayed in the Library) be presented to the head of delegation.

Councillor Larry Dunne:

Enquired if sporting clubs/charity events don't have a bar can Balbriggan Town Council request low cost/no charge display signs.

Councillor Monica Harford:

Suggested that Wavin Pipes Ltd. be contacted to enquire if they still had the mould for making Hurling Sticks.

Enquired if the Town Clerk would contact Moriarity Holdings requesting that he contact by courtesy letter the immediate residents at the Spicer's Location.

Councillor May McKeon:

Suggested that a listing of Balbriggan Town Council be circulated to the Library, An Post, Supervalu and Tesco.

Enquired who thought of the Special Olympic Flags displayed on the Public Lamp Poles.

Mr. Shay Barker, Manger informed the members that it was originally a suggestion by the Special Olympic Committed and was sponsored by Fingal County Council

Meeting Concluded 9.00 p.m.

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(v) Motion submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the NAHB not to amalgamate the Balbriggan home help service with an administrative base in Swords. This service needs to continue being administered locally if it is to retain its full social interactive benefits"

(vi) Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Northern Area Health Board to reject any idea of removing Home Help Organisation from Balbriggan to swords and to facilitate the local personnel in forming a committee to include a home help organiser and a home help assistant organiser in order that the present competent personal service continues"

4. Questions

(i) Question submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite

"To ask the Manager what affinity do the prospective buyers of Mount Rochford and New Haven have with the rural area of Flemington, as the prerequisite for local people working to build on their own lands is "that rural affinity must be proven before planning permission is given"

(ii) Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford

"To ask the Manager to arrange to have some "Children at Play" signs erected on Lambeecher as there is quite a lot of motorbike and car joyriding on the estate at the moment"

(iii) Question submitted by Councillor May McKeon

"To ask Maintenance Section Fingal County Council when they intend cutting grass in gardens at Fullem Street Flats, Glover Court Flats and the lane from Market Green to Curran Park?"

(iv) Question submitted by Councillor May McKeon

"To ask the Manager to please indicate in writing to Balbriggan Town Council what the projected plans are for the provision of a Marine Conservation Centre and what area of our coastal amenity will be made available to accommodate same?"

5. Cathaoirleachs Business

6. Redevelopment of Town Hall

Permission to speak June 2003

2A (iv) Dept of Environment – zoning of land – **Councillor Shields**

2B (I) Balscadden Development Plan. – **Councillor Tuite**

2C (I) Letter from NAHB – GP out of Hours Service

Councillor Tuite, Councillor Shields Councillor Harford

2C (3) Letter regarding recruitment of new educational officers

Councillor Tuite, Councillor Shields Councillor Harford

COUNCILLOR FINGLETON WISHES TO SIGN A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
MOIRA CARDIFF
ADMISSION CARD MUST BE SIGNED FROM NOW ON

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 30th JUNE 2003**

Councillors Present:	Cannon, Mary	Mullen, Joe
	Dunne, Larry	Pyne, Ned
	Harford, Monica	Shields, Gertie
	McKeon, May	Tuite, Bredge

Officials Present: Mr. William Soffe, County Manager
Mr. Shay Barker, Acting Manager
Mr. David Storey, Town Clerk
Ms. Margaret Wilde F.C.C.

Apologies: Fingleton, Therésé

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Councillor Dunne, opened the meeting and thanked his fellow councillors for the support and courtesy shown during his term of office, with special thanks to the Leas Cathaoirleach, Town Clerk and office staff, the three Managers, for their input, help and guidance. He also paid tribute to the community for their support and well wishes.

Councillor Dunne proposed that the Town Clerk act as Chairperson for the purpose of the election. Seconded by Councillor Harford.

1. Election of Cathaoirleach

It was proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Mullen

“That Councillor Pyne be elected as Cathaoirleach”

As there were no other nominations it was agreed that Councillor Pyne was declared elected Cathaoirleach of Balbriggan Town Council.

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Councillor Pyne then took the Chair and was presented with the Chain of Office by the outgoing Cathaoirleach, Councillor Larry Dunne.

Councillor Pyne thanked his proposer, seconder and Members for having elected him Cathaoirleach of Balbriggan Town Council, and stated to the members that he looked forward to representing the Town Council and the people of Balbriggan in his term of office.

The Managers, Members and Town Clerk congratulated Councillor Pyne on being elected Cathaoirleach and wished him every success in the coming year.

2. Election of Leas Cathaoirleach

It was proposed by Councillor Dunne and seconded by Councillor Harford
"That Councillor Mullen be elected Leas Cathaoirleach"

It was proposed by Councillor Tuite and seconded by Councillor Shields
"That Councillor Cannon be elected Leas Cathaoirleach"

On a division, the voting resulted as follows:

For Councillor Mullen	:	Five (5)
For Councillor Cannon	:	Three (3)

For Councillor Mullen : Councillors Dunne, Harford, McKeon,
Mullen, Pyne

For Councillor Cannon : Councillors Cannon, Shields, Tuite

Having secured a majority of the votes of the Members present, Councillor Mullen was declared elected as Leas Cathaoirleach of Balbriggan Town Council.

Councillor Mullen thanked his proposer, seconder and Members for having elected him Leas Cathaoirleach of Balbriggan Town Council.

3. Election of Delegate to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance's Ltd.

It was proposed by Councillor Harford and seconded by Councillor McKeon that Councillor Shields remains as the delegate to I.P.B for the coming year. Agreed by the members.

4. Election of Representative for BAPA and Substitute Delegate

It was proposed by Councillor Dunne and seconded by Councillor Mullen that Councillor Cannon represents Balbriggan Town Council on this committee. Agreed by the members.

It was proposed by Councillor McKeon and seconded by Councillor Harford that Councillor Tuite would represent Balbriggan Town Council as Substitute Delegate to this committee. Agreed by the members.

5. Election of Estimates Committee

It was agreed that all Town Councillors would be members of this committee.

6. Election of Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts and Culture Awards Committee

It was agreed that all Town Councillors would be members of this committee.

7. St. Patrick's Day Committee

It was agreed that all Town Councillors would be members of this committee. Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Tuite and seconded by Councillor Shields that this item be put on the Statutory September Meeting to set date and agenda for Special Meeting of St. Patrick's Day Committee.

- An Cathaoirleach, Ned Pyne informed the members that the Chamber of Commerce were holding a Golf Outing – the proceeds of which would be donated to Balbriggan Town Council for Town Christmas Lighting 2003.

8. Nominations for Fingal Development Board

It was proposed by Councillor Mullen, seconded by Councillor Cannon "That Councillor McKeon continue as the representative for Balbriggan Town Council"

9. Proposed disposal of site at George's Square, Balbriggan to Moriarty Holdings Ltd.

The County Manager, Mr. William Soffe circulated the following report to all members:

Discussions have been ongoing between Balbriggan Town Council, Moriarty Holdings Ltd., and Fingal County Council to re-develop George's Square, as a mixed development, comprising offices, residential units, community facilities and extended library.

Agreement in principle between the three parties has been reached and this will require the disposal of the interest of Balbriggan Town Council in George's Square to Moriarty Holdings Ltd.

The land in question comprises circa. 1450 sq. metres.

The disposal of the site is subject to the provision of Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, and Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001.

This process is necessary to proceed with further negotiation on the financial aspects of the proposal. Financial consultants have been engaged to assess the project from the perspective of both Balbriggan Town Council and Fingal County Council and their report is imminent.

I recommend the disposal of the area involved as indicated on Drawing no. LD/TC/1 on the following terms and conditions:

1. The consideration to be in the sum of €1,500,000 (1.5 million euro).
2. Each party to be responsible for its own legal costs.
3. The disposal to be subject to the separate heads of agreement document to be signed on behalf of Balbriggan Town Council, Moriarty Holdings Ltd. and Fingal County Council with all parties agreeing to the terms and conditions therein.

It is proposed, 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, to dispose of land at George's Square, Balbriggan, as shown outline in red on Drawing No. LD/TC/1 comprising 1450 square metres to Moriarty Holding Ltd.

This was proposed by Councillor Cannon and seconded by Councillor Shields.
A Vote taken on this proposal.

FOR
Councillor Cannon
Councillor Harford
Councillor Pyne
Councillor Shields
Councillor Tuite
Councillor McKeon
Councillor Mullen

AGAINST

ABSTENTION
Councillor Dunne

The Meeting then concluded at 9.00 p.m.

Ned Pyne

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 8th July 2003.**

Councillors Present:

Cannon, Mary,	Mullen, Joe
Dunne, Larry	Pyne, Ned
Harford, Monica	Shields, Gertie
McKeon, May	Tuite, Bredge

Officials Present:

Mr. Shay Barker, Acting Town Manager
Corporate Affairs
Mr. David Storey, Meetings Administrator
Ms. Margaret Wilde F.C.C.

Apologies Received: Councillor Thérèse Fingleton,

An Cathaoirleach Ned Pyne presided.

An Cathaoirleach welcomed the members to the final year of the term of office, which will be a busy and eventful year and will see the fruits of the hard work from Balbriggan Town Council. He then declared the meeting open.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) Minutes of Meeting held on 10/6/03 were circulated
Proposed by Councillor Mullen, seconded by Councillor Harford

2. Correspondence

(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Circular Letter dated 13/6/03 received from Patricia Curran, Local Government Policy Section regarding Local Government (No. 2) Act 2003 (No 17 of 2003) enclosing Arrangement of Sections was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Circular Letter dated 20/6/03 received from Marienne McDonnell, Higher Executive Officer Local Government (Superannuation) Section Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government regarding National Pay Scales for Pensioners was circulated enclosing National scales for pension purposes which was circulated and noted.

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- (ii) Letter dated 11/6/03 received from Liam McGlynn, Senior Executive Officer regarding Fingal Development Board Strategy 2002 – 2011 was circulated and noted.
- (iii) Letter dated 11/6/03 received from Eithne Mallin, Administrative Officer, Environmental Services Section, regarding repair to seats at Seabanks was circulated and noted.

Councillor Cannon said that because of the weeds it was not possible to avail of the seats.

- (iv) Letter dated 17/6/03 received from Lucette Browne, Senior Staff Officer, was circulated enclosing Variations to the Fingal County Development Plan 1999 Variation No 28 (Lands at Balgriffin) available for inspection at office.

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated 12/6/03 received from P. Doherty, Town Clerk, Letterkenny Town Council regarding the May Meeting of Letterkenny Town Council was circulated and noted.

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- (i) Letter dated 24/6/03 received from Superintendent Tom Gallagher, Garda Síochána regarding The Square, Balbriggan enclosing copy of correspondence received from Mary McPhillips, Senior Staff Officer, Fingal County Council was circulated and noted.

Following discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk would contact the office on Wednesday 9th July 2003 regarding serious issues raised in the interest of public safety for both drivers and pedestrians.

It was agreed that the members could make submissions to the office, which will be forwarded.

3. Motions

(i) Motion submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne

"Balbriggan Town Council call upon the Manager to take whatever action necessary to ensure that the public in Balbriggan are kept fully apprised of all of the facts relating to the proposed Town Hall Redevelopment and that efforts be made to counteract the misinformation relating to the development that appears to be in the public domain".

Councillor Dunne requested that his motion is withdrawn, this was accepted by the members.

(ii) Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Government to provide the necessary finances for "care for the elderly" from the millions recouped from bogus accounts along with the normal yearly tax payers money that goes into the health service and not by increasing P.R.S.I.

Proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor McKeon
Motion Agreed

4. Questions

Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford

- (i) "To ask the Manager could we have the electorate boundary extended to include new areas prior to the Local Elections?

Reply: "A Local Authority may, by resolution, adopt a proposal that the boundary of a Local Authority be altered in accordance with Local

Government (Boundary Alteration) Regulations 1996. I enclose a copy of Local Government (Boundary Alterations) Regulations 1996 which sets out the procedure a Local Authority must comply with for a boundary alteration to be considered"

The Town Clerk circulated a copy of the regulations regarding this issue. It was agreed to bring this back in the form of a motion at the September Meeting.

5. Cathaoirleachs Business

An Cathaoirleach highlighted matters of concern as follows:

1. The Gallens Mill Project – what will the finished development consist of
2. Cardy Rock Development – concerned that the Creche/Medical Centre if not developed as outlined in the original plans as a necessary service that it would be redeveloped as more houses.
3. Bremore Castle Project – the planned road connection to the M 1 which didn't materialise.
4. Current developments at Flemington Road – the traffic congestion caused by builders moving ditches and putting up fences, which narrow the roadway to a bottleneck. The chaos caused for long standing residents and the new families especially for emergency services.
5. Westbrook Estate – no proper signs for services
6. Services to our Town – 10 years arguing about grass cutting in areas at Curran Park, Lambeecher and the Beach. He enquired if it was a private contractor who left the edges untrimmed and the grass cuttings uncollected.
7. He welcomed the new houses and business park but did not welcome the lack of information on "Set Plans"
8. He asked the members if out and about to Look and See and highlight anything which would be a useful contribution.

Following discussion it was agreed that in early September the members would submit issues of concern as a body or individually to be brought forward to Mr. Peter Tuck. The Town Clerk to get information books and circulate to all members.

Mr. Shay Barker informed the members that the Enforcement section of Fingal County Council is responsible for the taking in charge of the estates. Each developer has to enter a bond and would be found in default if conditions were not fulfilled.

6. Redevelopment of Town Hall

Mr. Shay Barker informed the members that this matter was up for consideration next Monday and that a report would be in the post to all Fingal and Town Council members.

The Financial Report was not yet fully complete.

The Town Clerk notified the members that following next Monday's meeting a date will be arranged to bring the details back to the Balbriggan Town Council for approval.

7. **Tidy Districts 2003**

Following discussion it was agreed to set a date for a meeting to be held on Tuesday 22nd July at 8 p.m.

The garden forms to be dispatched to all the local garden shops.

Councillor Dunne referred to the previous years and the usual practice of An Cathaoirleach giving gifts publicly to the staff. He enquired why the staff made it known to the Town Clerk that this practice was not necessary in his term of office.

8. **Standing Orders**

The Town Clerk referred to the June Meeting and attendance of the public at Balbriggan Town Council Meetings and the signing in of same.

It was proposed by Councillor Tuite, seconded by Councillor Mullen

“Visitors shall be admitted only upon orders issued by Members, and every Member is entitled to issue an order for the admission of one visitor to any meeting of the Council or Standing Committee at which visitors are permitted to be present. One such admission order shall be transmitted to each Member together with the Notice of each meeting”

On a division, the voting resulted as follows:

For Councillor Tuites Proposal:	Five (4)
Against Councillor Tuites Proposal:	Four (5)
An Cathaoirleach Ned Pyne used his casting vote Against the proposal	

For Councillor Tuites Proposal: Councillors Cannon, Mullen, Shields, Tuite

Against Councillor Tuites Proposal: Councillors Dunne, Harford, McKeon, Pyne (An Cathaoirleach Ned Pyne used his casting vote against the proposal)

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Seconded by Councillor McKeon

On a division, the voting resulted as follows:

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Having secured a majority of the votes of the Members present, Councillor Harfords proposal was agreed. The present text at Visitors 59.b to be replaced with the new amended text as above. The amended Standing Orders to be circulated at the September Meeting.

A.O.B.

Councillor Mullen: Referred to the dangerous condition of the hoarding on the main street. The Town Clerk to contact owners by phone and letter.

Councillor Dunne: Informed the members that due to vandalism the Flag Pole ropes were in need of replacement. He also highlighted the two broken bollards outside the A.I.B.

Councillor Harford: Enquired if the Council cut down the bollards to do work? Councillor Harford also referred to the condition of the local Medical Centre and the premises formally known as Doran's Butcher Shop.

Councillor McKeon: Enquired when will the grass be cut at Curran Park and Fullen Green Flats Chapel Street? She also referred to the height of the weeds at the Health Centre in Hampton Street and that the Department of Health should be notified. Councillor Pyne enquired in the N.G.O.S. had arrived from Pakistan? The Town Clerk informed the members that no information has been received to date.

Councillor Shields: Referred to the overgrowth of weeds at Clonard Rise and the beginning of the Hill of Clonard.

Councillor Cannon: Referred to the weeds at Hampton Mills Lane and the weeds overgrowing the seats at the beach.

Councillor Tuite: Requested that the N.R.A. be contacted and that the Doctor on Call be exempt from Toll Charges, as are ambulances.

It was also requested that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Jimmy Dunne, of Shannon Embroidery for support of the Special Olympics.

Meeting Concluded 9.30 p.m.

Ned Pyne

BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL

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1st July 2003.

DO GACH BALL DE COMHAIRLE BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Bhaile Brigín Comhairle a thionolfar ar an Júl 8, 2003 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Council will be held on **8th July, 2003 at 7.30 p.m. in the Bremore Hamilton Room, Bracken Court Hotel**, to consider the following agenda.

I would be most obliged if any Councillor who wishes to speak on an item of correspondence on this agenda would ensure they contact this office in writing before close of business on 8th July 2003.

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

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David Storey
DAVID STOREY,

MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR.

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6. Redevelopment of Town Hall

7. Tidy Districts 2003

8. Standing Orders

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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON
28TH JULY 2003**

In Attendance: Councillors: Cannon, Dunne, Fingleton,
Harford, McKeon, Pyne, Shields, Tuite

Apologies Received: Councillor: Mullen

Officials: Mr. William Soffe, County Manager
Mr. Shay Barker, Acting Town Manager
Mr. Dave Storey, Meetings Administrator
Mr. Pat Hurley, Senior Architect
Mr. Sean Sloyan, Senior Quantity Surveyor
Mr. Sean O'Faircheallaigh, Senior Planning Officer
Ms. Deirdre Scully, Senior Executive Planner
Mr. Wesfel Vosloo, Executive Planner
Mr. Paul Elliott, Technician
Ms. Margaret Wilde, F.C.C.

1. Item on Agenda Balbriggan Town Hall Redevelopment

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Ned Pyne opened the meeting by welcoming the Manager and Officials and members of Balbriggan Town Council. He informed those present that 25 phone calls had been received (giving their names) by the office: 24 in protest and 1 general enquiry for clarification on the Town Hall Development Plan. There was one anonymous call. He thanked the office staff who worked under pressure. One anonymous circular was distributed in some small areas with his name printed on it. He referred to the support the Town Council had received when the Parish Priest announced at Mass that the people of Balbriggan should support the Town Councillors in their work for the whole community. Following this no further protest calls were received at the office. Not one call offered an alternative approach to the proposed development plans.

Mr. William Soffe, County Manager said when bids were invited for the Integrated Area Plans for the whole country, he decided that Balbriggan should be submitted and by submitting only one town it would have a better chance of being successful. A number of sites were identified as Tax Incentive Areas. The most important of these being the Town Hall Property centrally located on George's Square. The objective from the very beginning was to insure that the full potential was reached. Expressions of interest were invited and no definite proposals were achieved that could possibly be successful. Discussions were entered into with the adjoining landowner of the hotel and so began a joint venture with a private partnership, as a Local Authority cannot claim tax incentive. This successful businessman has brought new growth and employment to the town.

The Stakeholders were Fingal County Council, Balbriggan Town Council, Moriarty Holdings Ltd. Senior Citizens, Shop Holders.

The Manager outlined the result of the Financial Report as follows:

Balbriggan Town Council

- Contribution:** The Town Hall Site valued for this project at €1,500,000
All other costs been borne by Fingal County Council
- Gain:** Community Facility of 176m² (net size)
Offices of 295m² (includes portion of shared facilities)
2 shops of 120m² (replacing existing shops)
20 Car-Parking spaces for Balbriggan Town Council (source of income)
Community Information Unit (property of Balbriggan Town Council)

He stressed the very important point that Balbriggan Town Council can't go it alone. Fingal County Council must do its part with Moriarty Holdings, Senior Citizens and Shop Holders. If Balbriggan Town Council went alone at least 2 million plus vat would be required plus the cost of car parking.

KPMG are absolutely adamant one of the main beneficiaries is Balbriggan Town Council.

Fingal County Council

- Contribution:** No payment during construction (18 months)
No rent for three years after practical completion
Rent for following 10 years based on basic interest rate
Plus 1% bank interest charge (3%) of €8,500,000 = €255,000 p.a.
Year 13 – pay €8.5 million to buy out the building and car Parking
- Gain:** Extension to Library of 849m² (included shared facilities)
Refurbishment of existing Library
Local Offices of 152m² (includes shared facilities)
37 car-parking spaces

Moriarty Holdings

- Contribution:** Site of house on High Street
Pay Fingal County Council Market value of Chapel Street site €500,000 (to be paid on completion of sales of apartments)
Bear all other costs associated with development of overall cost in excess of €20million
- Gain:** Extended function room of 407m²
15 extra hotel bedrooms
57 Carparking spaces
Profit from apartment sales to finance rebuilding of Senior Citizens Club and remainder of development

Senior Citizens

Contribution: Existing Site
Gain: Enhanced Facility

Existing Shop Holders

Contribution: Existing Sites
Gain: New Shops replacing existing
2 Apartments replacing existing upper floor accommodation

Financial Appraisal of Rent Year 4 to Year 13

Outgoings: Based on FCC & BTC liability for borrowings of €8,500,000
and based on current eubar rate of 2% plus 1% bank charge
(Total Effective Rate 3%)
Annual Charge equals €255,000 nett of vat

Commercial Reality of Annual Charge:

Car Parking assumed rental costs 57 spaces @ €100,000.00
€8/day
FCC & BTC Floor area combined circa 1,600m2 @
€97/m2/annum equals €155,000.00 = total €255,000.00

The commercial rental rate for shell and core office space on M50 is currently in excess of €220 sq m (€20/sq ft) and the proposed repayments of €97/ sq m (€9/sq ft) for a customised, centrally located space is obviously exceptional value.

Conclusion:

The development would be impossible for Fingal County Council and Balbriggan Town Council to carry out their part alone but if so the cost would be in the order of €8,900,000.00

Summary of present proposal:

€500,000 income to FCC (from sale of apartments in Chapel Street) in 2005
No cost to Fingal County Council until 2008
Low Rental (€255,000.00 per annum) for civic spaces and car parking 2008 – 2018
50% of Library rental (€75,000.00 per annum) recouped from D.O.E.
Buy out building and car parking for a fixed sum €8,500,000.00 in 2018
€4,000,000.00 grant due from D.o.E. for Library
Depending on inflation the value of this sum in real terms could be less than half this figure by 2018

A point that must be made is that a Library is not just for borrowing books – it is the centre for learning languages, small meetings, art projects and facilities for disabled people.

Regarding non financial items:

New civic offices and upgrading of the Library
Removal of derelict buildings on George's Square

Summing up the Manager quoted the Central Government Report and said that he is absolutely convinced and strongly recommends it as a proposal and that it should be approved by the Balbriggan Town Council, nobody has put forward a viable alternative to what is proposed.

Also the Library Service is fairly far down the Department of the Environment list for funding – Blachardstown, Malahide and Skerries have seen improvements. He was convinced when he looked at Balbriggan Library as part of the proposal to redevelop the centre of the town by the end of 2004 with a development that really changes the whole centre of the town.

He referred to the census of 1996	9100
2002	11,100

Forecast for New Development Plan is approximately 25,000

Over next census period the population will increase quite significantly – it's a fact that Balbriggan needs a better Library so that the people realise they are part of the Community and that they have Balbriggan Town Council here.

An Cathaoirleach thanked the Manager for outlining the proposal in great detail.

Councillor Tuite: Referred to the small group of 15/20 people protesting outside the venue. She said she had never and would never give in to pressure. She had made up her mind from the second meeting. The heart of Balbriggan would be rejuvenated. She believed that a businessperson was behind the protest. She suggested that following this meeting the facts be presented to the public, as misinformation was being feed in order to try and jeopardise the project. She also referred to the anonymous circular letter, which was unsigned. She stated we give facts/reasons why we have chosen this project for the betterment of the town.

Manager: Agreed with Councillor Tuite. When Balbriggan Town Council have examined and approved a list/information leaflet properly prepared with reasons why we feel it's a good deal would be distributed to every household in the area.

Councillor Shields: Was amazed that any businessman would be behind the protest. She referred back to the launch two years ago inviting business people to come on board. She stressed that with what we are getting for the town is the best deal possible. There was only a handful of people/ill informed minority out of a population of approximately twelve thousand.

Councillor McKeon: Stated that there was a misconception outside tonight that it has happened overnight – we all had reservations in the beginning but together or separately like today when she clarified that there were indeed 3 shops to replace the original 2. She said the library facility was a community facility as was the Senior Citizens. The protesters were afraid that it would be known as Moriarty Square, but Councillor McKeon was adamant that the principal interest be able to maintain our Balbriggan Town Council identity with “Halla an Bhaile” and the Town Crest would be displayed over the main archway. She was proud to be associated and the town will reap the benefits.

Councillor Harford: Not aware of any business people as at first business people tried to sway her to proceed with proposal as it was a reasonable offer for people of Balbriggan. Neither of the three partners would ever be 100% satisfied, neither would the people on the street be 100% satisfied, but this proposal was as good as we could get. She was a little bit put back that people were chanting against the developer. She referred back to an ex Town Commissioner who many years ago referred to what is now the Bracken Court Hotel as a “scene from the gunfight at the O.K. coral”. She said that nobody was chanting back then. She appreciated the Manager explaining the financial aspects. She had received a phone call on Saturday evening from a man requesting a day seminar/information day. She promised that she would put it before the members tonight and explained to him that it was the best offer and that as Balbriggan Town Council are a Local Authority they were not allowed by legislation to accept tax designation.

Councillor Tuite: Referred to the public meeting in the Milestone and said that the full information is not going out. Balbriggan Town Council have not yet seen the Fire Officers Report and the grounds on which it was closed down. The Town Council have requested it. We should have seen it. Councillor Dunne did request this. People demonstrate who don't have all the facts. She was horrified by the letter to the Fingal Independent penned by Mrs. Hammond quoting “not everybody reads” – and Councillor Tuite stated that Balbriggan Library was the highest used library and the staff were second to none.

Referred back to the Public Meeting which she attended to see was misinformation was there.

An Cathaoirleach: Assured everyone that every house will get a leaflet. The Manager could not do this as the members according to protocol must be informed first. He thought back to some years ago when the Manager said he would develop Balbriggan next – he has started to do this. This is part of the start of Balbriggan. The town was dead before Moriarty, he has put jobs back in the town. The function/conference room is badly needed. He referred to the AMAI Conference he had attended with Councillor Tuite and if Balbriggan had the facility they could have requested that the next AMAI Seminar be held here. We have a derelict site, which is getting more derelict by the minute. If it does not proceed the building would have to be demolished in the interest of public safety. I am proud to be An Cathaoirleach despite the harassment over negative issues by a handful of people. He referred to Councillor Daly's 35/50 people who attended the meeting. Councillor Tuite confirmed that 47 had in fact attended. He said that there were 24 phone calls and two written objections. One from Clare Daly which was faxed and one from a local resident. One written letter came in on the 11th July and we had a meeting on 22nd July. Up until that

Friday the Town Hall Development Plan was not on the Agenda and he put it on and he hand delivered. We got phone calls on Monday to say it was third on the Agenda. They (the public) knew before we (Town Councillors) knew what time the meeting was at. He had dealt with all the phone calls. Regarding the anonymous letter he chose to disregard it. There is only one way forward for St. George's Square, Balbriggan and the Balbriggan Town Council.

The Town Clerk: Circulate Redevelopment of Town Hall Report.

At its meeting on 14th July, 2003 Fingal County Council approved of the Part XI proposal on the redevelopment of Balbriggan Town Hall and adjoining properties as a joint venture between Balbriggan Town Council, Fingal County Council and Moriarty Holdings Ltd. The resolution included the following conditions:-

- Fingal County Council, Balbriggan Town Council and Moriarty Holdings agree a financial package acceptable to all parties
- The Package is approved as value for money separately for Fingal County Council and for Balbriggan Town Council by independent financial consultants.
- Fingal County Council, Balbriggan Town Council, Moriarty Holdings, and the Senior Citizens have a legal agreement acceptable to all parties.

The independent financial consultants report on the proposal as it affects Balbriggan Town Council indicates that it is extremely beneficial to the Town Council.

The legal advisors of all parties are in discussion to conclude an acceptable legal agreement.

I recommend to the Town Council that you approve of the proposals contained in the Part XI report.

W. Soffe

A vote was taken resulting as follows:

For:	Mary Cannon	Against:	Larry Dunne
	Therese Fingleton		
	Monica Harford		
	May McKeon		
	Ned Pyne		
	Gertie Shields		
	Bredge Tuite		

In favour: 7 **Against:** 1

Proposal Agreed

2. Development Plan

Fingal County Council started the preparatory process for the new Fingal County Development Plan on 14th July 2003 when advertisements appeared in the media. This Plan must be finished within two years. The Plan will set out an overall strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the County for a six-year period 2005/2011.

He compared the figures of 167,000 in 1996 to 196,000 in 2002 and the forecast of 263,000 for 211 in the whole county, which shows an increase of 100,000 over a 15 year period.

The Manager said the process of making the New Development Plan is most important carried out with fairly strict legal implications for its life span of 6 years 2005/2011.

Regarding extensions legislation says if legislation is not made then the Manager will make it within the last two years of it.

Mr. Sean O Faircheallaigh Senior Planning Officer then gave a presentation which consisted of a PowerPoint Display on Screen and full-scale maps over table. The overview book for the 2004-2011 was presented to the Town Councillors.

Summary of Issues- Town Council Meeting 29th July 2005

- Concern about provision of community facilities following housing developments- problem of Cardy Rock- need to tie the community/retail facilities into the overall planning permission so both go ahead together
- Schools- need to be provided at same time of housing, as many newcomers are ready made families
- Provision of schools- can we find ways for developers to pay for cost, they should be giving back something for the community.
- Third level education needs to be focussed on; very important with growing population. Need a post leaving cert level place for study. No easy access from Balbriggan to Blanchardstown- maybe link with new business
- Role of the National Spatial Strategy in deciding the future of Balbriggan
- Role of the Harbour- should be focussed on
- Community facilities on areas zoned for open space?
- Parochial House should be re-used as a community facility
- Can we find a mechanism to obtain free school sites from developers like the way open space is conditioned and obtained by the Council
- Problem with provision of doctor service- need better public service in the town, new population will stretch resources
- New clinics/doctor facilities need to cope with growing population
- Primary schools- existing schools cannot absorb new population, potential needs of schools should be documented
- Importance of public transport, provision of a town service needed.
- Plan- Balbriggan 2000 important
- Need to use the ideas from the Balbriggan Integrated Area Plan into the new plan
- Keep Balbriggan within long term development boundary
- Growth is so fast, can we preserve the traditional streetscapes of Balbriggan town, particularly the traditional cottages which form traditional street pattern.
- High density not suitable

- No facilities for young people in the town- leisure centre needed in the town centre with a pool, play areas
- Playgrounds needed within housing developments.
- Need for more green spaces for children to play on in the new estates, rather than hard surfaces.
- People move to Balbriggan for the space, important we provide it.
- Provision for truck park for town- near industrial estate
- Need to provide for the expansion of the graveyard- commitment made for 10 year extension.
- Problem of estates not being finished properly- signage not put up, numbering not logical.
- Post-primary school behind Wavin, this needs to be carried forward into the new plan.

Red Payne

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 30th JUNE 2003**

Councillors Present:

Cannon, Mary	Mullen, Joe
Dunne, Larry	Pyne, Ned
Harford, Monica	Shields, Gertie
McKeon, May	Tuite, Bredge

Officials Present:

Mr. William Soffe, County Manager
Mr. Shay Barker, Acting Manager
Mr. David Storey, Town Clerk
Ms. Margaret Wilde F.C.C.

Apologies: Fingleton, Therésé

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Councillor Dunne, opened the meeting and thanked his fellow councillors for the support and courtesy shown during his term of office, with special thanks to the Leas Cathaoirleach, Town Clerk and office staff, the three Managers, for their input, help and guidance. He also paid tribute to the community for their support and well wishes.

Councillor Dunne proposed that the Town Clerk act as Chairperson for the purpose of the election. Seconded by Councillor Harford.

1. Election of Cathaoirleach

It was proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Mullen

“That Councillor Pyne be elected as Cathaoirleach”

As there were no other nominations it was agreed that Councillor Pyne was declared elected Cathaoirleach of Balbriggan Town Council.

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Councillor Pyne then took the Chair and was presented with the Chain of Office by the outgoing Cathaoirleach, Councillor Larry Dunne.

Councillor Pyne thanked his proposer, seconder and Members for having elected him Cathaoirleach of Balbriggan Town Council, and stated to the members that he looked forward to representing the Town Council and the people of Balbriggan in his term of office.

The Managers, Members and Town Clerk congratulated Councillor Pyne on being elected Cathaoirleach and wished him every success in the coming year.

2. Election of Leas Cathaoirleach

It was proposed by Councillor Dunne and seconded by Councillor Harford
"That Councillor Mullen be elected Leas Cathaoirleach"

It was proposed by Councillor Tuite and seconded by Councillor Shields
"That Councillor Cannon be elected Leas Cathaoirleach"

On a division, the voting resulted as follows:

For Councillor Mullen	:	Five (5)
For Councillor Cannon	:	Three (3)

For Councillor Mullen : Councillors Dunne, Harford, McKeon,
Mullen, Pyne

For Councillor Cannon : Councillors Cannon, Shields, Tuite

Having secured a majority of the votes of the Members present, Councillor Mullen was declared elected as Leas Cathaoirleach of Balbriggan Town Council.

Councillor Mullen thanked his proposer, seconder and Members for having elected him Leas Cathaoirleach of Balbriggan Town Council.

3. Election of Delegate to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance's Ltd.

It was proposed by Councillor Harford and seconded by Councillor McKeon that Councillor Shields remains as the delegate to I.P.B for the coming year. Agreed by the members.

4. Election of Representative for BAPA and Substitute Delegate

It was proposed by Councillor Dunne and seconded by Councillor Mullen that Councillor Cannon represents Balbriggan Town Council on this committee. Agreed by the members.

It was proposed by Councillor McKeon and seconded by Councillor Harford that Councillor Tuite would represent Balbriggan Town Council as Substitute Delegate to this committee. Agreed by the members.

5. Election of Estimates Committee

It was agreed that all Town Councillors would be members of this committee.

6. Election of Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts and Culture Awards Committee

It was agreed that all Town Councillors would be members of this committee.

7. **St. Patrick's Day Committee**

It was agreed that all Town Councillors would be members of this committee. Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Tuite and seconded by Councillor Shields that this item be put on the Statutory September Meeting to set date and agenda for Special Meeting of St. Patrick's Day Committee.

- An Cathaoirleach, Ned Pyne informed the members that the Chamber of Commerce were holding a Golf Outing – the proceeds of which would be donated to Balbriggan Town Council for Town Christmas Lighting 2003.

8. **Nominations for Fingal Development Board**

It was proposed by Councillor Mullen, seconded by Councillor Cannon "That Councillor McKeon continue as the representative for Balbriggan Town Council"

9. **Proposed disposal of site at George's Square, Balbriggan to Moriarty Holdings Ltd.**

The County Manager, Mr. William Soffe circulated the following report to all members:

Discussions have been ongoing between Balbriggan Town Council, Moriarty Holdings Ltd., and Fingal County Council to re-develop George's Square, as a mixed development, comprising offices, residential units, community facilities and extended library.

Agreement in principle between the three parties has been reached and this will require the disposal of the interest of Balbriggan Town Council in George's Square to Moriarty Holdings Ltd.

The land in question comprises circa. 1450 sq. metres.

The disposal of the site is subject to the provision of Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, and Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001.

This process is necessary to proceed with further negotiation on the financial aspects of the proposal. Financial consultants have been engaged to assess the project from the perspective of both Balbriggan Town Council and Fingal County Council and their report is imminent.

I recommend the disposal of the area involved as indicated on Drawing no. LD/TC/1 on the following terms and conditions:

1. The consideration to be in the sum of €1,500,000 (1.5 million euro).
2. Each party to be responsible for its own legal costs.
3. The disposal to be subject to the separate heads of agreement document to be signed on behalf of Balbriggan Town Council, Moriarty Holdings Ltd. and Fingal County Council with all parties agreeing to the terms and conditions therein.

It is proposed, 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, to dispose of land at George's Square, Balbriggan, as shown outline directed on Drawing No. LD/TC/1 comprising 1450 square metres to Moriarty Holding Ltd.

This was proposed by Councillor Cannon and seconded by Councillor Shields.
A Vote taken on this proposal.

FOR

Councillor Cannon
Councillor Dunne
Councillor Harford
Councillor Pyne
Councillor Shields
Councillor Tuite
Councillor McKeon
Councillor Mullen

AGAINST

The Meeting then concluded at 9.00 p.m.

Ned Pyne

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 9th September 2003.**

Councillors Present:

Cannon, Mary,	Mullen, Joe
Dunne, Larry	Pyne, Ned
Fingleton, Thérèse	Shields, Gertie
Harford, Monica	Tuite, Bredge
McKeon, May	

Officials Present:

Mr. Stephen Peppard, Senior Executive Officer
Corporate Services
Mr. David Storey, Meetings Administrator
Ms. Margaret Wilde F.C.C.

Leas Cathaoirleach, Councillor Mullen presided until An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Pyne arrived.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) Minutes of special meeting re Town Hall Redevelopment held on 18/4/03 were circulated
Proposed by Councillor Shields, Seconded by Councillor Tuite
- (ii) Minutes of special meeting re Town Hall Redevelopment held on 9/5/03 were circulated
Proposed by Councillor Shields, Seconded by Councillor Dunne
- (iii) Minutes of A.G.M. held on 30/6/03 were circulated
Councillor Dunne queried the vote taken on the proposal for the Town Hall Development. The Town Clerk said he would check the written minutes and bring this item before the October Meeting.
- (iv) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 8/7/03 were circulated
Proposed by Councillor Harford, Seconded by Councillor Dunne
- (v) Minutes of special meeting re Town Hall Redevelopment held on 28/7/03 were circulated
Proposed by Councillor Shields, Seconded by Councillor Dunne

2. Correspondence

(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Circular letter dated 9/7/03 received from Laurence Kelly, Local Government Policy, Department of the Environment & Local Government regarding "Revision of Rates of Representational Payment to Elected Members were circulated herewith enclosing Appendix A and Appendix B Payment Scales were circulated and noted
- (ii) Circular letter dated 21/7/03 received from Damian Smyth, Assistant Principal Officer, Department of the Environment & Local Government regarding Superannuation Gratuity for Councillors were circulated and noted
- (iii) Letter dated 30/7/03 received from Catherine Burns, Private Secretary, Department of Health and Children regarding Doctor on Call Centre were circulated and noted. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would write again to request a meeting with Catherine Burns, Private Secretary.

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 12/6/03 received from Michael A. Lynch, Senior Parks Superintendent regarding "Litter in Balbriggan Parks" were circulated and noted. Councillor Tuite requested a copy of the Programme of Works for the Environment/Parks relevant to the Balbriggan area.
- (ii) Letter dated 1/7/03 received from Margaret Campbell, Administrative Officer, Transport Department regarding "issues raised by the Balbriggan Combined Residents Association & Balbriggan Town Council" were circulated and noted.
Councillor Shields informed the members of her attendance at a recent meeting and had already circulated maps/information to all members prior to this meeting.
- (iii) Letter dated 22/7/03 received from Brian Buckley, Senior Executive Officer regarding Fingal Development Board Strategy 2002 – 2011 "What is the status of the Major Incidence Plan in respect to an environmental protection perspective? - were circulated and noted.
- (iv) Letter dated 24/7/03 received from Brian Buckley, Senior Executive Officer, regarding Fingal Development Board Strategy 2002 – 2011 were circulated and noted
- (v) Letter dated 28/7/03 Lucette Browne, Senior Staff Officer enclosing Balcadden Local Area Plan were circulated and noted, map available for inspection in the office
- (vi) Letter dated 5/8/03 received from Lucette Browne, Senior Staff Officer enclosing retail strategy and variation No. 30 to the Fingal County Development Plan, 1999 – Retail Strategy were circulated and noted, map available for inspection in the office. The Town Clerk to obtain copy maps for all members. Clarification sought on the status of site.
- (vii) Letter dated 18/8/03 received from Michael A. Lynch, Senior Parks Superintendent, regarding reinstatement works at Lambeeher Estate were circulated and noted

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated received from Anita Morris, Secretary to the Fingal Development Board giving notice of meeting set for 16th September 2003 were circulated.

Action 1.1.3.

"To adopt the practice of specifying relevant addresses with the inclusion of 'Fingal' after the town/postal code".

Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor McKeon and seconded by Councillor Dunne that Balbriggan Town Council adopt the practice of specifying relevant addresses with the inclusion of 'Fingal' after the town/postal code". The Town Clerk to arrange for implementation of this proposal

- (ii) Letter dated 27/8/03 received from Kevin Curran, Town Clerk, Macroom Town Council regarding support for two motions were circulated and noted
- (iii) Letter dated 18/8/03 received from Kevin Curran, Town Clerk, Macroom Town Council regarding support for motion were circulated and noted
- (iv) Letter dated 6/8/03 received from Gerard M. Murphy, Public Private Partnership Manager, National Roads Authority re exemption from toll charges were circulated and noted

(D) Conferences

- (i) Letter dated 23/7/03 received from B. White (Hon. Secretary) A.M.A.I. were circulated, enclosing notice of 90th Annual Conference to be held in the Talbot Hotel & Leisure Centre, Trinity Street, Wexford on 11/12/13th September 2003 also enclosing copy of Annual Report in respect of 89th Conference of the Association (available at office for inspection)

(E) Other Correspondence

- (i) Annual Report 2002 received from the Northern Area Health Board (available at office for inspection)
- (ii) Letter dated 25/7/03 received from Michael Walsh, Assistant Chief Executive, Northern Area Health Board regarding home help service were circulated and noted

3. Motions

Motion submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne

- (i) "Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Social Community & Family Affairs to bring the ceiling limit for income for those in receipt of Deserted Wife's Benefit in line with inflation as the present ceiling of €12700 has not seen an increase since 1994"
- Proposed by Councillor Pyne, Seconded by Tuite
- Motion Agreed

(ii) Motion submitted by Councillor Mary Cannon

"Balbriggan Town Council call on Bus Eireann to provide a bus stop adjacent to the Cardy Rock Development"

Proposed by Councillor Cannon, Seconded by Councillor Fingleton

Motion Agreed

(iii) Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford

"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to develop a properly serviced mobile home park to facilitate people on the housing waiting list and others"

Proposed by Councillor Harford, Seconded by Councillor Tuite

Motion Agreed

4. Questions

Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford

- (i) To ask the manager what progress has been made to date with the noise problems in the four houses in Clonard Rise?

Reply: The houses in question are No's 17,18,19 and 20 Clonard Rise.

Airbourne sound transmission tests were carried out in these four houses on 14th May, 2003.

Results of the tests indicated a shortfall in levels expected for houses of similar construction as set out in the building regulations. Possible solutions to dealing with the situation on site has been discussed with the contractor.

The contractor is presently on site completing works noted on the maintenance defect lists and it is his intention to carry out all necessary additional works to solve this airbourne sound problem that the residents are experiencing.

Following the completion of these additional works it is proposed to re-test the houses once again.

Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields

- (ii) To ask the manager when will Fingal Council install the safety fencing at the south side of the Bracken River at Quay Street as promised?

Reply: The required safety fencing for the south side of the Bracken River at Quay Street has been fabricated by Swords Iron Works. The company is expected on site within the next few weeks in order to erect the fencing.

Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford

- (iii) To ask the manager why did it take so long to have pump lane between Market Green and Curran Park cut back and why is this not done on a regular basis?

Reply: As there is no hedging on Pump Lane it is presumed the question refers to the laneway which runs between Market Green and Curran Park to the east of the Mills.

This laneway has been examined and the hedging at this location had been cut back.

The situation here will be monitored and necessary maintenance works including the cutting back of hedges will be carried out as the need arises.

- (iv) **Question submitted by Councillor Mary Cannon**

To ask Fingal County Council in the interest of public safety to extend the footpath from Lambreecher Estate along the Drogheda Road up to and including the Cardy Rock Development?

Reply: This proposal will be included for consideration in the review for 2004 Estimates

Councillor Harford requested that Standing Orders be suspended for 15 minutes to discuss an item of importance.

This was agreed

Councillor Harford referred to the Irish Independent of 2nd September 2003 where an application had been made for change of use Cinema. Following discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk would again request a meeting with the developers, as the previous request was not fulfilled..

5. Cathaoirleachs Business

- (i) Informed the members that he had written on their behalf objecting to the rezoning of the Balbriggan Golf Club
- (ii) Circulated correspondence/photos/information leaflets received from Anne O'Connell, The Ingrid Betancourt Support Committee
- (iii) Highlighted issues from private residents of the Cardy Rock Development. The Town Clerk to contact Fingal County Council Estate Management.

6. **Redevelopment of Town Hall**

Mr. Stephen Peppard informed the members that negotiations were ongoing with some of the property owners and correspondence was being exchanged. The outcome would be finalised by the middle of next week and the Town Council would be notified immediately.

7. **Tidy Districts 2003**

A meeting was set for Monday 15th September 2003 at 7.30 p.m. in the Bracken Court Hotel.

8. **Standing Orders**

Amended standing orders were circulated and agreed by the members. Councillor Harford highlighted that under Standing Orders permission to speak on correspondence must be notified to the office in writing prior to meeting.

A.O.B.

Councillor Fingleton

Congratulated all those involved in the organising of the Car Free Day

Councillor McKeon

Notified the members of the Commemoration of the "Sack of Balbriggan" due to take place on Sunday 21st September at 12.00 noon

Councillor Pyne

Enquired about two members representing the Town Council on a sub committee of the Chamber of Commerce?

The Town Clerk informed those present that he had received a letter from the Chamber of Commerce.

Councillor Shields

Asked that a speed ramp be located on the road leading into Woodview Estate near the road to Skerries.

Councillor Tuite

Asked that future developments have names, which bear some relevance to the local history and that in accordance with previously agreed procedures that the Heritage Department work in conjunction with Balbriggan Town Council on this matter.

Councillor Harford

(i) Requested that the quarterly meeting be set with Superintendent Gallagher.

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3rd September 2003.

DO GACH BALL DE COMHAIRLE BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Bhaile Brigín Comhairle a thionolfar ar an Mean Fómhair 9, 2003 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Council will be held on **9th September, 2003 at 7.30 p.m. in the Bremore Hamilton Room, Bracken Court Hotel**, to consider the following agenda.

I would be most obliged if any Councillor who wishes to speak on an item of correspondence on this agenda would ensure they contact this office in writing before close of business on 9th September 2003.

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

Is mise le meas,

David Storey
DAVID STOREY,

MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR.

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- (v) Letter dated 28/7/03 Lucette Browne, Senior Staff Officer enclosing Balcaddan Local Area Plan (circulated herewith) map available for inspection in the office
- (vi) Letter dated 5/8/03 received from Lucette Browne, Senior Staff Officer enclosing retail strategy and variation No. 30 to the Fingal County Development Plan, 1999 – Retail Strategy (circulated herewith) map available for inspection in the office.
- (vii) Letter dated 18/8/03 received from Michael A. Lynch, Senior Parks Superintendent, regarding reinstatement works at Lambeeher Estate (circulated herewith)

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated received from Anita Morris, Secretary to the Fingal Development Board giving notice of meeting set for 16th September 2003 (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 27/8/03 received from Kevin Curran, Town Clerk, Macroom Town Council regarding support for two motions (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 18/8/03 received from Kevin Curran, Town Clerk, Macroom Town Council regarding support for motion (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 6/8/03 received from Gerard M. Murphy, Public Private Partnership Manager, National Roads Authority re exemption from toll charges (circulated herewith)

(D) Conferences

- (i) Letter dated 23/7/03 received from B. White (Hon. Secretary) A.M.A.I. (circulated herewith) enclosing notice of 90th Annual Conference to be held in the Talbot Hotel & Leisure Centre, Trinity Street, Wexford on 11/12/13th September 2003 also enclosing copy of Annual Report in respect of 89th Conference of the Association (available at office for inspection)

(E) Other Correspondence

- (i) Annual Report 2002 received from the Northern Area Health Board (available at office for inspection)
- (ii) Letter dated 25/7/03 received from Michael Walsh, Assistant Chief Executive, Northern Area Health Board regarding home help service (circulated herewith)

3. Motions

Motion submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne

- (i) "Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Social Community & Family Affairs to bring the ceiling limit for income for those in receipt of Deserted Wife's Benefit in line with inflation as the present ceiling of €12700 has not seen an increase since 1994"

(ii) Motion submitted by Councillor Mary Cannon

"Balbriggan Town Council call on Iarnród Eireann to provide a bus stop adjacent to the Cardy Rock Development"

(iii) Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford

"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to develop a properly serviced mobile home park to facilitate people on the housing waiting list and others"

4. Questions

Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford

- (i) To ask the manager what progress has been made to date with the noise problems in the four houses in Clonard Rise?

Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields

- (ii) To ask the manager when will Fingal Council install the safety fencing at the south side of the Bracken River at Quay Street as promised?

Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford

- (iii) To ask the manager why did it take so long to have pump lane between Market Green and Curran Park cut back and why is this not done on a regular basis?

- (iv) **Question submitted by Councillor Mary Cannon**
To ask Fingal County Council in the interest of public safety to extend the footpath from Lambeecher Estate along the Drogheda Road up to and including the Cardy Rock Development?

5. **Cathaoirleachs Business**

6. **Redevelopment of Town Hall**

7. **Tidy Districts 2003**

8. **Standing Orders**

Amended standing orders (circulated herewith)

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 14th October 2003.**

Councillors Present:

Cannon, Mary,	Mullen, Joe
Dunne, Larry	Pyne, Ned
Harford, Monica	Shields, Gertie
McKeon, May	Tuite, Bredge

Officials Present:

Mr. Shay Barker, Acting Town Manager
Mr. David Storey, Meetings Administrator
Ms. Margaret Wilde F.C.C.

Apologies:

Councillor Fingleton, Thérèse

Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council AGM meeting held on 30/6/03 were circulated. Councillor Dunne asked for clarification regarding Item 9. It was agreed to amend the vote of Councillor Dunne to an abstention on this item. Proposed by Councillor Pyne, Seconded by Councillor Mullen. Minutes Agreed.
- (ii) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 9/9/03 were circulated
Proposed by Councillor Harford, Seconded by Councillor Mullen.
Minutes agreed.

1. Correspondence

(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Circular letter dated 9/9/2003 received from Joe Allen, Local Government Policy Section, Department of the Environment & Local Government regarding Information Seminar on Local Government for elected members of former Town Commissions were circulated and noted
Memo dated 16/9/2003 received from Institute of Public Administration highlighting reschedule of the proposed two half-day seminars for 1st & 7th November 2003 to Saturday 22nd and Friday 28th November were circulated and noted. Following discussion it was agreed that the Councillors would advise the office of their availability to attend. Councillor Dunne confirmed that he would be available.
- (ii) Letter dated 15/9/2003 received from Ciaran Conroy, Assistant principal Officer, Local Government Finance regarding Prescribed Periods for 2004 Budget Meetings were circulated and noted. The Councillors agreed to meet the first week in December. Town Clerk to agree date with An Cathaoirleach and notify all members. The Town Clerk to contact other Town Councils regarding source of income other than rentals. Councillor Harford requested a list of rateable business premises in Balbriggan urban.

- (iii) Letter dated 26/9/2003 received from Catherine Burns, Private Secretary, Department of Health & Children regarding Doctor on Call Centre were circulated and noted. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would contact the senior officials and arrange a meeting as soon as possible.

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 15/9/2003 received from Patrick Kenny, Corporate Services Division referring to a Motion passed on 8/9/2003 regarding "delivery of health services" were circulated and noted. Following discussion it was agreed to defer this matter to the November Statutory Meeting.
- (ii) Letter dated 22/9/2003 received from Caroline Kelly, Staff Officer, regarding Drainage at Lambeccher Estate, Balbriggan were circulated and noted

2. Motions

Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields

- (i) "Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Health to introduce screening for Aids, Tuberculosis and other diseases for all persons entering the country applying for Refugee Status. To be circulated to all Councils".
Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Tuite.
Motion Agreed. The Town Clerk to write to Health Board and NABCO.

(ii) Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford

"Balbriggan Town Council call Fingal County Council Planning Department to include within their conditions to developers planning applications the responsibility for building schools within the developments where this is applicable"

Proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Tuite.
Motion agreed.

(iii) Motion submitted by Councillor May McKeon

"In view of the cultural and social diversities of the peoples who have been and continue to be allocated housing accommodation in social housing schemes within the massive housing developments in Balbriggan, we Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council (and the N.A.B.C.O) housing department not to abandon their obligation to the people by providing housing units, but to create a vibrant and secure back up service in full consultation with Balbriggan Town Council to ensure that these people can be part of and contribute to the future social, cultural and economic development of Balbriggan"

Proposed by Councillor McKeon, seconded by Councillor Harford.
Motion agreed.

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"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Justice to include Balbriggan Garda Station in the Dublin Metropolitan area, and to supply the extra resources manpower and vehicles necessary to enforce the law over the wide area covered by the station at this time"

Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Dunne.
Motion agreed.

4. Questions

(i) Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford

"To ask the manager why are there so many bags lying around the recyclable bins on the Inner Relief Road?"

Reply:

A Litter Warden has been asked to investigate this matter to determine where the litter is generated from and to remove the materials from around the recyclable bins.

Should the Litter Warden discover any evidence in the material dumped at the bins, a notice will be issued under the Litter Pollution Act 1997 compelling the person or persons to comply with their obligations under the Act.

I would remind Balbriggan Town Council that it is not Fingal County Council who dumps the materials at this location but members of the public. The Council provides a free phone number 1800-201093 for members of the public who wish to report incidents of dumping. In the event of The Council taking legal proceedings members of the public will be required to appear as witnesses in court.

The Council also fully supports all community groups who wish to carry out voluntary clean ups, providing gloves, bags and locations for the pick up of materials after a clean up.

(ii) Question submitted by Councillor May McKeon

"To ask the manager how many "registered landlords" are in Balbriggan Parish, i.e. Balbriggan, Balrothery and Bascadden:"

Reply:

The Housing (Registration of Rented Houses) Regulations 1996 require the landlord of a house, let or other valuable consideration solely as a dwelling, to apply to the relevant Housing Authority to have the house registered by the Authority and to supply certain information to the Authority.

There are 132 properties registered for the Balbriggan Electoral Area.

(iii) Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford

"To ask the manager will the disabled parking spaces on the Square be relocated during the development of the Town Hall?"

Reply:

There are 2 disabled parking bays in Balbriggan in the area of St. George's Square. Arrangements are being made for this area to be examined with the Gardai in relation to identifying an alternative location for the disabled parking bays whilst works are in progress during the construction of the mixed development here. F.A.D.E. (North) Fingal Awareness of Disability and Equality, will be consulted as part of this examination.

In the proposed Balbriggan Parking Management Scheme which will come before the Balbriggan/Swords Area Committee at its meeting in November for approval in the context of initiating the statutory public consultation process, 2 disabled parking bays will remain in this area. Councillor Harford advised Fingal County Council to contact ACCESS Balbriggan.

(iv) **Question submitted by Councillor May McKeon**

"To ask Northern Area Health Board how many units in Balbriggan parish. i.e. Balbriggan, Balrothery and Balscadden are subsidised by them for the purpose of accommodating the homeless in these areas at present?"

Reply:

The Northern Area Health Board administers the Rent Supplement Scheme on behalf of the Department of Social and Family Affairs in accordance with Legislation (Social Welfare Consolidation Act, 1993), and Regulations (S.I. No 382 of 1995 in S.I. No 527 of 2002).

The Rent Supplement Scheme is an "Income Maintenance Scheme", intended to provide a weekly supplement to "a claimant who is in need of accommodation, and is unable to provide for it from his/her own resources" (section 9 (2) (g) (I) of SI No 38 of 1995).

It should be noted that the Health Boards have no part to play in sourcing or providing accommodation for persons in receipt of rent supplement – the tenants source their own accommodation, and enter a private rental agreement with a property owner, and subsequently apply to the Health Board for rent supplement which is then considered in accordance with the legislation, regulations and guidelines.

At present, a total of 220 rent supplements are in payment in the Balbriggan area.

5. Cathaoirleachs Business

- (i) Christmas 2003. Councillor Harford advised the members of her attendance at the Chamber of Commerce Meeting. It was agreed that the Christmas Tree would be switched on 8th December as usual in conjunction with Balbriggan Awareness of Drugs. The Town Clerk to order tree.
- (ii) The Bracken Court have requested a "Welcome Letter" and information leaflet of Balbriggan Town Council with details of the Town Crest and meaning.
- (i) Athletic Clubroom vandalised and burnt. The Town Clerk to contact Michael Lynch, Parks Department.
- (ii) Retirement of Mr. Seamus Cawley. It was agreed to make a presentation at the Bracken Court Hotel.

6. **Redevelopment of Town Hall**

Mr. Shay Barker updated the members on the position to date.

The Town Clerk proposed that the Town Hall Redevelopment proceed subject to the following changes:

"That Balbriggan Town Council agree to the redevelopment of the Town Hall as set out in the Heads of Agreement signed on the 30/6/2003 subject to the following change"

That a 999 year lease be granted to Mr. Dave Sadlier and that the rent on the property be paid by Fingal County Council. In the event that the property becomes available for sale that Fingal County Council will endeavour its purchase for Balbriggan Town Council for the appropriate market value"

A vote was taken:

For

Cannon
McKeon
Mullen
Pyne
Shields

Against

Dunne
Harford
Tuite

For the proposal 5

Against the proposal 3

Absent Councillor Fingleton

Proposal Agreed

7. **Tidy Districts 2003**

An Cathaoirleach circulated the format for the evening.

Meeting concluded 9.45 p.m.



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DO GACH BALL DE COMHAIRLE BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Bhaile Brigín Comhairle a thionolfar ar an Deireadh Fómhair 14, 2003 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

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Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

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MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR.

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5. Cathaoirleachs Business

- (i) Christmas 2003

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8. Standing Orders

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 11th November 2003.**

Councillors Present:

Cannon, Mary,	McKeon, May
Dunne, Larry	Mullen, Joe
Fingleton, Thérèse	Pyne, Ned
Harford, Monica	Tuite, Bredge
Shields, Gertie	

Officials Present:

Mr. Shay Barker, Acting Town Manager
Mr. David Storey, Meetings Administrator
Ms. Maureen Finn, F.C.C.

An Cathaoirleach proposed a vote of sympathy on the recent death of Councillor Fingleton's mother.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 14/10/03 were circulated

Proposed by Councillor Dunne, Seconded by Councillor Shields
Minutes Agreed

2. Correspondence

(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 2/10/03 received from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform regarding Remembrance Fund & Commission was circulated and noted. Councillor Shields outlined that monies due to be distributed arising from the Wilson Report is to include victims and the families of the Monaghan and Dublin bombings.
- (ii) Letter dated 3/10/03 received from Anne O'Donnell, Executive Officer, Planning Unit, Department of Social and Family Affairs regarding One Parent Family Payments was circulated and noted
- (iii) Letter dated 19/9/03 received from Deaglán Ó Briain, Principal, Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs regarding Official Languages Act 2003 - (Official Languages Act 2003 available for inspection at office)
- (iv) Report on European Parliament Constituencies, 2003 (available at office for inspection) was circulated and noted.

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 15/9/2003 received from Patrick Kenny, Corporate Services Division referring to a Motion passed on 8/9/2003 regarding "delivery of health services" (deferred from October 2003) was circulated and noted
- (ii) Letter dated 16/10/2003 received from Margaret Campbell, Administrative Officer, Transportation Department regarding provision of speed ramp at Woodview Estate was circulated and noted. Councillor Shields asked the Town Clerk to follow this up with the roads department.
- (iii) Letter dated 24/10/2003 received from Liam McGlynn, Senior Executive Officer regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Councillors regarding

the responsibility for building schools within developments was circulated and noted.

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated 10/10/03 received from Gerard M. Murphy, Public Private Partnership Manager, National Roads Authority regarding Request for an exemption from toll charges for "Doctor on Call" at the MI toll plaza was circulated and noted. Councillor Harford outlined that the DOC may have several calls to make and delays at the toll plaza could put lives in jeopardy.
- (ii) Letter dated 8/10/2003 received from Pat Collins, Town Clerk, Wexford Borough Council regarding Benchmarking payments to be met from Central Funds was circulated and noted
- (iii) Letter dated 16/10/2003 received from B. Doyle, Town Clerk, regarding motions unanimously adopted regarding "consent to sale" periods from Local Authorities by Tenant Purchasers was circulated and noted
- (iv) Letter dated 20/10/2003 received from Imy Whelan-Breen Town Clerk, Kiltrush Town Council regarding motion passed regarding deficits in local government funding requirements was circulated and noted

3. Other Correspondence

Letter dated 28/10/2003 received from Patrick Tallan & Co. Solicitors regarding 25 Lawless Terrace, Balbriggan was circulated and noted. Town Clerk to forward a letter of consent to solicitors.

4. Motions

(i) Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Justice, to cease to provide free legal aid for offenders when they continue to re-offend a number of times"

Proposed by Councillor Harford, Seconded by Councillor Shields
Motion Agreed

(ii) Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Health to provide a monthly maximum cut off point for doctors fees similar to that for prescription charges for non medical card holders"

Proposed by Councillor Harford, Seconded by Councillor Tuite
Motion Agreed

(iii) Motion submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite

"Balbriggan Town Council, call on the Taoiseach, Mr. Bertie Ahern, to make available all medical history records to the G.P.'s of all adopted people in Ireland. This Act would ensure no further stress to the adoptees in relation to ascertaining vital information pertinent to their personal medical condition".

Proposed by Councillor Tuite, Seconded by Councillor Harford
Motion Agreed

5. Questions

(i) Question submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite

To ask the Manager when will the necessary road works be completed on the south side of the Naul Road from the junction at the Graveyard out to the Naul intersection of the motorway?

Reply:

A realignment of this portion of the Naul Road is currently being designed. An agreement to finance the required improvements is being negotiated with the developers of the adjacent housing lands. The works will include the provision of footpaths and cycle lanes.

Substantial road repairs have been carried out on the Naul Road between the M1 and Balbriggan during the last 6 months and ongoing repairs will be carried out as required.

(ii) Question submitted by Councillor May McKeon

To ask the N.A.H.B. to please confirm:

- (a) What is the total weekly basic social welfare allowance paid to if any of the 220 homeless who are being subsidised by rental allowance in the Balbriggan Parish?
- (b) What once off or twice off payments have been made to these people towards ESB, Gas, Telephone, house set-up or refurbishment of accommodation permanent or temporary, crèche facilities, child care, i.e. child care necessities food, clothing, transport, and baby needs, medical etc for the year commencing 1st January 2002 to 30th September 2003?
- (c) How is this information monitored?

Reply:

(a) The Northern Area Health Board is unable to supply details of the basic weekly income of the recipients of rent supplement in the Balbriggan area as their payments are administered directly by the Department of Social and Family Affairs.

Certain persons are disqualified by legislation from receiving rent supplement (i.e. persons in full time work or in full time education, persons involved in trade disputes, etc.) so it is likely that the majority of persons in receipt of rent supplement rely on a payment from the Department of Social and Family Affairs as their basic weekly income (e.g. One Parent Family Allowance, Disability Allowance, Unemployment Assistance or Benefit etc.)

Persons who apply for payment of rent supplement are obliged to provide details of their weekly income to the Community Welfare Office – for the purposes of determining their eligibility only – under Data Protection Legislation this information cannot be used for any other purpose or disclosed to a third party.

(b) & (c) It is not possible to provide details of other payments made to persons who are in receipt of rent supplements without reviewing each

individual file (as other persons who are not in receipt of rent may also receive these "Emergency Needs Payments").

Emergency Needs Payments are paid in accordance with The Social Welfare (Consolidation) Act 1993 and subsequent Directions and Regulations issued by the Department of Social and Family Affairs. Each application for an Emergency Needs Payment is assessed on the individual merits of each case and must be approved by the Superintendent Community Welfare Officer.

(iii) Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford

To ask the Manager why has the work back and front of 174a Lambreecher not been completed (alley gate at back and front wall dashing)?

Reply:

The rear access gate and pallisade fencing has been moved and re-erected in designated location.

Preparatory works to footpath are also completed to receive final tarmacadam finish tomorrow Saturday, 8th November. The plaster plinth to boundary wall at path level has also been completed as part of the above works.

Arrangement will be made to have keys issued by Housing Maintenance Department to those residents requiring access to rear laneway through repositioned gate.

(iv) Question submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite

Under the Intoxicating Liqueur Act and the relevant bylaws, when do Fingal County Council intend placing the "Drinking Prohibited" signs on the beach area and other such public places. Lack of these signs at the beach area in Balbriggan caused great concern to the people and their families as they were subject to numbers of people consuming alcohol during the summer months (2003) on a daily basis?

Reply:

The Council is committed to putting new notice boards on all beaches in the Fingal area during 2004. These notice boards will be used to display all relevant information including the Fingal County Council (Prohibition of Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor on Roads and in Public Places) Bye-Laws and the Beach Bye-Laws 2002 as well as any relevant Flora and Fauna information. It is hoped that these notice boards will be in place before the beginning of the summer bathing season 2004.

The Town Clerk to seek clarification.

6. Cathaoirleachs Business

1. The Christmas tree will be placed on the canopy over the front entrance of the Combined Clubs due to the re-development at the Square. Councillor Harford stated that the Chamber of Commerce will have a grotto in the Combined Clubs and this would enhance the tree. Councillor Harford who is a member of the Christmas lights sub-committee with the Chamber of Commerce outlined that the Chamber will be taking out a loan of €20,000 towards the Christmas lights to enable them light Dublin Street, The Square, Bridge Street and

Drogheda Street this year. The Town Clerk sought clarification on the status of the loan in regard to the Town Council budget. Councillor Harford stated that this loan was in the name of the Chamber of Commerce and the Town Council would not be liable for any monies due on loan. The Town Council agreed to €3,000 as a contribution towards the Christmas lights.

2. An Cathaoirleach expressed the appreciation of Melanie Betancourt (Ingrid Betancourt's daughter) and Anne O'Connell to Balbriggan Town Council for their support in the campaign to release Ingrid Betancourt.
3. A thank you letter received from the retired caretaker, Seamus Cawley was passed around.
4. Letter outlining the role of Balbriggan Town Council was circulated and it was agreed to forward this to The Bracken Court Hotel.

7. Redevelopment of Town Hall

The legal team is working in the background and they hope to have a meeting with the developer in the next 10 days.

Councillor Tuite stated that there is no disabled car parking spaces since the re-development of the town hall. Town Clerk to look into this.

8. A.O.B.

Councillor Harford handed over a gift which was presented to her on behalf of Balbriggan Town Council from the Yoevil Football Club.

Councillor Tuite:

1. Requested the cleaning of drains at 88-100 Lambreecher Estate.
2. Requested a list of the number of vacant houses in Balbriggan Area.

Councillor Harford requested a general clean up at St. Paul's Crescent.

Councillor Cannon requested that the new practice of patients writing their own repeat medication in the Medical Centre be stopped immediately. Town Clerk to write to the Medical Centre.

Councillor McKeon requested the Town Clerk write to Fingal County Council requesting written confirmation that the new road at Bremore Court/Bremore Drive will be a hammer head road.

Councillor Mullen requested the Town Clerk to contact the Gardai in relation to the problem of parking on zebra crossings in Balbriggan.

Councillor Dunne requested an inventory of documents from the County Archivist of any documents placed there as a result of vacating the Town Hall.

Meeting Concluded 8.50 p.m.



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6th November 2003.

DO GACH BALL DE COMHAIRLE BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Bhaile Brigín Comhairle a thionolfar ar an Samhain 11, 2003 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Council will be held on **11th November, 2003 at 7.30 p.m. in the Bremore Hamilton Room, Bracken Court Hotel**, to consider the following agenda.

I would be most obliged if any Councillor who wishes to speak on an item of correspondence on this agenda would ensure they contact this office in writing before close of business on 11th November 2003.

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

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DAVID STOREY,

MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 14/10/03 (circulated herewith)

2. Correspondence

(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 2/10/03 received from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform regarding Remembrance Fund & Commission (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 3/10/03 received from Anne O'Donnell, Executive Officer, Planning Unit, Department of Social and Family Affairs regarding One Parent Family Payments (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 19/9/03 received from Deaglán Ó Briain, Principal, Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs regarding Official Languages Act 2003 (circulated herewith) - (Official Languages Act 2003 available for inspection at office)
- (iv) Report on European Parliament Constituencies, 2003 (available at office for inspection)

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 15/9/2003 received from Patrick Kenny, Corporate Services Division referring to a Motion passed on 8/9/2003 regarding "delivery of health services" (deferred from October 2003)
- (ii) Letter dated 16/10/2003 received from Margaret Campbell, Administrative Officer, Transportation regarding provision of speed ramp at Woodview Estate (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 24/10/2003 received from Liam McGlynn, Senior Executive Officer regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Councillors with regard to the responsibility for building schools within developments (circulated herewith)

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated 10/10/03 received from Gerard M. Murphy, Public Private Partnership Manager, National Roads Authority regarding Request for an exemption from toll charges for "Doctor on Call" at the MI toll plaza.
- (ii) Letter dated 8/10/2003 received from Pat Collins, Town Clerk, Wexford Borough Council regarding Benchmarking payments to be met from Central Funds (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 16/10/2003 received from B. Doyle, Town Clerk, regarding motions unanimously adopted regarding "consent to sale" periods from Local Authorities by Tenant Purchasers (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 20/10/2003 received from Imy Whelan-Breen Town Clerk, Kiltrush Town Council regarding motion passed regarding deficits in local government funding requirements (circulated herewith)

3. Other Correspondence

Letter dated 28/10/2003 received from Patrick Tallan & Co. Solicitors regarding 25 Lawless Terrace, Balbriggan (circulated herewith)

4. Motions

(i) Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Justice, to cease to provide free legal aid for offenders when they continue to re-offend a number of times"

(ii) Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Health to provide a monthly maximum cut off point for doctors fees similar to that for prescription charges for non medical card holders"

5. Questions

(i) Question submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite

To ask the Manager when will the necessary road works be completed on the south side of the Naul Road from the junction at the Graveyard out to the Naul intersection of the motorway?

(ii) Question submitted by Councillor May McKeon

To ask the N.A.H.B. to please confirm:

- (a) What is the total weekly basic social welfare allowance paid to if any of the 220 homeless who are being subsidised by rental allowance in the Balbriggan Parish?
- (b) What once off or twice off payments have been made to these people towards ESB, Gas, Telephone, house set-up or refurbishment of accommodation permanent or temporary, crèche facilities, child care, i.e. child care necessities food, clothing, transport, and baby needs, medical etc for the year commencing 1st January 2002 to 30th September 2003?
- (c) How is this information monitored?

(iii) Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford

To ask the Manager why has the work back and front of 174a Lambreecher not been completed (alley gate at back and front wall dashing)?

(iv) Question submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite

Under the Intoxicating Liqueur Act and the relevant bylaws, when do Fingal County Council intend placing the "Drinking Prohibited" signs on the beach area and other such public places. Lack of these signs at the beach area in Balbriggan caused great concern to the people and their families as they were subject to numbers of people consuming alcohol during the summer months (2003) on a daily basis?

6. Cathaoirleachs Business

7. Redevelopment of Town Hall

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 9th DECEMBER 2003.**

Councillors Present:

Cannon, Mary,	McKeon, May
Dunne, Larry	Mullen, Joe
Fingleton, Thérèse	Pyne, Ned
Harford, Monica	Tuite, Bredge
Shields, Gertie	

Officials Present:

Mr. Stephen Peppard, Corporate Services
Mr. David Storey, Meetings Administrator
Ms. Margaret Wilde, F.C.C.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 14/10/03 were circulated
Proposed by Councillor Harford, Seconded by Councillor Shields

2. Correspondence

A. Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated November 2003 received from Ivor Calley T.D. Minister for Services for Older People regarding "physiotherapy and speech therapy for nursing home residents" was circulated and noted. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would write seeking clarification.
- (ii) Letter dated 12/11/03 received from Linda Hayden, Department of Finance Section, Department of the Environment & Local Government regarding "Local Loans Fund Interest Rate" was circulated and noted

B. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated 11/11/03 received from John O'Mahoney, Meetings Administrator South Tipperary County Council regarding Notice of Motion concerning extra resources to be made available from central funds was circulated and noted
- (ii) Letter dated 11/11/03 received from M. Walsh, Country Secretary, Waterford County Council regarding support for "Screening for Aids etc Motion" was circulated and noted. Letter dated 11/3/03 received from Maurice Manning, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs, Cork County Council regarding "Benchmarking Payments" was circulated and noted
- (iii) Letter dated 18/11/03 received from Deirdre Hunt, Meetings Administrator, Edenderry Town Council, regarding screening for Aids, Tuberculosis and other diseases for all persons entering the country applying for refugee status was circulated noted
- (iv) Letter dated 12/11/03 received from B. Doyle, Town Clerk, Clonmel Borough Council regarding support for two motions was circulated and noted
- (v) Letter dated 14/11/03 received from Michael Walsh, Assistant Chief Executive, Northern Area Health Board regarding screening for Aids, Tuberculosis and other diseases for all persons entering the country applying for refugee status was circulated noted

It was agreed that the Town Clerk would write seeking statistics.

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3. **Motions**

Motion submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite

- (i) "Balbriggan Town Council call on the Department of the Environment and Fingal County Council to commence the Sewerage Treatment Plant for Balbriggan"

Proposed by Councillor Tuite, Seconded by Councillor Dunne

Motion Agreed

- (ii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

"Balbriggan Town Council call the Minister for Justice to significantly increase the number of Gardai in Balbriggan Garda Station to ensure the area is properly catered for"

Proposed by Councillor Harford, Seconded by Councillor Shields

Motion Agreed

- (iii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Department of Justice to repair and upgrade Balbriggan Courthouse in order for business to be conducted in proper surroundings"

Proposed by Councillor Harford, Seconded by Councillor Fingleton

Motion Agreed

4. **Questions**

- (i) **Question submitted by Councillor Mary Cannon**

"To ask the manager to install a public convenience in Balbriggan Town?"

Reply:

The Council already provides a public convenience in Balbriggan. If Balbriggan Town Council considers that an additional one should be provided, this can be considered by Fingal County Council. The Balbriggan Town Council should submit details as to the desired location of the suggested new public toilets, the perceived need for same at the location sought together with any other relevant details.

Also, The Council will shortly be conducting a review of its provision of public conveniences in Fingal County Dublin and the Council will have regard to the views of Balbriggan Town Councillors in determining future policy."

(ii) **Question submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite**

"To ask the manager when will Fingal County Council restore power to the public lighting poles on Dublin Street?

Reply:

The lighting on these poles has been decommissioned and the fittings will be removed as soon as practicable. Alternative lighting has been provided on the opposite side of the street.

The Town Clerk to write requesting more lighting in the interest of safety.

(iii) **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

"To ask the manager for an update on the extension to St. Peter & Paul's graveyard?

Reply:

Progress Report – 8th December 2003

Mindful of the fact that there is still 4/5 years capacity in the existing graveyard. The following work has been set in train:

- *Referencing of land to establish ownership* – A request was made to the Council's Property and Economic Development Department to establish ownership of the land under the road. The initial search did not reveal ownership and a further investigation was undertaken. The Property and Development Department have now made contact with the solicitors of the right of way of the road and to incorporate this land within the existing burial ground. The Council is awaiting a response from the landowner's solicitor.
- *Extinguishment of Public Right of Way process* – As soon as the Council receives a reply from the landowner's solicitor a formal request will be made to the Council's Transportation Department to commence the extinguishment of public right of way process, this process can take 4-6 months from the beginning to end.

Mindful of the fact that it is estimates time and that we are living in stringent economic times, this work may have to be divided over a two-year period.

(iv) **Question submitted by Bredge Tuite**

"To ask Fingal County Council to contact the developer (Ivory Coast) to highlight the barrier on the street in the interest of safety?

Reply:

It is understood the question refers to the gaps in the bottom of the timber structure at the edge of the footpath between the public footpath and the hoarding at the above address which would allow children access the carriageway at this location.

Planning permission No. 001/1074 dated 27/6/01 was granted to Pennymore Construction Ltd., for a mixed-use development at 1-9 Drogheda Street/Mill Street, Balbriggan including the demolition of the existing building. In a subsequent permission No. F02A/1547 approval was granted to a revision of the development works approved in the original permission.

A hoarding license was granted to the Company when the original permission was granted in respect of the development subject to a number of conditions including the maintenance of safe access for pedestrians along the footpath.

The matter referred to in the question will be taken up with the developers of the site in question with a view to ensuring that necessary remedial works are undertaken to the existing timber structure at this location which will prevent children accessing the carriageway from the bottom end of the timber structure. In addition the developers will be requested to provide a timber structure here where it is missing where this is possible

5. Cathaoirleachs Business

Closure of Balbriggan Fás Office

Councillor Pyne asked for the support of the members following a request from the Management and staff of the local Fás Office, which is reported to be relocating to Swords. Following discussion it was unanimously agreed to make public statements of support and write to the Fás Area Manager voicing the concerns and the possible consequences.

6. Redevelopment of Town Hall

Mr. Stephen Peppard informed the members that the project team meetings are still taking place, as some queries regarding Land Registry have still to be resolved. He congratulated the Solicitors who are acting on behalf of the Town Council who are doing excellent work. Demolition works are ongoing and a contractor had been appointed by Moriarty Holdings. The Dublin County Council was due to lodge planning applications last Thursday for temporary fire brigade site.

Councillor McKeon requested that the members be informed immediately if any difficulty should arise. Councillor Shields congratulated the Demolition Crew for a neat and tidy job.

Councillor Tuite requested that Standing Orders be suspended to discuss Local Home Help Service

This was agreed by the members.

Councillor Tuite read a letter from Carmel Keaveny, General Manager N.A.H.B. that referred to an information meeting, which was held on 3/12/03 in the Bracken Court Hotel. Councillor Tuite informed the members that both she and Councillor Shields had attended this meeting. All the members voiced strong objections to the proposed restructure/ management from Swords of the local Home Help Service

Ned Pyne

BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL

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3rd December 2003.

DO GACH BALL DE COMHAIRLE BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Bhaile Brigín Comhairle a thionolfar ar an Nollaig 9, 2003 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Council will be held on **9th December, 2003 at 7.30 p.m. in the Bremore Hamilton Room, Bracken Court Hotel**, to consider the following agenda.

I would be most obliged if any Councillor who wishes to speak on an item of correspondence on this agenda would ensure they contact this office in writing before close of business on 9th December 2003.

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

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David Storey
DAVID STOREY,

MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR.

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**MINUTES OF ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING HELD ON
2nd DECEMBER 2003
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2004**

Councillors Present:

Cannon, Mary	Pyne, Ned
Fingleton, Thérèse	Shields, Gertie
Harford, Monica	Tuite, Bredge
McKeon, May	

Officials Present:

Mr. Shay Barker, Acting Town Manager
Mr. David Storey, Meetings Administrator

Apologies:

Councillors: Dunne, Mullen

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Ned Pyne presided.

Town Clerk, David Storey presented the Draft Annual Budget. Statutory notice had been given in the press and the draft estimate circulated in advance. The draft estimate provide for a total expenditure of €79,610 and an income of €13,760.

There is a net requirement of €65,850 which will be the demand to Fingal County Council in respect of 2004. This would require an Annual Rate and Valuation of €2.64 for 2004 compared to an Annual Rate and Valuation of €2.51 for 2003. This increase is in line with the recommendations from the Department of the Environment and Local Government and has been approved by the Fingal County Council Finance Officer.

Mr. Barker and Mr. Storey answered questions from Councillors concerning various matters relating to the estimates.

The Estimate was formally proposed by Councillor Pyne and seconded by Councillor Shields.

The meeting then concluded.



BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL
COMHARILE BHAILE BRIGIN

Minutes of Statutory Meeting of Balbriggan Town Council
held On Tuesday 11th September 2007
in The Council Chamber, Town Hall @ 7.30 p.m.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Councillors

Dunne, Larry
Brown, Sean
Buckley, Gerry
Hammond, Kathleen
Harford, Monica

Councillors

Kilgallon, Stephen
McKeon, May
Pyne, Ned
Shields, Gertie

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mr. Stephen Peppard, Acting Town Manager
Mr. Brian Murray, Meetings Administrator
Ms. Maureen Finn, Clerical Officer

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor May McKeon presided.

BTC/200/07

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF JULY MEETING

Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 10th July 2007 which were circulated were submitted, **approved** as a true record and signed.

BTC/201/07

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ANNUAL MINUTES

Amended minutes of Balbriggan Town Council annual meeting held on 18th June 2007 which were circulated were submitted, **approved** as a true record and signed.

BTC/202/07

**CASUAL VACANCY FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR
HEIDI BEDELL**

An Cathaoirleach asked for nominations to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Councillor Heidi Bedell.

Town Clerk informed the meeting that Mr. Stephen Kilgallon was nominated by the Green Party and had consented to the nomination in accordance with Section 12 of the Local Government Act 2001.

It was proposed by Councillor M. McKeon, seconded by Councillor G. Buckley and resolved

"That Mr. Stephen Kilgallon be co-opted to membership of Balbriggan Town Council to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of councillor Heidi Bedell".
At this point, An Cathaoirleach welcomed Councillor Kilgallon to join the meeting. He thanked the members for agreeing to co-opt him onto the Town Council. He also paid tribute to the work carried out by Councillor Heidi Bedell.

BTC/203/07

LAW REFORM REGARDING FREE LEGAL AID TO OFFENDERS

Letter dated 13/7/2007 received from Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality, and Law Reform regarding free legal aid to offenders was circulated and **noted**.

BTC/204/07

TRUANCY AND NON ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

Letter dated 17/7/2007 received from Office of the Minister for Education & Science regarding truancy and non attendance at school was circulated and **noted**.

BTC/205/07

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT CHARGES

Letter dated 16/7/2007 received from Office of the Minister for Housing and Urban Renewal, Department of the Environment & Local Government regarding property management charges was circulated and **noted**.

BTC/206/07

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Letter dated 19/7/2007 received from Office of the Minister, Department of the Environment & Local Government regarding affordable housing was circulated and **noted**.

BTC/207/07

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Letter dated 17/8/2007 received from Office of the Minister for Housing & Urban Renewal regarding affordable housing was circulated and **noted**.

BTC/208/07

SHRUBBERY/HEDGING AT BRACKEN RIVER/CLONARD COURT

Letter dated 3/7/2007 received from Community, Recreation & Amenities Department regarding shrubbery/hedging Bracken River – Clonard Court was circulated and **noted**.

BTC/209/07

FLUROIDE IN PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY

Letter dated 25/7/2007 received from Water Services Department regarding fluoride in public water supply was circulated and **noted**.

BTC/210/07

TRUANCY

Letter dated 1/8/2007 received from National Educational Welfare Board regarding truancy was circulated and **noted**.

Town Clerk informed the meeting Mr. M. Doyle, Regional Manager, National Educational Welfare Board was available to meet the members. It was **agreed** that a briefing meeting be arranged for 19th October 2007.

BTC/211/07

HACKNEY REGULATIONS

Letter dated 31/7/2007 received from Clonakilty Town Council regarding hackney regulations was circulated and **noted**.

BTC/212/07

AMAI ANNUAL CONFERENCE

AMAI Preliminary Notice 94th Annual Conference 2007 was circulated and **noted**.

Councillor Brown stated he would be attending the conference. Councillor Shields informed the members that she could not attend and it was **agreed** that Councillor Harford would take her place.

BTC/213/07

PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE ADJACENT TO CLONARD COURT

Letter dated 3/8/2007 received from An Garda Síochána regarding pedestrian bridge adjacent to Clonard Court was circulated and **noted**.

BTC/214/07

PROPOSED MUSEUM

Letter dated 23/8/2007 received from Balbriggan and District Historical Society regarding proposed museum was circulated and **noted**.

Following a discussion it was **agreed** that the correspondence be acknowledged and inform the Balbriggan and District Historical Society that the members will be discussing this matter at the next statutory meeting.

BTC/215/07

LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING IN BALROTHERY

Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields

To ask the Manager whether Local Authority housing in Balrothery, Balbriggan has been located and if so what percentage went to house local people on the housing list?

Reply:

Allocation of social housing in Balrothery has not as yet been completed. To date 40% of the dwellings have been offered and accepted. Housing Applicants who have accepted offers of accommodation in Balrothery have been made that offer in accordance with the Council's Scheme of Priorities for Letting Housing Accommodation.

BTC/216/07

WORKS ON LADIES STAIRS

Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields

To ask the Manager

- (a) to provide an explanation for the inordinate delay in completing works on the Ladies Stairs, in particular as most of the re-construction appears to be prefabricated. Also why is old stone not being used rather than imitation as appears to be the case?
- (b) and also provide a definitive time for the completion of the works and a date for the re-opening?

Reply

The Ladies Stairs was the property of Iarnrod Eireann and was damaged by a contractor engaged in the laying of sewage pipes from Balbriggan to the Barnageera Treatment Works. The main contractor was insured and was willing to repair or replace the bridge once he received approval from Iarnrod Eireann to carry out the works. This was the initial reason for the delay in repairing the bridge. After many meetings with the Council Iarnrod Eireann agreed to repair the bridge. The works were carried out by Iarnrod Eireann and any queries regarding the design can be referred to them.

The works are complete except for the permanent fixing of the safety barrier under the handrails. The bridge is open to the public wishing to enter Ardgillan during park opening hours.

BTC/217/07

STOP LINES AT THE HARRY REYNOLD'S ROAD AND NAUL ROAD JUNCTION

Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley

To ask the Manager to review the location of the stop lines at the Harry Reynold's Road and Naul Road junction as large trucks are having difficulty turning at this location.

Reply:

Arrangements are being made for this junction to be examined by the Traffic Engineer in relation to the existing road markings and necessary alterations will be made to the location of the markings if considered appropriate.

BTC/218/07

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT MOYLARAGH ROUNDABOUT

Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley

To ask the Manager for an update on the installation of a pedestrian crossing at the Moylaragh Roundabout on the Harry Reynold's Road.

Reply:

The provision of a pedestrian crossing at the location referred to in the question will be examined by the Traffic Engineer in the context of the preparation of the Draft Transportation Programme of Works for 2008

BTC/219/07

REPORT ON THE NUMBER OF HOUSES BOARDED UP IN BALBRIGGAN

Question submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne

To ask the Manager for a report on the number of houses (3 bed roomed and 2 bed roomed) boarded up in the Balbriggan area, in particular Dun Saithne a new estate?

Reply:

There are currently 14 three bed dwellings boarded up in Balbriggan Housing Area, 9 of which are in Balbriggan. The Council does not, as a practice, board up houses in new estates. However, due to damage to windows to one dwelling in Dun Saithne estate, the dwelling has been boarded to protect the dwelling. Replacement windows are on order.

There are currently 2 x two bed dwellings boarded up in the Balbriggan Housing Area, neither of which is in Balbriggan.

BTC/220/07

**CRITERIA INVOLVED IN TRANSFERRING FROM LOCAL AUTHORITY
ACCOMMODATION IN FINGAL**

Question submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne

To ask the Manager what is the criteria involved in transferring from Local Authority accommodation in Fingal to another house within the Fingal area?

Reply:

Under the Council's Scheme of Priorities for Letting Housing Accommodation the criteria for eligible Transfer Applications is set out under Section 2.13.1. In order for a tenant to be eligible for consideration for a transfer to alternative accommodation they must:-

- Have a clear rent receipt.
- Have cared for their current tenancy in accordance with the terms of their letting agreement.

- Have not engaged in anti-social behaviour within the previous two years.
- Have lived peaceably in their current dwelling in accordance with terms of their letting agreement.
- Have resided in their current dwelling for at least two years.

The Manager may in exceptional circumstances waive compliance with any or all of the above conditions.

BTC/221/07

APPROVAL FOR APPLICANTS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford

To ask the Manager how many Balbriggan applicants have been approved for Affordable Housing but not yet housed and when will these people be offered suitable housing?

Reply:

Thirteen applicants with Balbriggan addresses have been approved for the affordable housing scheme and are included on the Balbriggan local list. It is Fingal County Council's policy, when properties become available, to offer an applicant an opportunity to view the property strictly in accordance with their placing on the list and also having regard to our lending terms and conditions. Therefore, if properties become available and these applicants fall within the offer zone and meet our lending terms and conditions, they will be contacted with regard to viewing the property.

BTC/222/07

PATHS AT FULLAM TERRACE/CLONARD STREET AND BRIDGE STREET

Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond

To ask the Manager to examine the paths in the interest of safety at Fullam Terrace and corner of Clonard Street and the path at Paddy Power's on Bridge Street?

Reply:

The carrying out of improvement works to the footpath at Fullam Terrace/Clonard Street will be considered in the context of the preparation of the Draft Transportation Programme of Works for 2008. In the meantime necessary remedial requires will be undertaken as the need arises. The footpath at Paddy Power's on Bridge Street will be upgraded as part of the Village Renewal scheme for this area and it is expected that work on this scheme will commence early in 2008. Works were undertaken recently by the Water Services Department in this area and that Department has been requested to monitor the footpaths in the context of carrying out necessary restoration works where appropriate.

BTC/223/07

LAY-BY FOR RECYCLING FACILITY

The following motion in the name of Councillor G. Buckley was proposed by Councillor G. Buckley, seconded by Councillor K. Hammond

Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to provide a lay-by for vehicles using the recycling facility adjacent the graveyard on the Harry Reynolds's Road.

Following discussion it was **agreed** ask the Transport Department and the Environment Department to examine this area. The motion was **agreed** by the members.

BTC/224/07

IMMIGRANTS TO IRELAND

The following motion in the name of Councillor N. Pyne was proposed by Councillor N. Pyne, seconded by Councillor G. Buckley

Balbriggan Town Council call on the Government to provide details of the following:

- (i) Has revenue been allocated and provision been made in the event of immigrants (those with Irish born children who have child dependents in their home country of origin) applying for Irish Citizenship which will enable the children/child dependents in the original home country to come to join the family and live in Ireland.
- (ii) What statistics are available to show how many child dependents (those under 18) still live in their country of origin, born of parents who are immigrants and are now settled and living in Ireland.
- (iii) Are there any statistics to anticipate how many of these children will be joining their families in Ireland.

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.

BTC/225/07

C.C.T.V. IN PARKING AREAS

The following motion in the name of Councillor M. Harford was proposed by Councillor M. Harford, seconded by Councillor L. Dunne.

Balbriggan Town Council call on all Management Companies of housing estates in Balbriggan to install C.C.T.V. in car parking areas.

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.

BTC/226/07

OPERATION OF THE HOUSING SCHEME

The following motion in the name of Councillor K. Hammond was proposed by Councillor K. Hammond, seconded by Councillor Larry Dunne

Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council Housing Department to explain the operation of the housing scheme at it appears that local people are not being given priority in the allocation of houses.

Following discussion, this motion was **agreed** by the members.

BTC/227/07

CALMING MEASURES AT FANOURT ROAD AND SEAPOINT LANE

The following motion in the name of Councillor M. McKeon was proposed by Councillor M. McKeon, seconded by Councillor Larry Dunne

Balbriggan Town Council, in the interest of safety call on Fingal County Council, Transport Department to continue calming measures at Fancourt Road, Balbriggan by providing ramps at Fancourt Road/Seapoint Lane or at points where considered appropriate in this area as requested by the residents in their petition to Fingal County Council.

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.

BTC/228/07

BILLARD TABLE FROM OLD TOWN HALL

The following motion in the name of Councillor L. Dunne was proposed by Councillor L. Dunne, seconded by Councillor Monica Harford

Balbriggan Town Council make contact with the Balbriggan Senior Citizens and offer them on indefinite loan the billiard table that was in the Commercial Club and is now being stored by Fingal County Council.

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.

BTC/229/07

DIFFICULTIES WITH MANAGEMENT COMPANIES

The following motion in the name of Councillor S. Brown was proposed by Councillor S. Brown, seconded by Councillor K. Hammond

Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Local Government and the Environment to report to the Dáil on the difficulties that currently exist with Management Companies in residential housing estates and to explain if they serve any purpose in a function which should be reserved for the Local Authority

Following discussion, an Cathaoirleach called for a show of hands. Following a show of hands an Cathaoirleach declared the motion **carried**.

BTC/230/07

FACILITY SIMILAR TO FORT LUCAN

The following motion in the name of Councillor G. Buckley was proposed by Councillor G. Buckley, seconded by Councillor N. Pyne

Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to provide a similar facility like Fort Lucan where children can attend on school trips.

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.

BTC/231/07

MARINA SOUTH OF BALBRIGGAN HARBOUR

The following motion in the name of Councillor G. Shields was proposed by Councillor G. Shields, seconded by Councillor M. Harford

Balbriggan Town Council call on the Manager to report on the feasibility of the development of a Marina to the south of Balbriggan Harbour as part of the investment in the major infrastructure of the Port Development at Bremore and as a commitment to the development of Balbriggan Town and its seafaring tradition.

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.

BTC/232/07

OUT OF HOURS DOCTOR SERVICE

The following motion in the name of Councillor M. Harford was proposed by Councillor M. Harford, seconded by Councillor L. Dunne

Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Health to provide Balbriggan with an accessible and workable Out of Hours Doctor Service in Balbriggan.

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.

BTC/233/07

HAMPTON STREET HEALTH CLINIC

The following motion in the name of Councillor K. Hammond was proposed by Councillor K. Hammond, seconded by Councillor L. Dunne

Balbriggan Town Council call on the Health Service Executive to examine the Hampton Street Health Clinic in the interest of health and safety.

Following discussion it was **agreed** to amend the motion as follows:

Balbriggan Town Council call on the Health Service Executive to examine the prefab building at the rear of Hampton Street Health Clinic in the interest of health and safety.

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.

BTC/234/07

MANAGEMENT COMPANIES

The following motion in the name of Councillor S. Brown was proposed by Councillor S. Brown, seconded by Councillor M. McKeon

Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Local Government and the Environment to abolish Management Companies in residential housing estates

Following discussion it was **agreed** to amend the motion as follows:

Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Local Government and the Environment to abolish Management Companies.

Following discussion, an Cathaoirleach called for a show of hands. Following a show of hands, an Cathaoirleach declared the motion **carried**.

BTC/235/07

CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS – BRIEFING MEETING 17TH SEPTEMBER 2007

The Town Manager requested that the briefing meeting with the Director of Services, Planning Department, Fingal County Council start at 7.00 p.m. which was **agreed**.

BTC 236/07

COMMUNITY POLICING FORUM

An Cathaoirleach informed the members that she was requested by the North Dublin City and County Regional Drugs Task Force to seek the members support for the establishment of a Community Policing Forum and to host the employment of staff if funding was made available. Following a brief discussion this was **agreed** by the members.

BTC/237/07

CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS – TIDY TOWNS

An Cathaoirleach informed the members that Balbriggan had scored very well in the Tidy Towns Competition 2007. The points awarded were 233 which was a 9% increase on the 2006 result. The town also achieved an Endeavour Award and a Landscaping Award in the competition.

An Cathaoirleach and the members expressed their delight with the results and requested congratulations to be conveyed to the Tidy Towns Committee on this occasion.

BTC/238/07

LACK OF SCHOOL PLACES IN BALBRIGGAN

An Cathaoirleach expressed her congratulations to the local school principals on their conduct during the recent media coverage of the lack of school places in Balbriggan.

BTC/239/07

**CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2006
AND AUTHORISATION FOR APPROVAL OF OVER – EXPENDITURE**

The following report by the Town Clerk which was circulated was **considered**.

“As required under the Local Government Act 2001, Section 108, I forward, herewith, a copy of the draft Annual Financial Statement for the year 2006.

The total expenditure on Revenue Account for 2006 was **€84,927.97**. This expenditure was funded by a combination of the Demand from Fingal County Council, Corporate Property Rent and Hall Hire charges. At year-end, the Revenue Account had a surplus of **€4,119.43**.

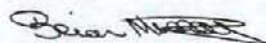
The Town Council at its Budget Meeting held on 5th December 2006 approved revised expenditure of **€71,814.16** and revised receipts of **€84,073.80**.

Section 108 of the Local Government Act 2001 requires me to furnish, with the Annual Financial Statement, details of authorisations to over-expenditure.

In line with the recommendation of the Local Government Auditor the Council's approval is now sought to the following additional areas of over-expenditure:-

Expenditure Heading	Budget 2006	Actual 2006	Over Revised Budget
Tourism/Town Decoration & Improvement	7,000.00	8,244.26	1,244.26
Tidy Districts Community Awards	3,000.00	3,717.13	717.13
Miscellaneous	0.00	2,697.66	2,697.66
Office Expenses	11,000.00	12,689.24	1,689.24
Bank Charges	0.00	109.48	109.48

The draft Annual Financial Statement will now be forwarded by me to the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and also to the Director of Audit in the Department. On receipt of the Auditor's report, I will report back to the Council on the audited Statement.



Brian Murray
Town Clerk



COMHAIRLE BHAILE BRIGIN
BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL

(UNAUDITED)
ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR YEAR ENDED
31st DECEMBER 2006

**ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS OF THE BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL
REVENUE ACCOUNT 2006**

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT	TOTAL	EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT	TOTAL
Balance (if any) in favour at close of 2005		4,382.73	Balance (if any) against at close of 2005		
Corporate Property			Corporate Property		
Corporate Property Rent	8,715.41		Rates	199.75	
Hall Hire Charges	315.16	9,030.57	Light & Heat	195.05	
			Insurance	8,759.12	9,153.92
General			General		
Demand - Fingal Co.Co.	72,000.00		Office Expenses	12,689.24	
Other Receipts	3,634.10	75,634.10	Members Expenses / Conferences	15,717.40	
			Conference Expenses	6,428.88	
			Cathaoirleachs Allowance	1,200.00	
			Town Clerk Allowance	7,200.00	
			AMAI Contributions	3,300.00	
Cancelled PO's		-	Town Improvement/Decoration	8,244.26	
			Community Awards	3,717.13	
			Audit Fees	2,470.00	
			Legal Fees	584.90	
			Other Expenses	2,697.66	64,249.47
			Bank Charges		109.48
			Transfer to Capital Account		
			Legal Fees	9,415.10	

			Local Elections	2,000.00	11,415.10
		89,047.40			84,927.97
Balance (if any) against at close of 2006			Balance (if any) in favour at close of 2006		4,119.43

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF REVENUE ACCOUNT 2006

CHARGE				DISCHARGE			
	Balance in favour at close of last year	RECEIPTS	Balance against at close of this year	TOTALS	Balance against at close of last year	EXPENDITURE	Balance in favour of this year
	4,382.73	84,664.67		89,047.40		84,927.97	4,119.43
TOTALS	4,382.73	84,664.67	-	89,047.40	-	84,927.97	4,119.43

STATEMENT OF BALANCES AT CLOSE OF FINANCIAL YEAR 2006

Treasurer, due to him:-	€	€	Treasurer, due by him:-	€	€
Unpaid Bills	546.55	546.55	No. 1 Account	17,954.11	
			No. 2 Account	31,989.76	49,943.87
			Officers Imprest Account		126.97
Balances in favour:- Capital Account			Balances Against:- Capital Account		

	45,404.86				
Revenue Account	4,119.43	49,524.29	Revenue Account	-	
TOTALS		50,070.84	TOTALS		50,070.84

INDEBTEDNESS ON FOOT OF LOANS

Loans for Sundry Purposes			Due to Lenders		
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STATEMENT OF CASH ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

ASSETS			LIABILITIES		
	€	€		€	€
Balance in hands of treasurer at close of 2006			Balance due to treasurer at close of 2006		
No. 1 Account	17,954.11	49,943.87	Other Liabilities (Specify)		-
No. 2 Account	31,989.76		Unpaid Bills		546.55
Balance in hands of other officers: at close of December 2006		126.97			
Other Assets					
Hire Charges Outstanding		225.00			
TOTAL		50,295.84	TOTAL		546.55

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF CAPITAL MONEY 2006

PURPOSE FOR WHICH OBTAINED	Balance (if any) unexpended at close of last year 2005	Total Receipts	Balance (if any) unexpended in excess at close of this year 2006	Total Expenditure	Balance (if any) unexpended at close of this year 2006
Town Hall					

Development	31,605.98	383.78	31,989.76		31,989.76
			-		
Local Elections	2,000.00	2,000.00	4,000.00		4,000.00
			-		
Legal Fees	-	9,415.10	9,415.10		9,415.10
TOTALS	33,605.98	11,798.88	45,404.86		45,404.86

PARTICULARS OF RENT COLLECTION 2006

	Arrears due at close of last year 2005 €	Rents & Purchase Annuities Accrued €	Total for Collection €	Total Collected €	Due at close of this year 2006 €	
	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
			Percentages			

**STATEMENT OF NET CHARGE ON REVENUE IN RESPECT OF THE
PROVISION OF HOUSING**

Total Number of Houses	Expenditure (Including Loan Charges)	Receipts (Including subsidy)	Government (Note)	Deficit Falling on Rates	Loss per House	
0						

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CERTIFICATION BY CLERK:

I certify that the foregoing figures are correctly abstracted from the books and accounts of the Balbriggan

Town Council.

Dated this _____ day of _____
2006

Town Clerk

AUDITORS CERTIFICATE:

I have audited the books and accounts of the Balbriggan Town Council for the year ended on the _____ day of _____
2006
and I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true abstract therefrom.

Dated this _____ day of _____
2006

Local Government Auditor

The Town Clerk outlined the background to this report and responded to queries raised by the members in relation to same.

It was **agreed** by the members that the over expenditure as outlined in the foregoing report be **approved**. The Draft Annual Financial Statement 2006 was then **noted**.

BTC/240/07

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

EXPENDITURE

Programme Item	Budget 2007	Gross Expenditure 2007 to date	Unpaid Bills Charged to 2006	Nett Expenditure 2007 to date
CORPORATE PROPERTY				
Insurance	9,000.00	8,311.34	0.00	8,311.34
Rates & Water Charges	9,500.00	9,368.80	0.00	9,368.80
Light & Heat	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Service Charges /				
Maintenance	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hall Staffing	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub-total	34,000.00	17,680.14	0.00	17,680.14
GENERAL				
Office Expenses	12,300.00	8,031.48	456.60	7,574.88

Members				
Allowance	16,000.00	8,802.41	0.00	8,802.41
Conference				
Expenses	7,500.00	2,457.77	0.00	2,457.77
Cathaoirleach's				
Allowance	1,200.00	600.00	0.00	600.00
Town Clerk				
Allowance	7,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
AMAI				
Subscription	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00
Town				
Improvement/Dec				
oration	8,000.00	5,561.55	89.95	5,651.50
Community				
Awards	3,800.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Local Elections	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Audit Fees	2,500.00	2,530.00	0.00	2,530.00
Legal Fees	9,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Expenses	0.00	3,406.65	0.00	3,406.65
Sub-total	73,000.00	35,389.86	546.55	35,023.21

TOTALS:	107,000.00	53,070.00	546.55	52,703.35
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53,070.00

RECEIPTS
Programme
Item

Budget
2007

Gross
Receipts to
date

CORPORATE
PROPERTY

Retail Unit Rental		
Income	14,000.00	0.00
Office Unit		
Rental Income	6,000.00	9,935.93
Rental Income -		
Fingal Co. Co.	6,000.00	0.00
Hall Hire Charges	5,000.00	3,830.00
Sub-total	31,000.00	13,765.93

GENERAL

Demand - Fingal	76,000.00	76,000.00
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County Council		
Other Receipts	0.00	1,134.64
Sub-total	76,000.00	77,134.64
TOTAL	107,000.00	90,900.57

BTC/241/07

**SUBMISSION TO DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, HERITAGE AND
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM**

The Manager informed the meeting that a draft submission will be circulated to the members for discussion and a further meeting will be arranged in the near future.

BTC/242/07

BALBRIGGAN PROGRAMME

The following report was circulated by the Town Clerk was **noted**.

"Fingal County Council is to undertake a major upgrade of the main street area in Balbriggan over the coming months. While these works will be hugely important it should not end there. These works can act as catalyst to harness local goodwill for voluntary work.

There are areas that require attention which with cross Departmental co-operation could be improved. There are four major areas which require attention:

- The Northern approach from Cardy Rock Development to Garda Station on both sides of the road.
- The beach area beside the harbour adjacent the railway station and the car park at the Martello Tower.
- The Bracken River which flows through the town from the Beat Enterprise Centre to the sea.
- Skerries Road approach.

Almost every service Department including Community Recreation and Amenities Department would have a role to play. The aim would be over the autumn/winter to plan jointly what each Department could do in respect of the above having regard to existing resources. It would be intended to engage with Iarnrod Eireann, Balbriggan & District Chamber of Commerce and Balbriggan Tidy Towns Committee to gain co-operation and commitment to assist in whatever way possible.

The purpose of the joint planning would be as far as possible to prepare a schedule of work, which each Department would commence what it could around the same time next May. The reason would be to launch a campaign through Balbriggan Town

Council, Tidy Towns , Chamber of Commerce and Fingal County Council to promote civic participation in a clean up of all areas including shop fronts and housing estates.

It can be seen that the assistance and co-operation of the service Departments is required. The beach area in particular would need a programme that requires the preparation of a works and management plan. The Council should strive to gain a Blue Flag for this beach and re-assure the Balbriggan people of the water quality, in view of the fact that sewage is no longer being discharged into the sea.

I am requesting that each Director nominate a staff member at a senior level who would be in a position to assist, review and arrange work schedules to co-ordinate the carrying out of work at the same time. Works done in isolation albeit essential and effective can become diffused in the scramble of daily living.

Essentially, I am seeking that a work schedule between Departments be planned well in advance.

- That the works be commenced during one week in May next year.
- That publicity be given in advance.
- That businesses and residents be encouraged and supported by the Council, with gloves, bags, skips etc, to participate in a cleanup of their area.
- That the Tidy Towns Committee be involved and front the campaign.
- That the campaign be launched as "Balbriggan – Be Proud".

Liam McGlynn
A/Town Manager"

BTC/243/07

ELECTION OF B.A.P.A. SUBSTITUTE REPRESENTATIVE

It was **agreed** to defer the election of a substitute representative until the October meeting.

BTC/244/07

ANNUAL AWARDS

It was **agreed** to discuss this item following the meeting due to time constraints.

The meeting concluded at 9.30 p.m.

Mary McKeown
CATHAOLLEACH

9/10/2007
DATE