

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> January 2004.**

**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**

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- (ii) Minutes of Annual Budget Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2003. Proposed by Councillor Shields, Seconded by Councillor Cannon Minutes Agreed

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**B. Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

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**3. Conferences**

- (i) Notice dated 2/12/03 received from B. White, Hon. Secretary AMA1 regarding Annual Spring Seminar 2004 13&14<sup>th</sup> February, Holiday Inn, Leterkenny, Co. Donegal enclosing accommodation listings was circulated and noted. Councillors Pyne and Tuite to attend.
- (ii) Notice of LAMA, 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference received from Anne Marie McElwee/Helen Moloney, Conference Co-Ordinator was circulated and noted

**4. Other Correspondence**

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**5. Motions**

**(i) Motion submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne**

"Balbriggan Town Council call upon the Minister of Education to remove the prohibition at present in force that prevents his department from producing school text books and that his department will as a matter of urgency initiate an investigation into the apparently inordinately high cost of primary and secondary school textbooks"

Proposed by Councillor Dunne, Seconded by Councillor Harford  
Motion Agreed

It was agreed to bring this motion to Conference level.



- (ii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite**  
"As the developers of (Ivory Coast) has no sense of responsibility on issues of safety Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council, Planning Department safety officials to close the site, if essential fluorescent markings are not installed within 7 working days of this notice of motion"  
Proposed by Councillor Tuite, Seconded by Councillor Shields  
Motion Agreed
- (iii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call a meeting with Fingal County Council to discuss allocation of houses in the Balbriggan area and renting tenants who are in breach of their tenancy agreement"  
Proposed by Councillor Harford, Seconded by Councillor McKeon  
Motion Agreed  
The Town Clerk to arrange a meeting with the Housing Allocation Department.
- (iv) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**  
"That we Balbriggan Town Council welcome the announcement made over the Christmas period of a Seal Sanctuary and conservation at Bremore, and ask Fingal County Council that as part of this project the beach at Black Rock, the Martello Tower and the Boat House would be re-instated"  
Proposed by Councillor Shields, Seconded by Councillor Tuite  
Motion Agreed  
Mr. Stephen Peppard, Corporate Services updated the members on this issue. A letter to go to the Minister of Tourism.
- (v) **Motion submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on County Manager to extent the town boundary to include the number of new estates that have been built since the last election. Failure to do so we would call on the Manager to make available a complete list for public display of the people registered to vote in Town Council Election."  
Proposed by Councillor Pyne, Seconded by Councillor McKeon  
Motion Agreed  
The Town Clerk reminded the members that he had circulated information at the September 2003 meeting and the members were to get back to the office with their views. No details received from the members to date. The Town Clerk to obtain maps.



6. **Questions**

(i) **Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

"To ask the Manager can Balbriggan Town Council have a definite date as to when the fencing will be erected on the south side of the River Bracken at Quay Street?

**Reply:** The contractor has confirmed that the railing has been fabricated and works are expected to commence on site before the end of January 2004.

(ii) **Question submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite**

"As the area Chapel Gate/Naul Road/Inner Relief Road (traffic lights) is now a hazard zone how long will it be before Fingal County Council carry out the necessary works to make it a safe zone?

**Reply:** Fingal County Council is satisfied that the traffic lights located at the junction of Chapel Gate and the Inner Relief Road continue to operate in a safe and efficient manner.

Works are due to take place adjacent to this location as part of the Balbriggan Traffic Management Scheme. This work if approved will include the provision of ramps at Chapel Gate.

Discussions are also underway to enable works to upgrade the Naul Road. It is expected that approval for an alignment for these works will be granted within four months.

**Question submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne**

"In view of the extent to which the public are utilising the recycling facilities provided in Balbriggan would Fingal County Council consider providing additional or expanded recycling facilities in the area?

**Reply:** The Council has requested Oxigen to distribute green bins in the Balbriggan area. A delivery date is expected in the next 2 weeks. The Town Clerk to write again regarding the provision of additional "bottle banks" and facilities. He informed the members no "paper banks" are available in Fingal County. He also said that the Parks Superintendent would investigate.

(iii) **Question submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite**

"To ask the Manager what input has Fingal County Council in the naming of new developments in Balbriggan?

**Reply:** Planning permissions granted by the Council for residential developments in excess of four units include a condition that an acceptable naming scheme (which reflects the local history or physical landscape of the area) be submitted to and approved before work takes place on a proposed development.

On receipt of requests from developers to approve estate names the Council is guided by the following:-

(i) Directive from the department of the Environment.

"In selecting a name for a housing estate established local names should be used in preference to names which have no local connection. In doing so, local authorities should ensure that historic place names are preserved and not allowed to fall into disuse"

(ii) Objective 4.6.12 of Fingals' Development Plan which states "The Council will require the use of meaningful local names in bilingual format or in Irish alone in naming housing estates"



- (iii) Also "An Coimisiun Logainmneacha" in the preface of their booklet "Street names Guidelines" state "That it is necessary to attend to the dynamic aspect of the naming of new roads, street and districts in the County's towns and cities and to ensure that the new names relate to the physical environment of the area or the local history"

The Council at its meeting of the 12<sup>th</sup> September 1999 agreed that Committees be formed, comprised of Councillors for the Area, Representatives of Local Historical Societies and Planning Department officials, to advise on names for new estates and to ensure that names of new estates relate to the physical environment of the area or the local history.

The Committee for Balbriggan/Swords Electoral Area has a representative from the Balbriggan Historical Society and a representative from the Town Councillors.

The Town Clerk to write and request that the Town Council is notified of new Estate Names prior to final decision.

- (v) **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

"To ask the Manager where is the litter bin gone from Brick Lane -between Supervalu Supermarket and Lambreecher Estate?"

**Reply:** The Inspector of Litter Management Unit will investigate this matter to determine where this litter is generated from and to establish what the best solution is. If a litter bins is required we will put one in place as soon as possible.

- (vi) **Question submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**

"To ask the Manager what proportion of the 137 houses at Hamlet Lane due for release at the end of January/February are going to be social and affordable houses?"

**Reply:** There are 137 houses under construction at present at Hamlet Lane, Balbriggan. Of these 59 will be Social and 78 will be affordable.

- (vii) **Question submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite**

"To ask the Manager when will Balbriggan Town Council have access to the architects plans for the town hall/hotel development as we have only seen the artists impression so far?"

**Reply:** The Planning Permission Drawings (granted under Part 11 of the Planning and Development Act 2000) are available for inspection at the meeting. The A/County Architect has advised that it is expected that there will be minor variations on these drawings as detailed working drawings are completed by the consultants. It is not expected that there will be any major variation in the Balbriggan Town Council/Library Block. If there are any major variations in the hotel and/or the apartment block there will have to be agreement by all parties and the developers will have to reapply for planning permission.

## 7. **Cathairleachs Business**

## 8. **Redevelopment of Town Hall**

Mr. Stephen Peppard informed the members that Ms. Marguerite Murphy has been appointed as the new County Architect.

The demolition is all but complete. The issues regarding guarantees have been resolved and the contractor has been appointed. The two sites will not now be



developed jointly, as the Fire Service will not be vacating in the near future. A planning application had been lodged last September so March would be the earliest. He highlighted the fact that the performance of the contractor is in the hands of the developer. He will keep the members informed accordingly as progress continues.

9. **St. Patrick's Day**

It was agreed to set a meeting for Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2004 in the Bracken Court Hotel at 8 p.m. The Cathaoirleach to contact the President of the Chamber of Commerce.

**A.O.B.**

**Re: Item 2 Correspondence from Government Departments & Ministers**

**A. (iii) The Town Clerk to arrange an urgent meeting for Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2004**

New Bus Stop near Sail Inn Garage – put down flag stones/concrete

Find alternative site for FlagPoles

Balbriggan Awareness of Drugs Circular Letter requesting support for their "Campaign for more Garda and resources for Balbriggan Area"

The Roads Department to check the path/re instate under the Tunnel at Lambeccher Railway Bridge

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7<sup>th</sup> January 2004.

**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 13, 2004 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 **13<sup>th</sup> January, 2004 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 13<sup>th</sup> January 2004.**

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

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*David Storey*  
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**DAVID STOREY,**

**MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR.**



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**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  
Ms. Margaret Wilde, F.C.C.

**Observer:** Paulette Hamill

**Apologies Received:** Mr. Dave Storey, Meetings Administrator

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Proposed by Councillor Harford, Seconded by Councillor Mullen  
Minutes Agreed.

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- (i) Circular letter dated 23/12/03 received from Catherine Harrington, Higher Executive Officer, Local Government Personnel regarding Local Authority Staff: Application of increases under the second phase of Benchmarking and section 19.18 of Sustaining Progress including Appendix to Circular Letter EL 10/03 was circulated and noted
- (ii) Letter dated 31/12/03 received from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform regarding "the provision of free criminal legal aid for repeat offenders" was circulated and noted. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would write for clarification on this matter.
- (iii) Letter dated 6/1/04 received from Conor Falvey, Private Secretary, Office of the Minister of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government acknowledging receipt of letter concerning the commencement of the sewerage Treatment Plant for Balbriggan was circulated and noted
- (iv) Letter dated 6/1/04 received from Bridget Flynn, Private Secretary, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment regarding the closure of the FÁS Office in Balbriggan was circulated and noted. Copy letter to be forwarded to Minister Frank Fahey.
- (v) Letter dated 9/1/04 received from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform regarding repair and upgrade of Balbriggan Courthouse was circulated and noted. A copy of the letter to be forwarded to the Court Service.
- (vi) Letter dated 9/1/04 received from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform regarding policing at Balbriggan Garda Station was circulated and noted. The Town Clerk to write to the Minister for further clarification on the breakdown of the statistics specifically for



Balbriggan area. The Town Clerk to write to Superintendent Tom Gallagher requesting a breakdown of the statistics for Balbriggan area enclosing a copy of the Ministers reply of 9/1/04

- (vii) Letter dated 9/1/04 received from Conor Falvey, Private Secretary, Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government regarding commencement of Balbriggan/Skerries Wastewater Treatment Scheme was circulated and noted. The Town Clerk to write again stating the urgency of the situation and requesting precise date of commencement of works for the next statutory meeting and also requesting clarification on the report which is due to issue shortly.
- (viii) Letter dated 12/1/04 received from Catherine Burns, Private Secretary, Department of Health & Children regarding doctors fees was circulated and noted
- (ix) Letter dated 13/1/04 received from Catherine Burns, Private Secretary, Department of Health & Children regarding medical history of adopted people in Ireland was circulated and noted It was agreed that the Town Clerk would write to Brian Lenihan stating details of first letter.
- (x) Letter dated 19/1/04 received from Nora Rowland, Franchise Section, Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government regarding Local Elections – June 2004 – photographs on ballot papers was circulated and noted.
- (xi) Letter dated 20/1/04 received from Laurence Kelly, Local Government Policy Section, Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government regarding expenses of members was circulated and noted
- (xii) Letter dated 20/1/04 received from Aoibheann Ni Shuilleabhain, Private Secretary, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment regarding closure of Fás office was circulated and noted. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would write again requesting clarification on the “manner and location” mentioned and stating that this service should be on home ground.
- (xiii) Circular Letter date 21/1/04 received from Loretta Edwards, Assistant Principal Officer, Housing Management & Affordable Housing Section, Department of the Environment & Local Government regarding Rents of Local Authority Dwellings was circulated and noted
- (xiv) Circular Letter date 21/1/04 received from Mark McDonnell, Local Government Personnel, Department of the Environment & Local Government enclosing Schedule for Motor Mileage Rates Effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2003 was circulated and noted
- (xv) Circular Letter dated 21/1/04 received from Mark McDonnell, Local Government Personnel, Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government enclosing Domestic Subsistence Rates effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2003 was circulated and noted
- (xvi) Letter dated January 2004 received from Brian Lenihan T.D. Minister for Children, Department of Health & Children regarding Medical History Records of Adopted Children was circulated and noted. This item was discussed with item A (viii).

**B. Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 26/1/04 received from Enock Kepekepe, Executive Engineer regarding provision of additional bottle banks was circulated and noted. It was agreed that a location at Clonard Court River Area be inspected to access



suitability for a bottle bank there. The Town Clerk to make enquiries to see if bags dumped at bottle banks could be taken up by the Fingal County Council lorry when passing.

- (ii) Letter dated 28/1/04 received from Mary McPhillips, Senior Staff Officer regarding the development of The Ivory Coast Public House, Balbriggan was circulated and noted. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would ask for an inspector to bring out a copy of the building conditions to the developer on site.

**C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter received from Angela Kerrigan, Assistant Chief Executive, Northern Area Health Board regarding screening of asylum seekers was circulated and noted. The Town Clerk to write asking that it be a requirement of entry that screening be compulsory and not voluntary, and clarification also requested on the 651 reviews. Also enquiring if the statistics refers only to those in reception centres and not in other accommodation.
- (ii) Letter dated 16/1/04 received from Pat Collins, Town Clerk, Wexford Borough Council regarding screening of refugees was circulated and noted
- (iii) Letter dated 19/1/04 received from Marian Lyons, Corporate Services, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council regarding resolution of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council was circulated and noted
- (iv) Letter dated 21/1/04 received from Angela Kerrigan, Assistant Chief Executive, Northern Area Health Board regarding services available to and availed of by ethnic minority groups. This item was discussed with C (i) . The Town Clerk to seek clarification on the 70%.

**3. Conferences**

- (v) Letter dated 12/1/04 received from Liam Kenny, Director, General Council of County Councils regarding Annual Conference 2004 was circulated and noted Councillor McKeon proposed Councillor Harford to attend. Seconded by Councillor Mullen. Agreed by the members.  
\* It was also agreed that Councillors Shields and Fingleton attend the LAMA Conference. Details and times available from the office.

**4. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 12/1/04 received from Assunta Delany, Regional Director, Fás, regarding closure of FAS office in Balbriggan was circulated and noted This item was discussed under 2A (xii).
- (ii) Letter dated 13/1/04 received from Gibbons Associates Solicitors regarding Gaming Licence Application was circulated and noted.  
Proposed by Councillor Tuite, Seconded by Councillor Harford  
Agreed.
- (iii) Letter dated 16/1/04 received from Gemma Magliocco, Loreto Secondary School regarding sports facilities in Loreto Secondary School was circulated and noted. Councillor Tuite to bring notes on this item to office before the Town Clerk replies.
- (iv) Letter dated 21/1/04 received from Gerrard L. Mc Gowan Solicitors regarding 33 Lawless Terrace, Balbriggan was circulated and noted  
Proposed by Councillor McKeon, Seconded by Councillor Tuite  
Agreed.



**5. Motions**

**(i) Motion submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite**

“Balbriggan Town Council request Fingal County Council and Iarnród Eireann to agree on dates as to when grass cutting will take place on the beaches at Balbriggan for the forthcoming summer season”

Proposed by Councillor Tuite, Seconded by Councillor Fingleton

Motion Agreed

The Town Clerk to write to Fingal County Council and Iarnród Eireann and request that they liaise to ensure that all areas are kept evenly cut and pointing out that the visiting season starts in April for the Sunshine Fund who avail of the beach facilities on a daily basis.

**(ii) Motion submitted by Councillor Therese Fingleton**

“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council and the developers of the Town Hall site to erect a prominent site notice for information purposes regarding the development and the expected completion date of the construction of this project”

Proposed by Councillor Fingleton, Seconded by Councillor Tuite

Motion Agreed

It was agreed that The Town Clerk would request the developers of the site to include the completion date and that artist's impressions of a streetscape be put on the hoarding.

**(iii) Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Employment and Enterprise and Trade Unions to safeguard the jobs of employees who have been in temporary employment for a number of years and are in line for permanent employment but are being let go and replaced by other temporary employees”

Proposed by Councillor Harford, Seconded by Councillor Pyne

Motion Agreed

This motion to be circulated to all main trade Unions, including Congress, Siptu and Teachers as well as the Department of Trade, Enterprise and Employment.

**(vi) Motion submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite**

“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Litter Warden, Fingal County Council to visit the secondary schools in Balbriggan outlining the fines applicable for littering”

Proposed by Councillor Tuite, Seconded by Councillor McKeon

Motion Agreed

The Town Clerk to write to the Department of Education requesting the Minister to instigate a programme in “Civic Obligations” to encourage a better sense of Community Awareness.

**(v) Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for the Environment to introduce a suitable purchase scheme to enable renting tenants of 50 and over purchase their homes”

Proposed by Councillor Harford, Seconded by Councillor Tuite

Motion Agreed

The Town Clerk to request statistics for Balbriggan Area.



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“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for the Environment to scrap the vehicle registration tax on taxis and hackneys made wheel-chair friendly, since there is no such charge on public or private transport vehicles”  
Proposed by Councillor Shields, Seconded by Councillor Harford  
Motion Agreed
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Proposed by Councillor Dunne, Seconded by Councillor Fingleton  
Motion Agreed

## 6. Questions

- (i) **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**  
“What progress has been made in setting up a meeting between Balbriggan Town Council and Fingal County Council re renting tenants and anti social behaviour?”  
**Reply:** Officials from the Housing Department are agreeable to meeting with the Balbriggan Town Councillors with a view to discussing anti social behaviour emanating from County Council rented dwellings.  
Mr. Shay Barker to check if this can be arranged for the March Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council.
- (ii) **Question submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite**  
“To ask the Fingal County Council to repair the footpath adjacent to the traffic lights at 26/28 Tolans House, Drogheda Street?”  
**Reply:** Arrangements are being made for the necessary remedial repairs to be carried out at this location and this work will be undertaken as soon as it can be fitted into the Area Engineers Programme of works for the area.
- (iii) **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**  
“When was the last maintenance work carried out on rented accommodation in Balbriggan i.e. painting windows and doors, replacement of windows and doors and what areas were covered?”  
**Reply:** Response Maintenance in the Balbriggan area is ongoing, but is generally dependant on a request being received from the tenant.  
In regard to external painting and joinery repairs these are currently carried out on a seven-year cycle. The current cycle for the North County is coming to an end and all works in Balbriggan area are complete. Windows are only replaced where repairs is not feasible.
- (iv) **Question submitted by Councillor May McKeon**  
“To ask the appropriate department of Fingal County Council what maintenance work has been carried out on Chapel Street Flats/Fullam Street Flats in the past 10 years with particular reference to No. 4 where the resident has been living for over 20 years?”  
**Reply:** During the Period 1/1/84 – 31/12/03 there were 101 maintenance requests carried out to the Chapel St/Fulham St. Flats of these 21 relate to No. 4. This maintenance which is ongoing, consisted mainly of plumbing and electrical items. In additions over the last 4 years scheme painting and



external joinery repairs were carried out on all flats and central heating installed”.

(v) **Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

“How much longer must we wait for action, on the litter problem at the Bracken River reported one month ago to the County Council Environment Section”?

**Reply:** A member of the Litter Management Unit, in the Environment Department contacted the Office of Public Works and was told if there are any blockages in the Channels on the Bracken River they are responsible.

The Litter Inspector, Environment Department inspected the River and said there are no blockages. He said where there is open space and the river flows through, this is a matter for the Parks Division.

The Parks Division will inspect the sections of the Bracken River flowing through public open space. They will remove any litter as soon as the works programme for the area allows.

(vi) **Question submitted by Councillor May McKeon**

“In view of the numerous motions put forward in the past 4 years regarding the under grounding of E.S.B. and Eircom/Telephone wires on, the Main Street of Balbriggan/ Dublin Street/Bridge Street/Drogheda Street – What progress has been made to date and when can we expect a meeting with Fingal County Council officials and the relevant agencies involved in this project

**Reply: Reply:** The undergrounding of the services as set out in the question is a major engineering task. The costs associated with such a project are beyond the resources currently available. It is unlikely that this project could be undertaken in the foreseeable future. i.e. the next 3 to 5 years.

Councillor McKeon is unsatisfied with this response.

7. **Cathaoirleachs Business**

Access Balbriggan Committee

It was agreed by the members to call a meeting for Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2004 at 8 p.m. in the Bracken Court Hotel. Reminders to go from the office to all on the original mailing list.

8. **Redevelopment of Town Hall**

Mr. Shay Barker informed the members that the pilers have moved in and the building contractor is due to commence soon. The development will not now be completed by the end of 2004 with Spring 2005 being the earliest possible completion date. He reported that among other things soil conditions on the site which could not be anticipated were contributing factors to the delay. He re-confirmed Mr. Soffe’s commitment that any significant changes to the plans would be brought to the Town Council.

9. **St. Patrick’s Day**

An Cathaoirleach, Ned Pyne informed the members that they had held a second meeting and can confirm the following:

An Ecumenical Service will start at 1.00 p.m.  
followed by the Parade at 1.30 p.m.



An Art Display in the Combined Clubs on the day and the hall to be opened from 1. 00 p.m.

P.J. to be hired as Caretaker.

The proposed invitation list was amended and approved for printing  
Invitations approved for printing

The Chamber of Commerce had shown an interest.

The Councillors to personally approach business people

**10. Appointment of Deputy Manager**

By way of information Mr. Shay Barker notified the members of the appointment of Mr. Senan Turnball as the new Deputy County Manager.

**Meeting Concluded 9.30 p.m.**

*Red Pope*



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4<sup>th</sup> February 2004.

**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 10, 2004 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 **10<sup>th</sup> February, 2004 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 10<sup>th</sup> February 2004.**

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

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**MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR.**



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- (ii) Letter dated 31/12/03 received from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform regarding "the provision of free criminal legal aid for repeat offenders" (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 6/1/04 received from Conor Falvey, Private Secretary, Office of the Minister of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government acknowledging receipt of letter concerning the commencement of the sewerage Treatment Plant for Balbriggan (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 6/1/04 received from Bridget Flynn, Private Secretary, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment regarding the closure of the FÁS Office in Balbriggan (circulated herewith)
- (v) Letter dated 9/1/04 received from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform regarding repair and upgrade of Balbriggan Courthouse (circulated herewith)
- (vi) Letter dated 9/1/04 received from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform regarding policing at Balbriggan Garda Station (circulated herewith)
- (vii) Letter dated 9/1/04 received from Conor Falvey, Private Secretary, Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government regarding commencement of Balbriggan/Skerries Wastewater Treatment Scheme (circulated herewith)
- (viii) Letter dated 12/1/04 received from Catherine Burns, Private Secretary, Department of Health & Children regarding doctors fees (circulated herewith)
- (ix) Letter dated 13/1/04 received from Catherine Burns, Private Secretary, Department of Health & Children regarding medical history of adopted people in Ireland (circulated herewith)
- (x) Letter dated 19/1/04 received from Nora Rowland, Franchise Section, Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government regarding Local Elections – June 2004 – photographs on ballot papers (circulated herewith)
- (xi) Letter dated 20/1/04 received from Laurence Kelly, Local Government Policy Section, Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government regarding expenses of members (circulated herewith)
- (xii) Letter dated 20/1/04 received from Aoibheann Ni Shuilleabhain, Private Secretary, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment regarding closure of Fás office (circulated herewith)
- (xiii) Circular Letter date 21/1/04 received from Loretta Edwards, Assistant Principal Officer, Housing Management & Affordable Housing Section,



- Department of the Environment & Local Government regarding Rents of Local Authority Dwellings (circulated herewith)
- (xiv) Circular Letter date 21/1/04 received from Mark McDonnell, Local Government Personnel, Department of the Environment & Local Government enclosing Schedule for Motor Mileage Rates Effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2003 (circulated herewith)
  - (xv) Circular Letter dated 21/1/04 received from Mark McDonnell, Local Government Personnel, Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government enclosing Domestic Subsistence Rates effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2003 (circulated herewith)
  - (xvi) Letter dated January 2004 received from Brian Lenihan T.D. Minister for Children, Department of Health & Children regarding Medical History Records of Adopted Children (circulated herewith)

**B. Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 26/1/04 received from Enock Kepekepe, Executive Engineer regarding provision of additional bottle banks (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 28/1/04 received from Mary McPhillips, Senior Staff Officer regarding the development of The Ivory Coast Public House, Balbriggan (circulated herewith)

**C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter received from Angela Kerrigan, Assistant Chief Executive, Northern Area Health Board regarding screening of asylum seekers (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 16/1/04 received from Pat Collins, Town Clerk, Wexford Borough Council regarding screening of refugees (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 19/1/04 received from Marian Lyons, Corporate Services, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council regarding resolution of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 21/1/04 received from Angela Kerrigan, Assistant Chief Executive, Northern Area Health Board regarding services available to and availed of by ethnic minority groups (circulated herewith)

**3. Conferences**

- (v) Letter dated 12/1/04 received from Liam Kenny, Director, General Council of County Councils regarding Annual Conference 2004 (circulated herewith)

**4. Other Correspondence**

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- (iii) Letter dated 16/1/04 received from Gemma Magliocco, Loreto Secondary School regarding sports facilities in Loreto Secondary School (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 21/1/04 received from Gerrard L. Mc Gowan Solicitors regarding 33 Lawless Terrace, Balbriggan (circulated herewith)



**5. Motions**

- (i) **Motion submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite**  
"Balbriggan Town Council request Fingal County Council and Iarnród Eireann to agree on dates as to when grass cutting will take place on the beaches at Balbriggan for the forthcoming summer season"
- (ii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Therese Fingleton**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council and the developers of the Town Hall site to erect a prominent site notice for information purposes regarding the development and the expected completion date of the construction of this project"
- (iii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Employment and Enterprise and Trade Unions to safeguard the jobs of employees who have been in temporary employment for a number of years and are in line for permanent employment but are being let go and replaced by other temporary employees"
- (vi) **Motion submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Litter Warden, Fingal County Council to visit the secondary schools in Balbriggan outlining the fines applicable for littering"
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- 7. **Cathairleachs Business**
- 8. **Redevelopment of Town Hall**
- 9. **St. Patrick's Day**
- 10. **Appointment of Deputy Manager**



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> March 2004.**

**Councillors Present:** Cannon, Mary, Shields, Gertie  
Dunne, Larry Mullen, Joe  
Fingleton, Thérèse Pyne, Ned  
Harford, Monica Tuite, Bredge

**Officials Present:** Mr. Dave Storey, Meetings Administrator  
Ms. Margaret Wilde, F.C.C.

**Apologies Received:** Mr. Shay Barker, A/Town Manager  
Councillor May McKeon

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 10/2/04 were circulated.

Proposed by Councillor Harford, Seconded by Councillor Cannon  
Minutes Agreed.

It was proposed by Councillor Pyne and seconded by Councillor Fingleton that Item 3 (i) Other Correspondence be held in Committee.  
This was agreed by the members.

**2. Correspondence**

**A. Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 29/1/2004 received from Noreen Kerins, Licensing & Species Protection Unit, Department of the Environment & Local Government regarding "Hedgerow cutting in Bird Nesting Season Requirement of the Wildlife Acts 1976 and 2000" was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Letter was dated 31/1/2004 received from Catherine Burns, Private Secretary, Department of Health & Children regarding " Consultation fees charged by doctors" was circulated and noted. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would write again to the Minister to ensure that the service would meet the needs of its people with proper provision of health care.
- (iii) Letter dated 5/2/2004 received from Aoibheann Ni Shulleabhain, Private Secretary, Department of Enterprise, Trade & Employment regarding "possible closure of the FAS Office in Balbriggan" was circulated and noted. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would write and seek immediate meeting with Asumpta Denaley and inform Aoibheann Ni Shulleabhain.
- (iv) Letter dated 5/2/2004 received from Deaglan O'Briain, Priomhoifigeach, Department of Community, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs "regarding Official Languages Act 2003" was circulated and noted



**B. Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

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- (ii) Letter dated 13/2/2004 received from Mairead Phelan, Senior Engineer, regarding "provision of ramps near Woodview Estate, Balrothery" was circulated and noted
- (iii) Letter dated 20/2/2004 received from Eithne Mallin, Administrative Officer, "regarding Beach Bye-Laws 1999" was circulated, enclosing copies of the draft Bye-Laws (available at office for inspection). Following discussion it was unanimously agreed that a submission be forwarded to "delete the section regarding the ban on training for sports on beaches"  
The Town Clerk to seek clarification on the role of the Balbriggan Town Council with regard to local bye laws relevant to the Balbriggan area.

**C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

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**3. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 13/1/04 received from Shannon Solicitors regarding "The Medical Centre, Drogheda Street, Balbriggan" was circulated and noted  
Following discussion it was agreed put this item on hold pending further legal advice.
- (ii) Reminder Letter dated 18/2/2004 received from John Byrne, Director/Patricia Potter Director, Regional Planning Guidelines, Greater Dublin Area "regarding closing date for receipt of submissions/observations" was circulated and noted
- (iii) Letter dated 20/2/2004 received from John White, Deputy General Secretary ASTI regarding "safeguarding the jobs of temporary employees" was circulated and noted
- (iv) Letter dated 23/2/04 received from Liam Knox, Engineering Officer, ESB regarding "under grounding of existing overhead networks at Balbriggan" was circulated and noted. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would forward a copy of this item to Mr. Liam McGlynn.
- (v) Letter dated 24/2/04 received from Brendan O'Hanlon, Divisional Organiser, The Union of Retail, Bar and Administrative Workers "regarding part-time positions" was circulated and noted. This item was taken with Item (vi) and Councillor Harford complimented the Town Clerk for being so thorough in contacting all unions. The Town Clerk to check if the Act is enacted.
- (vi) Letter dated 24/2/04 received from James Dorney, General Secretary, Teachers Union of Ireland "regarding part-time employees" was circulated and noted



**4. Motions**

**(i) Motion submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite**

“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for the Environment to withdraw the requirement of independent candidates in local elections whereby 15 names/signatures must be presented before their candidature is accepted”

Proposed by Councillor Tuite, Seconded by Councillor Fingleton

Following discussion a vote was taken.

For Motion	Against Motion
Fingleton	Cannon
Shields	Dunne
Tuite	Harford
	Mullen
	Pyne

Vote For Motion 3

Vote Against Motion 5

Motion Lost

**(ii) Motion submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne**

“Balbriggan Town Council call upon Fingal County Council to begin the construction of the adventure playground promised for Ardgillen Park as a matter of urgency”

Proposed by Dunne, Seconded by Councillor Harford

Motion Agreed

The Town Clerk to check details of funding available to Fingal County Council.

**(iii) Motion submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite**

“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Health, Micheal Martin to acknowledge the government’s duty to Post Polio Syndrome sufferers, as requiring special health care and that such care should be funded fully by the State”

Proposed by Tuite, Seconded by Pyne

Motion Agreed

It was agreed by the members to forward this motion to all local authorities.

**(vi) Motion submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne**

“Balbriggan Town Council call upon Fingal County Council to consult directly with Balbriggan Town Council in the selection of appropriate names for developments within the Balbriggan electoral area”

Proposed by Councillor Dunne, Seconded by Councillor Shields

The Town Clerk to seek clarification.

**5. Questions**

**(i) Question submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite**

To ask the manager how many rented dwellings (property of Fingal County Council) are without central heating, and when will the programme for installation be completed?

**Reply:** This information is unavailable.



(ii) **Question submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**

To ask the Manager who changed the house numbers in Bremore Castle?

**Reply:** Planning permission was granted for this development under Reg. Ref. F00A/1464.

Condition No 14 of this permission requires "that an acceptable street naming and numbering scheme be submitted to and approved by the County Council before any constructed work takes place on the proposed houses"

A Submission as follows was submitted by the Developer and approved by the Council.

Bremore Castle Gate 1 – 15

Bremore Castle 1 – 153

Following approval of the naming and numbering submission by the Council it is the responsibility of the developer to provide and erect the appropriate signage.

Following discussion it was agreed that the details be brought to the Town Clerk and he would bring this item to the attention of the Planning Department.

(iii) **Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

To ask the Manager to have the footpath outside 35 Derham Park repaired immediately as the tenant is registered disabled.

**Reply:** Arrangements are being made for the footpath outside 35 Derham Park, Balbriggan to be replaced and this work will be undertaken as soon as it can be fitted into the Area Engineer's Programme of Works for the area.

(iv) **Question submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**

To ask the Manager in view of the 1999 Development Plan going into its final stage. Could he point out where the green areas are and the other community facilities are i.e. Crèches, Medical Centre etc laid out in the planning permission for those developments?

**Reply:** The existing and proposed County Development Plan shows all zonings, such as residential, agricultural, green belt etc. Where an area is to be developed, such as the North East Balbriggan area or a Local Area Plan is prepared, this local area plan indicates the location of local service centre, which would include medical centre, crèche, shops etc, as well as schools or Northern Area Health Board facilities. While the Council may grant planning permission for such facilities, it cannot compel their provision.

(v) **Question submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**

To ask the Manager to have the nameplates erected in Mount Rochford, New Haven, Cluiske and Barron Hall.

**Reply:** The developers of housing estates are responsible for the erection of nameplates on estates not taken in charge by Fingal County Council. It is a requirement that nameplates should be erected by the developer before the estate is taken in charge by Fingal County Council. The nameplate signs on housing estates in the charge of Fingal County Council are maintained by the Council. Nameplates required for any of the above estates in the charge of the Council will be erected as soon as practical. The Building Control Section will ask developers of any of the above estates not in Council charge to erect the proper nameplates to facilitate the residential occupation of the various sections of the developments.



6. **Cathaoirleachs Business**

An Cathaoirleach informed the members of a recent "local election party" public meeting which was chaired by a running candidate. Slanderous remarks were passed regarding the members of the Balbriggan Town Council. These remarks are completely unfounded and the Town Councillors members were highly annoyed that no apology has been received to date. Some of the members who had not attended the meeting made independent contact with the Chairperson who confirmed that the remarks were made. The Town Clerk to request a copy of the minutes in the interest of good practice and good procedure.

7. **Redevelopment of Town Hall**

The Town Clerk informed the members that construction was ongoing and the project team are due to meet next week. The Councillors would be kept informed.

8. **St. Patrick's Day**

The Art and Poetry Competitions are being judged and will be displayed in the Combined Clubs.

Preparations are ongoing and running to schedule.

Meeting Concluded 9.50 p.m.

*Joseph Muller*  
13/4/04



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3<sup>rd</sup> March 2004.

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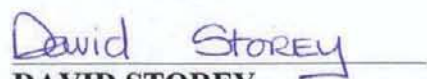
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#### **4. Motions**

- (i) **Motion submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite**  
“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for the Environment to withdraw the requirement of independent candidates in local elections whereby 15 names/signatures must be presented before their candidature is accepted”
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“Balbriggan Town Council call upon Fingal County Council to begin the construction of the adventure playground promised for Ardgillen Park as a matter of urgency”
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“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Health, Micheal Martin to acknowledge the government’s duty to Post Polio Syndrome sufferers, as requiring special health care and that such care should be funded fully by the State”
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#### **5. Questions**

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To ask the Manager who changed the house numbers in Bremore Castle?
- (iii) **Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**  
To ask the Manager to have the footpath outside 35 Derham Park repaired immediately as the tenant is registered disabled.
- (iv) **Question submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**  
To ask the Manager in view of the 1999 Development Plan going into its final stage. Could he point out where the green areas are and the other community facilities are i.e. Crèches, Medical Centre etc laid out in the planning permission for those developments?



- (v) **Question submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**  
To ask the Manager to have the nameplates erected in Mount Rochford, New Haven, Cluiske and Barron Hall.
6. **Cathairleachs Business**
7. **Redevelopment of Town Hall**
8. **St. Patrick's Day**



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- (i) **Councillor Tuite:** Letter dated 29/2/2004 received from Noreen Kerins, Licensing & Species, Protection Unit, Department of the Environment & Local Government regarding "Hedgerow cutting in Bird Nesting Season Requirement of the Wildlife Acts 1976 and 2000"
- (ii) **Councillor Dunne, Harford,** Letter dated 31/1/2004 received from Catherine Burns, Private Secretary, Department of Health & Children regarding "Consultation fees charged by doctors"
- (iii) **Councillor Dunne, Harford, Tuite:** Letter dated 5/2/2004 received from Aoibheann Ni Shulleabhain, Private Secretary, Department of Trade & Employment regarding "possible closure of the FAS Office in Balbriggan"

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- (iii) **Councillors: Shields, Dunne, Tuite:** Letter dated 20/2/2004 received from Eithne Mallin, Administrative Officer, "regarding Beach Bye-Laws 1999" enclosing copies of the draft Bye-Laws (available at office for inspection)

**C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> April 2004.**

**Councillors Present:** Cannon, Mary, McKeon, May  
Dunne, Larry Mullen, Joe  
Fingleton, Thérèse Tuite, Bredge  
Harford, Monica

**Officials Present:** Mr. Dick Brady, Head of Corporate Affairs  
Mr. David Storey, Meetings Administrator  
Ms. Maureen Finn, F.C.C.

**Apologies Received:** Councillor Ned Pyne, Councillor Gertie Shields

Leas Cathaoirleach Joe Mullen presided.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 9/3/04 were circulated. Proposed by Councillor Tuite, seconded by Councillor Cannon. Minutes Agreed.

**2. Correspondence**

**A. Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Circular Letter dated 27/2/2004 received from Damien Smyth, Assistant Principal Superannuating Section, Department of the Environment & Local Government "regarding Pensions Ombudsman-Procedures for Internal Resolution of Disputes" was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Circular Letter dated 4/3/2004 received from Catherine Harrington, Higher Executive Officer, Local Government Personnel, Department of the Environment & Local Government "regarding General Operative & Related Grades", enclosing revised wage scales and Modernisation Agenda was circulated and noted.
- (iii) Letter dated 4/3/2004 received from Conor Falvey, Private Secretary, Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government regarding "Balbriggan/Skerries Wastewater Treatment Scheme" was circulated and noted. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would write again to the Minister seeking clarification as to when the project is due to start and also clarification of the proposed completion date of the project.
- (iv) Circular Letter dated 4/3/2004 received from Finian Matthews, Principal, Spatial Policy, Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government regarding "Guidelines on Sustainable Rural Housing" was circulated and noted - enclosing Draft of Guidelines for Planning Authorities (available for inspection at office) was circulated and noted



- (v) Letter dated 22/3/2004 received from Aoibheann Ni Shulleabhain, Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Labour Affairs regarding "possible closure of the Fás Office in Balbriggan" was circulated and noted. Town Clerk to write again to the Minister for Labour Affairs asking what efforts have been made to acquire alternative accommodation and demanding that a Fás office remain in Balbriggan town.
- (vi) Letter dated 25/3/2004 received from Mr. Noel Dempsey TD, Minister for Education & Science regarding "production and cost of school textbooks" was circulated and noted. It was agreed by the members that the letter does not address the question and the original motion as it was referring to a 1993 report. Town Clerk to write again to the Minister.

**B. Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 9/3/2004 received from Eithne Mallin, Administrative Officer regarding "Grass cutting at Balbriggan Beach area" was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 9/3/2004 received from Eithne Mallin, Administrative Officer regarding "Litter Wardens visiting Secondary Schools in Balbriggan" was circulated and noted. Town Clerk to write to FCC to ensure that there would be visits before the summer school break.
- (iii) Copy of Draft Fingal Rural Housing Policy – Variation No. 35 was circulated and noted.

**C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 27/2/2004 received from Angela Kerrigen, Assistant Chief Executive, Community & Primary Care Services, Northern Area Health Board, regarding "screening of Aids, Tuberculosis and other diseases" was circulated and noted. Following a discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk write again requesting specific figures for the uptake at Mosney Centre.
- (ii) Letter dated 26/2/2004 received from Superintendent Tom Gallagher, Garda Station, "regarding Policing at Balbriggan Garda Station" was circulated and noted. It was agreed that a copy of the letter be sent to the Minister for Justice outlining that there was a greater Garda presence in 1988.
- (iii) Letter dated 27/2/2004 received from Iarnród Éireann regarding "Grass Cutting" at Balbriggan Beach Area was circulated and noted.

**3. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 8/3/2004 received from Louise O'Donnell, Assistant General Secretary, IMPACT, regarding "temporary employees" was circulated and noted.
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- (iv) Letter dated 11/3/2004 received from B. White Hon. Secretary AMAI enclosing copy correspondence from Local Government Alliance forwarded to Mr. Michael Martin T.D. Minister for Health & Children was circulated and noted.
- (v) Letter dated 13/3/04 received from Blair Horan, General Secretary, CSPU regarding "temporary employees" was circulated and noted.



- (vi) Fax dated 24/3/04 received from Michael Walsh, Deputy Chief Executive, Northern Area Health Board regarding screening for asylum seekers was circulated and noted.
- (vii) Letter received from Tom Ryan, Director, AMAI regarding Format of Annual Conference 2004 Listowel 16/18<sup>th</sup> September 2004 was circulated and noted.

#### **4. Motions**

**(i) Motion submitted by Councillor Mary Cannon**

“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Education & Science to provide funding to secure additional school places needed to meet the demands of the growing population in Balbriggan.”

Motion proposed by Councillor Cannon, Seconded by Councillor Tuite  
Motion agreed.

Town Clerk to check what are the numbers of school children in the Balbriggan catchment area.

**(ii) Motion submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite**

“Balbriggan Town Council call on Minister Mary Coughlan to rescind her decision to deny widows their social welfare entitlements when claiming sickness benefit or unemployment benefit. These entitlements have been paid by way of PRSI contributions.”

Motion withdrawn.

**(iii) Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for the Marine to direct that a ministerial order be granted to Balbriggan Town Council to take the harbour in charge from Dublin Port Authority”

It was agreed by the members that Motion (iii) and (v) be taken together and amended to read as follows:

“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for the Marine to direct that a ministerial order be granted to Balbriggan Town Council to take the harbour in charge from Dublin Port Authority, failing this that the Minister attach conditions of sale to the proposed disposal of Balbriggan Harbour that safeguard the rights and conditions of the fishermen using the harbour and also that the future amenity use of the harbour be protected”

Town Clerk to write to Tallans Solicitors to seek clarification regarding Town Council’s involvement of the harbour.

**(iv) Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Education to provide details of what provisions are available for children who are not attending school either by truancy or suspension and how many school attendant officers have been appointed to the Fingal area serving Balbriggan”

Proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded Councillor Tuite  
Motion agreed

It was agreed by the members that the Town Clerk write to the Minister for Education to clarify what alternative is there if no place is available for school going children as this is their constitutional right and the responsibility of the Minister to provide education to all children.

**(v) Motion submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne**

“Balbriggan Town Council calls upon the Port and Docks Company to ensure that there are conditions of sale attached to the proposed disposal of Balbriggan Harbour that safeguard the rights and conditions of the fishermen



using the harbour and also that the future amenity use of the harbour be protected”

It was agreed by the members that Motion (iii) and (v) be taken together

(vi) **Motion submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite**

“Balbriggan Town Council ask Bus Eireann and Bus Atha Cliath to install wheelchair clamps on all buses in the interest of public safety”

Proposed by Councillor Tuite, seconded by Councillor Harford

Motion agreed.

It was agreed by the members that the motion be amended to read as follows:

“Balbriggan Town Council ask Bus Eireann and Bus Atha Cliath and Iarnród Eireann to install wheelchair clamps on all buses in the interest of public safety”

(vii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne**

“Balbriggan Town Council call upon Fingal County Council as a matter of urgency to begin construction of Local Authority housing to cater for the large number of people on the current housing list”

Proposed by Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor Tuite

Motion agreed.

5. **Questions**

(i) **Question submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite**

“To ask the manager have Fingal County Council given consideration to housing Fingal Tourism within their new office space within Town Hall development”.

**Reply:** Provision has been made in the new development for a tourist office to replace the previous facility. This unit will be the property of the Town Council and any rent paid will be income for the Town Council.

Discussions will take place with Fingal Tourism in the near future to ascertain the facilities and type of services that will be available in the new office.

(ii) **Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

“To ask the manager when will the safety railing at the Bracken River in the Quay Street area be in place. This was promised to be installed by October 2003”

**Reply:** When the contractor came on site early in 2004 it was discovered that there was a large amount of rock and concrete under the footpath and the proposed method of fixing the fence uprights into the ground would have to be revised. This matter has now been resolved and the contractor is expected on site in the next few weeks.

(iii) **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

“To ask the Manager when are the keys of the N.A.B.C.O. houses in Cardy Rock been given out?”

**Reply:** Inspections on the remaining 45 units to be handed over to NABCO are due to be carried out next week. It is anticipated that keys will be handed over at the end of April or early May.

(iv) **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

“To ask the Manager how many developments are there currently in Balbriggan that will provide social and affordable housing when completed and approximately how many houses will be available?”



**Reply:**

Social and affordable units are to be provided in the Balbriggan area as follows:

Flemington Phase 1:	106 social units 113 affordable units
Balrothery:	48 social 111 affordable
Part V units:	104 social 108 affordable

(v) **Question submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne**

"To request clarification from R.T.E. and an explanation for remarks made on the Morning Ireland Programme of 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2003 in respect of Balbriggan and social and affordable housing?"

**Letter sent - no reply to date**

(vi) **Question submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite**

"To ask the Manager will Fingal County Council dish the footpath between 174/175 Lambeeher Estate to allow access off the back road serving house number 175/192".

**Reply:** Arrangements are being made for this location to be examined by the Area Engineer in relation to the matter referred to in the question and a reply will be submitted to the Councillor after the examination has taken place.

(vii) **Question submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne**

"To ask the Manager on what basis is the number of parking spaces per household allocated?"

**Reply:** The car-parking requirements for developments are set out in Paragraph 4.67 of the written statement of the County Development Plan 1999 (copy attached). The Council may from time to time accept that parking provision is not possible in some town centre developments e.g Balbriggan, Malahide etc. This is to facilitate and encourage redevelopment of town centre sites.

Councillor Dunne stated that the question he was referring to related to the Balbriggan Draft Traffic Management Plan. Town Clerk to chek this out.

6. **Cathaoirleachs Business**

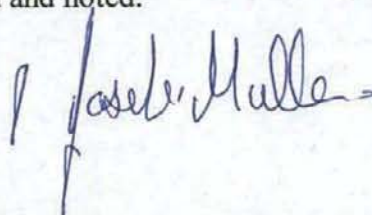
1. Councillor Harford requested Town Clerk to contact FCC regarding the barrier at Lambeeher car park to enable a key be made available for the emergency services.
2. Councillor Harford announced that the next meeting with the Combined Residents Association will take place Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April.
3. Town Clerk asked the members to consider holding the June statutory meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> June otherwise it will be held on the same week as the local elections. No decision was taken.

7. **Redevelopment of Town Hall**

The Town Clerk informed the members that construction was ongoing and the project team are due to meet this week. The Councillors would be kept informed.

8. **Financial Statement** was circulated and noted.

Meeting concluded 9.45 p.m.





**BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL**  
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7<sup>th</sup> April 2004.

**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 13, 2004 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 **13<sup>th</sup> April, 2004 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 13<sup>th</sup> April 2004.**

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

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**DAVID STOREY**  
**MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR**



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**8. Financial Statement**



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> May 2004.**

**Councillors Present:** Dunne, Larry  
Fingleton, Thérèse  
Harford, Monica  
Shields, Gertie  
McKeon, May  
Mullen, Joe  
Pyne, Ned  
Tuite, Bredge

**Officials Present:** Mr. Dick Brady, Head of Corporate Affairs  
Mr. Dave Storey, Meetings Administrator  
Ms. Margaret Wilde, F.C.C.

**Apologies Received:** Councillor Cannon

**An Cathaoirleach Ned Pyne presided**

Councillor Mullen proposed a vote of sympathy to Councillor Pyne on the recent death of his father, this was followed by one minutes silence.

An Cathaoirleach thanked his fellow colleagues, office staff, Town Manager, Town Clerk and County Manager with special thanks to Mr. Stephen Peppard for the minutes silence at yesterdays Fingal County meeting in County Hall.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 13/4/04 were circulated  
Proposed by Councillor Dunne, Seconded by Councillor Tuite  
Minutes Approved

**2. Correspondence**

**A. Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Circular Letter dated 30/4/2004 received from Damian Smyth Assistant Principal Superannuation Section, Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government regarding "Public Service Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2004" was circulated and noted
- (ii) Circular Letter dated 6/4/2004 received from Tony Boland, Principal, Housing Management & Affordable Housing Section, Department of the Environment & Local Government regarding "Planning & Developments Acts 2000 – 2002 Part V – Housing Supply, Implementation Issues" was circulated and noted
- (iii) Letter dated 8/4/2004 received from Noel Dempsey T.D. Minister for Education & Science regarding "post primary provision in Balbriggan" was circulated and noted
- (iv) Acknowledgement Letter dated 22/4/2004 received from Dermot Ahern T.D. Minister for Communications Marine & Natural Resources regarding "Balbriggan Harbour" was circulated and noted
- (v) Circular Letter dated 29/4/2004 received from Development Applications Unit, Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, regarding "Amendment of Procedures in Relation to the Submission of Development Plans, Variations & Material Amendments to Development



Plans, and Local Area Plans to the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government” was circulated and noted

**B. Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 19/4/04 received from G. Carrigg, Administrative Officer, Planning Department regarding “naming of new developments “was circulated and noted
- (ii) Letter dated 23/4/04 received from A. Carthy, Director of Services, Housing Department regarding “Fingal County Council’s Housing Construction Programme” was circulated and noted. The Town Clerk to seek clarification on breakdown of house type.
- (iii) Letter dated 23/4/04 received from John Mulcahy, Project Engineer, Swords Project Office, regarding “Balbriggan & Skerries Wastewater Treatment Scheme” was circulated and noted. The Town Clerk to notify the members when the information becomes available. **This item to go on next agenda.**
- (iv) E-mail dated 29/4/04 received from M. McPhillips, Senior Staff Officer, Transportation Department regarding “road surfacing works on the Naul Road, Balbriggan” was circulated and noted
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**C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 24/3/2004 received from Michael Walsh, Deputy Chief Executive, Northern Area Health Board, regarding “screening for asylum seekers” was circulated and noted
- (ii) Letter dated 7/4/2004 received from P. Doherty, Town Clerk, Letterkenny Town Council regarding “Notice of Motion “the non-legalisation of cannabis” was circulated and noted
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- (v) Letter dated 23/4/04 received from Tom Halpin, Head of consumer Awareness, SEI, regarding “European Car Free Day” was circulated and noted
- (vi) Letter dated 30/4/2004 received from Brenda Conway, Administrative Officer,

**3. Motions**

**(i) Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Environmental Section of Fingal County Council to supply adequate manpower to enforce Litter-Laws in Balbriggan, with special reference to the amount of dog faeces on footpaths and walkways in the town”

Proposed by Councillor Shields, Seconded by Councillor Tuite  
Motion Agreed



- (ii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Justice Mr. McDowell to meet with us as a matter of urgency to discuss the need to increase Garda manpower in the Balbriggan area"  
Proposed by Councillor Tuite, Seconded by Councillor Harford  
Motion Agreed
- (iii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Health to seriously take measures immediately to combat the long hospital waiting lists by providing the necessary staff needed to re-open all wards and beds that are not in use"  
Proposed by Councillor Harford, Seconded by Councillor Tuite  
Motion Agreed
- (iv) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to change the present part-time status of Balbriggan Library to a full time service"  
Proposed by Councillor Shields, Seconded by Councillor Fingleton  
Following discussion it was agreed by the members to amend the text to read as follows:  
" Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to make provision for extra staff to extend the present opening hours in order to give Balbriggan the same service as Malahide and Swords libraries"  
Motion Agreed
- (v) **Motion submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite**  
"Balbriggan Town Council request a meeting with An Post and the local post mistress, with the view to extending the current premises to meet the growing number of customers who access the services provided there"  
Proposed by Councillor Tuite, Seconded by Councillor Shields  
Motion Agreed  
The Town Clerk informed the members that no reply has yet been received to correspondence sent in 2003.
- (vi) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Government to cease the practice of double taxation whereby a Social Welfare payment is deducted from the recipients working partner/spouses tax free allowance"  
Proposed by Councillor Harford, Seconded by Councillor Tuite  
Motion Agreed  
It was agreed that this motion would be circulated to all Local Authorities

#### 4. Questions

- (i) **Question submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite**  
"To ask the Manager have Fingal County Council included the cleaning of the Bracken River from Clonard Court through to the outlet at the harbour in the summer works programme?"

#### Reply:

The responsibility for the cleaning of the Bracken River lies with the Office of Public Works. However the Parks Division will include the removal of litter from the Bracken River in the summer works programme at sections that run through public open space i.e. The Millpond and Quay Street car park.  
The Town Clerk to contact the Office of Public Works.



(ii) **Question submitted by Councillor Thérèse Fingleton**

"To ask the Manager, when Fingal County Council intends following up on their undertakings, given in March 2003, to reinstate the green area at 1 Bremore Court, Balbriggan, damaged by a developer making a temporary unauthorised road. Officials in the roads department have restated this undertaking verbally to me on a monthly basis since then. In view of the failure to date to comply with this commitment, I would like the manager to state if he is satisfied that this meets with the 'best practice in customer service' criteria?"

**Reply:**

The Area Engineer has contacted the contractor who has stated that work will commence within ten days.

(iii) **Question submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite**

"To ask the Manager with regard to the modification of the out pipe at King Strand will the modifications meet the current EU directives?"

**Reply:**

The Drainage Department has reported that the King Strand out pipe is a surface water pipe. No modifications are being carried out by the Council at this location at present. Following questions from Councillor Mullen the Manager agreed to have this matter fully investigated.

(iv) **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

"To ask the Manager when will Lambreecher receive their green bins?"

**Reply:**

Environment Department have been in contact with Oxigen who informed them that the green bins for Lambreecher will be delivered as part of the next route in the Balbriggan area starting the week commencing Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

(v) **Question submitted by Councillor Bredge Tuite**

"To ask the Manager have the lands required for the realignment of the Naul Road been purchased?"

**Reply:**

A realignment of the Naul Road from the Graveyard to the Motorway Interchange is currently being designed and a sum of €100,000 is included in the Transportation Programme of Works 2004 for the carrying out of the design for this Scheme. When the Scheme is prepared it will be submitted to the Balbriggan/Swords Area Committee meeting for approval in the context of the initiation of the public consultation process in accordance with part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001.

The acquisition of land for this Scheme where required cannot be purchased until the design for the Scheme has been completed.

**5. Cathaoirleachs Business**

(i) **Chapel Street Residents**

The contents of the letter accused Balbriggan Town Council of voting against the residents regarding the Chapel Street site development.

The Manager and Town Clerk confirmed that Balbriggan Town Council were not part of the consultation of this location but the sale of this site was by Fingal County Council to Moriarty Holding Ltd.

The Town Clerk to write to the residents clarifying this issue.

(ii) **To confirm the date for the June Statutory Monthly Meeting**



It was agreed by the members to hold the June Statutory meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2004. It was also agreed that Motions and Questions would not be on the agenda.

**6. Redevelopment of Town Hall**

The Town Clerk circulated photos of the development to date. The Manager confirmed that construction was ongoing with the Piling Contractor having completed the frames of the perimeter. A report will be produced at each statutory monthly meeting in order for the members to keep the public informed.

Councillor Dunne sought clarification on the second planning application submitted by Moriarty Holding Ltd. and to what effect it would have on the Balbriggan Town Hall Development.

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Project Team could not be involved. Moriarty Holdings Ltd. would have gone through the normal Planning Application procedures.

Councillor Dunne said that Balbriggan Town Council should have been notified as a matter of courtesy as the third partner in the scheme.

The Town Clerk will bring the views of the members to Moriarty Holdings Ltd.

Councillor McKeown said as she had in previous meetings, that a member of the Balbriggan Town Council should preside at the team meetings.

Councillor Mullen was assured that if there were any revisions that would effect the Town Hall site, the Balbriggan Town Council would be notified.

**A.O.B.**

**Councillor Harford:** Highlighted the need for grass cutting at the flats, Lambeecher, to include verges, front and back gardens.

**Councillor Tuite:** Is awaiting a reply from Mr. Alan Carthy regarding the status of the "Wavin" laneway at the rear of Curran Park near the church.

**Councillor Fingleton:** Highlighted the roads – excavation at Bremore Court/Drive – and the need for safety barriers.

**Councillor Mullen:** Requested that all Senior Citizens flats residents would be listed to have their grass cut by the contractor.

**Councillor Harford:** Referred to the green area near the Drogheda Road and asked that it be inspected with a view to having it reinstated again as it was not a satisfactory job.

**Councillor Tuite:** Asked when would the tree planting be completed at Lambeecher?





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5<sup>th</sup> May 2004.

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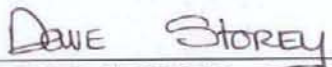
Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Bhaile Brigín Comhairle a thionolfar ar an Bealtaine 11, 2004 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Council will be held on **11<sup>th</sup> May, 2004 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 11<sup>th</sup> May 2004.**

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

Is mise le meas,

  
**DAVID STOREY**  
**MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR**



**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 13/4/04 (circulated herewith)

**2. Correspondence**

**A. Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Circular Letter dated 30/4/2004 received from Damian Smyth Assistant Principal Superannuation Section, Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government regarding "Public Service Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2004" (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Circular Letter dated 6/4/2004 received from Tony Boland, Principal, Housing Management & Affordable Housing Section, Department of the Environment & Local Government regarding "Planning & Developments Acts 2000 – 2002 Part V – Housing Supply, Implementation Issues" (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 8/4/2004 received from Noel Dempsey T.D. Minister for Education & Science regarding "post primary provision in Balbriggan" (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Acknowledgement Letter dated 22/4/2004 received from Dermot Ahern T.D. Minister for Communications Marine & Natural Resources regarding "Balbriggan Harbour" (circulated herewith)
- (v) Circular Letter dated 29/4/2004 received from Development Applications Unit, Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, regarding "Amendment of Procedures in Relation to the Submission of Development Plans, Variations & Material Amendments to Development Plans, and Local Area Plans to the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government" (circulated herewith)

**B. Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 19/4/04 received from G. Carrigg, Administrative Officer, Planning Department regarding "naming of new developments" (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 23/4/04 received from A. Carthy, Director of Services, Housing Department regarding "Fingal County Council's Housing Construction Programme" (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 23/4/04 received from John Mulcahy, Project Engineer, Swords Project Office, regarding "Balbriggan & Skerries Wastewater Treatment Scheme" (circulated herewith)
- (iv) E-mail dated 29/4/04 received from M. McPhillips, Senior Staff Officer, Transportation Department regarding "road surfacing works on the Naul Road, Balbriggan" (circulated herewith)
- (v) Letter dated 23/4/2004 received from Eithne Mallin, Administrative Officer, regarding "Litter Wardens visiting Secondary Schools in Balbriggan" (circulated herewith)



**C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 24/3/2004 received from Michael Walsh, Deputy Chief Executive, Northern Area Health Board, regarding "screening for asylum seekers" (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 7/4/2004 received from P. Doherty, Town Clerk, Letterkenny Town Council regarding "Notice of Motion "the non-legalisation of cannabis" (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 22/4/04 received from Eddie Matthews, Director of Social Inclusion, Northern Area Health Board regarding "screening for aids, tuberculosis and other diseases" (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 23/4/04 received from Paddy Doherty, Business Development Manager, Bus Átha Cliath, regarding "wheelchair clamps" (circulated herewith)
- (v) Letter dated 23/4/04 received from Tom Halpin, Head of consumer Awareness, SEI, regarding "European Car Free Day" (circulated herewith)
- (vi) Letter dated 30/4/2004 received from Brenda Conway, Administrative Officer, Tralee Town Council regarding motion for "restoration of sick pay and unemployment benefit to widows and widowers" (circulated herewith)

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**5. Cathaoirleachs Business**

**6. Redevelopment of Town Hall**



**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE, 2004.**

**Councillors Present:**

Bedell, Heidi	Harford, Monica
Brown, Sean	McKeon, May
Buckley, Gerry	Pyne, Ned
Dunne, Larry	Shields, Gertie
Hammond, Kathleen	

**Officials Present:**

Mr. Richard Brady, Town Manager
Mr. David Storey, Town Clerk

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Councillor Pyne, 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 and the Manager for his help and guidance.

The Town Clerk acted as Chairperson for the purpose of the election of Cathaoirleach. Seconded by Councillor Harford.

**1. Election of Cathaoirleach**

It was proposed by Councillor Pyne, seconded by Councillor Dunne.

“That Councillor Harford be elected as Cathaoirleach”

It was proposed by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Hammond

“That Councillor Bedell be elected as Cathaoirleach”

Councillor Harford was declared elected Cathaoirleach of Balbriggan Town Council.

On a division, the voting resulted as follows:

<b>For Councillor Harford</b>	: Six (6)
<b>For Councillor Bedell</b>	: Three (3)

For Councillor Harford: Councillors Buckley, Dunne, Harford, McKeon, Shields, Pyne.

For Councillor Bedell: Councillors Bedell, Brown and Hammond.

Having secured a majority of votes of the members present, Councillor Harford was declared elected as Cathaoirleach of Balbriggan Town Council.



Councillor Harford then took the Chair and was presented with the Chain of Office by the outgoing Cathaoirleach, Councillor Ned Pyne.

Councillor Harford thanked her proposer, seconder and Members for having elected her Cathaoirleach of Balbriggan Town Council, and stated to the members that she looked forward to representing the Town Council and the people of Balbriggan in her term of office.

The Manager, Members and Town Clerk congratulated Councillor Harford on being elected Cathaoirleach and wished her every success in the coming year.

## 2. Election of Leas Cathaoirleach

It was proposed by Councillor Shields and seconded by Councillor Hammond  
"That Councillor Dunne be elected Leas Cathaoirleach"

It was proposed by Councillor Bedell and seconded by Councillor Brown  
"That Councillor Hammond be elected Leas Cathaoirleach"

On a division, the voting resulted as follows:

<b>For Councillor Dunne</b>	:	Six (6)
<b>For Councillor Hammond</b>	:	Three (3)

For Councillor Dunne : Councillors Buckley, Dunne, Harford,  
McKeon, Shields and Pyne  
For Councillor Hammond : Councillors Bedell, Brown and  
Hammond

Having secured a majority of the votes of the Members present, Councillor Dunne was declared elected as Leas Cathaoirleach of Balbriggan Town Council.

## 3. Nominations for Fingal Development Board

It was proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Shields  
"That Councillor McKeon continue as the representative for Balbriggan Town Council"  
Agreed by members.

## 4. Election of Delegates of Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland

It was proposed by Councillor Dunne and seconded by Councillor Harford that  
"Councillor Shields be elected as a representative for Balbriggan Town Council".

It was proposed by Councillor McKeon and seconded by Councillor Dunne that  
"Councillor Pyne be elected as a representative for Balbriggan Town Council"



It was proposed by Councillor Bedell and seconded by Councillor Hammond that "Councillor Brown be elected as a representative for Balbriggan Town Council".

On a division, the voting resulted as follows:

<b>For Councillor Shields</b>	:	(4)
<b>For Councillor Pyne</b>	:	(2)
<b>For Councillor Brown</b>	:	(3)

For Councillor Shields: Buckley, Dunne, Harford, Shields

For Councillor Pyne: Mc Keon, Pyne

For Councillor Brown: Bedell, Brown, Hammond

Having secured a majority of votes Councillors Shields and Councillor Brown were elected as delegates to A.M.A.I.

#### **5. Election of Delegates to Local Authority Members Association**

It was proposed by Councillor Dunne and seconded by Councillor Shields "that Councillor McKeon be elected as a representative for Balbriggan Town Council".

It was proposed by Councillor Brown and seconded by Councillor Hammond "that Councillor Bedell be elected as a representative for Balbriggan Town Council

It was proposed by Councillor McKeon and seconded by Councillor Shields "that Councillor Harford be elected as a representative for Balbriggan Town Council".

On a division, the voting resulted as follows:

<b>For Councillor McKeon</b>	:	(3)
<b>For Councillor Bedell</b>	:	(3)
<b>For Councillor Harford</b>	:	(3)

For Councillor McKeon: Dunne, McKeon, Shields

For Councillor Bedell: Bedell, Brown, Hammond

For Councillor Harford: Buckley, Harford, Pyne

The Town Clerk placed the names of Councillor McKeon, Councillor Bedell and Councillor Harford in an envelope. In accordance with part 37 (I) of Local Government Act 2001 the candidate whose name is first drawn shall be the candidate to be excluded where the question concerns exclusion. Councillor Bedell's name was drawn first from envelope. Councillor McKeon and Councillor Harford were deemed elected as delegates for Balbriggan Town Council to LAMA.



**6. Election of Delegate for General Council of County Councils**

It was proposed by Councillor Shields and seconded by Councillor Hammond that Councillor McKeon be elected as the representative for Balbriggan Town Council.

It was proposed by Councillor Brown and seconded by Councillor Bedell that Councillor Bedell be elected as the representative for Balbriggan Town Council

On a division, the voting resulted as follows:

<b>For Councillor McKeon</b>	:	(7)
<b>For Councillor Bedell</b>	:	(2)

For Councillor McKeon : Councillors Buckley, Dunne, Hammond, Harford, McKeon, Shields, Pyne  
For Councillor Bedell : Councillors Bedell, Brown

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

It was proposed by Councillor McKeon and seconded by Councillor Dunne that Councillor Bedell become the delegate to I.P.B for the coming year. Agreed by the members.

**8. Election of Representative for BAPA and Substitute Delegate**

It was proposed by Councillor Dunne and seconded by Councillor Shields that Councillor Buckley be elected to represent Balbriggan Town Council on this committee".

It was proposed by Councillor Bedell and seconded by Councillor Hammond "that Councillor Brown be elected to represent Balbriggan Town Council on this committee".

On a division, the voting resulted as follows:

<b>For Councillor Buckley</b>	:	(6)
<b>For Councillor Brown</b>	:	(3)

For Councillor Buckley : Councillors Buckley, Dunne Harford, McKeon, Shields, Pyne

For Councillor Brown : Councillors Bedell, Brown, Hammond

Having secured a majority vote Councillor Buckley was elected as the representative for Balbriggan Town Council on this committee.

**Election of Substitute Delegate for BAPA**

It was proposed by Councillor McKeon and seconded by Councillor Hammond that Councillor Dunne be elected to represent Balbriggan Town Council on this committee".



It was proposed by Councillor Bedell and seconded by Councillor Brown that Councillor Brown be elected to represent Balbriggan Town Council on this committee".

On a division, the voting resulted as follows:

<b>For Councillor Dunne</b>	:	(6)
<b>For Councillor Brown</b>	:	(3)

For Councillor Dunne : Councillors Buckley, Dunne  
Harford, McKeon, Shields, Pyne

For Councillor Brown : Councillors Bedell, Brown,  
Hammond

Having secured a majority vote Councillor Dunne was elected as the substitute delegate for Balbriggan Town Council on this committee.

**9. Election of Budget Committee**

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

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

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

**11. St. Patrick's Day Committee**

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

Following a discussion regarding the redevelopment of the Town Hall the Cathaoirleach gave an undertaking to arrange a special meeting to discuss this matter further. The Town Manager to arrange special briefing for members re. The Town Hall redevelopment.

*Monica Harford*



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> June 2004.**

**Councillors Present:** Cannon, Mary             Pyne, Ned  
  Fingleton, Thérèse       Shields, Gertie  
  McKeon, May             Tuite, Bredge  
  Mullen, Joe

**Officials Present:** Mr. William Soffe, County Manager  
  Mr. Dick Brady, Head of Corporate Affairs  
  Mr. Dave Storey, Meetings Administrator  
  Ms. Margaret Wilde, F.C.C.

**Apologies Received:** Councillors: Dunne, Harford

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Ned Pyne presided.

Councillor Pyne welcomed the Manager to the last meeting of this term of office for Balbriggan Town Council.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 11/5/04  
Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Fingleton

**2. Correspondence**

**A. Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 23/4/2004 Martin Cullen T. D. Minister for the Environment, Heritage & Local Government regarding “European Car Free Day 2004” was circulated and noted
- (ii) Letter dated 11/5/2004 received from Ronnie Ryan, Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Education & Science regarding “school places available in the Balbriggan area” was circulated and noted
- (iii) Letter dated 11/5/2004 received from Ronnie Ryan, Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Education & Science regarding “provisions available to children who are not attending school” was circulated and noted
- (iv) Letter dated 17/5/2004 received from Hannah O’Riordan, Private Secretary, Office of the Minister, Department of Finance, regarding “Vehicle Registration Tax Wheelchair accessible taxis” was circulated and noted
- (v) Letter dated 18/5/04 received from P. Cahill, Private Secretary, Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform regarding “Garda manpower in Balbriggan” was circulated and noted
- (vi) Letter dated 19/5/04 received from Theresa O’Connor, Ministers Private Secretary, Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism regarding “provision of funding for Seal Sanctuary at Bremore” was circulated and noted. Councillor Tuite requested to see a copy of the correspondence sent to the local post office. The Town Clerk to circulate to all members.
- (vii) Circular Letter LG(P) 09/04 dated 19/5/04 received from Aidan Kinch, Assistant Principal, Department of the Environment Heritage and Local



Government regarding "classes, descriptions and grade of local authority employments" was circulated and noted

**B. Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 28/4/04 received from Michael A. Lynch, Senior Parks Superintendent regarding "playground for Ardgillan" was circulated and noted. Councillor McKeon enquired as to the commencement date of this project. Mr. Soffe, County Manager said that subject to funding being available from developers in the Fingal area and funding from the Fingal County Council estimates 2005, it is proposed to start work this year. The cost is expected to be in the region of €300,000. Councillor Shields as the representative on Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance's informed the group that I.P.B. has lifted the embargo on PlayGround areas.
- (ii) Letter dated 25/4/2004 received from Eithne Mallin, Administrative Officer regarding "Motion passed at the May Statutory Meeting of Balbriggan Town Council" was circulated and noted. Councillor Tuite and Shields requested that when the Litter Warden is inspecting in the Balbriggan area that he would foot patrol and wear identification clothing to highlight that he is in the area.

**C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 10/5/2004 received from Kevin Curran, Town Clerk, Macroom Town Council, regarding "Post Polio Syndrome" was circulated and noted
- (ii) Letter dated 10/5/2004 received from B. Doyle, Cleireach An Bhaile, Clonmel Borough Council regarding "Post Polio Syndrome sufferers" was circulated and noted
- (iii) Letter dated 10/5/2004 received from Melanie McDonagh, Access & Liaison Officer, Iarnród Éireann regarding "wheelchair clamps on trains" was circulated and noted. Councillor Tuite as the secretary for ACCESS enquired why a semi-state body is dependent on dated legislation from another country and again highlighted the fact that there is no manual break on electronic wheelchairs.
- (iv) Letter received from Cllr. Mark Dalton, President, AMAI enclosing "a report on Municipal Policy Committees" (MPCs) was circulated and noted
- (v) Letter dated 11/5/2004 received from Pat Collins, Town Clerk, Wexford Borough Council regarding "Post Polio sufferers" was circulated and noted
- (vi) Letter dated 12/5/2004 received from Assunta Delany, Regional Director, Fás Training and Employment Agency regarding "Fás Office in Balbriggan" was circulated and noted
- (viii) Letter dated 13/5/2004 received from Kevin Dowling, Executive Manager, Dublin City Council, regarding "Post Polio sufferers" was circulated and noted
- (ix) Letter dated 14/5/2004 received from Dolores Flood, Office of Environmental Enforcement enclosing "procedure for Public Viewing of Files" was circulated and noted
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**3. Other correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 6/5/04 received from Enrique Pastor de Gana, The Spanish Embassy regarding "book of condolence following terrorist attack" was circulated and noted

**4. Cathaoirleachs Business**

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Pyne thanked his fellow members for their Co-operation during all the hard work and achievements over the last five years. He also thanked the County Manager, Town Manager, Town Clerk and staff for their help with special mention to Mr. Joe Mullen, Leas Cathaoirleach. He also wished Councillor Fingleton and Councillor Mullen who are not contesting the forthcoming election, all the best for the future. He also wished success to Councillors Harford and McKeon who are standing for the County election.

Mr. William Soffe County Manger thanked all the members for supporting his staff, the job is not an easy one and not a lot of people are prepared to do it themselves. He thanked them for their service to the town and wished success to all those contesting this election and good wishes to those members who decided not to go forward again.

He advised the members that the Annual General Meeting is due to take place on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June. All members would be notified in writing in due course.

**5. Redevelopment of Town Hall**

Mr. Dick Brady, Town Manager circulated the following report from Mr. Pat Hurley Architect:

The contractor has completed the excavation to lower basement level with retaining piling arrangement in place to existing Carnegie Library, High Street and George's Square. Piling to foundations of all sections of the development have been placed in position at this point. This whole operation was hampered by varying unfavourable ground conditions which caused delay and disruption to progress.

Site sign has been agreed and is presently being prepared for erection on site.



Planning application for extension to Bracken Court Hotel has been withdrawn.

Detailed internal floor layouts showing fittings and services being prepared for discussion and agreement with developer.

**A.O.B.**

Councillor Fingleton thanked Fingal County Council for their support of the Special Olympics which had been a fantastic success with special thanks to the County Manager, Town Manager and Town Clerk and the people of Balbriggan.

Meeting concluded 8.25 p.m.

*Monica Harford*



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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 Meitheamh 8, 2004 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 **8<sup>th</sup> June, 2004 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 8<sup>th</sup> June 2004.**

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

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*David Storey*  
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**DAVID STOREY**  
**MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR**



**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 11/5/04 (circulated herewith)

**2. Correspondence**

**A. Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 23/4/2004 Martin Cullen T. D. Minister for the Environment, Heritage & Local Government regarding "European Car Free Day 2004" circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 11/5/2004 received from Ronnie Ryan, Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Education & Science regarding "school places available in the Balbriggan area" (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 11/5/2004 received from Ronnie Ryan, Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Education & Science regarding "provisions available to children who are not attending school" (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 17/5/2004 received from Hannah O'Riordan, Private Secretary, Office of the Minister, Department of Finance, regarding "Vehicle Registration Tax Wheelchair accessible taxis" (circulated herewith)
- (v) Letter dated 18/5/04 received from P. Cahill, Private Secretary, Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform regarding "Garda manpower in Balbriggan" (circulated herewith)
- (vi) Letter dated 19/5/04 received from Theresa O'Connor, Ministers Private Secretary, Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism regarding "provision of funding for Seal Sanctuary at Bremore" (circulated herewith)
- (vii) Circular Letter LG(P) 09/04 dated 19/5/04 received from Aidan Kinch, Assistant Principal, Department of the Environment Heritage and Local Government regarding "classes, descriptions and grade of local authority employments" (circulated herewith)

**B. Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 28/4/04 received from Michael A. Lynch, Senior Parks Superintendent regarding "playground for Ardgillan" (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 25/4/2004 received from Eithne Mallin, Administrative Officer regarding "Motion passed at the May Statutory Meeting of Balbriggan Town Council" (circulated herewith)

**C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 10/5/2004 received from Kevin Curran, Town Clerk, Macroom Town Council, regarding "Post Polio Syndrome" (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 10/5/2004 received from B. Doyle, Cleireach An Bhaile, Clonmel Borough Council regarding "Post Polio Syndrome suffers" (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 10/5/2004 received from Melanie McDonagh, Access & Liaison Officer, Iarnród Éireann regarding "wheelchair clamps on trains" (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter received from Cllr. Mark Dalton, President, AMAI enclosing "a report on Municipal Policy Committees" (MPCs) (circulated herewith)



- (v) Letter dated 11/5/2004 received from Pat Collins, Town Clerk, Wexford Borough Council regarding "Post Polio sufferers" (circulated herewith)
- (vi) Letter dated 12/5/2004 received from Assunta Delany, Regional Director, Fás Training and Employment Agency regarding "Fás Office in Balbriggan" (circulated herewith)
- (viii) Letter dated 13/5/2004 received from Kevin Dowling, Executive Manager, Dublin City Council, regarding "Post Polio sufferers" (circulated herewith)
- (ix) Letter dated 14/5/2004 received from Dolores Flood, Office of Environmental Enforcement enclosing "procedure for Public Viewing of Files" (circulated herewith)
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**4. Cathaoirleachs Business**

**5. Redevelopment of Town Hall**



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> July 2004.**

**Councillors Present:**

Dunne, Larry	Harford, Monica
Bedell, Heidi	McKeon, May
Brown, Seán	Pyne, Ned
Buckley, Gerry	Shields, Gertie
Hammond, Kathleen	

**Officials Present:**

Mr. Dick Brady, Head of Corporate Affairs  
Mr. Dave Storey, Meetings Administrator  
Ms. Margaret Wilde, F.C.C.

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Harford welcomed the members to the first meeting of business. On behalf of all the members of Balbriggan Town Council she expressed sympathy to the wife and family of the late Michael Galvin F.C.C. Sympathy was also extended to Councillor Pyne on the recent death of his father, and also to Kieran Corrigan on his recent bereavement.

**Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 8/6/04 were circulated  
Proposed by Councillor Pyne, Seconded by Councillor Shields  
Minutes Agreed
- (ii) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council Annual General Meeting held on 21/6/04 were circulated  
Proposed by Councillor Bedell, Seconded by Councillor McKeon  
Councillor Shields objected to the adoption of the minutes as circulated and following discussion by the members it was agreed to defer this item to the September Statutory Meeting.  
Proposed by Councillor Bedell, Seconded by Councillor McKeon.  
Agreed by the members

**1. Correspondence**

**A. Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 9/6/04 received from Conor Falvey, Private Secretary, Office of the Minister Department of the Environment & Heritage and Local Government regarding "Balbriggan/Skerries Wastewater Treatment Plant was circulated and noted

The Town Clerk circulated the following report which had been received by the Project Office of Fingal County Council:

*"Following formal approval of the Treatment Works contract in June, we are currently in the process of appointing Earthtec Engineering Ltd. Contract Bonds and Insurance's etc., are being put in place and we expect to formally sign the contract in the next two to three weeks. This part of the project is being carried out as a Design, Build and Operate (DBO) Contract, with the contractor operating and maintaining the plant for a 20-year period. The*



*plant is compact in design and is readily adaptable to cater for future expansion.*

*After the formal contract signing, there will then be a short detailed design period and we expect the contractor to be on site by August/September. The contract will take approximately two years and is scheduled to be complete by summer 2006"*

- (ii) Letter dated 10/6/04 received from Marie Falvey, Local Government Policy section, Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government regarding "First time councillors and ethics declaration forms" was circulated and noted
- (iii) Letter dated 15/6/04 received from Aoibheann Ni Shuilleabhain, Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Labour Affairs, regarding "Fás Office" was circulated and noted. Councillor Harford requested that a letter be send to clarify the location for the new Fás Office
- (iv) Circular Letter dated 15/6/04 received from Nora Rowland, Franchise Section, Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government, regarding "Local Elections" (Disclosure of Donations & Expenditure) Act 1999, as amended" was circulated and noted
- (v) Letter dated 17/6/04 received from Conor Falvey, Private Secretary, Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government regarding "funding for seal sanctuary" was circulated and noted

The Town Clerk circulated the following report:

*"A meeting was held with Failte Ireland in March 2004 to discuss funding for this proposal under the National Development Plan. Failte Ireland have advised that funding under the Tourism Initiative of the National Development Plan is at present closed. Officials from Fingal County Council have recently contacted Failte Ireland to discuss this matter further but funding for this project is still unavailable at this time"*

Following discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk would write to the Minister.

Proposed by Councillor McKeon, Seconded by Councillor Bedell

Agreed by the members

- (vi) Circular Letter dated 17/6/04 received from Joe Allen, Local Government Policy, Department of the Environment & Heritage and Local Government re "Strategic Policy Committees" was circulated and noted
- (vii) Circular Letter dated 24/6/04 received from Joe Harrington, Principal Officer, Traveller Accommodation Unit, Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government re "Local Authority Traveller accommodation programmes, 2005-2008" was circulated and noted  
It was agreed by the members that the Town Clerk would write to the appropriate body requesting clarification on "the definition of a Traveller"  
The Town Clerk said he would get information from the Traveller Allocation Section of Fingal County Council
- (viii) Received from the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government "Sustainable Rural Housing Consultation Draft of Guidelines for Planning Authorities" (available for inspection at office) was circulated and noted
- (ix) Letter dated 21/6/04 received from Elizabeth Boland, Department of Health & Children regarding Doctor on Call service in Balbriggan was circulated and noted



- (x) The Town Councillors to give their submissions to the Town Clerk to forward Circular letter dated 1/7/04 received from Joe Allen, Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government regarding Strategic Policy Committees was circulated and noted  
Councillor McKeon informed the members that Balbriggan Town Council can now have two representatives on this committee. Dick Brady advised members that new S.P.C. Scheme is being prepared by Fingal County Council. It was proposed by Councillor McKeon, Seconded by Councillor Bedell that this item go on the September Agenda. Agreed by the members
- (xi) Letter dated 1/7/04 received from Deaglán O Briain, Principal, Department of Community, Rural and Gealtacht Affairs regarding Official Languages Act 2003 – Guidelines was circulated and noted. Draft guidelines available at office for inspection.

**B. Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) E-mail dated 15/6/04 received from David Pryor, Fingal Development Board regarding meeting of 28/4/04” enclosing FDB Project Briefing Document for Profile on Fingal County was circulated and noted
- (ii) Circular Notice received re “Planning & Developments Acts 2000 to 2002” Notice of the Preparation of the Draft Fingal County Development Plan 2005 – 2011 was circulated and noted

**C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 10/5/2004 received from Carmel Murphy, Town Clerk, Ballina Town Council regarding “motion to mandate the courts to impose community service orders” was circulated and noted
- (ii) Letter dated 31/5/2004 received from Marie Deighan, Town Clerk, Castleblaney Town Council regarding “Post Polio Sufferers” was circulated and noted
- (iii) Letter dated 31/5/04 received from Nora Coyne, Acting Town Clerk, Castlebar Town Council regarding “motion to create an Ombudsman to deal with complaints of elected representatives” was circulated and noted
- (iv) Letter dated 31/5/04 received from Liam O’Connor A/Town Clerk Kilkee Town Council “regarding “motion for holiday homes qualifying for tax relief” was circulated and noted
- (v) Letter dated 25/6/04 received from Marie Deighan, Town Clerk, Castleblaney Town Council regarding “motion taxation on Social Welfare payment” was circulated and noted
- (vi) Letter dated 15/6/04 received from Joan Crosbie, Engineering Services, Office of Public Works regarding the cleaning of Bracken River, Balbriggan was circulated and noted. The Town Clerk to seek clarification on the exact location of the “Bracken” stretch of the river known by the OPD as “The Matt”
- (vii) Letter dated 25/6/04 received from Ann Fitzgerald, Chairperson, Consumer Strategy Group regarding the development of a National Consumer Strategy was circulated and noted

Due to the short deadline, The Town Clerk has secured an extended date for submissions by Balbriggan Town Council. It was suggested by the members that Councillor Buckley review this matter and report to the Town Clerk



- (viii) Letter received from Patricia Potter, Director, Dublin Regional Authority regarding Publication of the Regional Planning Guidelines Greater Dublin Area 2004 – 2016 was circulated and noted. Regional Planning Guidelines book available for inspection in office.

**D. Conferences**

- (i) Letter dated 17/6/04 received from Tom Ryan, Director A.M.A.I. regarding "Annual General Meeting" enclosing Copy of A.M.A.I. Newsletter, Preliminary Notice of A.M.A.I. Annual Conference 2004 and Questionnaire was circulated and noted

**2. Motions**

**(i) Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

"That we Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for the Environment to introduce legislation making it a requirement that before going forward for election as a representative of any political party, the person so doing would have to meet the criteria of membership of that party for a time of six months at least prior to election date"

Proposed by Councillor Shields, Seconded by Councillor Harford

On a division, the voting resulted as follows:

For	3
Against	5
Abstain	1

For the motion: Councillors Harford, McKeon, Shields

Against the motion: Councillors Bedell, Buckley, Dunne, Hammond, Pyne

Abstain: Councillor Brown

Motion Lost

**(ii) Motion submitted by Councillor Heidi Bedell**

"That the plans for the new roads at the roundabout being developed at the junction of Dublin Street and the Inner relief road be altered sufficiently to allow the safe retention of the mature trees at this location as mature trees vastly enhance the entrance to a town and are worth a lot of points in Tidy Towns Competitions"

Proposed by Councillor Bedell, Seconded by Councillor Hammond

On a division, the voting resulted as follows:

For	5
Against	4

For the motion: Councillors Bedell, Brown, Dunne, Hammond, Pyne

Against the motion: Councillors Buckley, Harford, McKeon, Shields

Motion Agreed

The Town Clerk to obtain a report from the Transport Department, Fingal County Council as to the likely effect on the trees at this location.

**(iii) Motion submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Garda to increase patrols at night in the Balbriggan area"

Proposed by Councillor Hammond, Seconded by Councillor Dunne

Following discussion it was agreed to amend the motion to read as follows:

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Garda and the Minister for Justice, Equality & Law Reform to increase patrols at night in the Balbriggan area"

Amended Motion Agreed



- (iv) **Motion submitted by Councillor May McKeon**  
“Following the successful negotiations by elected representatives in having the ownership of Balbriggan Harbour passed to Fingal County Council, we Balbriggan Town Council call on all responsible agencies, Department of the Marine, Department of Finance, Department of the Environment and appropriate bodies to source the adequate funding to enable Fingal County Council to refurbish and maintain the Harbour on behalf of the people of Balbriggan”  
Proposed by Councillor McKeon, Seconded by Councillor Harford  
Motion Agreed  
The Town Clerk to request Fingal County Council to examine the possibility of a Private/Public Partnership at Balbriggan Harbour.
- (v) **Motion submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne**  
“That Balbriggan Town Council seek as a matter of urgency a meeting with the Minister of Education & Science to put into immediate effect a mechanism to address the lack of primary and secondary places in Balbriggan”  
Proposed by Councillor Dunne, Seconded by Councillor Bedell  
Motion Agreed
- (vi) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**  
“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council, Housing Allocation Section to consult with Balbriggan Town Council prior to putting casual vacant houses on offer in the area”  
Proposed by Councillor Harford, Seconded by Councillor Shields  
Councillor Bedell Abstained  
Motion Agreed
- (vii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**  
“That Balbriggan Town Council calls on the Northern Area Health Board to urgently look into the unacceptable Doctor on Call service in the Balbriggan area and replies back to the Council to explain what plans for improving this service they might have”  
Proposed by Councillor Buckley, Seconded by Harford  
Motion Agreed  
The Town Clerk to arrange a meeting with the North Area Health Board
- (viii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**  
“That we Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council, Environmental Department to clear the rat infested dump adjacent to the wall at Quay Street Bridge area”  
Proposed by Councillor Shields, Seconded by Councillor Buckley  
Motion Agreed
- (ix) **Motion submitted by Councillor Heidi Bedell**  
“That the Manager ensures that new trees are planted on either side of the Inner relief road”  
Proposed by Councillor Bedell, Seconded by Councillor McKeon  
Motion Agreed
- (x) **Motion submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**  
“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council, to move the pedestrian crossing from in front of the Courthouse to a new location near the Library in the interest of public safety”  
Proposed by Councillor Hammond, Seconded by Councillor Bedell  
A vote was taken



The voting resulted as follows:

For	9
Against	0

For the motion: Councillors Bedell, Brown, Buckley, Dunne, Hammond, Harford, McKeon, Pyne and Shields.

Against the motion: None.

Motion Agreed.

(xi) **Motion submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne**

“That Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to amend the criteria for eligibility for the joint ownership scheme where by the anomaly pertaining to the determination of income in respect of applications is removed”

Proposed by Councillor Dunne, Seconded by Councillor Bedell

Motion Agreed

Town Clerk to write to Fingal County Council regarding anomaly for single parents.

At this time the Cathaoirleach proposed that standing orders be suspended and the meeting extended to conclude the outstanding business on the agenda.

Proposed by Councillor Harford. Seconded by Councillor Dunne.

Agreed by the members.

3. **Questions**

(i) **Question submitted by Councillor Heidi Bedell**

“To ask the Manager report on the status of the Planning application for a Cinema in Balbriggan town”

**Reply:** Planning Reg. Ref. No F04A/0596 refers to a recent decision to grant permission dated 22<sup>nd</sup> June, for revisions to previous grants of permission (F00A/0561, F00A/1074) for a major commercial/residential development including the relocation within the approved site of a four screen cinema at Mill Street/George’s Street, Balbriggan for McEaney Construction Ltd.

The approved revisions involve the reorganisation of the cinema entrance and foyer such that the proposed cinemas are now accessed from Mill Street. In addition, the revised scheme provides for the replacement of two office units with three retail units at Mill Street. The proposed revisions at the Mill Street area of the proposed development are designed to bring more life to this end of Mill Street and are an improvement on the originally approved development.

**Question 3 (ii) and 3 (iv) taken together**

(ii) **Question submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**

“To ask the Manager when will the apartments in Cardy Rock be occupied and what is the delay?”

(iv) **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

“To ask the Manager why the people offered the N.A.B.C.O. houses in Cardy Rock paid their €100 in October 2003 and have not as yet received their keys. What is the delay?”

**Reply:** Legal title has not yet transferred to NABCO, when this issue is resolved, the houses can then be occupied.

The Town Manager informed the members that he had phoned the Housing Department for further information and was informed that the “Snagging List”



was not yet complete. He will notify the members as soon as further details become available

(iii) **Question submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne**

“To ask the Manager will Fingal County Council consider the provision of speed ramps in Chapel Street?”

**Reply:** In the proposed Balbriggan Parking Management Scheme there is a proposal to provide flat top ramps on Chapel Street in the area of house no 5/6 and house no 17/18. These houses are situated to the south of Pine Ridge Estate and to the north of Tara Court. In addition there is a proposal for a raised plateau to be provided on this road at the junction of Tara Court and at the junction of Fullam Terrace.

The public consultation process is now complete and the submissions made to the Council in respect of the proposed scheme are now being examined by the Consultants engaged in the preparation of the scheme and a report on the matter will be submitted to the Balbriggan/Swords Area Committee meeting as soon as possible.

(v) **Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**

“To ask the Manager are there any grants available from the Department of Children for the provision of playgrounds in the Balbriggan area?”

**Reply:** There are two playground grant schemes currently in operation. Details of these are as follows:

Following the launch of the national Play Policy on 8<sup>th</sup> March a sum of €1m is available through the Local Authority Playground Grants Scheme. The scheme is for the development or refurbishment of local authority playgrounds. Applications are restricted to one project for each Local Authority. The Millennium Park in Blanchardstown was the site chosen for Fingal County Council’s application. This site is close to the large housing estates of Blakestown, Clonsilla, Coolmine and Blanchardstown.

The second scheme relates to RAPID areas only. Funding is being made available to each of the 45 RAPID areas for the provision of new playgrounds or refurbishment of existing playgrounds. This scheme is being managed by Area Development Management (ADM) Ltd. on behalf of the National Children’s Office (NCO) and the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs. The site chosen for this application is adjacent to the Mulhuddart Community Centre in Dublin 15.

The Parks Division is not aware of any other grants available from the Department of Children for the provision of playgrounds.

(vi) **Question submitted by Councillor Heidi Bedell**

“To ask the Manager to report on the transfer of Balbriggan and Skerries Harbour to Fingal County Council”

**Reply:** Balbriggan and Skerries Harbours were transferred from the ownership of Dublin Port to Fingal County Council by Order of the Minister of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2004. The County Manager and Director of Planning Property and Economic Development, had attended discussions prior to the transfer that made it clear that such action, taken without either remedial works or capital for investment in same, would create a liability that could amount to in excess of €10m for Fingal County Council due to the dilapidated state of both harbours. To date no such monies for remedial works have been forthcoming or promised.



The Council on hearing of the transfer, immediately moved to extend its insurance's to cover these places. It has commissioned a report on the safety of both places, from the point of view of public access. This report is expected within a matter of days. If it is found that either or both places pose a danger to the public that place will be closed to public access until such time as it has been made safe.

The Council is also seeking proposals to carry out a study on each place to determine the need, extent, cost and time for works that may be necessary to ensure the structural stability of each harbour and to make up for the failure of the previous owner's neglect of these facilities.

It is not intended to develop further plans for either place until both reports are available when an overall assessment of the future for each facility will then be made.

**(vii) Question submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**

"To ask the Manager why did the residents in Bremore/Flemington Lane not receive their green bins yet?"

**Reply:** Green Bins were delivered to parts of Bremore Castle in Balbriggan during the roll out but as construction was still underway in some parts of the estate they were unable to deliver to every household. Oxigen staff will be revisiting the area in the coming month to see where green bins are still outstanding and arrange delivery. According to the Oxigen database households on Bremore Road have had their Green Bins delivered as far as and including Flemington Park. Any residents who don't have a green bin in this area should contact Oxigen to arrange delivery. If there is any problem with this we will contact Oxigen on their behalf to resolve the difficulty. Unfortunately Flemington lane lies just outside the boundary of where this route finishes in Balbriggan and therefore these residents will not be getting green bins at this time. Fingal County Council are currently considering a number of proposals to provide recycling facilities to residents who are not covered by the existing Oxigen Green Bin Service. Until such time as these residents have access to comparable recycling facilities they can continue to use a €3 tag for their black bin. Recycling facilities for glass and cans are available at the following locations in Balbriggan: New bypass Road (beside Graveyard) Supervalu, Church Car Park, Barnageara Car Park, O'Dwyers GAA Club and Glebe North F.C.

Balleally Recycling Centre is open 6 days a week and is free of charge to householders for the following materials: Paper, newspaper, magazines, glass bottles and jars, food and beverage cans, plastic bottles and bags, batteries, waste oil and textiles.

Councillor Pyne referred to the fact that he lived in Flemington and had not yet received a green bin.

The Town Clerk circulated a table outlining the location of the network of Bring Centres operated in Fingal County Council and the types of materials that are acceptable. The Town Clerk to obtain a map to clarify the boundary of the Oxigen Programme

**(viii) Question submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne**

"To ask the Manager when will the work on the adventure playground in Ardgillan Park be completed?"

**Reply:** Preparatory works begun on this site in 2001 but ceased due to budgetary constraints. The completion of this playground is being sought



through corporate sponsorship. There is no times-scale available at present regarding its completion.

(ix) **Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**

"To ask the Manager can he provide litter bins at the following locations Bridge Street, church car park and the walkway on the front beach?"

**Reply:** At present there is one litter-bin located on Dublin Street, However the Inspector of the Litter management Unit will investigate to establish where litter is generated from and to determine the best locations for litter-bins if required. The street is swept several times a day and the litter is picked by a second man with the handcart. It would also be impractical for maintenance reasons to install a litter-bin there because of the narrowness of the footpath on the street in question.

The church car park is in private ownership and is cleaned by the parish every week, the responsibility of installing and servicing bins lies with the owners of the car park.

The walkway on the front beach is part of the daily beach-cleaning programme and is normally clean especially during the summer season. After the Summer season is over the Environment Department intends to retain a litter-bin at the entrance to and exit of each beach in the Fingal Local Authority area.

(x) **Question submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**

"To ask the Manager when will the houses in Breaga, Hamlet Lane be occupied?"

**Reply:** These houses cannot be occupied until construction is completed and until the legal formalities have been completed.

4. **Cathaoirleachs Business**

(a) **Clean Coast Project** meeting 14<sup>th</sup> July 2004 @ 6.30 p.m. Carnegie Court Hotel

It was agreed that Councillors Bedell and Shields attend this meeting

(b) **Anonymous letters received by members**

An Cathaoirleach stated that it is the policy of the Balbriggan Town Council to disregard anonymous letters received and no replies would be forthcoming

5. **Tidy Districts**

It was agreed that a meeting be set for Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2004 at 8 p.m. in the Bracken Court Hotel

6. **Variation in Disposal of Site at George's Square, Balbriggan to Moriarty Holdings Ltd.** was circulated as follows:



**COMHAIRLE BHAILE BRIGÍN**  
**BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL**

**Date 1<sup>st</sup> July 2004**

**TO: EACH MEMBER OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL**

Re: Variation in Disposal of Site at George's Square, Balbriggan to Moriarty Holdings Ltd.

The Town Council at its meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2003 agreed to the disposal of a site at George's Square, Balbriggan to Moriarty Holdings Ltd. to facilitate development of the town centre.

Solicitors acting on behalf of Moriarty Holdings Ltd. have now requested that the terms of the disposal be varied to dispose of the site to Moriarty Spicers Limited.

It is now proposed to dispose of the site on the same terms as the original disposal (copy enclosed) to Moriarty Spicers Limited.

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**David Storey**  
**TOWN CLERK**

Proposed by Councillor Harford, Seconded by Councillor Dunne  
Agreed by the members



7. **Redevelopment of Town Hall**

The Town Manager, Mr. Brady circulated photographs showing the ongoing works. A sign has been erected on site. The Architects Department are working on a Scheme for George's Square. A formal briefing to be arranged with the Director of Planning – Draft Development Plan –

8. **A.O.B.**

- (i) The Town Clerk announced that he will be leaving to take up a new position.

The members individually thanked Mr. Storey for his professional assistance since first taking up the position of Town Clerk in October 2000 and congratulated him on his new position as with Meath County Council.

Mr. Storey thanked all the councillors present and also previous councillors whom he had worked with and said that he hoped that the major project of the Town Hall Redevelopment would work out to the credit of the Town Council.

- (ii) Mr. William Soffe, County Manager is due to retire on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2004.
- (iii) Councillor Hammond thanked the Town Clerk for the Information Meeting which was organised for the newly elected members, with regard to the Town Hall development.

*Monica Harford*



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7<sup>th</sup> July 2004.

**DO GACH BALL DE COMHAIRLE BHAILE BRIGÍN**

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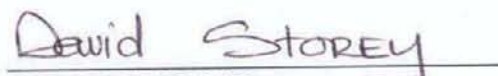
Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Bhaile Brigín Comhairle a thionolfar ar an Lúil 13, 2004 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Council will be held on **13<sup>th</sup> July, 2004 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 13<sup>th</sup> July 2004.**

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

Is mise le meas,

  
**DAVID STOREY**  
**MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR**



**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 8/6/04 (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council Annual General Meeting held on 21/6/04 (circulated herewith)

**2. Correspondence**

**A. Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 9/6/04 received from Conor Falvey, Private Secretary, Office of the Minister Department of the Environment & Heritage and Local Government regarding "Balbriggan/Skerries Wastewater Treatment Plant (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 10/6/04 received from Marie Falvey, Local Government Policy section, Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government regarding "First time councillors and ethics declaration forms" (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 15/6/04 received from Aoibheann Ni Shuilleabhain, Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Labour Affairs, regarding "Fás Office" (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Circular Letter dated 15/6/04 received from Nora Rowland, Franchise Section, Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government, regarding "Local Elections" (Disclosure of Donations & Expenditure) Act 1999, as amended" (circulated herewith)
- (v) Letter dated 17/6/04 received from Conor Falvey, Private Secretary, Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government regarding "funding for seal sanctuary" (circulated herewith)
- (vi) Circular Letter dated 17/6/04 received from Joe Allen, Local Government Policy, Department of the Environment & Heritage and Local Government re "Strategic Policy Committees" (circulated herewith)
- (vii) Circular Letter dated 24/6/04 received from Joe Harrington, Principal Officer, Traveller Accommodation Unit, Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government re "Local Authority Traveller accommodation programmes, 2005-2008" (circulated herewith)
- (viii) Received from the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government "Sustainable Rural Housing Consultation Draft of Guidelines for Planning Authorities" (available for inspection at office)
- (ix) Letter dated 21/6/04 received from Elizabeth Boland, Department of Health & Children regarding Doctor on Call service in Balbriggan (circulated herewith)
- (x) Circular letter dated 1/7/04 received from Joe Allen, Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government regarding Strategic Policy Committees (circulated herewith)
- (xi) Letter dated 1/7/04 received from Deaglán O Briain, Principal, Department of Community, Rural and Gealtacht Affairs regarding Official Languages Act 2003 – Guidelines (circulated herewith). Draft guidelines available at office for reception.



**B. Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) E-mail dated 15/6/04 received from David Pryor, Fingal Development Board "regarding "meeting of 28/4/04" enclosing FDB Project Briefing Document for Profile on Fingal County (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Circular Notice received re "Planning & Developments Acts 2000 to 2002" Notice of the Preparation of the Draft Fingal County Development Plan 2005 - 2011 (circulated herewith)

**C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 10/5/2004 received from Carmel Murphy, Town Clerk, Ballina Town Council regarding "motion to mandate the courts to impose community service orders" (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 31/5/2004 received from Marie Deighan, Town Clerk, Castleblaney Town Council regarding "Post Polio Sufferers" (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 31/5/04 received from Nora Coyne, Acting Town Clerk, Castlebar Town Council regarding "motion to create an Ombudsman to deal with complaints of elected representatives" (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 31/5/04 received from Liam O'Connor A/Town Clerk Kilkee Town Council "regarding "motion for holiday homes qualifying for tax relief"(circulated herewith)
- (v) Letter dated 25/6/04 received from Marie Deighan, Town Clerk, Castleblaney Town Council regarding "motion taxation on Social Welfare payment" (circulated herewith)
- (vi) Letter dated 15/6/04 received from Joan Crosbie, Engineering Services, Office of Public Works regarding the cleaning of Bracken River, Balbriggan (circulated herewith)
- (vii) Letter dated 25/6/04 received from Ann Fitzgerald, Chairperson, Consumer Strategy Group regarding the development of a National Consumer Strategy (circulated herewith)
- (viii) Letter received from Patricia Potter, Director, Dublin Regional Authority regarding Publication of the Regional Planning Guidelines Greater Dublin Area 2004 - 2016 (circulated herewith). Regional Planning Guidelines book available for inspection in office.

**D. Conferences**

- (i) Letter dated 17/6/04 received from Tom Ryan, Director A.M.A.I. regarding "Annual General Meeting" enclosing Copy of A.M.A.I. Newsletter, Preliminary Notice of A.M.A.I. Annual Conference 2004 and Questionnaire (circulated herewith)

**3. Motions**

**(i) Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

"That we Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for the Environment to introduce legislation making it a requirement that before going forward for election as a representative of any political party, the person so doing would have to meet the criteria of membership of that party for a time of six months at least prior to election date"



- (ii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Heidi Bedell**  
"That the plans for the new roads at the roundabout being developed at the junction of Dublin Street and the Inner relief road be altered sufficiently to allow the safe retention of the mature trees at this location as mature trees vastly enhance the entrance to a town and are worth a lot of points in Tidy Towns Competitions"
- (iii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Garda to increase patrols at night in the Balbriggan area"
- (iv) **Motion submitted by Councillor May McKeon**  
"Following the successful negotiations by elected representatives in having the ownership of Balbriggan Harbour passed to Fingal County Council, we Balbriggan Town Council call on all responsible agencies, Department of the Marine, Department of Finance, Department of the Environment and appropriate bodies to source the adequate funding to enable Fingal County Council to refurbish and maintain the Harbour on behalf of the people of Balbriggan"
- (v) **Motion submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne**  
"That Balbriggan Town Council seek as a matter of urgency a meeting with the Minister of Education & Science to put into immediate effect a mechanism to address the lack of primary and secondary places in Balbriggan"
- (vi) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council, Housing Allocation Section to consult with Balbriggan Town Council prior to putting casual vacant houses on offer in the area"
- (vii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**  
"That Balbriggan Town Council calls on the Northern Area Health Board to urgently look into the unacceptable Doctor on Call service in the Balbriggan area and replies back to the Council to explain what plans for improving this service they might have"
- (viii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**  
"That we Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council, Environmental Department to clear the rat infested dump adjacent to the wall at Quay Street Bridge area"
- (ix) **Motion submitted by Councillor Heidi Bedell**  
"That the Manager ensures that new trees are planted on either side of the Inner relief road"
- (x) **Motion submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council, to move the pedestrian crossing from in front of the Courthouse to a new location near the Library in the interest of public safety"
- (xi) **Motion submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne**  
"That Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to amend the criteria for eligibility for the joint ownership scheme where by the anomaly pertaining to the determination of income in respect of applications is removed"



**4. Questions**

- (i) **Question submitted by Councillor Heidi Bedell**  
"To ask the Manager report on the status of the Planning application for a Cinema in Balbriggan town"
- (ii) **Question submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**  
"To ask the Manager when will the apartments in Cardy Rock be occupied and what is the delay?"
- (iii) **Question submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne**  
"To ask the Manager will Fingal County Council consider the provision of speed ramps in Chapel Street?"
- (iv) **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**  
"To ask the Manager why the people offered the N.A.B.C.O. houses in Cardy Rock paid their €100 in October 2003 and have not as yet received their keys. What is the delay?"
- (v) **Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**  
"To ask the Manager are there any grants available from the Department of Children for the provision of playgrounds in the Balbriggan area?"
- (vi) **Question submitted by Councillor Heidi Bedell**  
"To ask the Manager to report on the transfer of Balbriggan and Skerries Harbour to Fingal County Council"
- (vii) **Question submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**  
"To ask the Manager why did the residents in Bremore/Flemington Lane not receive their green bins yet?"
- (viii) **Question submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne**  
"To ask the Manager when will the work on the adventure playground in Ardgillan Park be completed?"
- (ix) **Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**  
"To ask the Manager can he provide litter bins at the following locations Bridge Street, church car park and the walkway on the front beach?"
- (x) **Question submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**  
"To ask the Manager when will the houses in Breaga, Hamlet Lane be occupied?"

**5. Cathaoirleachs Business**

**6. Tidy Districts**

**7. Variation in Disposal of Site at George's Square, Balbriggan to Moriarty Holdings Ltd. (circulated herewith)**

**8. Redevelopment of Town Hall**



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> September 2004.**

**Councillors Present:**           Dunne, Larry                                 Harford, Monica  
  Bedell, Heidi                                 McKeon, May  
  Brown, Seán                                 Pyne, Ned  
  Buckley, Gerry                                 Shields, Gertie  
  Hammond, Kathleen

**Officials Present:**           Mr. Dick Brady, Head of Corporate Affairs  
  Mr. Dave Storey, Meetings Administrator  
  Mr. Brian Murray, F.C.C.  
  Ms. Margaret Wilde, F.C.C.

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Harford proposed a vote of sympathy followed by one minutes silence to Anne Wheatley on the recent death of her father, sympathy was also extended to the victims of Belsan in Russian, and books of condolences are now open locally at various locations.

An Cathaoirleach reminded the members that items of correspondence to be discussed must be notified to the office before close of business on the day of the statutory meeting.

The members of the press and public were welcomed especially Mr. Brian Murray the incoming Town Clerk for Balbriggan from October 2004.

Councillor Hammond requested and was granted permission to address the members. She read the following statement.

*" To Chairperson and members and former members, I wish to state, that I am delighted with the plans as presented to us recently for the re-development of our Town Hall. I look forward to the improvement which this work will make to the centre of Balbriggan.*

*There is a matter, however, which I wish to address regarding statements and allegations attributed to me prior to my election to this Council.*

*It is a well-known fact that I was severely critical of the manner in which our town was being allowed to deteriorate from being a thriving retail centre to where it is no longer possible to purchase many ordinary items, thereby forcing residents to have to go elsewhere to do their shopping. We need to once again become a centre with shopping and other facilities, which one would expect to find in any town of this size.*

*It is also true to state that I passionately feel that we have not, and are not making the most of the resources which this town possesses. There are many things which I would like to see being developed for the overall good of this town, a town which is very dear to my heart. That is why I took the decision to seek election to this Council.*

*I do not deny that I have been a severe critic of many of the actions and decisions of this council in the past.*



*However, I wish to refute any remarks attributed to me, and which are deemed to in any way reflect on the personal integrity of those making the decisions on behalf of the Council. If in my earnest desire to make things better for all who live here, I have given personal offence, I wish to state that this was never my intention. My intentions were at all times to highlight the issues in an impersonal way, and I will continue to do so for as long as I am a member of this Council.*

*I trust, Chairman, that this clarifies this matter once and for all.  
Thank you."*

An Cathaoirleach thanked Councillor Hammond for her statement which was accepted by the members.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) Item deferred from July Statutory Meeting  
Amended Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council Annual General Meeting held on 21/6/04 were circulated.  
Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Pyne.  
Minutes Agreed
- (ii) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 13/7/04 were circulated.  
Proposed by Councillor Bedell, seconded by Councillor Dunne  
Minutes Agreed.  
Councillor McKeon sought clarification on the ownership of the Church Car Park. The Town Clerk to seek clarification on this matter.

**2. Correspondence**

**A. Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Circular letter dated 12/7/04 received from Laurence Kelly, Local Government Policy Section, Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government regarding "Representational Payment for Councillors" was circulated and noted
- (ii) Letter dated 21/7/04 received from Catherine Burns, Private Secretary, Department of Health & Children regarding "free annual medical examination for all citizens" was circulated and noted
- (iii) Circular letter dated 22/7/04 received from Joe Allen, Local Government Policy, Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government regarding "Induction Courses for Newly Elected Members" was circulated and noted  
The Town Clerk confirmed that the usual expenses would be paid.
- (iv) Letter dated 24/7/04 received from Mr. Noel Dempsey, Minister for Education & Science regarding "primary and post primary schools in Balbriggan" was circulated and noted  
The Town Clerk to request a meeting with the Minister to discuss the matter
- (v) Statutory Audit Report dated 28/7/04 received from Eamonn Daly, Local Government Auditor, to Balbriggan Town Council for the two years ended 31/12/03 was circulated and noted  
The Town Clerk to circulate the audit Memorandum.



- (vi) Letter dated 31/7/04 received from Dermot Ahern, Minister for Communications, Marine & Natural Resources, regarding "proposed sale of Balbriggan and Skerries harbours" was circulated and noted
- (vii) Letter dated 6/8/04 received from Aoibheann Ní Shúilleabháin, Private Secretary, Department of Enterprise, Trade & Employment regarding "location of new FÁS Office in Balbriggan" was circulated and noted
- (viii) Received from the Department of the Environment & Local Government copies of the "Operation of Strategic Policy Committees" was circulated at meeting and noted
- (ix) Letter dated 2/9/04 received from Sheila McMahon, Private Housing Sector, Department of the Environment & Local Government regarding "Residential Tenancies Act 2004 and Registration of Tenancies" was circulated and noted, enclosing Residential Tenancies Act/Registration of Tenancies, also enclosing Residential Tenancies Act 2004 (available for inspection at office)

**B. Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 30/7/04 received from Mary McPhillips, Senior Staff Officer, Transportation Department "regarding moving of pedestrian crossing from front of Courthouse" was circulated and noted
- (ii) Letter dated 3/8/04 received from Eithne Mallin, Administrative Officer, Environment Department regarding "motion concerning rat infested dump adjacent Quay Street Bride area" was circulated and noted  
It was agreed that the Town Clerk would write to seek the removal of this receptacle for used clothing.
- (iii) Letter dated 10/8/04 received from Gilbert Power, Director of Services, Environment Department regarding "Balbriggan Harbour" was circulated and noted  
The Town Clerk to ensure that no decisions are made without prior consultation with Balbriggan Town Council
- (iv) Letter dated 12/8/04 received from Brendan Fleming, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department regarding "housing allocations in Balbriggan" was circulated and noted
- (v) Letter dated 4/8/04 received from Gerry Fitzgerald, Senior Executive Parks Department regarding "green area at the side of 149 Lambeecher Estate" was circulated and noted

**C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 7/7/04 received from Billy Doyle, Town Clerk, Clonmel Borough Council regarding "motion concerning double taxation" was circulated and noted
- (ii) Letter dated 10/8/04 received from Deirdre Hunt, Meeting Administrator, Enderrerry Town Council regarding "double taxation" was circulated and noted
- (iii) Letter dated 23/8/04 received from Maria, Ní Cheallaigh, Ací. Town Clerk, Killarney Town Council regarding "double taxation" was circulated and noted
- (iv) Letter dated 23/8/04 received from Maria, Ní Cheallaigh, Ací. Town Clerk, Killarney Town Council regarding "the courts imposing community service orders on second and subsequent offenders" was circulated and noted



- (v) Letter dated 6/8/04 received from Angela Kerrigan, Assistant Chief Executive, Northern Area Health Board regarding "doctor on call service" was circulated and noted  
The Town Clerk to write back and clarify if the letter was misinterpreted as the reply received did not answer the specific questions originally asked by Balbriggan Town Council
- (vi) Letter received from B. White, Hon. Secretary, AMAI enclosing Annual Report 2003 (letter circulated and noted) – report available in office for inspection.
- (vii) Letter dated August 2004 received from B. White, Hon. Secretary, AMAI enclosing Honorary Secretary's Report for year ended August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2004 (letter circulated and noted) – report available in office for inspection

#### **D. Conferences**

- (i) Letter dated 16/8/04 received from Dr. Philip Byrne, Institute of Public Administration, regarding "introduction seminars for newly elected member" was circulated and noted  
The Town Clerk to confirm details and notify the members accordingly

#### **3. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 22/7/04 received from Tom Gallagher, Superintendent, Garda Síochána regarding "increase in patrol in the Balbriggan area" was circulated and noted

#### **4. Motions**

- (i) **Motion submitted by Councillor Heidi Bedell**  
"That we Balbriggan Town Council invite Mr. Martin Naughton of the Disability Federation of Ireland to address the Town Council"  
Proposed by Councillor Bedell, seconded by Councillor Harford  
Motion Agreed
- (ii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**  
"That we Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council Roads Department to install traffic calming measures on the road leading down through Derham Park from Pinewood, past St. Teresa's School in the interest of safety"  
Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor McKeon  
Motion Agreed  
Mr. Dick Brady, Town Manager suggested that the Estate Management Committee in Pinewood and the residents of Derham Park and Craobhin Park and the parents of pupils who live outside these areas be contacted on this matter
- (iii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**  
"That Balbriggan Town Council calls on the Chief Executive and Board of Aer Lingus to explore the possibility of locating their new Headquarters in Balbriggan which will enhance the attractiveness of the town as a location"  
Proposed by Councillor Buckley, seconded by Councillor McKeon  
Motion Agreed



- (iv) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**  
“That Balbriggan Town Council meet with Cardy Rock developer to establish what interest has been shown so far in the sales of the sites for Crèche and Medical Centre”  
Proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Pyne  
Motion Agreed  
The Town Clerk to write and notify the North Area Health Board of the possible location of a new Doctor of Call Centre being set up at this location as the site is already available
- (v) **Motion submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**  
“That we Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal Planning to insist that all developments being built at present and in the future have boundary walls/fences dividing them from the road”  
Proposed by Councillor Pyne, seconded by Councillor Harford  
Motion Agreed
- (vi) **Motion submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**  
“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to put safety chains in place along the Bracken River where they are needed as a matter of public safety and to enhance the area”  
Proposed by Councillor Hammond, seconded by Councillor Bedell  
Motion Agreed
- (vii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**  
“That we Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council Roads Department to install traffic calming measures plus extra warning signs at the junction at Courtlough where the old road joins new section of M.1”  
Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor McKeon  
Motion Agreed
- (viii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**  
“That Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council to provide guidelines to towns like Balbriggan on how to deal with the increasing amounts of cigarette butts being discarded on the streets following the recent smoking ban”  
Proposed by Councillor Buckley, seconded by Councillor Pyne  
Motion Agreed  
Councillor Buckley also paid tribute to the achievements of the voluntary Tidy Districts Committee on the improvement in points received this year for Balbriggan
- (ix) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**  
“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Department of Education to furnish the following information:  
a. Where are schools going to be built in Balbriggan?  
b. When will these schools be built?”  
Proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Dunne  
Motion Agreed
- (x) **Motion submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**  
“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to give a full and frank report on the delay in giving out the houses in Cardy Rock”  
Proposed by Councillor Pyne, seconded by Councillor Harford  
Motion Agreed



It was agreed by the members that the Final County Council reply be forwarded to NABCO for comment when received.

(xi) **Motion submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**

“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to install ramps in Pinewood in the interest of public safety and to erect signs in the estate and at the school area”

Proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Dunne  
Motion Agreed

5. **Questions**

(i) **Question submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**

“To ask the Manager when will the footpath at Bremore/Flemington be repaired?”

**Reply**

Arrangements are being made for necessary remedial repairs to be undertaken to the footpath at the top of Flemington Lane, Balbriggan and this work will be undertaken as soon as it can be fitted into the Area Engineer’s Programme of Works for the area.

(ii) **Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

“To ask the Manager is there any definite date for the hand over of keys to the perspective tenants of NABCO Houses on the Cardy Rock estate?”

**Reply**

It is not possible to give a definite date, but every effort is being made by the Council to have these houses handed over to NABCO as soon as possible.

(iii) **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

“To ask the Manager have the Council any plans to repair the appalling footpaths on Lambeechee estate?”

**Reply**

The carrying out of improvements to the footpaths in Lambeechee Estate will be considered in the context of the preparation of the Draft Transportation Programme of Works for 2005. In the meantime necessary remedial repairs will be undertaken to the footpaths in this Estate and this work will be carried out as soon as it can be fitted into the Area Engineer’s Programme of works for the area.

(iv) **Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**

“To ask the Manager if the alleyways at Bath Road are to be closed off and to request that Bath Road be included in the programme of works for tree planting?”

**Reply**

- (a) I wish to advise that the Housing Dept. has canvassed the residents of 103 to 148 Lambeechee on three separate occasions seeking their agreement to the closure of the lane way by means of a lockable gate at either end. However, due to the number of objections received it is not proposed to proceed with this closure.

- (b) This item has been put on the Winter Works Requests 04/05 for tree planting.

(v) **Question submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**

“To ask the Manager when will the footpath at Westbrook Green Naul Road be finished and to ask when will the high grass and weeds be cut on the same stretch?”



### **Reply**

The tidying up of the area of the Naul Road fronting Westbrook Phase 2 which is on the opposite side of the road to the graveyard on the Naul Road is included in the Area Engineer's Programme of Works for the area and this work will be undertaken as soon as possible. The work will include the cutting of the high grass and weeds.

A realignment of the Naul Road from the Graveyard to the Motorway Interchange is currently being designed and a sum of €100,00 is included in the Transportation Programme of Works for 2004 for the carrying out of the design of this Scheme. When the Scheme is prepared it will be submitted to the Balbriggan/Swords Area Committee Meeting for approval in the context of the initiation of the public consultation process in accordance with Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001. The provision of a permanent footpath in the area of Westbrook will be included in the Improvement Scheme.

The Town Clerk to write to the Developers and to contact the Derelict Site Section of Fingal County Council

(vi) **Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**

"To ask the Manager what is the expected completion date for the Bremore Castle Project?"

### **Reply:**

As Members are aware, this project is a joint venture between Fingal County Council and FÁS. Given the current economic climate, FÁS has reduced the number of participants on all schemes, including Bremore Castle. It is therefore not possible at this time to determine a completion date for the project.

The Town Clerk to follow up on this matter

### **6. Cathaoirleachs Business**

1. Quarterly Meeting with Gardai set for Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September 7.30 p.m. in the Bracken Court Hotel
2. Additional Correspondence circulated by the Town Clerk referred to "Heritage plan for Fingal"

It was proposed by Councillor Dunne and seconded by Councillor Bedell that delegates be nominated.

This was agreed by the members.

It was proposed by Councillor Shields and seconded by Councillor McKeon that Councillor Bedell be the delegate.

Agreed by the members.

It was proposed by Councillor Harford and seconded by Councillor Pyne that Councillor Hammond be the substitute delegate

Agreed by the members.

Councillor Bedell informed the members that free buses will be servicing the estates in Balbriggan on European Car Free day 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2004

### **7. Tidy Districts**

This matter to be discussed following statutory meeting.



8. **Redevelopment of Town Hall**

The Town Clerk circulated photographs of the present stage of the development with work ongoing. The members were advised that they would be notified of a site visit, which is to be arranged following discussion with the architects and contractors.

An Cathaoirleach thanked the Town Clerk, David Storey for all his help and assistance and wished him well in the future.

Meeting concluded 9.30p.m.

*Monica Harford*



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7<sup>th</sup> September 2004.

**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 14, 2004 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 **14<sup>th</sup> September, 2004 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 14<sup>th</sup> September 2004.**

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

Is mise le meas,

*David Storey*

**DAVID STOREY**  
**MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR**



**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) Item deferred from July Statutory Meeting  
Amended Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council Annual General Meeting held on 21/6/04 (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 13/7/04 (circulated herewith)

**2. Correspondence**

**A. Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Circular letter dated 12/7/04 received from Laurence Kelly, Local Government Policy Section, Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government regarding "Representational Payment for Councillors" (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 21/7/04 received from Catherine Burns, Private Secretary, Department of Health & Children regarding "free annual medical examination for all citizens" (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Circular letter dated 22/7/04 received from Joe Allen, Local Government Policy, Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government regarding "Induction Courses for Newly Elected Members" (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 24/7/04 received from Mr. Noel Dempsey, Minister for Education & Science regarding "primary and post primary schools in Balbriggan" (circulated herewith)
- (v) Statutory Audit Report dated 28/7/04 received from Eamonn Daly, Local Government Auditor, to Balbriggan Town Council for the two years ended 31/12/03 (circulated herewith)
- (vi) Letter dated 31/7/04 received from Dermot Ahern, Minister for Communications, Marine & Natural Resources, regarding "proposed sale of Balbriggan and Skerries harbours" (circulated herewith)
- (vii) Letter dated 6/8/04 received from Aoibheann Ní Shúilleabháin, Private Secretary, Department of Enterprise, Trade & Employment regarding "location of new FÁS Office in Balbriggan" (circulated herewith)
- (viii) Received from the Department of the Environment & Local Government copies of the "Operation of Strategic Policy Committees" (circulated at meeting)
- (ix) Letter dated 2/9/04 received from Sheila McMahon, Private Housing Sector, Department of the Environment & Local Government regarding "Residential Tenancies Act 2004 and Registration of Tenancies" enclosing Residential Tenancies Act/Registration of Tenancies, also enclosing Residential Tenancies Act 2004 (available for inspection at office)

**B. Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 30/7/04 received from Mary McPhillips, Senior Staff Officer, Transportation Department "regarding moving of pedestrian crossing from front of Courthouse" (circulated herewith)



- (ii) Letter dated 3/8/04 received from Eithne Mallin, Administrative Officer, Environment Department regarding "motion concerning rat infested dump adjacent Quay Street Bride area" (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 10/8/04 received from Gilbert Power, Director of Services, Environment Department regarding "Balbriggan Harbour" (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 12/8/04 received from Brendan Fleming, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department regarding "housing allocations in Balbriggan" (circulated herewith)
- (v) Letter dated 4/8/04 received from Gerry Fitzgerald, Senior Executive Parks Department regarding "green area at the side of 149 Lambeecher Estate" (circulated herewith)

**C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 7/7/04 received from Billy Doyle, Town Clerk, Clonmel Borough Council regarding "motion concerning double taxation" (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 10/8/04 received from Deirdre Hunt, Meeting Administrator, Enderrry Town Council regarding "double taxation" (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 23/8/04 received from Maria, Ní Cheallaigh, Ací. Town Clerk, Killarney Town Council regarding "double taxation" (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 23/8/04 received from Maria, Ní Cheallaigh, Ací. Town Clerk, Killarney Town Council regarding "the courts imposing community service orders on second and subsequent offenders" (circulated herewith)
- (v) Letter dated 6/8/04 received from Angela Kerrigan, Assistant Chief Executive, Northern Area Health Board regarding "doctor on call service" (circulated herewith)
- (vi) Letter received from B. White, Hon. Secretary, AMAI enclosing Annual Report 2003 (letter circulated herewith) – report available in office for inspection.
- (vii) Letter dated August 2004 received from B. White, Hon. Secretary, AMAI enclosing Honorary Secretary's Report for year ended August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2004 (letter circulated herewith) – report available in office for inspection

**D. Conferences**

- (i) Letter dated 16/8/04 received from Dr. Philip Byrne, Institute of Public Administration, regarding "introduction seminars for newly elected member" (circulated herewith)

**3. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 22/7/04 received from Tom Gallagher, Superintendent, Garda Síochána regarding "increase in patrol in the Balbriggan area" (circulated herewith)



**4. Motions**

- (i) **Motion submitted by Councillor Heidi Bedell**  
“That we Balbriggan Town Council invite Mr. Martin Naughton of the Disability Federation of Ireland to address the Town Council”
- (ii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**  
“That we Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council Roads Department to install traffic calming measures on the road leading down through Derham Park from Pinewood, past St. Teresa’s School in the interest of safety”
- (iii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**  
“That Balbriggan Town Council calls on the Chief Executive and Board of Aer Lingus to explore the possibility of locating their new Headquarters in Balbriggan which will enhance the attractiveness of the town as a location”
- (iv) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**  
“That Balbriggan Town Council meet with Cardy Rock developer to establish what interest has been shown so far in the sales of the sites for Crèche and Medical Centre”
- (v) **Motion submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**  
“That we Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal Planning to insist that all developments being built at present and in the future have boundary walls/fences dividing them from the road”
- (vi) **Motion submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**  
“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to put safety chains in place along the Bracken River where they are needed as a matter of public safety and to enhance the area”
- (vii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**  
“That we Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council Roads Department to install traffic calming measures plus extra warning signs at the junction at Courtlough where the old road joins new section of M.1”
- (viii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**  
“That Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council to provide guidelines to towns like Balbriggan on how to deal with the increasing amounts of cigarette butts being discarded on the streets following the recent smoking ban”
- (ix) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**  
“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Department of Education to furnish the following information:  
a. Where are schools going to be built in Balbriggan?  
b. When will these schools be built?”
- (x) **Motion submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**  
“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to give a full and frank report on the delay in giving out the houses in Cardy Rock”
- (xi) **Motion submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**  
“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to install ramps in Pinewood in the interest of public safety and to erect signs in the estate and at the school area”



**5. Questions**

**(i) Question submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**

"To ask the Manager when will the footpath at Bremore/Flemington be repaired?"

**(ii) Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

"To ask the Manager is there any definite date for the hand over of keys to the perspective tenants of NABCO Houses on the Cardy Rock estate?"

**(iii) Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

"To ask the Manager have the Council any plans to repair the appalling footpaths on Lambeecher estate?"

**(iv) Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**

"To ask the Manger if the alleyways at Bath Road are to be closed off and to request that Bath Road be included in the programme of works for tree planting?"

**(v) Question submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**

"To ask the Manager when will the footpath at Westbrook Green Naul Road be finished and to ask when will the high grass and weeds be cut on the same stretch?"

**(vi) Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**

"To ask the Manager what is the expected completion date for the Bremore Castle Project?"

**6. Cathaoirleachs Business**

1. Quarterly Meeting with Gardai (set date)

**7. Tidy Districts**

**8. Redevelopment of Town Hall**



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> October 2004**

**Councillors Present:**

Dunne, Larry	Harford, Monica
Bedell, Heidi	McKeon, May
Brown, Seán	Pyne, Ned
Buckley, Gerry	Shields, Gertie
Hammond, Kathleen	

**Officials Present:**

Mr. Stephen Peppard, Senior Executive Officer F.C.C.  
Mr. Brian Murray, Meetings Administrator  
Ms. Margaret Wilde, F.C.C.

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Harford welcomed the new Town Clerk Mr. Brian Murray, the members of the press and the members of the public. Councillor Harford then requested a vote of sympathy to the family of Mr Ken Bigley.

Proposed by Councillor Bedell, seconded by Councillor Shields and agreed by members. Town Clerk to write letter of condolence to Bigley family.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September were circulated

It was proposed by Councillor Shields that the text of the first paragraph of the minutes be changed to read as follows " To the Chairperson and members and former members, I wish to state, that I am delighted with the plans as presented to us recently for the redevelopment of our Town Hall. I look forward to the improvement, which this work will make to the centre of the town"

This was agreed by the members

**2. Correspondence**

**A. Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 10/9/2004 received from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality & Law Reform regarding "Garda Manpower and request for meeting with Minister" was circulated and noted. It was agreed by the members that the Town Clerk would write again requesting a meeting with the Minister.
- (ii) Letter dated 13/9/2004 received from Laurence Kelly, Local Government Policy Section, Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government regarding "expenses of elected members of local authorities" was circulated and noted
- (iii) Letter dated 17/9/04 received from Ciaran Conroy, Assistant Principal Officer, Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government regarding Local Authority Budget Meetings 2005 was circulated and noted.  
Town Clerk to arrange date for Budget Meeting following consultation with Town Manager Mr. Dick Brady



**B. Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 24/9/04 received from Alan Carthy, County Manager, regarding NABCO apartments at Cardy Rock, Balbriggan was circulated and noted. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would write to Mr. Alan Carthy, Director of Housing and to the County Manager seeking a date when the keys will be handed over to the prospective tenants. It was also agreed that a copy of Mr. Carthy's reply be forwarded to NABCO.

**C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 15/9/2004 received from Jim Dillon, A/Town Clerk, Clonmel Borough Council regarding "motion equal status for Local Government Members" was circulated and noted
- (ii) Letter dated 28/9/2004 received from Cllr. Niall Dennehy P.C. Clonmel Borough Council regarding "motion equal status for Local Government Members" was circulated and noted.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk would reply that the members had discussed and supported the motion.

**3. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 16/9/2004 received from Alan W. Gray, Managing Partner, Indecon, (Ire) International Economic Consultant regarding "study on the Financing of Local Government in Ireland" was circulated and noted. It was agreed that the town Clerk would request a copy of the terms of reference referred to in the correspondence, circulate it to the members and to request an extension to the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2004 deadline for making submissions.

**4. Motions**

**(i) Motion submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne**

"That we Balbriggan Town Council call upon the Minister of Education to ensure that a comprehensive free school bus service is provided for all primary children in the Balbriggan area"

Proposed by Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor Pyne

Motion Agreed

**(ii) Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to confirm that it was a genuine map error regarding the proposed planning permission for the green spaces at Westbrook, Chapel Gate, Moylaragh, Bremore"

Proposed by Councillor Buckley, seconded by Councillor Bedell

Motion Agreed

Mr. Stephen Peppard confirmed to the members that it was a map error and that he would arrange that a letter be sent to the members to clarify the matter.

**(iii) Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the new Minister for Education to immediately acquire school site located in Flemington and Bremore West and South off Hamlet Lane development, Planning Ref. F00A/1464 and to ensure that the school be in place on completion of this development"



Proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Bedell  
Motion Agreed

Councillor Brown advised the members that present legislation exists on this issue which could make it part of the planning conditions in the future.

**(iv) Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**

“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council Roads Department to send out an inspector to inspect all the local roads in view of the large amount of dangerous potholes and to ensure that all the road marking are maintained in the interest of public safety

Proposed by Councillor Buckley, seconded by Councillor Dunne  
Motion Agreed

It was agreed that the members would accompany the inspector.

**(v) Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

“Balbriggan Town Council call on the North Eastern Health Board to clarify the position of patients who attend Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital who are then referred, where physiotherapy is necessary to Beaumont Hospital as no physiotherapy is available to Balbriggan patients at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital”

Councillor Shields circulated copies of notice issued by Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital

Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Harford.  
Motion Agreed

**(vi) Motion submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**

“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to put a pathway at Westbrook, near Pedestrian crossing in the interest of public safety”

Proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Bedell  
Motion Agreed

**(vii) Motion submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**

“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to put a proper system in place to clear all street drains in order to prevent flooding on our streets”

Proposed by Councillor Pyne, Seconded by Councillor Harford  
Motion Agreed

**(viii) Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Manager of the Medical Centre in Balbriggan to provide toilet facilities down stairs for wheelchair bound patients from whom a urine sample is required?”

Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Pyne

Following discussion it was agreed to amend the motion to read as follows:

*“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Management of the Medical Centre in Balbriggan to provide toilet facilities down stairs for wheelchair bound patients from whom a urine sample is required”*

Motion Agreed



- (ix) **Motion submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**  
“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to put railings in front of the flats in Bath Road to discourage anti-social behaviour”  
Proposed by Councillor Hammond, seconded by Councillor Dunne  
Motion Agreed
- (x) **Motion submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**  
“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to erect a STOP sign at end of Hamlet Lane leading on to M.1. Motorway”  
Proposed by Councillor Pyne, seconded by Councillor Harford  
Following discussion it was agreed to amend the text of the motion to read as follows: “*Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to erect a STOP sign at the end of Hamlet Lane leading on to the N.1 Motorway*”  
Motion Agreed

Councillor McKeon queried if the format of the agenda could be changed to include “Council Report”. Mr Stephen Peppard explained that this would require a change in Standing Orders. Mr Peppard advised that Councillor McKeon could update the members of County Council matters by way of correspondence.

5.

- (i) **Question submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne**  
“To ask the Manager in view of the commitment given by the Council to the Balbriggan Town Commissioners that a replacement amenity would be provided at Blackrock as a substitute for the pier that the Council demolished will the Council now:
- (a) Give details of the proposed replacement amenity
  - (b) Give the date when that facility will be completed by?

**Reply:**

“The Council’s Environment Department did not commit to providing a replacement amenity at Blackrock at the recent Balbriggan Town Council deputation but rather agreed to invite submissions from interested groups regarding pier facilities for bathers. It was also agreed that all submissions would be examined and if it was possible to have the work carried out at a reasonable cost, consideration would be given to making provision in next years budget for the work.

Submissions from interested groups will be invited in the Fingal Independent before the end of October 2004.”

Councillor Dunne stated the reply given referred to a different meeting as that mentioned in his question. Town Clerk to seek clarification with the Environment Department on this matter.”

- (ii) **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**  
“To ask the Manager is the Fingal County Council Depot in Balbriggan being moved to Swords?”



**Reply:**

"The operation of the Balbriggan Depot at its current location is unsatisfactory and has given rise to complaints from residents living nearby in the context of nuisance. The options for improvement of the operations are under consideration. These include a relocation of the Depot to another location within Balbriggan or a transfer of operations to the Swords Depot. This matter will be considered in full consultation with the staff of Balbriggan Depot and the elected members."

**(iii) Question submitted by Councillor Seán Brown**

"To ask the Manager what exactly is going to be done to facilitate the residents in the town re parking if and when the new parking system comes into place in particular for the elderly residents and how much money has Fingal County Council spent to date on Traffic Consultants in relation to the new traffic/parking plans?"

**Reply:**

"The Balbriggan Parking Management Scheme incorporating the Pay and Display element was approved by the County Council at its meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2004. Arrangements are now being made for the detailed design of the scheme to be prepared to enable tenders to be invited in order that work can commence on the scheme as soon as possible in 2005.

The sum of €50,000 is included in the Transportation Programme of Works for 2005 for the work associated with the design of the scheme. The scheme itself is estimated to cost in excess of €500,000.

The success of a Parking Management Scheme for both residents and businesses is entirely dependent on enforcement. In the absence of enforcement, cars would continue to park outside residences without penalty. Where a resident displays a permit, the parking warden is in a position to easily identify vehicles which have not got permits.

For this reason, a charge for a permit is considered essential. In the Council's experience up to 35% of spaces are at all times available.

The charge for these permits is €25 and is amongst the lowest in the country. The Transportation Department has committed itself to spending an amount equal to the revenue collected on local improvements in Balbriggan.

Pursuant to Fingal County Council Parking Places Bye-Laws 2002 the following fees apply to parking where a Pay and Display scheme is in place:

• **Residents Permits**

The sum of €25.00 is applicable for a resident's parking permit per annum from the date of issue.



- **Visitors Permits**

A Visitors Disc costs €1.20 per day.

### **Disabled Parking**

As part of the Balbriggan Parking Management Scheme an increase from the number of existing disabled parking spaces will be provided at a number of locations and a no parking fee applies to parking in these spaces provided a permit has been issued to the disabled person in question.

A disabled permit allows drivers to park for any length of time in Pay and Display parking spaces.

### **Commuter Bus Service**

Any parking restrictions included in the Scheme and devised to facilitate the operation of a local commuter bus service around the town of Balbriggan. This bus service will come into operation as soon as the parking management scheme has been implemented.”

Councillor Brown stated the reply given did not answer the question regarding how much money had been spent to date on consultants and what provision was in the scheme for elderly residents. Town Clerk to seek clarification from the Transportation Department.

Councillor McKeon queried that standing orders did not allow discussion on replies to questions. Town Clerk read out the following extract from Standing Orders “**QUESTIONS - 46.** The Agenda Paper for a Town Council meeting shall not contain any more than two questions from any one Councillor, subject to the provision that an additional question shall be allowable in lieu of a motion. The latest day for submission of questions for inclusion on the agenda for such meeting shall be 11 clear days (not including Bank Holidays) before the day of the meeting, and should be received in writing before close of business of that day.”

It was agreed that Standing Orders be amended to disallow discussion on replies to questions.

(iv) **Question submitted by Councillor Seán Brown**

“To ask the Manager as to why road markings in the town are not kept permanently in an appropriate condition to allow the Gardai to enforce Road Traffic legislation to the standards expected in particular at the traffic lights at Super Valu?”

**Reply:**

“Arrangements are being made for the existing road markings in the town of Balbriggan in need of replacement to be restored as soon as possible.”



(v) **Question submitted by Councillor Seán Brown**

"To ask the Manager how much money has been invested in providing playground and community facilities for the people of Balbriggan in the past two years?"

**Reply:**

"(1) In the past 2 years the Parks Division has not spent any money for the provision of playgrounds in Balbriggan. In 2001 €50,000 was spent on ground works and boundary treatment as phase 1 of the provision of a playground in Ardgillan Demesne. Unfortunately no funding has been provided for the completion of this playground.

(2) The most immediate and measurable method of assessing financial investment in community and recreation facilities is by the level of Council grants for the funding of projects. In the years of 2003 and 2004, activities and facilities funding has been awarded to groups based in the general Balbriggan areas in the total sum of €252,331.

Looking to the future, Balbriggan groups will continue to avail of Community grant funding. In addition to this, however, the Balbriggan area will benefit from the apportionment of that element of Development Levies to be assigned to community facilities, collected on foot of planning permissions granted for the area. These levies apply to permissions granted since 9<sup>th</sup> December 2003."

(vi) **Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**

"To ask the Manager can he arrange to have the weeds treated along the wall at the walkway to the north of the main beach and to cut the grass in front of the park near the seats?"

**Reply**

"The Council's Environment Department employs temporary summer staff during the high season to carry out the cleaning of beaches and the cutting of associated grass areas in the Fingal area. The weeds along the wall at the walkway to the north of the main beach were treated twice during the summer peak season. The Council in co-operation with Iarnród Éireann cut the grass in the area twice during this period. The beaches will be cleaned and the weeds treated for the forthcoming October bank holiday weekend."

(vii) **Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**

"To ask the Manager can anything be done about the condition of some of the shop fronts on Bridge Street, between Powers Bookies Shop and the Chinese Restaurant?"

**Reply:**

"The Council has no effective powers to have the condition of shopfronts improved as such. The owners of these premises can, however, be written to and requested to both maintain/paint the shopfronts particularly if the Town Council consider this to be appropriate. Another option, in this regard, would be to write to the committee of the local Chamber of Commerce and request that this matter be taken up then in the interest of townscape improvement.

The Town Council members should note that replacement shopfronts do, however, require planning permission."



6. **Cathaoirleach's Business**

**Draft Strategic Policy Committee Scheme**

Mr Stephen Peppard outlined to the members that Fingal County Council had adopted a Draft Strategic Policy Committee Scheme and there is now a four week period for public consultation.

The Draft Scheme allows for a total of two Town Council representatives: one representative on the Planning and Development committee and one representative on the Community, Recreation, Amenities & General Purposes Committee.

The Scheme must be adopted by Fingal County Council. It will then be a matter for the Town Council members to select representatives for the respective committees.

7. **Financial Statement**

Report circulated and noted. It was agreed that any queries could be raised at the November Meeting

8. **Tidy Districts**

This matter to be discussed following statutory meeting

9. **Redevelopment of Town Hall**

The Town Clerk advised the members that following consultation with the Council's Architect, the site visit should be deferred until the New Year. Mr. Stephen Peppard informed the members that the owner of the Bracken Court Hotel had said the members are free to view the site from his premises. Councillor Dunne requested that proper provision be made for local archives.

10. **Fingal Corporate Plan 2004-2009**

Mr. Stephen Peppard outlined to the members that Fingal County Council must prepare a Corporate Plan within six months of a local election i.e. by December 2004 and that Balbriggan Town Council should be consulted on the objectives and strategies to be adopted.

It was agreed to circulate a copy of the existing Corporate Plan to the members. The Town Manager and Town Clerk to prepare a draft document for discussion at the November meeting.

Meeting concluded 9.30 p.m.

*Monica Hayford.*



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6<sup>th</sup> October 2004.

**DO GACH BALL DE COMHAIRLE BHAILE BRIGÍN**

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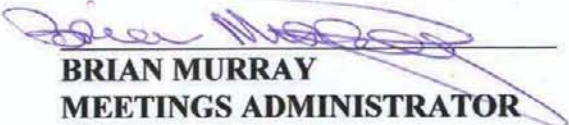
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I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Council will be held on **12<sup>th</sup> October, 2004 at 7.30 p.m. in the Bremore Hamilton Room, Bracken Court Hotel**, to consider the following agenda.

**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 12<sup>th</sup> October 2004.**

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

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**BRIAN MURRAY**  
**MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR**



**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

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- (iii) Letter dated 17/9/04 received from Ciaran Conroy, Assistant Principal Officer, Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government regarding Local Authority Budget Meetings 2005 (circulated herewith)

**B. Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 24/9/04 received from Alan Carthy, County Manager, regarding NABCO apartments at Cardy Rock, Balbriggan (circulated herewith)

**C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 15/9/2004 received from Jim Dillon, A/Town Clerk, Clonmel Borough Council regarding "motion equal status for Local Government Members" (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 28/9/2004 received from Cllr. Niall Dennehy P.C. Clonmel Borough Council regarding "motion equal status for Local Government Members" (circulated herewith)

**3. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 16/9/2004 received from Alan W. Gray, Managing Partner, Indecon, (Ire) International Economic Consultant regarding "study on the Financing of Local Government in Ireland" (circulated herewith)

**4. Motions**

**(i) Motion submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne**

"That we Balbriggan Town Council call upon the Minister of Education to ensure that a comprehensive free school bus service is provided for all primary children in the Balbriggan area"

**(ii) Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to confirm that it was a genuine map error regarding the proposed planning permission for the green spaces at Westbrook, Chapel Gate, Moylaragh, Bremore"

**(iii) Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the new Minister for Education to immediately acquire school site located in Flemington and Bremore West and South off Hamlet Lane development, Planning Ref. F00A/1464 and to ensure that the school be in place on completion of this development"



- (iv) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council Roads Department to send out an inspector to inspect all the local roads in view of the large amount of dangerous potholes and to ensure that all the road marking are maintained in the interest of public safety"
- (v) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on the North Eastern Health Board to clarify the position of patients who attend Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital who are then referred, where physiotherapy is necessary to Beaumont Hospital as no physiotherapy is available to Balbriggan patients at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital"
- (vi) **Motion submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to put a pathway at Westbrook, near Pedestrian crossing in the interest of public safety"
- (vii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to put a proper system in place to clear all street drains in order to prevent flooding on our streets"
- (viii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Manager of the Medical Centre in Balbriggan to provide toilet facilities down stairs for wheelchair bound patients from whom a urine sample is required?"
- (ix) **Motion submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to put railings in front of the flats in Bath Road to discourage anti-social behaviour"
- (x) **Motion submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to erect a STOP sign at end of Hamlet Lane leading on to M.1. Motorway"

## 5. Questions

- (i) **Question submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne**  
"To ask the Manager in view of the commitment given by the Council to the Balbriggan Town Commissioners that a replacement amenity would be provided at Blackrock as a substitute for the pier that the Council demolished will the Council now:
  - (a) Give details of the proposed replacement amenity
  - (b) Give the date when that facility will be completed by?
- (ii) **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**  
"To ask the Manager is the Fingal County Council Depot in Balbriggan being moved to Swords?"
- (iii) **Question submitted by Councillor Seán Brown**  
"To as the Manager what exactly is going to be done to facilitate the residents in the town re parking if and when the new parking system comes into place in particular for the elderly residents and how much money has Fingal County Council spent to date on Traffic Consultants in relation to the new traffic/parking plans?"



- (iv) **Question submitted by Councillor Seán Brown**  
"To ask the Manager as to why road markings in the town are not kept permanently in an appropriate condition to allow the Gardai to enforce Road Traffic legislation to the standards expected in particular at the traffic lights at Super Valu?"
- (v) **Question submitted by Councillor Seán Brown**  
"To ask the Manager how much money has been invested in providing playground and community facilities for the people of Balbriggan in the past two years?"
- (vi) **Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**  
"To ask the Manager can he arrange to have the weeds treated along the wall at the walkway to the north of the main beach and to cut the grass in front of the park near the seats?"
- (vii) **Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**  
"To ask the Manager can anything be done about the condition of some of the shop fronts on Bridge Street, between Powers Bookies Shop and the Chinese Restaurant?"

- 6. **Cathaoirleach's Business**
- 7. **Financial Statement**
- 8. **Tidy Districts**
- 9. **Redevelopment of Town Hall**
- 10. **Fingal Corporate Plan 2004-2009**



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> November 2004.**

**Councillors Present:** Dunne, Larry Harford, Monica  
Bedell, Heidi McKeon, May  
Buckley, Gerry Pyne, Ned  
Hammond, Kathleen Shields, Gertie

**Officials Present:** Mr. Stephen Peppard, Senior Executive Officer F.C.C.  
Ms. Marguerite Murphy, County Architect F.C.C.  
Mr. Brian Murray, Meetings Administrator  
Ms. Margaret Wilde, F.C.C.

**Apologies Received:** Councillor Seán Brown, County Manager John Tierney

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Monica Harford advised the members the new County Manager Mr. John Tierney could not attend the meeting and will attend the December meeting. Councillor Harford extended welcome to Ms. Margurite Murphy, County Architect and to the press and members of the public.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

(i) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2004 were circulated.

Proposed by Councillor Dunne, Seconded by Councillor Shields  
Minutes Agreed

It was proposed by Mr. Stephen Peppard that the order of business be changed and that item 8 Redevelopment Town Hall be dealt with to allow Ms. Murphy update the members on the Town Hall Re-Development. This was agreed by the members.

**8. Re-Development of the Town Hall**

Ms. Murphy showed drawings detailing changes to the plans in relation to the function room which would increase in size by approximately 15%. Ms. Murphy explained that the revised plan would now begin the statutory planning approval process. An Cathaoirleach thanked Ms. Murphy for the presentation.

**2. Correspondence**

**A. Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

(i) Letter dated 22/20/04 received from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform regarding Garda manpower in Balbriggan circulated and noted

**B. Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

(i) Letter dated 21/10/2004 received from Michael A. Lynch, Senior Parks Superintendent, regarding Bremore Castle Project circulated and noted



**C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 11/10/04 received from Pat Collins, Town Clerk, Wexford Borough Council regarding motion passed at their meeting circulated and noted
- (ii) Letter dated 19/10/04 received from Angela Kerrigan, Assistant Chief Executive, Northern Area Health Board regarding Doctor on Call service for Balbriggan circulated and noted

The Town Clerk informed the members that a more detailed reply has since been received and that it will be placed on the agenda for the December meeting.

**3. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 5/10/04 received from Michael Anglim, Director, Gannon Homes Ltd regarding construction of Crèche and Medical Centre circulated and noted
- (ii) Letter dated 6/10/04 received from Tony Meehan, Contracts Manager, Liberty Homes regarding Cardy Rock Development circulated and noted
- (iii) Letter dated 20/10/04 received from Bernard Thompson, General Secretary, National Association of Building Co-operatives (NABCO) Society Ltd. circulated and noted.

Following discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk write again to Mr. Alan Carthy, Fingal County Council on this matter.

**4. Motions**

**(i) Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

“That we Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Justice, Equality & Law Reform to return all asylum seeking unaccompanied children under the age of 18 years to their country of origin at immigration point.”

Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Dunne

Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Bedell and seconded by Councillor Pyne that the motion be amended to read as follows:

“That we in the Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform to treat all asylum seeking unaccompanied children under the age of 18 years in a way which protects them from disappearance or other harm”.

On a division, the voting resulted as follows:

For the amended motion: Four (4)

Against the amended motion: Four (4)

For the amended motion: Councillors, Bedell, Pyne, Buckley, Hammond

Against the amended motion: Councillors, Shields, Dunne, Harford, McKeon

An Cathaoirleach cast her deciding vote against the amended motion.

Amendment to motion lost.



On a division, the voting resulted as follows:

For the original motion: Four (4)

Against the original motion: Four (4)

For the original motion: Councillors, Shields, Dunne, Harford,  
McKeon

Against the original motion: Councillors, Bedell, Pyne, Buckley,  
Hammond

An Cathaoirleach cast her deciding vote in favour of the original motion.

Motion Agreed

It was agreed that the terms of the motion be forwarded to all local Dáil Deputies and to all other Local Authorities.

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

“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to endeavour to re-locate their Balbriggan Depot in Balbriggan”

Proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor McKeon

Motion Agreed

(iii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

“That we Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to complete the long delayed drainage work on the boundary between Lambeeher Estate Drogheda Road and St. Mologas School”

Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Harford

Motion Agreed

(iv) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

“Balbriggan Town Council agrees to seek a meeting with the developer of Cardy Rock to discuss the interest shown to date in the sales of the sites for a crèche and a medical centre”

Proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Shields

Motion Agreed

5. **Standing Orders**

Mr. Stephen Peppard explained that following discussion at the October meeting regarding replies to questions, an amendment to Standing Orders was being proposed for adoption by the members.

Proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Shields and

Agreed by the members to change Standing Orders under the heading of “Questions” as follows:

“Before Notices of Motion are taken, written Questions by members, which are received are permitted to be put to the County Manager. Before being formally put and answered, questions must be approved by the Meeting on motion without debate. Questions shall not involve argument, nor contain any matters, except such as are strictly necessary to explain such questions”.

Agreed by the members to change Standing Orders under the heading of “Order of Business” as follows:

“The Order of Business at all but the Annual Meeting shall be as herein set down:

(a) Confirmation of Minutes

(b) Correspondence

(c) Questions



- (d) Notice of Motion
  - (i) Councillors who limit themselves to submitting only one motion are accorded priority on the Agenda in the order of receipt of these motions subject to the provision that the first or nominated motion by a member who submitted more than one motion, shall be given equal priority. Otherwise, Notices of Motion shall appear on the agenda, in the order of their receipt.
- (e) Other business as set forth on the Agenda Paper
- (f) Other urgent business not included on the Agenda Paper.”

**6. Cathaoirleach's Business**

**(i) Draft S.P.C. Scheme**

Mr. Stephen Peppard informed the members that the Draft Scheme went on public display at the end of October and that submissions are expected by 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2004. It is expected that the Draft Scheme will be adopted at the Fingal County Council Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2004. If adopted the Town Council can then elect two representatives: one on Planning and Development Committee and one on the Community, Recreation, Amenities and General Purposes Committee.

**(ii) Balbriggan Marine Conservation and Education Centre**

Mr. Stephen Peppard informed the members regarding the current position of funding for the project. The members stated their full support for the proposed project. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would write to the Minister for Tourism and Sport.

**7. Financial Statement**

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Annual Budget Meeting will be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2004 at 7.30p.m. in the Bracken Court.

**9. Fingal Corporate Plan 2004 - 2009**

Mr. Stephen Peppard informed the members that the draft Balbriggan Town Council Corporate Plan as circulated would be included in the Fingal Corporate Plan. It was agreed that the members could forward any suggestions by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2004. Councillor Dunne requested that the statutory functions of Balbriggan Town Council according to the Local Government Acts be included in the document.

**A.O.B.**

Councillor Dunne raised issue of weeds on the concrete promenade near the old Table Tennis Club.

Councillor Pyne raised the issue of the Stop Sign at Hamlet Lane.

Councillor Pyne raised issue of cleaning of road drains.

Councillor Pyne requested that the Town Clerk write to the Minister for Justice regarding proposals for housing of ex prisoners in Balbriggan area.

Councillor Hammond sought clarification on the status of the Cinema development at Mill Street.

Councillor Buckley raised issue of the proposed works at the Medical Centre. The Town Clerk informed the members that a reply had been received and would be on the agenda for the December Meeting.

Councillor Harford raised issue of serious pothole at Chapel Gate Traffic Lights.

Meeting concluded 9.15 p.m.

*Monica Harford*



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3<sup>rd</sup> November 2004.

**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 Samhain 9, 2004 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 **9<sup>th</sup> November, 2004 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 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2004.**

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

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**BRIAN MURRAY**  
**MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR**



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- 8. **Redevelopment of Town Hall**
- 9. **Fingal Corporate Plan 2004 - 2009**



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**MINUTES OF ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING  
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2005  
HELD ON 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2004**

Councillors Present: Bedell, Buckley, Harford, McKeon, Shields

Officials Present: Mr. Richard Brady, Town Manager  
Mr. Brian Murray, Meetings Administrator

Apologies: Councillor Pyne

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Monica Harford presided.

Town Clerk, Brian Murray presented a Financial Statement for 2004 showing revised Expenditure of €91,377.20 and revised Receipts of €13,557.92. Mr. Murray gave a detailed explanation of the items in the statement and explained that the approval of the Councillors was required in respect of the over expenditure, under each of the headings: Ballroom and Corporate Property, Office Expenses and General which together result in an over expenditure of €11,767 over budget.

It was proposed by Councillor May McKeon and seconded by Councillor Gertie Shields and agreed by the members that the over expenditure of €11,767 as presented in the Financial Statement in respect of the financial year ended 31/12/04 be approved.

Mr. Murray presented the Draft Annual Budget for 2005. Statutory notice had been given in the press and the Draft Budget circulated to the Councillors in advance of the meeting. The draft estimate provides for a total expenditure of €81,750 and an income of €13,210.

There is a net requirement of €68,540 which will be the demand to Fingal County Council in respect of 2005. This would require an Annual Rate on Valuation of €2.77 for 2005 compared to an Annual Rate of Valuation of €2.64 for 2004. 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. Brady and Mr. Murray answered questions from Councillors concerning various matters relating to the Draft budget.

It was proposed by Councillor Heidi Bedell and seconded by Councillor Monica Harford and agreed by the members that the Draft Budget 2005 as presented be adopted.

The meeting concluded at 8.10 p.m.

*Monica Harford*



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2004.**

**Councillors Present:** Bedell, Heidi Harford, Monica  
Brown, Sean McKeon, May  
Buckley, Gerry Pyne, Ned  
Dunne, Larry Shields, Gertie  
Hammond, Kathleen

**Officials Present:** Mr. John Tierney, County Manager  
Mr. Richard Brady, Town Manager  
Mr. Brian Murray, Meetings Administrator  
Ms. Margaret Wilde, F.C.C.

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Harford welcomed Mr. Tierney, County Manager to the meeting

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2004 were circulated  
Proposed by Councillor Dunne, Seconded by Councillor Bedell  
Minutes Agreed

**2. Correspondence**

**A. Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 9/11/04 received from Private Secretary, Minister for Justice, Equality & Law Reform regarding Garda manpower in Balbriggan circulated and noted. The Town Clerk to write to Garda Commissioner.
- (ii) Letter dated 16/11/04 received from Mary Hanafin T.D., Office of the Minister for Education & Science regarding primary and post primary schools in Balbriggan circulated and noted. The Town Clerk to reply to Minister.
- (iii) Letter dated 18/11/04 received from Private Secretary, Department of Arts, Sport & Tourism regarding proposed Marine Conservation Education Centre circulated and noted.
- (iv) Letter dated 19/11/04 received from Private Secretary, Department of Justice, Equality & Law Reform regarding asylum seeking unaccompanied children circulated and noted The Town Clerk to write again requesting details.

**B. Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 29/10/04 received from Charles Brohooon, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department regarding motion passed at October meeting circulated and noted

**C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 1/11/04 received from Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital regarding the provision of physiotherapy services circulated and noted. It was agreed that a copy of this correspondence be forwarded to the Minister for Health.



- (ii) Letter dated 2/11/04 received from Northern Area Health Board regarding Doctor on Call Service circulated and noted. It was agreed that a copy of the correspondence be forwarded to the Minister for Health.
- (iii) Letter dated 5/11/04 received from Northern Area Health Board regarding provisions of necessitous items circulated and noted.
- (iv) Letter dated 9/11/04 received from Carlow County Council regarding a proposal to cease the E.U. Commission Sugar Reform Proposals circulated and noted
- (v) Letter dated 29/11/04 received from Ballina Town Council regarding ATM Bank Cash Dispensers circulated and noted

### **3. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 27/10/04 received from The Medical Centre, Balbriggan regarding facilities for disabled patients circulated and noted. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would write again to the Medical Centre.
- (ii) Letter dated 10/11/04 received from Valdimir Rakhmanin, Ambassador of the Russian Federation regarding Beslan tragedy circulated and noted
- (iii) Letter dated 26/11/04 received from Jim Glennon T.D. re asylum seeking unaccompanied children circulated and noted
- (iv) Letter dated 29/11/04 received from Sean Ryan T.D. re asylum seeking unaccompanied children circulated and noted
- (v) Letter received from Anne Conroy, Chairperson of Tara Cove Residents Association regarding Green Area in Tara Cove estate circulated and noted. The Town Manager clarified that this matter will be considered by the elected members of Fingal County Council under the Draft County Development Plan process. It was agreed to inform the Residents Association accordingly.

### **4. Questions**

#### **(i) Question submitted by Councillor Heidi Bedell**

To ask the Manager at what stage is the parking plan for Balbriggan at and what is the expected procedure and time scale from here?

**Reply:** The Balbriggan Parking Management Scheme incorporating the Pay and Display element was approved by the County Council at its meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2004. Arrangements are now being made for the detailed design of the scheme to be prepared to enable tenders to be invited in order that work can commence on the scheme as soon as possible in 2005.

#### **(ii) Question submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**

To ask the Manager when will the householders in Bremore/Flemington Lane receive their green bins?

**Reply:** The Council's contractors have reported that green bins have been delivered to the Bremore area. A recent survey indicated some areas where green bins had not been distributed and these areas received green bins in the last two weeks.

Green bins have been distributed on Flemington Lane as far as Flemington Park. Other developments are still under construction and therefore cannot be fully surveyed for green bin delivery. Once developments are fully completed and occupied, surveyors will revisit the area to include these on the green bin collection service for Balbriggan.



The rural areas of Flemington Lane will be included on a rural recycling service that will be provided on a phased basis to the north county area in 2005.

If any individual addresses have been missed in the green bin delivery householders should contact the Environment Department at Pho. 8905473 to arrange for a green bin to be delivered.

*Councillor Pyne informed the members that the reply given was incorrect. The Town Manager agreed to clarify the matter with Environmental Services Department.*

(iii) **Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**

To ask the Manager if additional lighting can be provided in the following areas?

(a) At the top of Clonard Street opposite the Medical Centre.

(b) At Convent Lane – beside the tunnel entrance

**Reply:** The provision of additional public lighting at these locations will be considered in the context of the preparation of the Draft Transportation Programme of Works for 2005.

(iv) **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

How many social and affordable houses will be in the Castlelands Court development and how will they be made up i.e. (1bed, 2 bed, etc)?

**Reply:** No agreement has been made to date with the developer in Castleland Court.

(v) **Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**

To ask the Manager if the roads in the Balbriggan area could be cleaned on a daily basis during the winter season?

**Reply:** In common with other roads in the Fingal area, roads in Balbriggan are swept on a rota of fifteen working days where possible. If there is a specific incidence of dirt being carried from a particular development site, if details are supplied arrangements can be made to have a Litter Warden call to the site in question.

(vi) **Question submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**

To ask the Manager when was the Balbriggan Inner Relief Road named and what is it called?

**Reply:** A proposal to name the Balbriggan Inner Relief Road from the junction of Dublin Street to the junction of Drogheda Street in the area of the Garda Station as Harry Reynolds Road has been recommended by the Balbriggan/Swords Electoral Area Naming Committee.

As is the normal procedure in relation to the naming of roads a report was sought from the Transportation Department. The matter is being processed at present and it is hoped to have a recommendation available for consideration by the Balbriggan/Swords Electoral Area Committee in January.

If the Committee approves the naming of this road as Harry Reynolds Road, arrangements will be made by the Transportation Department to order nameplates and they will be erected as soon as they are delivered at appropriate locations.

(vii) **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

"To ask the Manager if there are any plans to do repairs to the roads at Flemington Park?

**Reply:** The resurfacing of the roads in Flemington Park Estate Balbriggan will be considered in the context of the preparation of the Draft Transportation



Programme of Works for 2005. In the meantime, arrangements are being made for necessary remedial repairs to be undertaken to the roads in this Estate and they will be carried out as soon as this work can be fitted into the Area Engineer's Programme of Works for the area.

(viii) **Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**

To ask the Manager if there are any plans to provide playgrounds in the Balbriggan area and to consider the open area the church car park as a possible location.

**Reply:** In the 3 year Capital Programme 2005-2007 it is intended to expend €3 million on the provision of additional playgrounds in Fingal. Playgrounds will be provided across the country including the Balbriggan area. Detailed proposals are being prepared and this location will be considered in the Balbriggan area.

5. **Motions**

(i) **Motion submitted by Councillor Heidi Bedell**

"Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council to install traffic calming measures on Chapel Avenue"

Proposed by Councillor Bedell, Seconded by Councillor Buckley

Motion Agreed

(ii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

"Balbriggan Town Council calls on Iarnród Eireann and the Minister for Transport to take immediate measures to relieve the dangerous over-crowding on early morning trains leaving Balbriggan train station for Dublin"

Proposed by Councillor Shields, Seconded by Councillor Harford

Motion Agreed

(iii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**

"Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council to ensure that in future builders give householders the proper name and number and not site number which is the case at present"

Proposed by Councillor Pyne, Seconded by Councillor McKeon

Motion Agreed

The Town Manger to seek clarification from the Planning Department.

(iv) **Motion submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**

"Balbriggan Town Council calls on the Minister for Justice, Equality & Law Reform to review staffing levels at Balbriggan Garda Station"

Proposed by Councillor Hammond, Seconded by Councillor Bedell

Following discussion it was agreed to defer this motion.

(v) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

"Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council to introduce a maximum rent ceiling for pensioners in order that every budget increase will not be decreased by rent increase"

Proposed by Councillor Harford, Seconded by Councillor Dunne

Motion Agreed



- (vi) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**  
"Balbriggan Town Council congratulates the Minister for Finance, Brian Cowen on his first budget and welcomes the change in stamp duty rates for first time buyers, which will give the young people in Balbriggan more of an opportunity to purchase their first home"  
Proposed by Councillor Buckley, Seconded by Councillor Bedell  
Following a show of hands the motion was agreed.
- (vii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Heidi Bedell**  
"Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council to take measures to ensure that the lighting at the Quay Street car park comes on at dusk"  
Councillor Bedell informed the members that she had met with the area engineer and the matter was rectified. Councillor Bedell withdrew the motion.
- (viii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**  
"Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council, Roads Department to take immediate measures to have the road between the flyover at Coldcot and the Corduff to Ballyboughal road re-surfaced without further delay in the interest of safety"  
Proposed by Councillor Shields, Seconded by Councillor Buckley  
Motion Agreed
- (ix) **Motion submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**  
"Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council to install a recycling facility for plastic bottles in Balbriggan"  
Proposed by Councillor Hammond, Seconded by Councillor Bedell  
Motion Agreed  
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"Balbriggan Town Council calls on the Minister for Health to put the significant increases in health fees plus budget allocation into immediate action by guaranteeing instant reduction waiting times in A&E departments of all hospitals"  
Proposed by Councillor Harford, Seconded by Councillor McKeon  
Motion Agreed
- (xi) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**  
"Balbriggan Town Council sets up a committee on disabled facilities in the town to ensure that Balbriggan gets an adequate share of the £600 million announced for disability services by the Minister for Finance, Brian Cowen.  
Proposed by Councillor Buckley, Seconded by Councillor Harford  
Following discussion it was agreed to amend the motion to read as follows:  
"Balbriggan Town Council works through ACCESS to ensure that Balbriggan gets an adequate share of the €600 million announced for disability services by the Minister for Finance, Brian Cowen"  
Motion Agreed

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Monica Harford with the agreement of the members requested the County Manager, Mr. John Tierney to address the meeting. Mr. Tierney thanked the members and informed the meeting that he was delighted to attend. Mr. Tierney outlined the challenges and opportunities facing the town of Balbriggan and he advised the members that he looked



forward to working with the Town Council in this regard. Mr. Tierney expressed his best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all present.

**6. Proposed amendments to Standing Orders**

Councillor Brown informed the meeting that he was dissatisfied that he was not receiving replies from Fingal County Council on various matters he had raised recently.

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Harford informed Councillor Brown that he was in breach of Standing Orders and would not permit this to happen again.

The Town Manager, Mr. Richard Brady said that Councillor Brown was entitled to replies and that he would investigate the matters raised. He advised Councillor Brown that he should contact the Town Clerk or Town Manager if he has any similar difficulties in future.

Councillor Shields informed the meeting that she was seeking the agreement of the members that the Town Clerk bring forward to the next meeting of the Council an amendment to Standing Orders in respect of casual vacancies for non party councillors. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would circulate a proposed wording to be discussed at the January meeting.

**7. Cathaoirleach's Business**

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Harford informed the members that they should notify the office if they are unable to attend a meeting/conference.

Councillor Harford informed the members that St. George's School have asked the Town Council to support their request for a new school

The Town Manager, Mr. Richard Brady informed the members that Fingal County Council had adopted the Strategic Policy Committee Scheme. The Town Council will now have one place on the Planning Committee and one place on the Cultural & Amenities Committee.

The Town Manager, Mr. Richard Brady informed the members that Fingal County Council had adopted the Fingal County Corporate Plan.

**8. Redevelopment of Town Hall**

The Town Manager, Mr. Richard Brady informed the members that the amendments to the plans as presented at the November Meeting will go on public display.

The Town Clerk informed the members that it is hoped to bring proposals for the re development of the Town Square to the members early in the New Year.

**A.O.B.**

Councillor McKeon requested that a letter of congratulations go to the Department of Foreign Affairs regarding the recent opening of the Passport Office.

An Cathaoirleach wished all present a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Meeting Concluded 9.30p.m.

*Monica Harford.*



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**DO GACH BALL DE COMHAIRLE BHAILE BRIGÍN**

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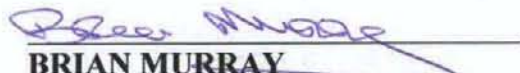
Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Bhaile Brigín Comhairle a thionolfar ar Nollaig 14, 2004 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Council will be held on **14<sup>th</sup> December, 2004 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 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2004.**

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

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**BRIAN MURRAY**  
**MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR**



**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2004 (circulated herewith)

**2. Correspondence**

**A. Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 9/11/04 received from Private Secretary, Minister for Justice, Equality & Law Reform regarding Garda manpower in Balbriggan (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 16/11/04 received from Mary Hanafin T.D., Office of the Minister for Education & Science regarding primary and post primary schools in Balbriggan (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 18/11/04 received from Private Secretary, Department of Arts, Sport & Tourism regarding proposed Marine Conservation Education Centre (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 19/11/04 received from Private Secretary, Department of Justice, Equality & Law Reform regarding asylum seeking unaccompanied children (circulated herewith)

**B. Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 29/10/04 received from Charles Brohooon, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department regarding motion passed at October meeting (circulated herewith)

**C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 1/11/04 received from Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital regarding the provision of physiotherapy services (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 2/11/04 received from Northern Area Health Board regarding Doctor on Call Service (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 5/11/04 received from Northern Area Health Board regarding provisions of necessitous items (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 9/11/04 received from Carlow County Council regarding a proposal to cease the E.U. Commission Sugar Reform Proposals (circulated herewith)
- (v) Letter dated 29/11/04 received from Ballina Town Council regarding ATM Bank Cash Dispensers (circulated herewith)

**3. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 27/10/04 received from The Medical Centre, Balbriggan regarding facilities for disabled patients (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 10/11/04 received from Valdimir Rakhmanin, Ambassador of the Russian Federation regarding Beslan tragedy (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 26/11/04 received from Jim Glennon T.D. re asylum seeking unaccompanied children (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 29/11/04 received from Sean Ryan T.D. re asylum seeking unaccompanied children (circulated herewith)
- (v) Letter received from Anne Conroy, Chairperson of Tara Cove Residents Association regarding Green Area in Tara Cove estate (circulated herewith)



#### **4. Questions**

- (i) Question submitted by Councillor Heidi Bedell**  
To ask the Manager at what stage is the parking plan for Balbriggan at and what is the expected procedure and time scale from here?
- (ii) Question submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**  
To ask the Manager when will the householders in Bremore/Flemington Lane receive their green bins?
- (iii) Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**  
To ask the Manager if additional lighting can be provided in the following areas?

  - (a) At the top of Clonard Street opposite the Medical Centre.
  - (b) At Convent Lane – beside the tunnel entrance
- (iv) Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**  
How many social and affordable houses will be in the Castlelands Court development and how will they be made up i.e. (1bed, 2 bed, etc)?
- (v) Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**  
To ask the Manager if the roads in the Balbriggan area could be cleaned on a daily basis during the winter season?
- (vi) Question submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**  
To ask the Manager when was the Balbriggan Inner Relief Road named and what is it called?
- (vii) Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**  
“To ask the Manager if there are any plans to do repairs to the roads at Flemington Park?”
- (viii) Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**  
To ask the Manager if there are any plans to provide playgrounds in the Balbriggan area and to consider the open area the church car park as a possible location

#### **5. Motions**

- (i) Motion submitted by Councillor Heidi Bedell**  
“Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council to install traffic calming measures on Chapel Avenue”
- (ii) Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**  
“Balbriggan Town Council calls on Iarnród Eireann and the Minister for Transport to take immediate measures to relieve the dangerous over-crowding on early morning trains leaving Balbriggan train station for Dublin”
- (iii) Motion submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**  
“Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council to ensure that in future builders give householders the proper name and number and not site number which is the case at present”
- (iv) Motion submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**  
“Balbriggan Town Council calls on the Minister for Justice, Equality & Law Reform to review staffing levels at Balbriggan Garda Station”
- (v) Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**  
“Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council to introduce a maximum rent ceiling for pensioners in order that every budget increase will not be decreased by rent increase”



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7. **Cathaoirleach's Business**

8. **Redevelopment of Town Hall**



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2005.**

**Councillors Present:** Brown, Sean Harford, Monica  
Buckley, Gerry Pyne, Ned  
Dunne, Larry Shields, Gertie  
Hammond, Kathleen

**Officials Present:** Mr. Richard Brady, Town Manager  
Mr. Brian Murray, Meetings Administrator  
Ms. Maureen Finn, F.C.C.

**Apologies:** McKeon, May

An Cathaoirleach, wished a Happy New Year to all the members.  
An Cathaoirleach proposed a minutes silence for the victims of the Tsunami.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) Minutes of Annual Budget Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2004 circulated  
Proposed by Councillor Pyne, Seconded by Councillor Shields  
Minutes Confirmed
- (ii) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup>  
December 2004 circulated  
Proposed by Councillor Dunne, Seconded by Councillor Hammond  
Minutes Confirmed

**2. Correspondence**

**A. Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 17/12/04 received from Local Government Policy Section,  
Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government regarding  
representational payment for councillors circulated and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 23/12/04 received from Department of Justice, Equality and Law  
Reform regarding motion passed by Balbriggan Town Council  
(unaccompanied asylum seeking children) was circulated and noted.
- (iii) Letter dated 30/12/04 received from Department of Justice, Equality and Law  
Reform regarding motion passed by Balbriggan Town Council  
(unaccompanied asylum seeking children) was circulated and noted.  
Following a discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk write again to the  
Department seeking clarification of protection provided to unaccompanied  
asylum seeking children.

**B. Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 11/11/04 received from Gerry Fitzgerald, Senior Executive Parks  
Superintendent, regarding Bracken River was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 6/12/04 received from Mary McPhillips, Senior Staff Officer,  
Transportation Department regarding provision of ramps in Pinewood Estate  
was circulated and noted. Following a discussion it was agreed that the Town  
Clerk write to Fingal County Council outlining that ramps be erected at the  
following specific locations:- Derham Park, entrance of St. Theresa's School,  
Pinewood Hill.



**C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter received from the Director A.M.A.I. enclosing Notifications of Spring Seminar 2005 was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 14/12/04 received from the Director A.M.A.I. enclosing estimates 2005, details of annual subscriptions 2005 was circulated and noted – A copy of the A.M.A.I. submission to Indecon Consultants on Local Government Financing available for inspection at the office.
- (iii) Letter dated 3/12/04 received from Macroom Town Council regarding VAT rebates was circulated and noted.
- (iv) Letter dated 8/12/04 received from Shannon Town Council regarding motion passed by Balbriggan Town Council (unaccompanied asylum seeking children) was circulated and noted. Following a discussion it was agreed that a reply be sent to Shannon Town Council
- (v) Letter dated 6/12/04 received from Superintendent Community Welfare Officer, NAHB regarding Exceptional Need Payments was circulated and noted. Following a discussion it was agreed that a reply would be sent to the Superintendent Community Welfare Officer.
- (vi) Letter dated 9/12/04 received from Town Clerk, Skibbereen Town Council regarding Asylum seeking unaccompanied children was circulated and noted. Following a discussion it was agreed that a reply be sent to Skibbereen Town Council.
- (vii) Letter dated 13/12/04 received from Town Clerk, Clonmel Borough Council regarding motion agreed by Balbriggan Town Council (unaccompanied asylum seeking children) was circulated and noted.
- (viii) Letter dated 20/12/04 received from Carrickmacross Town Council regarding motion passed by Balbriggan Town Council (unaccompanied asylum seeking children) was circulated and noted. Following a discussion it was agreed that a reply be sent to Carrickmacross Town Council.
- (ix) Letter dated 20/12/04 received from Macroom Town Council regarding motion passed by Balbriggan Town Council (unaccompanied asylum seeking children) was circulated and noted.

**3. Questions**

**(i) Question submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**

To ask the Manager will the elderly residents of Balbriggan have to pay to park outside their houses when the new parking scheme is introduced?

**Reply:**

The Balbriggan Parking Management Scheme incorporating the Pay and Display element was approved by the County Council at its meeting on 11th October 2004. Arrangements are now being made for the detailed design of the scheme to be prepared to enable tenders to be invited in order that work can commence on the scheme as soon as possible in 2005.

The success of a Parking Management Scheme for both residents and businesses is entirely dependent on enforcement. In the absence of enforcement, cars would continue to park outside residences without penalty. Where a resident displays a permit, the parking warden is in a position to easily identify vehicles, which have not got permits.



For this reason, a charge for a permit is considered essential. In the Council's experience up to 35% of spaces are at all times available.

The charge for these permits under the Fingal Council Parking Places Bye Laws 2002 is €25 per annum and is amongst the lowest in the country. The Transportation Department has committed itself to spending an amount equal to the revenue collected on local improvements in Balbriggan.

(ii) **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

To ask the Manager how many are currently on the Balbriggan housing list?

**Reply:**

In accordance with Council policy all applicants for Social Housing are placed on all area lists. There are presently 1943 applicants on the area list for Balbriggan.

(iii) **Question submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**

To ask the Manager why is Fingal County Council accepting financial contributions in lieu of open space in new developments?

**Reply:**

Section 4.7 of the current (1999) County Development Plan was varied by the Council on the 11th November 2002 with regard to public open space provision for new residential developments (Variation no.21).

The variation made significant policy revisions with regard to the requirements for the provision of public open space, including arrangements for the payment to the Council of financial contributions in lieu of public open space provision.

The variation, inter alia, addressed and refined the option to provide for the substitution of up to 30% of Class 1 Open Space with either lands or buildings or a financial contribution, thus making provision for a more intensive use or wider community use over that provided by landscaped open space.

The variation also made provision that in a case of small scale developments that would generate a requirement of less than 0.2 hectares of Class 2 Open Space that an equivalent financial contribution shall be imposed in lieu of public open space provision.

**4. Motions**

(i) **Motion submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**

"Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council to ensure that all Developments be maintained either by the developer or Fingal County Council i.e. the open space at side of Templeville, front of Westbrook Green, unfinished cycle path at Mount Rochford"

Proposed by Councillor Pyne, Seconded by Councillor Harford

Motion passed.

(ii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**

"Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council to provide parking free of charge for Balbriggan Town residents outside their homes when the new parking scheme arrives"

Proposed by Councillor Brown, Seconded by Councillor Dunne

An Cathaoirleach declared the motion passed following a show of hands.

(iii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

"Balbriggan Town Council calls on An Post to advertise and negotiate a second Post Office in Balbriggan to serve the ever increasing population"



Proposed by Councillor Harford, Seconded by Councillor Shields  
Following discussion it was agreed to amend the text of the motion to read as follows:

*"Balbriggan Town Council calls on An Post to advertise and negotiate a second Sub-Post Office in Balbriggan and to examine the feasibility of providing a major Post Office to serve the ever increasing population"*

Motion Passed

It was also agreed that the Town Clerk write to the management of the sub post office requesting that seating facilities be provided for the disabled and elderly customers.

**(iv) Motion submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**

"Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council to examine the junction at Skerries Road/Hampton Street and the nearby road heading to Derham Park/Pinewood Estate with a view to installing traffic lights and/or pedestrian crossing at the location"

Proposed by Councillor Hammond, Seconded by Councillor Shields

Motion passed.

**(v) Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

"Balbriggan Town Council replaces Standing Order No. 55 (a)

"To ensure parity of esteem seats vacated by non-party councillors be filled by non-party candidates"

with the following:

"When a casual vacancy is caused by the resignation of a non-party member, the vacancy shall in the case of such vacancy being caused by the resignation of such non-party member, be filled by a person nominated by such member; in the case of such vacancy being caused by the death of such non-party member the vacancy shall be filled by a nominee of the family of such member and for the purposes of this standing order "member of the family" means a brother, sister, parent and spouse of the member or a child of the member of the spouse"

Proposed by Councillor Shields, not seconded. Motion not moved.

**(vi) Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**

"Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council to explore the possibility of Park and Ride facilities in the town that will alleviate the traffic congestion in the town"

Proposed by Councillor Buckley, Seconded by Councillor Pyne

Motion passed.

Following discussion the Town Manager agreed to report back to the members on the operation of the "Car Free Day" in September 2004.

**(vii) Motion submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**

"Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council to ensure householders whose enjoyment of their property is affected by the construction of houses in their area are adequately addressed"

Proposed by Councillor Pyne, Seconded by Councillor Harford

Motion Passed

**(viii) Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

"Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal Tourism and Balbriggan Tourist Office to supply business premises with a list of Bed and Breakfast accommodation in the area"

Proposed by Councillor Harford, Seconded by Councillor Hammond



Motion passed.

(ix) **Motion submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**

“Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council to provide pooper scooper bags and bins in Balbriggan to improve dog fouling on the footpaths, particularly at the beach and promenade”

Proposed by Councillor Hammond, Seconded by Councillor Dunne

During discussion the Town Manager advised the members that good citizenship was crucial to dealing with the issue in addition to providing facilities.

It was also agreed that Councillor Buckley would ask the Tidy Town Committee to highlight the responsibility of dog owners.

Motion passed

(x) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**

“Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council to ascertain all details of the proposed concert in the grounds of Ardgillan Castle and in what ways this will affect the town of Balbriggan”

Proposed by Councillor Buckley, Seconded by Councillor Hammond

Motion passed.

5. **Election of two representatives on Fingal County Council Strategic Policy Committees.**

(i) One representative on the Planning & Development Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Harford and seconded by Councillor Brown and **resolved** that “Councillor Dunne be elected as a representative on the Planning & Development Strategic Policy Committee”.

Councillor Harford proposed by Councillor Pyne, not seconded  
Councillor Brown proposed by Councillor Harford, not seconded  
Councillor Pyne proposed by Councillor Buckley, not seconded.

(ii) One representative on the Community, Recreation, Amenities and General Purposes Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Harford and seconded by Councillor Pyne and **resolved** that “Councillor Buckley be elected as a representative on the Community, Recreation, Amenities and General Purposes Strategic Policy Committee”.

6. **Cathaoirleach’s Business**

- (i) The Town Manager informed the members that with the agreement of the Cathaoirleach a series of briefing sessions were scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7.30.p.m. in the Bracken Court Hotel. The first meeting will commence on 16<sup>th</sup> February and will be attended by the Director of Planning and the Director of Community, Recreation, Amenities & General Purposes. The Town Manager advised the members to contact the Town Clerk with any issues that they want raised at the meetings. An Cathaoirleach thanked the Town Manager for his assistance in organising the meetings.



- (ii) The Town Manager asked the members who were on committees such as the Access Committee to provide updates on the work of their respective committee.
- (iii) An Cathaoirleach informed the members that the disbanded Town Twinning Committee had funds in their bank account and asked if it could be handed over to Balbriggan Town Council. The Town Manager stated that it would be necessary to establish if conditions were to be applied to the use of any funds to be transferred over. Councillor Shields to clarify.
- (iv) An Cathaoirleach advised the members that Councillor Shields is unable to attend the AMAI Spring Seminar. It was proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Buckley and agreed by the members that Councillor Harford would attend.

**7. Redevelopment of Town Hall**

The Town Manager advised the members that Consultants Architect were preparing plans for the upgrading of the Square and would be shown to the members in the near future when they were complete.

The Town Manager advised the members that the re-development of the Town Hall was proceeding on schedule. Photographs of the works to date were circulated to the members.

**8. St. Patrick's Day Parade**

Meeting arranged for Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2005 at 7.30 p.m. Bracken Court Hotel.

**9. A.O.B.**

- (i) Councillor Shields raised the issue of the Health Centre, Hampton Street. It was agreed to write to the NAHB asking them to clarify the Health Boards plans for the building which is presently closed due to renovations.
- (ii) Councillor Buckley informed the members that €17,000 was raised in Supervalu for the victims of the Tsunami disaster.
- (iii) An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Harford informed the members that Dublin Fire Service were doing a charity walk from Tara Street to Balbriggan on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2005. It was agreed that the Cathaoirleach present them with a framed town crest.
- (iv) Councillor Dunne requested the Town Clerk to clarify what parts of the Local Government Act 2001 are in force.

Meeting Concluded 9.30 p.m.

*Monica Harford*



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8<sup>th</sup> January 2005.

**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 Eanáir 11, 2005 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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- (i) Letter received from the Director A.M.A.I. enclosing Notifications of Spring Seminar 2005 (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 14/12/04 received from the Director A.M.A.I. enclosing estimates 2005, details of annual subscriptions 2005 (circulated herewith) – A copy of the A.M.A.I. submission to Indecon Consultants on Local Government Financing available for inspection at the office.
- (iii) Letter dated 3/12/04 received from Macroom Town Council regarding VAT rebates (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 8/12/04 received from Shannon Town Council regarding motion passed by Balbriggan Town Council (unaccompanied asylum seeking children) (circulated herewith)
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**3. Questions**

- (i) **Question submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**  
To ask the Manager will the elderly residents of Balbriggan have to pay to park outside their houses when the new parking scheme is introduced?
- (ii) **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**  
To ask the Manager how many are currently on the Balbriggan housing list?
- (iii) **Question submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**  
To ask the Manager why is Fingal County Council accepting financial contributions in lieu of open space in new developments?

**4. Motions**

- (i) **Motion submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**  
"Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council to ensure that all Developments be maintained either by the developer or Fingal County Council i.e. the open space at side of Templeville, front of Westbrook Green, unfinished cycle path at Mount Rochford"
- (ii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**  
"Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council to provide parking free of charge for Balbriggan Town residents outside their homes when the new parking scheme arrives"
- (iii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**  
"Balbriggan Town Council calls on An Post to advertise and negotiate a second Post Office in Balbriggan to serve the ever increasing population"
- (iv) **Motion submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**  
"Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council to examine the junction at Skerries Road/Hampton Street and the nearby road heading to Derham Park/Pinewood Estate with a view to installing traffic lights and/or pedestrian crossing at the location"
- (v) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**  
"Balbriggan Town Council replaces Standing Order No. 55 (a)  
"To ensure parity of esteem seats vacated by non-party councillors be filled by non-party candidates"  
with the following:  
"When a casual vacancy is caused by the resignation of a non-party member, the vacancy shall in the case of such vacancy being caused by the resignation of such non-party member, be filled by a person nominated by such member; in the case of such vacancy being caused by the death of such non-party member the vacancy shall be filled by a nominee of the family of such member and for the purposes of this standing order "member of the family" means a brother, sister, parent and spouse of the member or a child of the member of the spouse"
- (vi) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**  
"Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council to explore the possibility of Park and Ride facilities in the town that will alleviate the traffic congestion in the town"



- (vii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**  
"Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council to ensure householders whose enjoyment of their property is affected by the construction of houses in their area are adequately addressed"
  - (viii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**  
"Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal Tourism and Balbriggan Tourist Office to supply business premises with a list of Bed and Breakfast accommodation in the area"
  - (ix) **Motion submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**  
"Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council to provide pooper scooper bags and bins in Balbriggan to improve dog fouling on the footpaths, particularly at the beach and promenade"
  - (x) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**  
"Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council to ascertain all details of the proposed concert in the grounds of Ardgillan Castle and in what ways this will affect the town of Balbriggan"
5. **Election of two representatives on Fingal County Council Strategic Policy Committees.**
- (i) One representative on the Planning & Development Committee.
  - (ii) One representative on the Community, Recreation, Amenities and General Purposes Committee.
6. **Cathaoirleach's Business**
7. **Redevelopment of Town Hall**
8. **St. Patrick's Day Parade**



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2005.**

**Councillors Present:** Bedell, Heidi Harford, Monica  
Buckley, Gerry McKeon, May  
Dunne, Larry Shields, Gertie  
Hammond, Kathleen

**Officials Present:** Mr. Richard Brady, Town Manager  
Ms. Marguerite Murphy, County Architect F.C.C  
Mr. Pat Hurley, Senior Architect F.C.C  
Mr. Paul Kelly F.K.L. Architect  
Mr. Gary Lysaght F.K.L. Architect  
Mr. Brian Murray, Meetings Administrator F.C.C  
Ms. Margaret Wilde, F.C.C.

**Apologies Received:** Councillors: Brown, Pyne

An Cathaoirleach proposed a vote of sympathy to the Lawless family on the recent death of Stephen Lawless former Town Commissioner.

An Cathaoirleach informed the members that the County Architect was present at the meeting to present plans for the re-development of St. George's Square. An Cathaoirleach proposed and it was agreed by the members that the presentation be taken before proceeding to the first item on the agenda.

Ms. Murphy and the representatives from FKL Architect's presented a series of drawings and dealt with queries from the members Ms. Murphy informed the members that the plans would go on public display when approved by the Town Council and the Balbriggan/Swords Area Committee of Fingal County Council.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

(i) The minutes of the statutory meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> January 2005 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Dunne, Seconded by Councillor Hammond.

**2. Correspondence**

**A. Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

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- (ii) Letter dated 7/1/05 received from Department of Finance regarding stamp duty on houses for first time buyers was circulated and noted
- (iii) Letter dated 27/1/05 received from Department for Foreign Affairs regarding opening of Passport Office was circulated and noted

**B. Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

(i) Letter dated 6/1/05 received from Mary McPhillips, Senior Staff Officer, regarding re-surfacing of the road between the flyover at Coldcot and the Corduff to Ballyboughal road was circulated and noted.



- (ii) Letter dated 6/1/05 received from Alain Kerveillant, Environmental Scientist, regarding the provision of a recycling facility for plastic bottles was circulated and noted
- (iii) Letter dated 4/1/05 received from Mary McPhillips, Senior Staff Officer, regarding footpath to the east of Westbrook Estate, cleaning of street drains, provision of stop sign, potholes was circulated and noted
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**C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

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- (iv) Letter dated 12/1/05 received from South Tipperary County Council regarding motion passed by Balbriggan Town Council (unaccompanied asylum seeking children) was circulated and noted
- (v) Letter dated 17/1/05 received from Maria Ni Cheallaigh, A/O Killarney Town Council regarding motion passed by Balbriggan Town Council (unaccompanied asylum seeking children) was circulated and noted
- (vi) Letter dated 21/5/05 received from V. Waters Acting Town Clerk, Edenderry Town Council regarding motion passed by Balbriggan Town Council (unaccompanied asylum seeking children) was circulated and noted
- (vii) Letter dated 25/1/05 received from Passage West, Town Council regarding motion passed by Balbriggan Town Council (unaccompanied asylum seeking children) was circulated and noted
- (viii) Letter dated 25/1/05 received from Castleblaney, Town Council regarding motion passed by Balbriggan Town Council (unaccompanied asylum seeking children) was circulated and noted
- (ix) Letter dated 26/1/05 received from Health Service Executive, regarding Health Centre, Hampton Street was circulated and noted. It was agreed that the Town Clerk write and invite representatives to a meeting.

**D. Conferences**

- (i) Preliminary Notice received from LAMA regarding 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference to be held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2005 (final details to be issued February/March 2005 was circulated herewith)



**3. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 18/1/05 received from F.H. O'Reilly & Co. Solicitors regarding application for a Certificate under the Gaming & Lotteries Act 1956 – Applicant Aidan Bissett letter circulated.  
Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor McKeon

**4. Questions**

(i) **Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**

“To ask the Manager can he arrange to have the road gully outside Balbriggan Courthouse repaired?”

**Reply:** The cleaning of the gully outside Balbriggan Courthouse is included in the Area Engineer's Programme of Works for the area and it will be carried out as soon as possible.

(ii) **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

“To ask the Manager will the footpaths at Castlelands Court and the new roundabout at the Inner Relief Road/N1 be dishd to assist pedestrians?”

**Reply:** As Castlelands Court is not in charge the Council is not empowered to dish the footpaths within the Estate. The Building Control Engineer has been requested to take this matter up with the Developer of the Estate.

In relation to the location at the Inner Relief Road/N1 junction, it is presumed the question refers to Dublin Street, Balbriggan/Inner Relief Road junction. As part of the construction of part of the Inner Relief Road to Castlelands a pelican crossing with pedestrian operated signals will be provided on the Inner Relief Road on the east side of the roundabout.

(iii) **Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**

“To ask the Manager can security shutters be provided at the Community Centre in Pinewood Estate as the windows are being vandalised on a regular basis?”

**Reply:** Fingal County Council has repaired windows at the Community Centre five times in the recent past. The Councils Housing and Community Departments are currently in discussion regarding the best method to secure the property from acts of vandalism and so ensure its future as a community facility.

**5. Motions**

(i) **Motion submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne**

“Balbriggan Town Council call upon Fingal County Council to take whatever action is necessary up to and including rezoning to ensure that the car parks at St. Peters and Paul's Church and the Town car park at the Bracken River adjacent to Harbour Terrace are maintained for community/amenity use and in public ownership”

Proposed by Councillor Dunne, Seconded by Councillor Buckley  
Motion Passed



- (ii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**  
 "Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council when allocating accommodation in the Balbriggan area to people on the housing list to furnish the Town Council Office with the names of the new tenants"  
 Proposed by Councillor Harford, Seconded by Councillor McKeon  
 Motion Passed
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 "Balbriggan Town Council call on The Dublin Diocesan Trust, and their representatives, the Board of Management of St. Mologa's School, to clean up the litter, rat infested area at the approach to the school from the Lambeecher Estate"  
 Proposed by Councillor Shields, Seconded by Councillor Bedell  
 Motion Passed
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 "To call on Fingal County Council to prevent the developers at Mill Street Development from blocking the road with construction vehicles"  
 Proposed by Councillor Hammond, Seconded by Councillor Dunne

Following discussion the following amended motion was agreed by the members. *"To call on Balbriggan Gardai to prevent the developers at Mill Street Development from blocking the road with construction vehicles"*

- Motion Passed
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 "Balbriggan Town Council call on the Fingal County Council to provide re-let houses to a similar standard as newly built Council houses e.g. kitchen, wardrobes etc."  
 Proposed by Councillor Harford, Seconded by Councillor Dunne  
 Motion Passed
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 "To call on Fingal County Council to repair the tarmac surface and to landscape the grass verge along the lane way from Curran Park to Skerries Road to prevent further trip and fall accidents at this location"  
 Proposed by Councillor Hammond, Seconded by Councillor Shields  
 Following discussion the following amended motion was agreed by the members. *"To call on Fingal County Council to repair the tarmac surface and to landscape the grass verge along the lane way from Curran Park to Market Green to prevent further trip and fall accidents at this location"*  
 Motion Passed

6. **Cathaoirleach's Business**  
 No Business under this heading

7. **Redevelopment of Town Hall**  
 The Town Manager informed the members that the works were on schedule. Photographs of the work to date were circulated to the members. Councillor Dunne informed the meeting that there was traffic disruption on High Street due to the works. The Town Clerk to contact the contractors.



8. **St. Patrick's Day Parade**

Preparations are ongoing and the reception to be held in the Bracken Court subject to availability. The Town Clerk to finalise the invitation list with An Cathaoirleach. It was also agreed to divide the marching groups into uniform and non uniform sections. A new trophy to be purchased. Notices to be displayed in local shops. It was also agreed to publicise that participants could attend in fancy dress.

**A.O.B.**

Councillor McKeon advised the members that the Citizens Advice Centre requested support to have the service extended to a full time service. This was agreed by the members.

An Cathloirleach, Councillor Harford informed the members that the next meeting of the Combined Residents Association will take place in the Milestone on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 9.p.m.

Meeting concluded 9.30 p.m.

SIGNED: Monica Harford DATE: 8/3/05  
Cathaoirleach



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2<sup>nd</sup> February 2005.

**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 Feabhra 8, 2005 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 **8<sup>th</sup> February, 2005 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 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2005.**

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

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**BRIAN MURRAY**  
**MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR**



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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL  
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Bedell, Heidi	Harford, Monica
Brown, Sean	McKeon, May
Buckley, Gerry	Pyne, Ned
Dunne, Larry	Shields, Gertie
Hammond, Kathleen	

**Officials Present:**

Mr. Brian Buckley, S.E.O. Corporate Affairs Dept.,  
F.C.C.  
Ms. Marguerite Murphy, County Architect F.C.C.  
Mr. John Watts, Senior Executive Architect F.C.C.  
Mr. Brian Murray, Meetings Administrator  
Ms. Margaret Wilde, F.C.C.

**Apologies:** An Cathaoirleach advised the members that Mr. Richard Brady could not attend the meeting and sent his apologies.

An Cathaoirleach informed the members that the County Architect was present at the meeting to present plans for the proposed council housing scheme at Castlelands. An Cathaoirleach proposed and it was agreed by the members that the presentation be taken before proceeding to the first item on the agenda.

Ms. Murphy and Mr. Watts presented a series of drawings and dealt with queries from the members. Ms. Murphy advised that the plans had been approved by the Balbriggan/Swords Area Committee of Fingal County Council and would proceed to public display.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) The minutes of the statutory meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> February 2005 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Dunne, Seconded by Councillor McKeon

**2. Correspondence**

**A. Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 11/2/05 received from Department of Health & Children regarding a meeting in relation to Accident and Emergency Departments circulated and noted. It was agreed that the Town Clerk reply to Department of Health & Children seeking further details.

**B. Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 24/2/05 from Fingal County Council, Planning Department regarding application for outdoor public event licence – Ardgillan Demesne circulated. It was agreed that the Town Clerk write to the Planning Department expressing the Town Council's support for the granting of a licence.



**C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 4/2/05 received from Commission for Taxi Regulation regarding new code for the regulation for small public service vehicles and their drivers circulated and noted. It was agreed that the Town Clerk write to the Commission for Taxi Regulation seeking an extension of the deadline for making submissions and to circulate the letter to local taxi businesses.
- (ii) Letter dated 11/2/05 received from Galway County Council regarding motion passed at their meeting 24/1/05 circulated and noted
- (iii) Letter dated 11/2/05 Assistant Chief Officer, N.A.H.B. regarding completion of works Balbriggan Health Centre circulated and noted. Town Clerk to seek clarification from N.A.H.B.
- (iv) Letter dated 22/2/05 received from Mullingar Town Council regarding motion passed at their meeting circulated and noted.
- (v) Letter dated 28/2/05 received from Naas Town Council regarding motion passed at their meeting circulated and noted.

**3. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 12/2/05 received from Ms. McGrane, Postmistress Balbriggan P.O. regarding seating facilities at Balbriggan Post Office circulated and noted. Town Clerk to clarify with Ms. McGrane.
- (ii) Letter dated 21/2/05 received from Co-operation Fingal regarding community facilities in Balbriggan circulated and noted. Town Clerk to clarify with Co-operation Fingal with regards to Balbriggan Town Council nominating a representative.
- (iii) Letter dated 23/2/05 received from Superintendent Gallagher, Balbriggan Garda Station regarding traffic obstruction at Mill Street circulated and noted
- (iv) Letter dated 24/2/05 received from Mr. Tommy Monnaghan, Superintendent Community Welfare Officer, Health Service Executive, Community Welfare Department regarding exceptional needs payments circulated and noted. Town Clerk to reply to Mr. Monaghan thanking him regarding ongoing monitoring of the scheme.

**4. Questions**

**(i) Question submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**

To ask the Manager how much money will be spent by Fingal County Council to pay the consultants in relation to the traffic management plan for Balbriggan?

**Reply:** The sum of €58,022.16 have been paid to date for design fees associated with the preparation of the scheme in the context of the preliminary process and public consultation procedure. The Consultants have been retained to prepare the detail design of phase 1 of the Scheme and to implement it.

Normal design and project management fees would range between 10-15% of the overall cost of a Scheme of this nature.

**(ii) Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**

To ask the Manager can he arrange to have the railings at the pedestrian walkway, which links Clonard Street to Vauxhall Street extended as the current railings were left short and are a danger to pedestrians?

**Reply:** The railing referred to is not complete. Work on the railing was suspended to accomodate committments under the Winter Works Programme.



Work will resume to complete the railing over the next couple of weeks with the intention of extending the railing to connect with the diagonal footpath through the town park.

(iii) **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

To ask the Manager for an update on the Balbriggan/Skerries treatment plant and appropriate date of completion?

**Reply:**

The Contractor is on programme and is scheduled to finish by Sept 2006.

**Pumping stations**

Work on the underground storm tank has begun at Quay Street Car Park and is scheduled to take 6 months to complete. However, this is a very difficult and complex part of the work, and could extend a month or so if any difficulties are encountered. Car parking spaces will be released as soon as possible. The car park will be fully reinstated on completion of the works.

Work on the underground pumping stations at Hampton Cove (Isaacs Bower) is not scheduled until the end of the summer.

**Pipelines**

Pipelines between Hampton Cove and the treatment works site are currently being designed. This is being done in consultation with Irish Rail, due to the proximity of the tracks. Construction will commence in approximately two months and will take approximately 6 months to complete. This section of the work will entail a road closure, and will be subject to the usual Newspaper notices etc.

**Treatment Works**

Work on the main treatment works site at Barnageeragh has also commenced. To date this has included setting up of the site offices, connection of utilities/services, extensive archaeological investigations, fencing of the site, general earthworks and excavations for foundations.

(iv) **Question submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne**

To ask the Manager will Fingal County Council consider replacing the gates of St. Peter & Paul's graveyard as the present set are in a serious state of disrepair?

**Reply:** It is the intention of the Council's Environment Department to replace the gates of St Peter & Paul's graveyard. This work will be carried out as soon as the Councils' Transportation Department complete the road widening programme at this location.

(v) **Question submitted by Councillor May McKeon**

To ask the Manager can Fingal County Council provide a report on the submissions received following advertisement for the upgrading of the amenities at North Beach (Bath House, Town and Replacement of Pier)

**Reply:** The Council's Environment Department received one submission regarding the upgrading of amenities at Blackrock Pier which is under consideration at present. As part of this consideration, a report was furnished by the Council's Water Safety Development Officer which indicated that the rebuilding of this type of amenity at Blackrock Pier was not appropriate.

The Council may be aware that on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2005, The Minister for Tourism announced funding in the region of €2 million for the development of the Marine Conservation & Education Centre at Bremore. Detailed plans are being prepared at the moment and it is intended to include in this development the Boathouse and the Martello Tower. A request has been made to also



include the pier area in any proposed improvement in the context of the overall development of this facility.

(vi) **Question submitted by Gerry Buckley**

To ask the Manager if he could find out more detailed information on the proposal to develop 10,000 new homes in the Gormanstown area and what impact this will have on the Balbriggan rail commuters.

**Reply:** Currently, the Council has no specific information to hand on this suggested development as it is a location in County Meath. When adequate information is available from Meath County Council on this matter the Town Council can be informed at that point in time.

(vii) **Question submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**

To ask the Manager why despite all the development taking place in the Balbriggan area have Fingal County Council still not provided several appropriate play areas for the children of the Community?

**Reply:** As part of the Three Year Capital Programme it is hoped to provide a playground facility in each electoral area in the current year (2005). There are expectations of developing a playground facility at Chapel Gate Estate, Balbriggan. The Part 8 procedure is currently underway. Also it is planned to complete the facility at Ardgillan Castle in the current year. Further venues are being examined for a more comprehensive roll-out of playground facilities throughout the county over the next few years.

(viii) **Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**

To ask the Manager for a completion date for the railings and wall at the front of the flats in Lambeecher Estate as anti-social behaviour is continuing at this location?

**Reply:** An official order has been issued to a contractor to carry out the necessary works at Lambeecher flats. It is expected the work will commence in the very near future and should be completed by end April.

(ix) **Question submitted by Councillor May McKeon**

To ask the Manager can he arrange to have the road surface from the railway arch at Bath Road to the beach area repaired as a matter of urgency.

**Reply:** Arrangements are being made for necessary remedial repairs to be undertaken to the road surface at the location referred to in the question at the earliest possible date.

(x) **Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**

To ask the Manager if he could enquire with Fingal County Council if the security fencing between Templeville and Chapel Grove could be removed as it is unsightly and not in keeping with the area.

**Reply:** Investigations have indicated that the fencing in question may have been erected by the developer of the adjacent residence as a temporary measure. Further investigations will be conducted with a view to having the fencing removed.

## 5. Motions

(i) **Motion submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**

"Balbriggan Town Council calls upon Fingal County Council to ensure that road markings are kept to proper standards at all times"

Proposed by Councillor Brown, Seconded by Councillor Dunne  
Motion passed.



- (viii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**  
"Balbriggan Town Councils calls on the Minister for Health & Children to provide adequate child and family services, in relation to unaccompanied children seek asylum in Ireland in the interest of their safety and welfare"  
Proposed by Councillor Shields, Seconded by Councillor Harford.  
Motion passed
- (ix) **Motion submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**  
"Balbriggan Town Council calls Fingal County Council to remove the weeds from the pathways in Balbriggan. The following locations require attention – Craoibhin Park, Derham Park, Church Street, the walkways on both sides of the Viaduct and the lane way in the northern side of the Combined Clubs Building"  
Proposed by Councillor Hammond, Seconded by Councillor Bedell  
Motion passed
- (x) **Motion submitted by Councillor May McKeon**  
"In view of the serious deterioration of the exterior of the Senior Citizens Flats at Glover Court (walls, gates, doors & windows) Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council to bring their maintenance programme forward and have the houses repaired and painted as a matter of urgency"  
Proposed by Councillor McKeon, Seconded by Councillor Brown  
It was agreed by the members to amend the motion to read as follows:  
*"In view of the serious deterioration of the exterior of all Local Authority Senior Citizens Flats in Balbriggan (walls, gates, doors & windows) Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council to bring their maintenance programme forward and have the houses repaired and painted as a matter of urgency"*  
Motion passed

5. **Cathaoirleach's Business**

- (i) An Cathaoirleach informed the members that details on the proposed naming of the Inner Relief Road as the Harry Reynolds Road have been circulated.
- (ii) An Cathaoirleach informed the members that Mr. Lorigan, Director of Services, Transport Department and Mr. Alan Carthy, Director of Services Housing Department will attend a briefing meeting on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2005 at 7.30p.m. in the Bracken Court Hotel
- (iii) An Cathaoirleach informed the members that following granting of planning permission by Fingal County Council for the proposed works at St. Peter & Paul's Church, an objection has been lodged with An Board Pleanala. The members agreed that the Town Clerk write to An Board Pleanala to expedite making a decision on the appeal to minimise disruption to ceremonies.

6. **Redevelopment of Town Hall**

The Town Clerk informed members works are ongoing and photographs were circulated.

7. **St. Patrick's Day Parade**



- (ii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**  
"Balbriggan Town Council calls on the Minister for Justice, Equality & Law Reform to take strong measures to find out the whereabouts of asylum seeking children who have gone missing since entering the country  
Proposed by Councillor Shields, Seconded by Councillor Buckley  
It was agreed to amend the motion to read as follows: "*Balbriggan Town Council calls on the Minister for Justice, Equality & Law Reform to take strong measures to find out the whereabouts and provide protection for asylum seeking children who have gone missing since entering the country*"  
Motion passed.  
Motion to be circulated to all Local Authorities. Town Clerk to write to the Minister for Justice seeking details of numbers of children missing since 1996.
- (iii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**  
"Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council to clean up the lane way at the rear of 126 and 127 Lambeecher Estate. The lane way is in a terrible condition and needs to be addressed"  
Proposed by Councillor Hammond, Seconded by Councillor Bedell  
Motion passed.
- (iv) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**  
"Balbriggan Town Council calls on the Department of Education to supply Balbriggan Town Council with the following information.  
(a) How many school attendance officers serve the Fingal area which would include Balbriggan?  
(b) How many cases were referred to court in the last year in the Balbriggan area?  
(c) What action is taken if non attendance at school continues?"  
Proposed by Councillor Harford, Seconded by Councillor Buckley  
Motion passed.
- (v) **Motion submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne**  
"Balbriggan Town Council calls upon Dublin Bus to move the bus stop at Fancourt Heights away from the pedestrian crossing in the interest of safety"  
Proposed by Councillor Dunne, Seconded by Councillor Bedell  
Motion passed
- (vi) **Motion submitted by Councillor May McKeon**  
"In response to demands from the community Balbriggan Town Council calls on the Department of Social & Family Affairs to extend the hours of Balbriggan Citizen Information Centre to provide a full time facilities at their premises at Drogheda Street and source funding to engage adequate staff to continue this worthwhile service"  
Proposed by Councillor McKeon, Seconded by Councillor Harford  
Motion passed
- (vii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**  
"Balbriggan Town Council calls upon the Taoiseach to establish an Oireachtas Committee to look at planning in North County Dublin"  
Proposed by Councillor Brown, Seconded by Councillor Dunne  
An Cathaoirleach declared the motion passed following a show of hands.



8. **Quarterly meeting with Garda Inspector**

It was proposed to arrange a meeting for Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 7.30 p.m. in the Bracken Court Hotel. Items for discussion on the agenda to be forwarded to the Town Council office.

9. **Proposed Marine Conservation Centre**

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Minister had approved funding for the proposed Marine Conservation Centre and that Mr. Stephen Peppard, Fingal County Council would update the members in the near future. The members unanimously congratulated Mr. Peppard for his contribution to securing funding for the proposed centre.

Meeting Concluded 9.45p.m.

SIGNED: Monica Hanford  
Cathaoirleach

DATE: 12/4/05



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2<sup>nd</sup> March 2005.

**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 Márta 8, 2005 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 **8<sup>th</sup> March, 2005 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 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2005.**

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

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**BRIAN MURRAY**  
**MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR**



- 1. Confirmation of Minutes**
  - (i) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2005 (circulated herewith)
  
- 2. Correspondence**
  - A. Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**
    - (i) Letter dated 11/2/05 received from Department of Health & Children regarding a meeting in relation to Accident and Emergency Departments (circulated herewith)
  
  - B. Correspondence from Fingal County Council**
    - (i) Letter dated 24/2/05 from Fingal County Council, Planning Department regarding application for outdoor public event licence – Ardgillan Demesne (circulated herewith)
  
  - C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**
    - (i) Letter dated 4/2/05 received from Commission for Taxi Regulation regarding new code for the regulation for small public service vehicles and their drivers (circulated herewith)
    - (ii) Letter dated 11/2/05 received from Galway County Council regarding motion passed at their meeting 24/1/05 (circulated herewith)
    - (iii) Letter dated 11/2/05 Assistant Chief Officer, N.A.H.B. regarding completion of works Balbriggan Health Centre (circulated herewith)
    - (iv) Letter dated 22/2/05 received from Mullingar Town Council regarding motion passed at their meeting (circulated herewith)
    - (v) Letter dated 28/2/05 received from Naas Town Council regarding motion passed at their meeting (circulated herewith)
  
- 3. Other Correspondence**
  - (i) Letter dated 12/2/05 received from Balbriggan Postmistress regarding seating facilities at Balbriggan Post Office (circulated herewith)
  - (ii) Letter dated 21/2/05 received from Co-operation Fingal regarding community facilities in Balbriggan (circulated herewith)
  - (iii) Letter dated 23/2/05 received from An Garda Síochána regarding traffic obstruction at Mill Street (circulated herewith)
  - (iv) Letter dated 24/2/05 received from Health Service Executive, Community Welfare Department regarding exceptional needs payments (circulated herewith)
  
- 4. Questions**
  - (i) **Question submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**

To ask the Manager how much money will be spent by Fingal County Council to pay the consultants in relation to the traffic management plan for Balbriggan?
  - (ii) **Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**

To ask the Manager can he arrange to have the railings at the pedestrian walkway, which links Clonard Street to Vauxhall Street extended as the current railings were left short and are a danger to pedestrians?
  - (iii) **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**



To ask the Manager for an update on the Balbriggan/Skerries treatment plant and appropriate date of completion?

- (iv) **Question submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne**  
To ask the Manager will Fingal County Council consider replacing the gates of St. Peter & Paul's graveyard as the present set are in a serious state of disrepair?
- (v) **Question submitted by Councillor May McKeon**  
To ask the Manager can Fingal County Council provide a report on the submissions received following advertisement for the upgrading of the amenities for the upgrading of the amenities at North Beach (Bath House, Town and Replacement of Pier)
- (vi) **Question submitted by Gerry Buckley**  
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6. **Cathaoirleach's Business**

7. **Redevelopment of Town Hall**

8. **St. Patrick's Day Parade**

9. **Quarterly meeting with Garda Inspector**

10. **Presentation on Proposed Housing Scheme at Castlelands, Balbriggan (Phase 1)**

11. **Proposed Marine Conservation Centre**



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> April 2005.**

**Councillors Present:**

Bedell, Heidi	Harford, Monica
Brown, Sean	McKeon, May
Buckley, Gerry	Pyne, Ned
Dunne, Larry	Shields, Gertie
Hammond, Kathleen	

**Officials Present:**

Mr. Richard Brady, Town Manager  
Mr. Stephen Peppard, Senior Executive Officer  
Mr. Brian Murray, Meetings Administrator  
Ms. Margaret Wilde, F.C.C.

An Cathaoirleach proposed one minutes silence following the death of His Holiness Pope John Paul (II) which was agreed by the members.

An Cathaoirleach informed the members that Mr. Stephen Peppard, Fingal County Council was present at the meeting to update the members on the proposed Marine Conservation Centre. An Cathaoirleach proposed and it was agreed by the members that this be taken as the first item of business.

**8. Proposed Marine Conservation Centre:**

Mr. Peppard informed the members that government funding has been approved for the proposed Marine Conservation Centre Fingal County Council is looking at the proposed centre as a tourism attraction and the refurbishment of the Bath House and Martello Tower will be an integral part of the development. The plans are at preliminary design stage and will proceed to Part 8 Planning Process shortly and there will be a period of public consultation.

Mr. Peppard informed the members that there had been consultations with Balbriggan Football Club who were assured that it was the Council's aim that there would be no reduction to existing playing facilities.

Mr. Peppard answered a number of queries raised by the members.

The members congratulated Mr. Peppard on his outstanding work to date and expressed their unanimous support for the proposed Marine Conservation Centre.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2005 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Dunne, Seconded by Councillor Shields



## **2. Correspondence**

### **A. Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 28/2/05 received from Department of Health & Children regarding Accident & Emergency Departments in Irish hospitals circulated and noted  
It was agreed to bring this item to the May Briefing Meeting.
- (ii) Letter dated 16/3/05 received from the Office of the Minister for Education & Science referring correspondence to the National Education Welfare Board circulated and noted
- (iii) Letter dated 16/3/05 received from Ms Sile De Valera T.D. Minister of State regarding provision of free bus service for all primary children in the Balbriggan area circulated and noted
- (iv) Letter dated 16/3/05 received from the Office of the Minister for Social & Family Affairs regarding Balbriggan Citizen Information Centre circulated and noted
- (v) Letter dated 29/3/05 received from the Office of An Taoiseach circulated and noted
- (vi) Letter dated 25/3/05 received from the Office of the Department of Health & Children regarding Doctor on Call service in Balbriggan circulated and noted
- (vii) Letter dated 25/3/05 received from the Office of the Department of Health & Children regarding Facilities at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital circulated and noted

### **B. Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 23/3/05 received from Mr. Alan Carthy, Director of Services Housing Department regarding furnishing names of new tenants to Balbriggan Town Council circulated and noted. The Town Clerk to seek clarification from Mr. Carthy.
- (ii) Letter dated 23/3/05 received from Mr. Alan Carthy, Director of Services Housing Department regarding standard of re-let houses circulated and noted  
It was agreed that the Town Clerk would write to the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government.
- (iii) Letter dated 21/3/05 received from Mr. Martin Sweeney, Administrative Officer, Transportation Department regarding road markings circulated and noted. The Town Clerk to circulate reply given at recent reply given at Balbriggan/Swords Area Committee Meeting.

### **C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 7/3/05 received from Iarnród Eireann regarding motion passed by Balbriggan Town Council circulated and noted. The Town Clerk to arrange a meeting with Michael Power, Iarnród Eireann.
- (ii) Letter dated 24/3/05 received from An Bord Pleanála regarding St. Peter & Paul's Church renovations circulated and noted

## **3. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 8/3/05 received from the Office of the Commissioner, Garda Headquarters regarding Garda manpower in Balbriggan (circulated herewith)  
The Town Clerk to contact the local Garda Station.
- (ii) Letter dated 16/3/05 received from Superintendent Tom Gallagher Garda Station Balbriggan regarding traffic obstruction Mill Street and George's Hill circulated and noted.



4. **Questions**

(i) **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

"To ask the Manager is the Town Hall development on schedule and is the completion due approximately September 2005?"

**Reply:** From information available at this time the development is progressing reasonably satisfactorily with practical completion and handover, including furniture fit-out of Fingal Local Area Office and Balbriggan Town Council accommodation in December 2005. The Library fit-out and book stocking will follow, allowing the opening to take place in the spring of 2006.

(ii) **Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**

"To ask the Manager can he provide a report on the quality and hardness of the water supply in Balbriggan as it is reported to be the cause of accelerated deterioration of appliances in homes and business premises?"

**Reply:** The Council has a statutory duty to supply its administrative area with a supply of water proper and sufficient for public and private purposes. This duty requires the water supply to be pure and wholesome.

Fingal County Council fully complies with its legal and regulatory obligations under the Drinking Water Regulations in the provision of water from the Bog of the Ring Production Plant. The water produced at the Bog of the Ring Water Treatment Plant is sampled regularly at production and the samples are tested in the Central Laboratory. The samples routinely meet the requirements of the Drinking Water Regulations.

The water supply system in Fingal County Council is divided into three main supply zones, and each zone can receive water of different hardness. The following table gives both the hardness range from the 3 sources of water in the Fingal area: -

<b>Total Hardness</b>	<b>Ballymore Ballyboden Roundwood Stillorgan</b>	<b>Leixlip (North City &amp; County)</b>	<b>Bog of The Ring (Balbriggan, Naul, Man O'War)</b>
Hardness Range mg/l CaCO <sub>3</sub>	50	100 - 300	327 - 345
Average Hardness mg/l CaCO <sub>3</sub>	50	200	336

Leixlip water would be considered mildly hard water, but Bog of the Ring water would be considered hard water. There are no limits set for hardness per se in the Drinking Water Regulations.

The hardness of the Bog of the Ring water will cause an increase in the amount of scaling and deposits in kettles (and in all water heating devices).

The Council have no proposals to reduce water hardness in its Bog of the Ring supply. Facilities for such reduction are not normal in water production plants and the Council is not aware of any public water supply plant in the Republic of Ireland that incorporates such facilities.



Consumers supplied with water from the Bog of the Ring plant who are concerned about water hardness, can, if they so wish, install a water softening device on their internal (house) plumbing network which should help reduce or eliminate the hardness. It is important to note that such water softening devices need to be regularly maintained to a high standard to prevent contamination to the water supply.

(iii) **Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**

"To ask the Manager what proposals Fingal County Council have for the landscaping of the new roundabout adjacent to Balbriggan Church?"

**Reply:** The Council is finalising its proposals for the landscaping of the new roundabout adjacent to Balbriggan Church. It is intended to provide a low maintenance, high quality landmark landscape treatment to provide a high level of visual amenity at this location.

(iv) **Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**

"To ask the Manager why speed signs have not been replaced at Chapel Road as there were always two speed signs at this location?"

**Reply:** Chapel Street Balbriggan which stretches from the Balbriggan Inner Relief Road in the area of the cemetery to Drogheda Street is covered by a 50km/h speed limit (30mph). Any repeater speed limit signs which were in position on this road prior to the changeover of speed limits on the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2005 were removed at the time of the changeover and have not been replaced.

The Government is currently preparing guidelines for local authorities on the setting of special speed limits outside school buildings. Having regard to a school being located on this street, it is proposed to examine this area in the context of amending the speed limit at this location. Consideration will be given to providing repeater speed limit signs on this street at that time.

(v) **Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**

"To ask the Manager how will the new Town Hall Re-Development blend in with the existing redbrick Library building?"

**Reply:** At planning stage the type of materials and finishes to be used in the development was considered and agreed in detailed discussions between the Council's Planning Officer and the Project Team.

At construction stage the following steps were taken in order to achieve a satisfactory materials selection process:

- (1) A number of carefully selected sample panels of brickwork and stone facings which were considered appropriate to complement the brickwork and limestone dressings of existing Carnegie Library were set up.
- (2) A meeting was held on site between the Design and Project Teams and the Council's Conservation Officer and the final selection was made.

Taking into account all relevant criteria the selection made is considered to be the most appropriate for the development.



**5. Motions**

**(i) Motion submitted by Councillor Heidi Bedell**

“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Justice to dramatically increase fines for littering and illegal dumping in order to further deter repetition of the crime and to help enforce the particular law”

Proposed by Councillor Bedell, Seconded by Councillor Pyne

Motion passed.

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

“Balbriggan Town Council calls the Minister for Health and Children to provide free medical treatment for all children of P.A.Y.E workers from birth to 5 years of age. Treatment to include doctors appointments, prescriptions and hospital treatment”

Proposed by Councillor Harford, Seconded by Councillor Dunne

Following discussion it was agreed to amend the motion to read as follows:

“Balbriggan Town Council calls on the Minister for Health and Children to provide free medical treatment for all children of P.R.S.I. contributors from birth to 5 years of age. Treatment to include doctors appointments, prescriptions and hospital treatment”

Motion passed.

**(iii) Motion submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne**

“Balbriggan Town Council seek an immediate meeting with the Minister of Education and Science with a view to having implemented as a matter of extreme urgency all necessary measures to ensure that sufficient places are available within the primary schools serving Balbriggan for all children who require accommodation in the forthcoming school year”

Proposed by Councillor Dunne, Seconded by Councillor Buckley

Motion passed

It was agreed that the Town Clerk would arrange to set a meeting with the Minister and contact Fingal County Council to find out progress to date.

**(iv) Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**

“Balbriggan Town Council fully supports the efforts by Balbriggan Rugby Football Club in their efforts to locate a sports facility with swimming pool in the town and further that this Council urges Fingal County Council to give Balbriggan Rugby Football Club its full support on this initiative”

Proposed by Councillor Buckley, Seconded by Councillor Bedell

Motion passed.

**(v) Motion submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**

“Balbriggan Town Council fully supports Balbriggan Rugby Football Club in their efforts to bring a new sports facility to the town which would be of great benefit to the people of Balbriggan”

Proposed by Councillor Hammond, Seconded by Councillor Harford

Motion passed.

**(vi) Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to take immediate action to initiate talks with private partnership to draw up plans for the future development and refurbishment of Balbriggan Harbour”

Proposed by Councillor Shields, Seconded by Councillor Hammond

Motion passed.



- (vii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Justice to cease providing free legal aid for continuous offenders and to rule that after a third offence they be responsible for the cost of their own legal representation"  
Proposed by Councillor Harford, Seconded by Councillor Dunne  
Motion passed.  
It was agreed to circulate this motion to all Local Authorities.
- (viii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call upon Fingal County Council to reduce the proposed residential parking fee which they intend to apply with the introduction of the pay and display system from the present 25 Euro per year to a nominal amount of 1 Euro per year for all residents"  
Proposed by Councillor Dunne, Seconded by Councillor Buckley  
Following discussion Councillor Dunne proposed the amended motion which was seconded by Councillor Buckley:  
*"Balbriggan Town Council call upon Fingal County Council to reduce the proposed residential parking fee which they intend to apply with the introduction of the pay and display system from the present 25 Euro per year to a nominal amount of 1 Euro per year for all residents who do not have off street parking"*  
An Cathaoirleach declared the motion passed following a show of hands.
- (ix) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**  
"Balbriggan Town Council fully support Fingal County Council in providing three playgrounds in the Balbriggan area and welcomes the first to be provided at the open space at Chapel Gate"  
Proposed by Councillor Buckley, Seconded by Councillor Bedell  
An Cathaoirleach declared the motion passed following a show of hands.

6. **Cathaoirleach's Business**

An Cathaoirleach informed the members that Mr. David O'Connor, Director of Services, Planning Department, Fingal County Council would attend the Briefing Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 p.m. in the Bracken Court Hotel.  
An Cathaoirleach informed the members that Mr. Michael Walsh, Northern Area Health Board would not be available to attend and sent his apologies.

7. **Redevelopment of Town Hall**

The Town Manager informed the members that the works are on schedule and the library should be ready in Spring 2006.

Meeting Concluded 9.30p.m.

SIGNED: C. Dunne  
R.P. Cathaoirleach

DATE: 10 May 05.



**BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL**  
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6<sup>th</sup> April 2005.

**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 Aibreán 12, 2005 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 **12<sup>th</sup> April, 2005 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 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2005.**

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

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**BRIAN MURRAY**  
**MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR**



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**A. Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

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**C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 7/3/05 received from Iarnród Eireann regarding motion passed by Balbriggan Town Council (circulated herewith)
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### **3. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 8/3/05 received from the Office of the Commissioner, Garda Headquarters regarding Garda manpower in Balbriggan (circulated herewith)
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### **4. Questions**

- (i) **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**  
"To ask the Manager is the Town Hall development on schedule and is the completion due approximately September 2005?"
- (ii) **Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**  
"To ask the Manager can he provide a report on the quality and hardness of the water supply in Balbriggan as it is reported to be the cause of accelerated deterioration of appliances in homes and business premises?"
- (iii) **Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**  
"To ask the Manager what proposals Fingal County Council have for the landscaping of the new roundabout adjacent to Balbriggan Church?"
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"To ask the Manager why speed signs have not been replaced at Chapel Road as there were always two speed signs at this location?"
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- (i) **Motion submitted by Councillor Heidi Bedell**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Justice to dramatically increase fines for littering and illegal dumping in order to further deter repetition of the crime and to help enforce the particular law"
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"Balbriggan Town Council calls the Minister for Health and Children to provide free medical treatment for all children of P.A.Y.E workers from birth to 5 years of age. Treatment to include doctors appointments, prescriptions and hospital treatment"
- (iii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne**  
"Balbriggan Town Council seek an immediate meeting with the Minister of Education and Science with a view to having implemented as a matter of extreme urgency all necessary measure to ensure that sufficient places are available within the primary schools serving Balbriggan for all children who require accommodation in the forthcoming school year"
- (iv) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**  
"Balbriggan Town Council fully supports the efforts by Balbriggan Rugby Football Club in their efforts to locate a swimming pool in the town and further that this Council urges Fingal County Council to give Balbriggan Rugby Football Club its full support on this initiative"



- (v) **Motion submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**  
“Balbriggan Town Council fully supports Balbriggan Rugby Football Club in their efforts to bring a new sports facility to the town which would be of great benefit to the people of Balbriggan”
- (vi) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**  
“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to take immediate action to initiate talks with private partnership to draw up plans for the future development and refurbishment of Balbriggan Harbour”
- (vii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**  
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“Balbriggan Town Council call upon Fingal County Council to reduce the proposed residential parking fee which they intend to apply with the introduction of the pay and display system from the present 25 Euro per year to a nominal amount of 1 Euro per year for all residents”
- (ix) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**  
“ Balbriggan Town Council fully support Fingal County Council in providing three playgrounds in the Balbriggan area and welcomes the first to be provided at the open space at Chapel Gate”

- 6. **Cathaoirleach's Business**
- 7. **Redevelopment of Town Hall**
- 8. **Proposed Marine Conservation Centre**



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> May 2005.**

**Councillors Present:**

Brown, Sean	McKeon, May
Buckley, Gerry	Pyne, Ned
Dunne, Larry	Shields, Gertie
Hammond, Kathleen	

**Officials Present:**

Mr. Richard Brady, Town Manager  
Mr. James Caffrey, Senior Architect  
Mr. Brian Murray, Meetings Administrator  
Ms. Maureen Finn, F.C.C.

**Apologies Received:**

Bedell, Heidi                                  Harford, Monica

Leas Cathaoirleach, Councillor Larry Dunne chaired the meeting in the absence of Cathaoirleach Councillor Monica Harford.

An Cathaoirleach informed the members that Mr. James Caffrey, Senior Architect, Fingal County Council was present at the meeting to update the members on the proposed Phase 2 Development at Flemington. An Cathaoirleach proposed and it was agreed by the members that this be taken as the second item of business.

**Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2005 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Shields, Seconded by Councillor McKeon

**8. Presentation on Proposed Housing Scheme at Flemington, Balbriggan (Phase 2 – 128 Dwellings)**

Mr. Caffrey presented a series of slides outlining the proposed housing Scheme and informed the members that would be going on public display in the near future. Mr. Caffrey answered a number of queries raised by the members regarding their concerns. An Leas Cathaoirleach thanked Mr Caffrey for briefing the members.

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Balbriggan Town Council would bring any suggestions raised by the members to the attention of Mr. O'Brien.

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**C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

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**4. Questions**

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"To ask the Manager can Fingal County Council offer the residents of Bremore Drive, Balbriggan a guarantee that the green space fronting the development of a further house adjoining No. 64 Bremore Drive will be restored to its original condition providing a safe passage for children, to the play area at the rear of these houses?"

**Reply:**

Under Register Reference 04a/882 Planning Permission was granted for a two-bedroom house adjoining number 64 Bremore Drive. The Property and Economic Development Division have received a request to dispose of the area to the front of the site. In considering this request the question of providing safe passage for children to the play area will be considered.

**2. Question submitted by Councillor McKeon**

"To ask the Manager in the interest of health, hygiene and public safety, how soon can Fingal County Council clean up and install suitable lighting at the sub-way under the railway line at the bottom of Church Street, Balbriggan? Please also advise of the programme for maintaining this area.

**Reply:**

The Council's Street Cleaning Section clean this area as part of the regular street cleaning programme for Balbriggan Town. The public lighting is a matter for Iarnrod Eireann.



3. **Question submitted by Councillor McKeon**

"To ask the Manager can Balbriggan Town Council be assured that the hedgerows at Gardiners Hill and Tanners Water, Balbriggan are cut back regularly to ensure suitable access and visibility for pedestrians and motorists?"

**Reply:**

An examination of the locations referred to will be carried out by the Transportation Department to establish the ownership of the hedgerows. Upon completion of the examination a more detailed reply will be provided.

4. **Question submitted by Councillor Heidi Bedell**

To ask the Manager for the time scale involved with the sewage works at Barnageara, particularly the works at the viaduct car park?

**Reply:**

The contract programme is still on schedule and the treatment works is due for completion in September 2006. The works at Quay Street Car Park in Balbriggan will continue over the summer months and should be substantially complete by September, however, there will be electrical installation works continuing here until the end of the year.

5. **Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**

To ask the Manager when will the weeds and glass be cleaned up near the Tunnel and also the weeds and glass on the Harbour side and across the Promenade ?

**Reply:**

The Council's Street Cleaning Section clean the underpass under the railway line at Church Street as part of the regular street cleaning programme for Balbriggan Town. An on site meeting has been arranged with John Crothers and the Town Clerk for Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May to deal with the Promenade (also known as the Nun's Walk)

6. **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

To ask the Manager for a progress report on Balbriggan Fire Station?

**Reply:**

As part of the Town Centre re development the retained Fire Service for Balbriggan has re located to a temporary premises at the BEAT Centre, Stephenstown Industrial Estate.  
The Council has agreed to provide a site of approximately two acres to the Fire Authority, Dublin City Council on which they propose to construct a larger, permanent facility.

7. **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

To ask the Manager when will the Drogheda Street nameplate be replaced at the Bus Stop in Drogheda Street near Lambeecher Estate?

**Reply:**

A new nameplate will be ordered and it will be erected as soon as it is delivered.

8. **Question submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**

To ask the Manager when will the round of clay and rubbish be cleaned at Flemington Lane adjacent to Rochford Housing development?



**Reply:**

Flemington lane is cleaned on a weekly schedule by the Council's Street Cleaning Staff. With regard to the mound of clay and rubbish at the site adjacent to the Mount Rochford Housing development, this area is under ongoing development and the site is used by the developer for storing construction materials. I have asked a litter warden to call to the developer to remind him/her of her responsibilities to remove any household rubbish that has been dumped at this location and to request that he/she keep the area as clean as is possible during the construction period.

**9. Question submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**

To ask the Manager to investigate the sewage problem at the corner of 17 Derham Park as there is a foul smell at this corner for the last number of years

**Reply:**

These houses are served by a combined drain which discharges to the council's main sewer in a manhole outside no. 17. The combined drain incorporates a broadstrap located in a manhole in the garden of no. 17. The broadstrap appears to be partially blocked causing a build-up of solids in the drain. Clearing of blockages in drains is the responsibility of the householder. Removal of the broadstrap may be helpful provided there are no defects in the drain pipework. The council provides a drain clearance service during normal working hours at a cost of €155. Removal of broadstraps are charged at cost plus overheads - minimum charge €452.

Town Clerk to clarify whether the drain is in private or public ownership.

**5. Motions**

**(i) Motion submitted by Councillor McKeon**

"In the interest of public safety, Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to close off the entrance/exit nearest to the roundabout at St. Peter & Paul's Church Car Park".

Motion proposed by Councillor McKeon, seconded by Councillor Shields.

Motion passed

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

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Health and the Government to issue every house with an information leaflet advising procedure's necessary to recoup illegal nursing home charges and to immediately set up a helpline"

In the absence of Councillor Harford, Councillor Dunne proposed the motion which was seconded by Councillor McKeon.

Motion passed.

**(iii) Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Health Service Executive (Northern Area) to explain their apparent reluctance to take into care delinquent children who are in constant trouble with the law and quite obviously out of control"

Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor McKeon.

Motion passed.



- (iv) **Motion submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**  
“Balbriggan Town Council call on Iarnród Eireann to maintain the grass cutting on the banks of Balbriggan Strand on a regular basis instead of just annually”  
Proposed by Councillor Hammond, seconded by Councillor McKeon.  
Motion passed

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“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council in conjunction with Balbriggan Town Council to design and erect four new “Welcome to Balbriggan signs and that they consult with the Balbriggan Tidy Towns Committee and the people of Balbriggan to establish a logo for these signs”  
In the absence of Councillor Bedell, Councillor Dunne proposed the motion which was seconded by Councillor McKeon.

Following discussion it was agreed to amend the motion to read as follows:  
“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council in conjunction with Balbriggan Town Council and in consultation with the Balbriggan Tidy Towns Committee to erect four new “Welcome to Balbriggan” signs”.  
Amended motion passed.

- (vi) **Motion submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**  
“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to have double yellow lines installed in Chapel Crescent Estate”  
Proposed by Councillor Pyne, seconded by Councillor McKeon  
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In the absence of Councillor Bedell, Councillor Dunne proposed the motion which was seconded by Councillor Buckley.  
Following discussion the motion was withdrawn.

(x) **Motion submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**

Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal to have ramps installed on the Back Road from Seapoint to the Harbour"

Proposed by Councillor Pyne, seconded by Councillor Buckley

Motion passed

6. **Cathaoirleach's Business**

(a) Councillor Shields informed the members that she received information under the Freedom of Information Act regarding unaccompanied minors seeking asylum and wanted to inform the members of the details. Councillor Shields stated that in June 2004 there were 68 young people under 18 years missing and there are 12 more missing which brings the total reported at present to 80.

(b) Town Clerk informed the members that a proposed date for the Annual General Meeting be deferred to the June Statutory meeting if acceptable to the members. Agreed.

7. **Redevelopment of Town Hall**

Town Clerk advised that works were on schedule. It was agreed that the Town Clerk to arrange a site visit for the members.

8. **Quarterly Financial Statement**

Circulated and noted.

9. **A.O.B.**

(a) The Manager proposes to arrange a visit for the members to Westport to look at the development of their town. It was agreed that the members contact the Manager/Town Clerk with suitable dates and times.

(b) Re Cinema/Museum Mill Street Development. The Town Manager to clarify with Planning Department on the current situation regarding the cinema complex.

Meeting concluded 9.30 p.m.

SIGNED

*Monica Harford*

DATE

*14/6/05*



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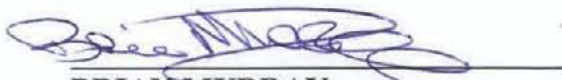
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Dunne, Larry	Shields, Gertie
Hammond, Kathleen	

**Officials Present:**

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Mr. Richard Brady, Town Manager  
Mr. Stephen Peppard, Corporate Services Department  
Mr. Brian Murray, Town Clerk

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Councillor Harford, opened the meeting and welcomed the County Councillors, the County Manager, Stephen Peppard and the press to the meeting. Councillor Harford thanked her fellow councillors for the support and courtesy shown during her term of office with special thanks to the Leas Cathaoirleach, Councillor Dunne, Town Clerk and office staff. She also thanked the Town Manager for his support during the year in particular for arranging the briefing meetings. Councillor Harford also thanked Peter Coyle, Cathaoirleach of Fingal County Council for his support during the year. Councillor Harford expressed her best wishes to the incoming Cathaoirleach and Councillors for the coming year.

**1. Election of Cathaoirleach**

It was proposed by Councillor Buckley seconded by Councillor Harford

“That Councillor Dunne be elected as Cathaoirleach”

It was proposed by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Hammond

“That Councillor Bedell be elected as Cathaoirleach”

Councillor Dunne was declared elected Cathaoirleach of Balbriggan Town Council.

On a division, the voting resulted as follows:

<b>For Councillor Dunne</b>	<b>:</b>	Five	(5)
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For Councillor Dunne: Councillors Buckley, Dunne, Harford, McKeon, Shields

For Councillor Bedell: Councillors Bedell, Brown, Hammond, Pyne



Having secured a majority of votes of the members present, Councillor Dunne was declared elected as Cathaoirleach of Balbriggan Town Council.

Councillor Dunne was presented with the Chain of Office by the outgoing Cathaoirleach, Councillor Harford and then took the Chair.

Councillor Dunne 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. Councillor Dunne paid tribute to Councillor Harford for her exemplary handling of her duties during her 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 Harford and seconded by Councillor Shields "That Councillor McKeon be elected Leas Cathaoirleach"

It was proposed by Councillor Brown and seconded by Councillor Hammond "That Councillor Bedell be elected Leas Cathaoirleach"

On a division, the voting resulted as follows:

<b>For Councillor McKeon</b>	: Five (5)
<b>For Councillor Bedell</b>	: Four (4)

For Councillor McKeon : Councillors Buckley, Dunne, Harford, McKeon, Shields  
For Councillor Bedell : Councillors Bedell, Brown and Hammond, Pyne

Having secured a majority of the votes of the Members present, Councillor McKeon was declared elected as Leas Cathaoirleach of Balbriggan Town Council.

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

It was proposed by Councillor McKeon and seconded by Councillor Brown that "Councillor Bedell become 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 McKeon and seconded by Councillor Dunne that "Councillor Buckley be elected to represent Balbriggan Town Council on this committee".

Agreed by the members.



**Election of Substitute Delegate for BAPA**

It was proposed by Councillor McKeon and seconded by Councillor Pyne that "Councillor Hammond be elected to represent Balbriggan Town Council on this committee".

Agreed by the members.

5. **Election of Budget Committee**

It was agreed that all Town Councillors would be members of this committee. It was proposed by Councillor Harford and seconded by Councillor McKeon that all members be members of the Budget Committee.

Agreed by the members.

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

It was agreed that all Town Councillors would be members of this committee. It was proposed by Councillor Bedell and seconded by Councillor Harford that all members be members of the Budget Committee.

Agreed by the members

7. **St. Patrick's Day Committee**

It was proposed by Councillor Bedell and seconded by Councillor Buckley that all members be members of the Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts and Culture Awards Committee.

Agreed by the members.

The County Manager, Mr. John Tierney congratulated Councillor Harford on her term of office and welcomed the incoming Cathaoirleach Councillor Dunne and looked forward to working with Balbriggan Town Council during the coming year.

Meeting concluded at 8.00 p.m.

L Dunne  
Cathaoirleach

July 12<sup>th</sup> 05  
Date



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> June 2005.**

**Councillors Present:**

Bedell, Heidi	Harford, Monica
Buckley, Gerry	McKeon, May
Dunne, Larry	Pyne, Ned
Hammond, Kathleen	Shields, Gertie

**Officials Present:**

Mr. Stephen Peppard, A/Town Manager  
Mr. Brian Murray, Meetings Administrator  
Ms. Margaret Wilde, F.C.C

**Apologies Received:** Councillor Brown

An Cathaoirleach proposed one minutes silence following the recent tragedy in Navan. It was agreed a letter of sympathy to be forwarded to the schools involved. Councillor Buckley informed the members that a Book of Condolences was available for members to sign at Supervalu.

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**Reply:** Following the localised collapse of part of the harbour, it was inspected by a structural engineer who recommended that it should be immediately closed to vehicular access to avoid further damage and in the interest of public safety should additional collapsing occur. The area was fenced off using standard fencing panels but these moved aside by persons unknown. Regrettably, because of this concrete bars had to be used to restrict access.

With regard to the condition of the Harbour and possible future remedial works, as reported previously the draft of the structural report is to hand. Consideration is being given to various options outlined in the draft and it is hoped at this stage to make a presentation to the Council in July.

**(ii) Question submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne**

"To ask the Manager to provide a report on the current position regarding the taking in charge of Mill Race Estate, Balbriggan and what procedure is available to residents under the Planning & Development Act to have an estate taken in charge."

**Reply:** No request has been received from the developer to take this estate in charge.

Under the Planning and Development Act 2000, where a development has not been completed to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority and enforcement proceedings have not been commenced by the Planning Authority within seven years of the date of expiration of the relevant planning permission, the Authority shall, where requested by the majority of qualified electors who own



or occupy the houses in question, declare the roads over which a public right of way exists to be public roads and be responsible for their maintenance.

**(iii) Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

“To ask the Manager for a report on the recent meeting between the Council and the Department of the Marine regarding Balbriggan Harbour.”

**Reply:** A preliminary meeting has taken place with the Department of the Marine at which the position was outlined generally. The Department have not committed to providing any funding for works on the Harbour but have requested that the Council submit a detailed request outlining the nature and costs of the works.”

**(iv) Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

“To ask the Manager for a report on Fingal County Councils involvement in the proposed school site at Moylaragh / Flemington.”

**Reply:** As part of the Local Area Plan for North West Balbriggan, two sites were designated for Primary schools. One of these is on part of the Flemington development and the other is to the south of that in the ownership of a different developer.

The Members will know that Fingal Co. Co. has neither responsibility or statutory remit for the provision of education facilities or services. Notwithstanding this, this Council fully appreciates the pressures that are mounting for new schools in the context of the rapid growth taking place in Fingal, particularly in an area like Balbriggan. The Council has taken the view that it cannot afford to wait for each school project to appear on the Department of Education & Science’s building programme. Rather, it has taken the initiative to try to accelerate the delivery of schools.

The tactic adopted by the Council is to try to acquire the school lands at the lowest cost possible. The Dept. has agreed that, where a significant saving is achieved in land acquisition costs, it will invest 50% of that saving into better and improved ancillary facilities for the school.

A further motivation to the Council for this course of action is the opportunity new school facilities present for wider community facilities. The Dept. has accepted, as a general principle, that new school halls should be accessible for community use outside of normal school hours. The Council would, therefore, see the school hall serving as a Community Centre and would be prepared to put funding, should it be necessary, into allowing it to be expanded and enhanced beyond the standard specification.

In the particular case of the school site at Flemington, the Council has entered into negotiations with the landowner in question. Balbriggan Educate Together has already applied for and been granted license by the Dept. for temporary school buildings on the lands, with a view to having the school open for the coming September. The developer has proved to be accommodating in this regard.



As a consequence of the negotiations, the developer has agreed to make an area of 3½ - 4 acres available for the permanent school at the location at a very favourable price. This price is less than half of the market value of the lands. In offering the lands at the special price, he has attached a condition. This condition is that the land be acquired and the school built without delay.

Fingal County Council has presented this scenario to the Department of Education & Science who have endorsed the proposal and indicated that approval will issue for the acquisition of the lands without delay. The outcome of all this should be that the school is built and open far earlier than would otherwise be the case. In addition to this, a new and modern Community Centre will be available on the site to the local community

(v) **Question submitted by Councillor May McKeon**

“With regard to planning Application No F04A/0882, 64 Bremore Drive, Balbriggan, can the Manager assure the residents of Bremore Drive, that the grassed area fronting the demolished boundary side wall is not part of the planning permission and that it will remain incorporated in the constructed hammer head road, as agreed between the residents of Bremore Drive/Court and the traffic and planning control Department, at a deputation which took place at the offices of Fingal County Council and to ask, if it is part of the permission granted how is the development nearly complete when a section 183 disposal has not been agreed by the elected members in consultation with the residents.”

**Reply:** Under Register Reference F04A/0882 Planning Permission was granted for a two-bedroom house adjoining number 64 Bremore Drive. Additional information submitted in respect of this application provided for the incorporation of the grassed area to the front of the proposed house to be included in the site and planning permission was granted on foot of this submission.

The Property & Economic Development Division have received a request to dispose of this grassed area. The service departments have indicated there is no objection to the disposal, accordingly it is proposed to bring a recommendation to dispose of this plot to a future meeting of the Council.

(vi) **Question submitted by Councillor May McKeon**

“To ask the Manager can he arrange for a disabled persons parking bay to be provided under the new Traffic Management Scheme adjacent to No. 20 and 22 Clonard Street.”

**Reply:** As part of the Balbriggan Parking Management Scheme there will be a significant increase in the number of disabled parking bays in Balbriggan.

The Council will also consider any request for additional parking bays.

The Councillor's request in this regard in relation to 20/22 Clonard Street will be fully considered when the pay and display element of the Scheme is being rolled out.

It should be noted that the approved Scheme provides for double yellow lines outside the address in question. Parking bays are however proposed opposite these premises.



**(vii) Question submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**

"To ask the Manager what revenue was collected for the period January 2004 to December 2004 inclusive by the Fingal County Council in relation to bin tags in the electoral area of North County Dublin."

**Reply:** Details of income from the environmental charge are not stored or collected on an electoral area basis. Accordingly the details presented below are an estimate of the amount collected in Dublin North.

Income from the environmental charge in the Fingal area for 2004 amounted to €7,163,000.

Housecount figures at the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2004 calculated the number of households (including apartments) in the Fingal area at 76,589.

The number of households in the North County excluding city suburbs and Blanchardstown is calculated at 36,726, being 48% of the total household count. Applying this formula the amount collected in charges in the electoral area of North county Dublin in 2004 is calculated at €3,434,240.00 i.e 48% of the total collected.

**(viii) Question submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**

"To ask the Manager why have Fingal County Council not provided a proper response to previous questions raised in relation to the provision of proper road marking in Balbriggan Town."

**Reply:** At the March 2005 statutory meeting of the Balbriggan Town Council a motion was passed calling on Fingal County Council to ensure that road markings in Balbriggan are kept to proper standards at all times.

Following on this the Transportation Department Traffic Section carried out an examination of the area and appropriate signing and lining measures will be taken as soon as possible to improve road marking in the town where necessary.

**(ix) Question submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**

"To ask the Manager will he arrange for the erection of "Residents Parking Only" signs in Chapel Crescent Estate."

**Reply:** "Residents Parking Only" signs have no statutory basis. Any person may park on a public road once the vehicle is legally parked.

However, the Transportation Department has been in communication and has met with the Garda Síochána in relation to the extension of double yellow lines along the entrance into Chapel Crescent and a further meeting with the Inspector in Charge and the Council's Traffic Engineer is scheduled for next week.

**(x) Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**

"To ask the Manager will the funds generated from the concerts in Ardgillan Castle be used to facilitate the playground this coming year."

**Reply:** The funds received from the concert promoters will be used to enhance facilities in Ardgillan Park and Castle. As part of this and the three capital programme a playground will be built in the park this year.



- (xi) **Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**  
"To ask the Manager will he provide assistance to Balbriggan Tidy Towns Committee e.g. flowers, small trees and equipment."  
**Reply:** Under the Council's Community Activities Funding Scheme, Balbriggan Tidy Towns would be entitled to apply for funding under the category of "environmental enhancement".  
If Balbriggan Tidy Towns make an application to the Community, Culture and Sports Division it will be considered under the terms and conditions of the scheme.
- (xii) **Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**  
"To ask the Manager can he arrange for a running track or other suitable facility to be provided around the football pitches in Balbriggan Town Park as there are works ongoing at this location and it is used frequently by the public for running."  
**Reply:**  
There is insufficient space around the football pitches in Balbriggan Town Park to accommodate a running track. However, the Council will give consideration to the provision of such a facility in the Balbriggan area if a suitable location can be identified and if there is sufficient demand from the public.
- (xiii) **Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**  
"To ask the Manager can he examine the feasibility of providing a pitch and putt course in the Balbriggan area as such facilities are available in other nearby towns and the people of Balbriggan have to travel out of town to play pitch and putt."  
**Reply:**  
The Council has no immediate plans to provide Pitch & Putt Course in the Balbriggan area. Subject to resources being available and evidence of a requirement from the public the Council will give consideration to the provision of such a facility.

## 5. Motions

- (i) **Motion submitted by Councillor Heidi Bedell**  
"That this Council invite the Fingal County Council Heritage Officer (Mr Gerry Clabby) and the Biodiversity Officer (Mr Hans Visser) to address the Town Council regarding the new Heritage Plan for Fingal and Biodiversity projects taking place in Balbriggan."  
Proposed by Councillor Bedell, Seconded by Councillor Hammond  
Motion passed
- (ii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on St. Laurence O' Toole Trust and the Board of Management of St Molaga's School to clean up the area at the gate leading from Lambreecher Estate and remove the outer perimeter fence."  
Proposed by Councillor Shields, Seconded by Councillor Bedell  
Motion passed



- (iii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to extend the footpath from Fancourt Heights past the Councils depot to its junction with the Back/Sea point road and to have the crossing point dished."  
Proposed by Councillor Dunne, Seconded by Councillor Bedell  
Motion passed
- (iv) **Motion submitted by Councillor May McKeon**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Manager to support and make the necessary arrangements to extend the status of our council to that of Town Councils who were formally known as Urban District Councils, in order that we can actively engage and discharge the "Reserved Functions" which are decisions on policy and principle including control over the financial affairs of our Council and the adoption of a local development plan for Balbriggan."  
Proposed by Councillor McKeon, Seconded by Councillor Pyne  
Motion passed
- (v) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Transport to travel on a suburban rail service between Balbriggan and Dublin City Centre during the morning and evening peak times to see for himself the overcrowding and unsatisfactory conditions being endured by passengers."  
Proposed by Councillor Buckley, Seconded by Councillor Hammond  
Motion passed

At 8.30p.m. Councillor McKeon requested that Standing Orders be suspended to discuss the Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2005. Proposed by Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor Bedell and agreed by the members that Standing Orders be suspended to discuss this matter.

Councillor McKeon expressed her disappointed with the responses given at the meeting. Councillor Harford sought clarification regarding written replies being distributed to the Town Councillors. Mr. Peppard informed the members that the Council strived to provide adequate replies. He explained that the Quarterly Meetings are traditionally dealt with as Deputation Meetings without written replies. Mr. Peppard undertook to ensure written replies would be available for future Quarterly Meetings.

- (vi) **Motions submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Justice to ensure that Section 17 Sub Section 1 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 2000 is fully implemented and enforced."  
Motion not moved
- (vii) **Motion submitted by Monica Harford**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Health to immediately ensure that all employees employed in nursing homes are trained to suit the job they are employed for."  
Proposed by Councillor Harford, Seconded by Councillor Shields



Motion passed

**(viii) Motion submitted by Kathleen Hammond**

“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources to review the operation of Balbriggan Post Office with a view to extending the opening hours (including lunchtime) which will relieve the congestion and overcrowding that is a daily occurrence and is not acceptable to the people of Balbriggan”.

Proposed by Councillor Hammond, Seconded by Councillor Buckley

Motion passed

It was agreed that the Town Clerk would write to An Post requesting adequate signage for the Post Office.

**(ix) Motion submitted by Councillor Heidi Bedell**

“That this Council appeal to Fingal County Council to allow the railings to remain up around the Breacan Close estate.”

Proposed by Councillor Bedell, Seconded by Councillor Shields

It was agreed to defer this motion until the identification of the railings identified in the motion were clarified.

**(x) Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to re-surface the road at Seapoint Lane leading to the Harbour area, as a matter of urgency”

Proposed by Councillor Shields, Seconded by Councillor Dunne

Motion passed

**(xi) Motion submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne**

“Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council to treat the luxuriant growth of weeds that at present infest the footpath between the County Bridge and the subway at Sea Point.”

Proposed by Councillor Dunne, Seconded by Councillor Bedell

Motion passed.

**(xii) Motion submitted by Councillor May McKeon**

“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Manager to examine the properties at the Medical Centre, 1 Clonard Street and 9 Bridge Street, known locally as “Doran’s” under the Derelict Sites Act or any other legislation and report back to Balbriggan Town Council on his findings.”

Proposed by Councillor McKeon, Seconded by Councillor Harford

Following discussion it was agreed to amend the text of the motion to read as follows: “Balbriggan Town Council call on the Manager to examine the properties at the Medical Centre, 1 Clonard Street and 9 Bridge Street, under the Derelict Sites Act or any other legislation and report back to Balbriggan Town Council on his findings.”

Motion passed.

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“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to examine the green space at the rear of the Church car park for use as a local playground for



Balbriggan, because it would have a car park available and is not near houses for residents to object to its presence.”

Proposed by Councillor, Seconded by Councillor Hammond

Motion passed

- (xiv) **Motion submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**  
“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to send a representative to Balbriggan as soon as possible to give proper details of Fingal County Councils plans for playgrounds in the Balbriggan Area.”  
Motion not moved.
- (xv) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**  
“Balbriggan Town Council requests Superintendent Gallagher, Balbriggan Garda Station to confirm that the two retired Gardai (Sgt. Foran and Sgt Lawlor) have been replaced in Balbriggan Garda Station.”  
Proposed by Councillor Harford, Seconded by Councillor Dunne  
Motion passed
- (xiv) **Motion submitted by Kathleen Hammond**  
“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Health & Children, following the recent shocking revelations about the treatment of elderly patients in nursing homes in our area to inform this Council on the supervision and inspection of these nursing homes.”  
Proposed by Councillor Hammond, Seconded by Councillor Buckley  
Motion passed
6. **Cathaoirleach’s Business**  
Councillor Harford sought clarification of how many Fingal County Council rented units in the Balbriggan area are without central heating.  
  
Councillor Dunne stated he had not received sufficient notice to submit a motion to the next Planning SPC Meeting. Town Clerk to clarify position.
7. **Redevelopment of Town Hall**  
Stephen Peppard said that a site inspection would be arrange for the Town Council members that work September and that work was progressing to schedule.
8. **Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts & Cultural Awards**  
It was agreed that forms be circulated as soon as possible in order for judging to be arranged while the gardens are in bloom.
9. **Annual Meeting 2005**  
It was agreed by the members that the Annual Meeting would take place on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2005 at 7.30 p.m. in the Bracken Court Hotel.  
Mr. Stephen Peppard invited the members to attend Fingal County Council’s Annual Meeting on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 4.30 p.m. in Malahide Castle.



An Cathaoirleach expressed her sincere gratitude and thanks to her fellow Councillors, Staff, Town Manager and Town Clerk for the good wishes, flowers, cards, mass bouquets which she had received during her recent illness, which was very much appreciated.

SIGNED: L. Dunne DATE \_\_\_\_\_



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8<sup>th</sup> June 2005.

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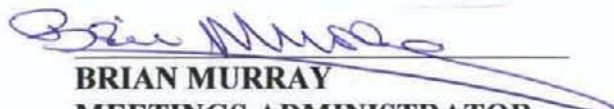
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**I should be obliged if any Councillor who wishes to speak on an item of correspondence on this agenda would ensure they contact this office in writing before close of business on 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2005.**

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

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**BRIAN MURRAY**  
**MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR**



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- (ii) **Question submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne**  
"To ask the Manager to provide a report on the current position regarding the taking in charge of Mill Race Estate, Balbriggan and what procedure is available to residents under the Planning & Development Act to have an estate taken in charge."
- (iii) **Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**  
"To ask the Manager for a report on the recent meeting between the Council and the Department of the Marine regarding Balbriggan Harbour."
- (iv) **Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**  
"To ask the Manager for a report on Fingal County Councils involvement in the proposed school site at Moylaragh / Flemington."
- (v) **Question submitted by Councillor May McKeon**  
"With regard to planning Application No F04A/0882, 64 Bremore Drive, Balbriggan, can the Manager assure the residents of Bremore Drive, that the grassed area fronting the demolished boundary side wall is not part of the planning permission and that it will remain incorporated in the constructed hammer head road, as agreed between the residents of Bremore Drive/Court and the traffic and planning control Department, at a deputation which took place at the offices of Fingal County Council and to ask, if it is part of the permission granted how is the development nearly complete when a section 183 disposal has not been agreed by the elected members in consultation with the residents."
- (vi) **Question submitted by Councillor May McKeon**  
"To ask the Manager can he arrange for a disabled persons parking bay to be provided under the new Traffic Management Scheme adjacent to No. 20 and 22 Clonard Street."
- (vii) **Question submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**  
"To ask the Manager what revenue was collected for the period January 2004 to December 2004 inclusive by the Fingal County Council in relation to bin tags in the electoral area of North County Dublin."
- (viii) **Question submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**  
"To ask the Manager why have Fingal County Council not provided a proper response to previous questions raised in relation to the provision of proper road marking in Balbriggan Town."



- (ix) **Question submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**  
"To ask the Manager will he arrange for the erection of "Residents Parking Only" signs in Chapel Crescent Estate".
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"To ask the Manager will the funds generated from the concerts in Ardgillan Castle be used to facilitate the playground this coming year."
- (xi) **Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**  
"To ask the Manager will he provide assistance to Balbriggan Tidy Towns Committee e.g. flowers, small trees and equipment."
- (xii) **Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**  
"To ask the Manager can he arrange for a running track or other suitable facility to be provided around the football pitches in Balbriggan Town Park as there are works ongoing at this location and it is used frequently by the public for running".
- (xiii) **Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**  
"To ask the Manager can he examine the feasibility of providing a pitch and putt course in the Balbriggan area as such facilities are available in other nearby towns and the people of Balbriggan have to travel out of town to play pitch and putt".

## 5. **Motions**

- (i) **Motion submitted by Councillor Heidi Bedell**  
"That this Council invite the Fingal County Council Heritage Officer (Mr Gerry Clabby) and the Biodiversity Officer (Mr Hans Visser) to address the Town Council regarding the new Heritage Plan for Fingal and Biodiversity projects taking place in Balbriggan."
- (ii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on St. Laurence O' Toole Trust and the Board of Management of St Molaga's School to clean up the area at the gate leading from Lambeecher Estate and remove the outer perimeter fence."
- (iii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to extend the footpath from Fancourt Heights past the Councils depot to its junction with the Back/Sea point road and to have the crossing point dished."
- (iv) **Motion submitted by Councillor May McKeon**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Manager to support and make the necessary arrangements to extend the status of our council to that of Town Councils who were formally known as Urban District Councils, in order that we can actively engage and discharge the "Reserved Functions" which are



decisions on policy and principle including control over the financial affairs of our Council and the adoption of a local development plan for Balbriggan.”

- (v) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**  
“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Transport to travel on a suburban rail service between Balbriggan and Dublin City Centre during the morning and evening peak times to see for himself the overcrowding and unsatisfactory conditions being endured by passengers.”
- (vi) **Motions submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**  
“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Justice to ensure that Section 17 Sub Section 1 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 2000 is fully implemented and enforced.”
- (vii) **Motion submitted by Monica Harford**  
“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Health to immediately ensure that all employees employed in nursing homes are trained to suit the job they are employed for.”
- (viii) **Motion submitted by Kathleen Hammond**  
“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources to review the operation of Balbriggan Post Office with a view to extending the opening hours (including lunchtime) which will relieve the congestion and overcrowding that is a daily occurrence and is not acceptable to the people of Balbriggan”.
- (ix) **Motion submitted by Councillor Heidi Bedell**  
“That this Council appeal to Fingal County Council to allow the railings to remain up around the Breacan Close estate.”
- (x) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**  
“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to re-surface the road at Seapoint Lane leading to the Harbour area, as a matter of urgency”
- (xi) **Motion submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne**  
“Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council to treat the luxuriant growth of weeds that at present infest the footpath between the County Bridge and the subway at Sea Point.”
- (xii) **Motion submitted by Councillor May McKeon**  
“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Manager to examine the properties at the Medical Centre, 1 Clonard Street and 9 Bridge Street, known locally as “Doran’s” under the Derelict Sites Act or any other legislation and report back to Balbriggan Town Council on his findings.”
- (xiii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**  
“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to examine the green space at the rear of the Church car park for use as a local playground for Balbriggan, because it would have a car park available and is not near houses for residents to object to its presence.”



- (xiv) **Motion submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**  
“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to send a representative to Balbriggan as soon as possible to give proper details of Fingal County Councils plans for playgrounds in the Balbriggan Area.”
- (xv) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**  
“Balbriggan Town Council requests Superintendent Gallagher, Balbriggan Garda Station to confirm that the two retired Gardai (Sgt. Foran and Sgt Lawlor) have been replaced in Balbriggan Garda Station.”
- (xvi) **Motion submitted by Kathleen Hammond**  
“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Health & Children, following the recent shocking revelations about the treatment of elderly patients in nursing homes in our area to inform this Council on the supervision and inspection of these nursing homes.”

6. **Cathaoirleach's Business**
7. **Redevelopment of Town Hall**
8. **Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts & Cultural Awards**
9. **Annual General Meeting 2005**



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> July 2005.**

**Councillors Present:**

Bedell, Heidi	Harford, Monica
Brown, Sean	McKeon, May
Buckley, Gerry	Pyne, Ned
Dunne, Larry	Shields, Gertie
Hammond, Kathleen	

**Officials Present:**

Mr. Stephen Peppard, Corporate Services Department  
Mr. Brian Murray, Meetings Administrator  
Ms. Margaret Wilde, F.C.C

An Cathaoirleach Larry Dunne proposed, and it was agreed by the members that a minutes silence be held as a mark of respect to those who lost their lives during the terrorist attacks in London on 7<sup>th</sup> July 05.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2005 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Shields, Seconded by Councillor Buckley
- (ii) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council annual general meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2005 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor McKeon, Seconded by Councillor Harford

**2. Correspondence**

**A. Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

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## **B. Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 16/6/05 received from Michael Kelly, Administrative Officer, Corporate Services Division regarding motion passed referring to recent revelations by the Morris tribunal circulated and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 23/6/05 received from Alan Carthy, Director of Services, Housing Department regarding central heating in rented dwellings in the Balbriggan area circulated and noted.

It was agreed Town Clerk to clarify with Mr. Carthy.

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- (ii) Letter dated 24/6/05 received from Macroom Town Council regarding motion passed at their meeting (lift the embargo on public service recruitment) circulated and noted.
- (iii) Letter dated 24/6/05 received from Mullingar Town Council regarding motion passed at their meeting (unfinished housing estates) circulated and noted.
- (iv) Letter dated 1/7/05 received from Paul Cumiskey, Customer Service & Sales Manager, An Post regarding signage at Balbriggan Post Office circulated and noted. It was agreed that The Town Clerk write to Mr. Cumiskey requesting that the members be kept informed.
- (v) Letter dated 30/6/05 received from Portlaoise Town Council regarding two motions passed at their meeting (exploitation of migrant workers and back to work allowance scheme) circulated and noted.

## **3. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Notice of LAMA Silver Jubilee Annual Winter Seminar circulated and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 15/6/05 received from Superintendent Tom Gallagher, Balbriggan Garda Station regarding traffic congestion at Drogheda Street circulated and noted. Town Clerk to write again to Bus Eireann.
- (iii) Letter dated 23/6/05 received from Superintendent Tom Gallagher, Balbriggan Garda Station regarding staff changes circulated and noted.

## **4. Questions**

### **(i) Question submitted by Councillor May McKeon**

Despite numerous requests to have the approach road to Balbriggan North Beach cleaned of weeds and the road resurfaced, the work as agreed by the Council has not been carried out to date. When can we expect the work to commence?

**Reply:** The resurfacing of this road will be considered in the context of the preparation of the Draft Transportation Programme of Works for 2006. In the meantime arrangements are being made for necessary remedial repairs to be undertaken on this road at appropriate locations and this work will be undertaken as soon as it can be fitted into the Area Engineer's Programme of Works for the area.



(ii) **Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**

To ask the Manager what is the possibility of constructing a multi-purpose public car park on the open space at the rear of AIB Bank and DeBrun's Public House?

**Reply:** The site on Vauxhall Street which is situated to the rear of the AIB Bank is in private ownership. The future development of these lands is a matter for the owners.

Suitable parking provision has been identified in the Balbriggan Parking Management Scheme at Quay Street and at the car park opposite the church on Dublin Street. Also additional car parking is being provided as part of Phase 2 of the Scheme in Vauxhall Street. Phase 1 of the scheme is scheduled to commence in September and as part of the scheme bus priority measures are being introduced so that a local bus community service can serve the town centre from the outline developments in the area.

When the scheme is implemented it is anticipated that all designated parking spaces in the town will have a frequent turnover around them which will provide greater levels of parking opportunity in the town centre than is currently available.

The scheme provides for a review after a bedding in period of 6 months at which stage considerable data will be available to the Transportation Department to enable any necessary improvements to the scheme to be considered at that stage.

(iii) **Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**

To ask the Manager when will the weeds along the footpaths within the open space at Curran Park and along the edge of the road be cleared?

**Reply:** The Parks Department will examine this location and any works required will be carried out in the near future.

(iv) **Question submitted by Councillor May McKeon**

"Is there any provision to provide additional waste bins on the walkway overlooking the front beach in Balbriggan especially on the path leading to the North Beach? Also additional bins are required in the centre of the front beach near the lifeguard station?"

**Reply:** The Council's Environment Department will investigate the possibility of providing extra temporary bins along the walkway overlooking the front beach. The bins currently in use on beaches are too large for the walkway. An extra bin will be provided near the lifeguard station before the end of the week.



(v) **Question submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**

To ask the Manager when will the Balbriggan Port plans be available?

**Reply:** The County Development Plan requires that in excess of some 120 differing plans and studies be carried out during the period of the Plan. Many of these are to allow an opportunity to examine areas and developments in more detail than would be warranted or appropriate in a County Development Plan.

A scheme of priorities in order of urgency to enable the proper programming of these studies is currently being assembled. The County Development Plan specific aim (Balbriggan Local Objective No. 1) in relation to a proposal for a new port at Bremore, Balbriggan has now been given 'most urgent' designation within this programme.

The result of this in practical terms implies the employment of Planning Consultancy services to supplement the strength of the Planning Department staff who will co-ordinate and deliver the new detailed plan.

The Plan for north Balbriggan, including the port, will provide an opportunity to re-assess the development strategies for the town in general. The public call for submissions, following the selection and appointment of requisite consultants, is expected to be made in the late autumn.

(vi) **Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**

To ask the Manager when will the grass and weeds at the open space behind the Church car park be cleared?

**Reply:** The Parks Department will examine this location and any works required will be carried out in the near future.

(vii) **Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

To ask the Manager to arrange to surface the road leading from Bath Road to the Beach and to clean the area on both sides of the road of weeds.

**Reply:** The resurfacing of this road will be considered in the context of the preparation of the Draft Transportation Programme of Works for 2006. In the meantime necessary remedial repairs will be undertaken as soon as this work can be fitted into the Area Engineers Programme of Works for the area.

**5. Motions**

(i) **Motion submitted by Councillor May McKeon**

Balbriggan Town Council request the Manager to safeguard the interest of the residents in all housing developments that agreed public open spaces, whether green, tarmac, public right ways or as part of a planning conditions are designated dedicated public areas and that planning for development on such areas be prohibited in any circumstances with the exception of the consent of the residents.

Proposed by Councillor McKeon, Seconded by Councillor Shields.

Motion passed.



- (ii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**  
Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council call on Fingal County Council to urgently prepare a submission to the Department of the Marine to access funding to address the serious coastal erosion problem south of Balbriggan Harbour.  
Proposed by Councillor Shields, Seconded by Councillor Bedell.  
Motion passed.
- (iii) **Motion submitted by Kathleen Hammond**  
Balbriggan Town Council calls on Bus Eireann to erect a bus shelter for passengers travelling north at Bath Road.  
Proposed by Councillor Hammond, Seconded by Councillor Harford.  
Motion passed. It was agreed that The Town Clerk write to Bus Eireann requesting that the facility should be wheelchair accessible.
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Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council to give a value on the proposed cinema site at Gallen Mills.  
Proposed by Councillor Buckley, Seconded by Councillor Bedell.  
Motion passed.
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Proposed by Councillor McKeon, Seconded by Councillor Harford.  
Following a show of hands, an Cathaoirleach declared the motion passed.
- (vi) **Motion submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**  
Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council to provide bins at every seat along the beach walkway as elderly people cannot get onto the beach to use the green bins provided.  
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Balbriggan Town Council calls on the Minister for Foreign Affairs to extend the Balbriggan Passport Office to a fully functional facility where passports can be processed and collected.  
Proposed by Councillor Shields, Seconded by Councillor Harford.  
Motion passed.



6. **Cathaoirleach's Business**

1. It was agreed that a letter of sympathy be forwarded to the London Council and the Mayor of London following the terrorist attacks in London on 7/7/05.
2. Councillor McKeon raised the issue of the Dublin Airport Stakeholders forum. It was agreed that the Town Clerk write to Fingal County Development Board requesting that the Town Council be represented.
3. Councillor Harford informed the meeting that Clonard Court Residents were seeking Traffic Calming measures. The members agreed to support letter to be forwarded
4. Mr. Stephen Peppard informed the members that Fingal County Council at its meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2005 approved the commencement of the Part 11 procedure for the Marine Conversation & Education project. The plans to go on public display on Friday 15th July 2005 with a deadline of 26th August 2005 for submissions. Mr. Peppard expressed his appreciation of the support from the Town Council in bringing the project to its current position.  
Councillor Shields paid tribute to Mr. Peppard for his commitment and effort in securing this project for Balbriggan.
5. It was agreed that the Town Clerk arrange next quarterly meeting with Gardai.

7. **Redevelopment of Town Hall**

The Town Clerk circulated photographs and informed the members that the development was on schedule. A site visit to be arranged in September 2005.

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

It was agreed to hold a meeting on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 p.m. Bracken Court Hotel.

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6<sup>th</sup> July 2005.

**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 Lúil 12, 2005 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 **12<sup>th</sup> July, 2005 at 7.30 p.m. in the Bremore Room, Bracken Court Hotel,** to consider the following agenda.

**I should be 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 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2005.**

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

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**BRIAN MURRAY**  
**MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR**



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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> September 2005.**

**Councillors Present:**

Bedell, Heidi	Harford, Monica
Brown, Sean	McKeon, May
Buckley, Gerry	Pyne, Ned
Dunne, Larry	Shields, Gertie
Hammond, Kathleen	

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Ms. Maureen Finn, F.C.C

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2005 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor Harford. It was agreed by the members that item 4 of Cathaoirleach's Business should be amended to read as follows:  
Mr. Stephen Peppard informed the members that Fingal County Council at its meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2005 approved the commencement of the Part 11 procedure for the proposed Marine Conversation & Education Centre. The plans to go on public display on Friday 15th July 2005 with a deadline of 26th August 2005 for submissions. Mr. Peppard expressed his appreciation of the support from the Town Council in bringing the project to its current position. Councillor Shields paid tribute to Mr. Peppard for his commitment and effort in securing this project for Balbriggan.

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**A. Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

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- (ii) Letter dated 6/7/05 received from Department of Communications, Marine & Natural Resources regarding An Post was circulated and noted.
- (iii) Letter dated 7/7/05 received from Department of Health & Children regarding long stay residential care was circulated and noted. Following a discussion it was agreed the Town Clerk write to the Minister seeking clarification regarding the tax issues involved and also requesting that an information leaflet be distributed to every household outlining the procedure for repayments of charges for publicly funded long stay residential care patients.
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- (viii) Letter dated 8/8/05 received from Office of the Minister Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government regarding the rate of development in Balbriggan was circulated and noted. The Town Clerk to clarify with Planning Department on the consultation process during the making of the 1999 – 2005 Development Plan
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**C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

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implemented and also an Immediate Response Service to be put in place during the week.

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- (ix) Letter dated 30//8/05 received from David Lane, Services Manager, Bus Eireann regarding bus shelters north at Bath Road was circulated and noted.

### **3. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 22/7/05 received from Balbriggan Tidy Towns Association regarding funding was circulated and noted. The Town Clerk proposed a contribution of €500 to the Tidy Towns Association which was approved by the members.
- (ii) E-mail received 30/8/05 from Niall Watters Senior Consultant Unique Perspectives Research, Strategy & Evaluation Consultants regarding Balbriggan Analysis of Community Facilities was circulated and noted. Following discussion it was agreed by the members that the Town Clerk arrange an information meeting with the Councils Community Department on this matter.

### **4. Questions**

#### **(i) Question submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**

To ask the Manager what procedure has Fingal County Council in place as regards developers numbering and erecting nameplate signs in new estates both private and commercial?

#### **Reply:**

At the Council meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> April, 1999, it was agreed that a Sub-committee be formed to consider names for estates within the area of approved Area Action Plans. The Committees consists of:



- (a) *Council members for area*
- (b) *Nominees from local Historical Societies*
- (c) *Council officials from Planning Department.*

and separate Committees have now been formed for the Swords/Balbriggan Area, the Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area and the Malahide/Howth Area.

Developers are now conditioned in their Planning Permissions to agree an acceptable street naming and house numbering scheme with the Council which must be in both English and Irish. Developers submit the proposed name and their reasons for selecting this name e.g. historical background.

Approval is granted by, when practical, bringing the proposed name before the Naming Committee for discussion and approval. If this is not practical the proposal is discussed with a member of the local Historical Society before granting approval.

When granting approval for the naming of new developments the Council is guided by the following:-

- (i) Directive from the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government

"In selecting a name for a housing estate, established local names should be used in preference to names which have no local connection. In doing so, local authorities would ensure that historic place names are preserved and not allowed to fall into disuse".

- (ii) Objective RO 24 of Fingal's County Development Plan which states that the Council will "require the use of meaningful local names in bilingual format or in Irish alone in naming housing estates".

- (iii) "an Coimisiun logainmeachs" in the preface of their booklet "Street Names Guidelines" state:-

"That it is necessary to attend to the dynamic aspect of naming districts in towns and cities and to ensure that the new names relate to the physical environment and local history".

Since agreeing a naming and numbering scheme is now a condition of planning permission it is possible, where developers fail to do so, to initiate Enforcement Proceedings to ensure compliance with this condition.

**(ii) Question submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**

To ask the Manager can he arrange for the replacement of the litter bin near Pinewood Stores, Pinewood Green Hill, Balbriggan. Furthermore can the Manager outline what responsibility the shopkeeper has in relation to litter around the premises?



**Reply:**

The Inspector of the Litter Management Unit will investigate the matter, to establish from where the litter is generated and to determine how to resolve the problem. Following the investigation if a bin is required at this location it will be installed as soon as possible.

Under Section 6 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997, An Occupier of a public place is obliged to keep the place free of litter. Occupiers of private land (if it can be seen from a public place) also have obligations under the Act to keep the land free of litter. A person who contravenes any provision of the Section shall be guilty of an offence.

**(iii) Question submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne**

To ask the Manager who authorised the transfer of the proposed pumping station and ESB sub station from its original location of Isaacs Bower to the green at Hampton Cove and why was such a change of location deemed necessary?

**Reply:**

The location of the proposed pumping station has always been adjacent to the existing macerator and sea outfall at Hampton Cove. The Isaac's Bower Catchment drains to this point, and the pumping station had been referred to as Isaac's Bower Pumping Station.

**(iv) Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

To ask the Manager can he arrange for the Transportation Department to erect signage on the Dublin Road near the turn off for Harry Reynolds Road showing location of various services including Passport Office, Fas Office and Library. At the moment the location of these services is causing great confusion.

**Reply:**

Consideration will be given to the erection of signs on the Dublin Road to inform motorists of the Fingal Bay Business Park, Stephenstown Industrial Estate etc and the route of the Harry Reynolds Road. Following investigation of this matter a more detailed reply will be sent to the Town Council.

**(v) Questions submitted by Councillor May McKeon**

To ask the Manager what is the procedure in place at the public counter in Fingal Council offices in Swords when a file requested for inspection by a member of the public is not available?

**Reply:**

Due to their very nature planning files are often missing from the cabinet. When this occurs checks are carried out to see if the file is signed out to anybody and, if not, the Drawing Office, Enforcement Section and the Area Planners are contacted to which if they are working on the file. If these checks prove unsuccessful the entire Planning Department staff are e-mailed in an effort to locate the file.



If the file is not located within a reasonable period of 15 – 20 minutes they are asked for the contact telephone number and contacted when the file is available.

(vi) **Question submitted by Councillor May McKeon**

To ask the Manager what is the procedure regarding the erection of site notices when significant additional information is submitted on a planning application, (e.g. revised site layout) so that members of the public can be fully informed of the progress of the application. Furthermore can the Manager outline his plans for the members of the public to view planning files electronically particularly in light of the new Town Council office opening shortly at George's Square?

**Reply:**

The Council is not empowered under the Planning and Development Regulations to seek the erection of a site notice/s on a planning application after additional information has been received, examined and deemed to be significant.

There is however provision to require the applicant to publish a further notice in an approved newspaper in accordance with article 35(1)(c) of the Planning and Development regulations, 2001.

Third parties who have made submissions on a planning application are notified by the Council of receipt of such significant additional information and may make further submissions in respect only of the significant additional information received and without further charge. Third parties who have not made submissions on a planning application may also make submissions in respect of significant additional information received, but must pay 20 euro fee.

'The Council is currently in the process of developing the IT systems infrastructure to enable the electronic viewing of planning on the internet (planning on line). Initially, 'going live' will be confined to the Council's internal intranet to test performance of the system. The date for 'going live' on the internet has not been decided. This decision will be made after the testing process during late November 2005.'

**5. Motions**

**Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

- (i) "Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Justice to ensure that Gardai enforce the Law requiring drivers, whether national or non-national to display a valid insurance and tax disc on their vehicles."

Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Harford.  
Motion passed.



- (ii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**  
“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Construction Industry Federation to ensure that their members agree a naming and numbering scheme with local authorities and erect place name signs before houses are occupied.”  
Proposed by Councillor Pyne, seconded by Councillor Harford.  
Motion passed.
- (iii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne**  
“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to immediately suspend all work on the proposed pumping station and ESB sub station at Hampton Cove and to undertake not to recommence any work related to these structures until a revised proposal acceptable to the residents has been formulated and agreed”.  
It was agreed by the members to amend the motion to read as follows:  
“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to immediately suspend all work on the ESB sub station at Hampton Cove and to undertake not to recommence any work related to this structure until a revised proposal acceptable to the residents has been formulated and agreed”.  
Proposed by Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor Brown.  
Motion passed.  
Stephen Peppard informed the members that there is a consultation process under the Planning & Development Acts where a local authority proposes to carry out works and this would happen.
- (iv) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**  
“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to erect signs to highlight the Inner Relief Road for motorists who are not from the area and would not know about it. The last two weekends have been chaotic in the town, this could be lessened if people were made aware of the road.  
Proposed by Councillor Buckley, seconded by Councillor Bedell.  
Motion passed.
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“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Health Service Executive Northern Area (Balbriggan) to review the level of payment of rent supplements in the Balbriggan area so that all persons in need of such assistance have a fair chance to be housed in all other areas of Fingal thus enjoying the social, educational, cultural and economic opportunities in all of the region and relieve the pressure on urban towns like Balbriggan”  
Proposed by Councillor McKeon, seconded by Councillor Harford.  
Motion passed.

An Cathaoirleach proposed that motions (vi) and (vii) be taken without debate due to time constraints. This was seconded by Councillor Monica Harford and agreed by the members.

- (vi) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**  
“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Government to introduce amended legislation immediately to close the loophole whereby people who break the law and receive penalty points in this jurisdiction do not escape points or prosecution by crossing the border to their place of residence.”  
Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Harford.  
Motion passed.



(vii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to examine the roundabout at Moylaragh estate on the Harry Reynold's Road as it is an accident waiting to happen. There is no place that a pedestrian can cross safely. Perhaps a pedestrian crossing should be put into place to make it safe for everyone particularly for mothers with buggies and young children."

Proposed by Councillor Buckley, seconded by Councillor Bedell.

Motion passed.

6. **Cathaoirleach's Business**

An Cathaoirleach requested that a reminder be sent to Dublin Diocesan Trust following Councillor Shields motion passed at the February 2005 meeting regarding litter outside St. Mologa's School.

7. **Redevelopment of Town Hall**

Town Clerk advised that he will arrange a site visit for any of the members who were unable to attend last week.

Town Clerk to notify members regarding opening arrangements of the new Town Hall.

8. **Litter Pledge Initiative**

Town Clerk informed the members that the Town Council in association with Fingal County Council and the Chamber of Commerce were discussing a Litter Pledge Initiative where the business community would subscribe to a pledge scheme to improve the appearance of their premises. It was agreed that the Town Clerk meet with the Chamber of Commerce and Tidy Town Committee to discuss this matter further.

9. **Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts & Cultural Awards**

Cathaoirleach advised that this item will be discussed on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2005 following the Briefing Meeting.

10. **Financial Statement**

Was circulated and noted.

SIGNED Mary McKeown DATE 11/10/05



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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 Méan Fómhair 13, 2005 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 **13<sup>th</sup> September, 2005 at 7.30 p.m. in the Bremore Room, Bracken Court Hotel**, to consider the following agenda.

**I should be 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 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2005.**

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

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**BRIAN MURRAY**  
**MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR**



1. **Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2005 (circulated herewith)

2. **Correspondence**

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**7. Redevelopment of Town Hall**

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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> October 2005.**

**Councillors Present:**

Bedell, Heidi	Harford, Monica
Brown, Sean	McKeon, May
Buckley, Gerry	Pyne, Ned
Dunne, Larry	Shields, Gertie
Hammond, Kathleen	

**Officials Present:**

Mr. Richard Brady, Town Manager  
Mr. Brian Murray, Meetings Administrator  
Ms. Maureen Finn, F.C.C

Councillor McKeon presided as Cathaoirleach of the meeting. Councillor McKeon proposed one minutes silence in memory of those who lost their lives following the earthquake in Pakistan. It was further agreed to send a letter of condolences to the Pakistan Ambassador to Ireland on behalf of the people of Balbriggan.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September October 2005 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Harford.

**2. Correspondence**

**A. Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 22/9/05 received from Health Service Executive regarding rent supplement claims. Following a discussion it was agreed by the members that the Town Clerk write to the Minister for Health and Fingal County Council outlining the chronic situation in Balbriggan at the moment and also enclosing the reply received.

**B. Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

Letter dated 4//10/05 received from John Tierney, County Manager regarding status of Balbriggan Town Council (circulated herewith)

**C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

Notification received from LAMA regarding Silver Jubilee Year Annual Winter Seminar Friday 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2005. The members agreed that Councillor McKeon and Councillor Harford attend this conference.

**3. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 28/9/05 received from Noel O'Connor Irish Home Builders Association regarding Naming and Numbering schemes. Following a discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk write to Fingal County Council ensuring that delays do not occur regarding the naming and numbering of estates.



Councillor Larry Dunne replaced Councillor May McKeon as Cathaoirleach of the meeting.

**4. Questions**

**(i) Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

To ask the Manager can he arrange for the cutting of the thorn hedge at Market Green facing Lidl to accommodate people queuing to get the Dublin Bus service?

**Reply:**

Parks Division will arrange to have the necessary works carried out in the coming days.

**(ii) Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

To ask the Manager what routes will be covered by the new "Hail and Ride" service in Balbriggan?

**Reply:**

In 2002 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. Included in this study were recommendations regarding Traffic Management Measures for Balbriggan one of which was the provision of a local bus service for the town of Balbriggan. The principle behind the service is to design and operate a service that will influence traveller choice from day one.

The routing of the circular bus service will be anti-clockwise in direction as follows:

Back Hill at Railway Station-Convent Lane-Drogheda Street-Harry Reynolds Road(-Balbriggan Inner Relief Road)-Dublin Street-Bridge Street-Drogheda Street-Railway Street-Railway Station.

The bus will stop at the existing bus stops along the centre of the town. On the remainder of the route passengers can avail of the bus service by hailing the bus at any location.

The new bus service is to become operational for a period of not less than one year from 1st December next. The charge for the service is likely to be in the order of EUR1 per trip

**(iii) Question submitted by Councillor May McKeon**

In an effort to reconcile the historical significance of place names can the Manager arrange for suggested place names for new housing developments, apartment blocks, parks and roads in Balbriggan be put to Balbriggan Town Council members for final consultation prior to planning permission being granted?



**Reply:**

Having regard to statutory time constraints in the processing of planning applications it would not be possible to accede to your request.

There is a standard condition in all planning permissions granted for new developments that an acceptable naming and numbering scheme be submitted to and approved by the Council before any construction work takes place. Discussions are held with the Swords/Balbriggan Naming & Numbering Committee for the purpose of selecting suitable names that reflect local historical place names, for new developments in the County, prior to formal approval.

**(iv) Question submitted by Councillor May McKeon**

To ask the Manager can he arrange for the provision in the Roads and Parks Works Programme to provide a new footpath and boundary railing in place of the existing hedgerow and grass verge from the junction of Bath Road to the entrance of St. Mologa's School?

**Reply 1:**

The Parks Division has reported that the existing hedge referred to in the question is the boundary hedge to an area under the control of that Division. The replacement of the hedge with railings/fence will necessitate setting back the replacement hedge etc., to allow for the provision of a footpath which will be considered in the context of the preparation of the Draft Transportation Programme of Works for 2006.

The Parks Division will list this item for consideration in the 2006 Parks works programme for the area.

**(v) Question submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**

What are the total payments to date that Fingal County Council have received from developers from the 10<sup>th</sup> September 2000 to date in lieu of open space for permissions granted in the Balbriggan area in the past 7 years?

**Reply:**

The Development Contribution Scheme came into effect in respect of planning permissions granted on or after 8<sup>th</sup> December 2003. Monies collected under the Contribution Scheme are collected on a countywide basis and are not broken down on an area basis.

**(vi) Question submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**

What are the total payments to date that Fingal County Council have received from developers from the 10<sup>th</sup> September 2000 to date for public facilities in the Balbriggan area for permissions granted in the Balbriggan area to date?

**Reply:**

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(vii) **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

To ask the Manager for a report on the usage of the town bus in Balbriggan on Car Free Day?

**Reply:**

**CAR FREE DAY**

The 22<sup>nd</sup> September every year is designated as European Car Free Day throughout Europe and people are encouraged to experience their local area free from traffic and to explore alternative ways of moving people in residential or mixed-use areas. It is also an opportunity for Local Authorities to pilot new measures which would contribute to a reduction of traffic congestion, air pollution, and noise pollution.

The following are details of initiatives which were promoted by the Transportation Department of Fingal County Council in association with other agencies where appropriate on European Car Free Day on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2005. By virtue of the International Walk to School Week being designated from 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2005 to 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2005 some of the publicity promotions giving details of the initiatives being promoted on Car Free Day also covered the International Walk to School Week as detailed hereunder:

**Free Local Bus Service for Balbriggan town**

The free local bus service which was provided by Bus Eireann and Fingal County in Balbriggan on European Car Free Day on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2005 was considered a very successful initiative both by Bus Eireann and the Transportation Department.

The service was well availed of on the day in question and was received very well by all its users.

Following this successful initiative a commuter bus service will come into operation in Balbriggan in the coming months. This Scheme which was approved by the County Council is scheduled to commence before the end of the year.

**Walking School Bus**

Children were also encouraged to walk, cycle or use public transport. In this context the walking bus initiative was also promoted by the Council and in relation to this matter the following schools took part in the "Walk to School" promotion on "Car Free Day" September 22<sup>nd</sup>:-

- (1) Scoil Thomais N.S., Laurel Lodge, Castleknock
- (2) Balscadden N.S., Balbriggan
- (3) Scoil Phdraic N.S., Donabate



- (4) St. Brendan's N.S., Loughshinny
- (5) St. Peter & Paul N.S., Balbriggan
- (6) St. Patrick's J.N.S., Skerries
- (7) Holy Family N.S., Rivervalley, Swords
- (8) St. Brigid's N.S., Blanchardstown
- (9) John Paul 11 National School, Inbhir Idé, Malahide
- (10) Bayside National School, Sutton
- (11) Scoil Mhuire Junior National School, Blakestown
- (12) Scoil Mhuire Senior National School, Blakestown
- (13) Scoil Bhride Cailini, Blanchardstown
- (14) St. Francil Xavier Senior National School, Castleknock
- (15) St. Philip the Apostle Senior National School, Mountview
- (16) St. Philip the Apostle Junior National School, Mountview
- (17) St. Patrick's Junior National School, Corduff
- (18) Scoil An Cheathrair Alainn, Ladyswell
- (19) Lusk National School
- (20) St. Fintan's National School, Sutton
- (21) Rush National School
- (22) St. Marnock's National School, Portmarnock
- (23) St. Cronan's Senior National School, Brackenstown
- (24) Scoil An Chroi Ro Naofa Iosa, Huntstown

Schools who participated in the Walk to School Day and International Walk to School Week competition will be entered into a free draw for ten prizes of €200. In addition some of the school wardens working at the above locations indicated to the Council's Road Safety Officer that they observed a considerable increase in the number of people walking to school on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2005. At one particular location the warden reported a 60% increase in the number of pedestrians crossing at her designated road crossing point on that particular day

### **Colouring Competition**

In conjunction with the promotion of Car Free Day and International Walk to School Week in Fingal, a colouring competition sponsored by Fingal County Council and Smyths Toy Stores was featured in a recent edition of the Fingal Independent. Prizes will be presented at a function later this month.

### **Public Promotions**

A Public Press Awareness Campaign in relation to Car Free Day and International Walk to School Week was undertaken in the administrative area of Fingal County Council in relation to the initiatives being undertaken by the Council as detailed above. The press article also encouraged Human Resources Departments within



factories, offices etc., to survey staff with a view to setting up a system of car-pooling aimed at reducing traffic congestion and air pollution.

In addition a leaflet relating initiatives being undertaken in Balbriggan in conjunction with Car Free Day was circulated to:

- All the schools in Balbriggan
- St. Peter & Paul's Church
- The Community Centre
- The Post Office
- The shops in the town of Balbriggan.

**(viii) Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**

To ask the Manager to arrange for the section of the Bracken River at the footbridge near the Beat Centre to be cleaned up as there are three shopping trolleys and other rubbish dumped?

**Reply:**

The Parks Division will undertake the requested clean up as soon as the Works Programme for the area allows.

**(ix) Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**

To ask the Manager can he arrange for an upgraded road surface and new footpath at George's Hill following the opening of the new Post Office.

**Reply:**

The Developer is due to resurface George's Hill as a condition of a Road Opening Licence, however the resurfacing cannot take place at present as Sections of the footpath are due to be realigned and discussions between the developer and FCC are ongoing regarding the extent of the footpath works.

**5. Motions**

**(i) Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the management of the Combined Clubs to make it clear to patrons that motor vehicles must not be driven across the public footpath of the entrance to the club and parked there – and in the event of Sunday morning services being held there, the side gate to parking area be opened to accommodate those attending".

Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Harford.

Following a show of hands the Cathaoirleach declared the motion passed.

**(ii) Motion submitted by Councillor May McKeon**

"In order to continue and maintain the high regard and esteem with which the late Anthony Hamilton (former Town Commissioner) was held by the people of



Balbriggan, the community facility within the new Town Council Development be re-dedicated and continue to be known as the "Hamilton Hall".

Proposed by Councillor May McKeon, seconded by Councillor Harford.

Motion passed

**(iii) Motion submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to have all planning files available affecting the Balbriggan area for public inspection in the new Town Hall in Balbriggan when it opens next year on a permanent basis".

Proposed by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Bedell.

Motion passed.

The Town Manager outlined to the members that Fingal County Council were in the process of implementing a new system whereby planning applications can be viewed electronically and he hoped that this service would be available at the new Town Hall. The Manager agreed to keep the members informed on the development of the new system.

**(iv) Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Government to immediately increase the fuel allowance for recipients of Social Welfare Payments to equal the increase cost of all heating fuels".

Proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Hammond.

Motion passed.

**(v) Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on Irish Ferries to reconsider their action on seeking 500 redundancies from their workforce to employ cheap labour from abroad".

Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Bedell.

Motion passed.

**(vi) Motion submitted by Councillor May McKeon**

"In view of the commitment and ambitious projected plans presented to the Town Council by the local Rugby Club, and their foresight some years ago in securing the required lands at a price which would now be financially impossible to acquire, the Balbriggan Town Council call on the County Manager and Community Recreational Department of Fingal County Council with the support of its members, to make this plan for a 'state of the art' community club to include a six lane swimming pool south of Balbriggan a reality".

Proposed by Councillor McKeon, seconded Councillor Bedell

Motion passed.

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"Balbriggan Town Council call on an Garda Síochána to immediately set up random road checks for valid licence, insurance and NCT Certificates for road users in the Balbriggan area".

Proposed by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Harford.

Motion passed.



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"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Government to ensure that the Meningitis Booster Vaccine will be available to all children in October and not just 50,000 of the 200,000 required as recently announced".

Proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Brown

Motion passed

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"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Health to ensure that the hygiene standards in our hospitals are kept to a maximum in the interest of public safety following recently reported cases of MRSA"

Proposed by Councillor Hammond, seconded by Councillor Brown

Motion passed

6. **Cathaoirleach's Business**

- (a) Town Clerk advised the members of a Briefing Meeting with the Fingal County Council Heritage Officer, Biodiversity Officer and Conservation Officer on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2005 in the Bracken Court Hotel at 7.30. p.m.
- (b) Town Clerk advised that the Results of the 2004 Local Election (Vol.2) were available in the office for inspection.
- (c) The Town Clerk circulated request for nominations from Balbriggan Town Council for Fingal County Councils Cathaoirleach's Award for Voluntary Services.
- (d) Town Clerk informed members on the progress of the footpath improvement grant in former Town Commissioner's areas. The Department of the Environment allocated the sum of €100,000 this year. Works have commenced and will be complete by the end of November 2005. Town Clerk advised that the members should forward details of locations for inclusion in the 2006 Allocation of Funding
- (e) The Tidy Towns 2005 Adjudication Report was circulated.

7. **Proposed Marine Conservation and Education Centre - Update**

Town Manager informed the members that the members of Fingal County Council in accordance with Part X1/Part 8. Planning procedure gave approval on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2005 to the proposed Marine Conservation and Education Centre.

The Manager informed the members that the next stage of the project could now begin. It was hoped construction would start in early 2006.

8. **Redevelopment of Town Hall**

Town Manager advised the members that the works were still on schedule and it is proposed to hold the December Statutory Meeting in the new building.

9. **Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts & Cultural Awards**

It was agreed by the members to defer this item.



10. **Submission on Proposed Community Facilities in Balbriggan**

Town Clerk circulated a draft submission following the meeting with John O'Brien and Pat Queenan, Fingal County Council Community Department. Following a discussion it was agreed that the members discuss this after the Briefing Meeting to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2005.

SIGNED Mary McKeown DATE 8/11/05



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5<sup>th</sup> October 2005.

**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 Deireadh Fómhair 11, 2005 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 **11<sup>th</sup> October, 2005 at 7.30 p.m. in the Bremore Room, Bracken Court Hotel**, to consider the following agenda.

**I should be 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 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2005.**

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

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**BRIAN MURRAY**  
**MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR**



- 1. Confirmation of Minutes**
  - (i) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2005 (circulated herewith)
  
- 2. Correspondence**
  - A. Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**
    - (i) Letter dated 22/9/05 received from Health Service Executive regarding rent supplement claims (circulated herewith)
  
  - B. Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

Letter dated 4/10/05 received from John Tierney, County Manager regarding status of Balbriggan Town Council (circulated herewith)
  
  - C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

Notification received from LAMA regarding Silver Jubilee Year Annual Winter Seminar Friday 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2005 (circulated herewith)
  
- 3. Other Correspondence**
  - (i) Letter dated 28/9/05 received from Noel O'Connor Irish Home Builders Association regarding Naming and Numbering schemes (circulated herewith)
  
- 4. Questions**
  - (i) **Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

To ask the Manager can he arrange for the cutting of the thorn hedge at Market Green facing Lidl to accommodate people queuing to get the Dublin Bus service?
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To ask the Manager what routes will be covered by the new "Hail and Ride" service in Balbriggan?
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In an effort to reconcile the historical significance of placenames can the Manager arrange for suggested place names for new housing developments, apartment blocks, parks and roads in Balbriggan be put to Balbriggan Town Council members for final consultation prior to planning permission being granted?
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To ask the Manager can he examine the road surface at the houses in the cul de sac at Fancourt as it is in poor condition.

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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2005.**

**Councillors Present:** Bedell, Heidi Harford, Monica  
Brown, Sean McKeon, May  
Buckley, Gerry Shields, Gertie  
Dunne, Larry

**Officials Present:** Mr. Richard Brady, Town Manager  
Mr. Brian Murray, Meetings Administrator  
Ms. Maureen Finn, F.C.C

**Apologies:** Hammond, Kathleen Pyne, Ned

Councillor McKeon presided as Cathaoirleach of the meeting.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

(i) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2005 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Bedell, seconded by Councillor Harford.

**2. Correspondence**

**A. Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 3/10/05 received from Department of Justice, Equality & Law Reform regarding penalty points was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 4/10/05 received from Department of Justice, Equality & Law Reform acknowledging letter regarding valid tax and insurance was circulated and noted.
- (iii) Letter dated 10/10/2005 received from Office of the Minister for Transport regarding penalty points was circulated and noted.
- (iv) Letter dated 7/10/2005 received from Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government regarding funding by local authorities of attendance by elected members at conferences was circulated and noted.
- (v) Letter dated 19/10/05 received from Minister for Social & Family Affairs acknowledging letter regarding the National Fuel Allowance was circulated and noted.
- (vi) Letter dated October 2005 received from Department of Social & Family Affairs regarding National Fuel Scheme was circulated and noted. Following a discussion it was agreed by the members that the Town Clerk write again to the Minister asking him to increase the fuel allowance.
- (vii) Letter dated 25/10/2005 received from Department of Health & Children regarding Long Stay Residential Care was circulated and noted.



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**B. Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 30/9/05 received from Mary McPhillips, Senior Staff Officer, Transportation Department regarding provision of pedestrian crossing at Moylaragh Estate was circulated and noted. It was agreed that the Town Clerk reply requesting the results of the pedestrian count be forwarded to Balbriggan Town Councillors.
- (ii) Letter dated 7/10/2005 received from Mary McPhillips, Senior Staff Officer Transportation Department regarding erection of signs highlighting the Inner Relief Road was circulated and noted.
- (iii) Letter dated 11/10/2005 received from Paul Smyth, Senior Executive Officer Water Services Department regarding ESB Sub Station was circulated and noted.
- (iv) Letter dated 24/10/2005 received from Senan Turnbull, Director of Services, Community Recreation & Amenities Department regarding Balbriggan Rugby Club plans for swimming pool was circulated and noted.

Councillor Larry Dunne replaced Councillor May McKeon as Cathaoirleach of the meeting.

**C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 5/10/2005 received from B. Doyle, Town Clerk, Clonmel Borough Council regarding fee to lodge an observation or objection against a planning application was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 3/10/2005 received from Marie Deighan, A/Town Clerk Monaghan Town Council regarding provision of a forum between Local Authorities, relevant Community Groups and An Garda Síochána was circulated and noted. Following a discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk reply outlining Balbriggan Town Council's involvement with local Gardai and community groups in the Balbriggan area.
- (iii) Letter dated 4/10/2005 received from Anita Morris, Secretary Fingal Development Board regarding Dublin Airport Stakeholders Forum was circulated and noted. Town Clerk to write to the Chairperson of the Dublin Airport Stakeholders Forum requesting that one member of Balbriggan Town Council be represented on this Board. Town Clerk to clarify with Anita Morris regarding the decision taken on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2005.
- (iv) Letter dated 21/10/05 received from An Garda Síochána Office of the Commissioner regarding random checkpoints was circulated and noted.
- (v) Letter dated 25/10/2005 received from Pat Reen, Director of Services Prosper Fingal Ltd. regarding Special Award Tidy Districts was circulated and noted.
- (vi) Letter dated 26/10/2005 received from Superintendent Tom Gallagher regarding random Checkpoints was circulated and noted.
- (vii) Letter dated 28/10/2005 received from B. Doyle Town Clerk, Clonmel Borough Council regarding seat belts on school buses was circulated and noted.

**3. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 3/10/2005 received from Fr. Barry Murphy regarding clean up at St. Mologa's N.S. was circulated and noted. Following a discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk write to Fr. Murphy and the Board of Management requesting a meeting with the Town Council to discuss this matter.
- (ii) Letter dated 17/10/2005 received from Brian Kinane was circulated and noted.



- (iii) Letter dated 26/11/2005 received from Toheed Ahmad, Ambassador , Embassy of Pakistan regarding letter of condolences was circulated and noted.
- (iv) Letter dated 11/10/2005 received from Andrew McCann Citizens Information Development Manager for North Fingal regarding support for application for additional funding and paid positions for Balbriggan Citizens Information Centre was circulated and noted. Following a discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk write to Ms. Eileen Fitzgerald, Comhairle enclosing Mr. McCann's letter outlining the Town Council's full support for the work of the Balbriggan Citizens Information Centre.
- (v) Letter dated 27/10/2005 received from Alfred McGrath, Human Resources Director, Irish Ferries Ltd. regarding redundancies was circulated and noted.

#### **4. Questions**

##### **(i) Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

To ask the Manager will there be an ambulance based in the new Fire Station in Balbriggan?

##### **Reply:**

A site has been reserved in Stephenstown for a Fire Station for Dublin County Council who provide the Fire Service in Balbriggan on an agency basis.

Future plans for the site is under consideration by the Fire Service.

Contact will be made with the Chief Fire Officer to establish the time scale and development plan for the site, including the future provision of an Ambulance Service.

##### **(ii) Question submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**

To ask the Manager who is the licensing authority for traders operating at Sunday Market (near Naul Interchange) and what measures can be taken regarding traders who have been caught selling illegal goods by the Gardai?

##### **Reply:**

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1998 under Reg. Ref. F97A/0637 planning permission was refused for a domestic dwelling and septic tank at Naul/Forge Link Road, Matt, Ring Commons, Balbriggan.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2003 under Reg. Ref. F02A/1592 planning permission was granted the following proposal: "Demolition of an existing cottage and the construction of a replacement three bedroom dormer dwelling in it's place, relocated on site with a separate domestic garage, proprietary waste water treatment system and percolation area, existing connection to mains water supply, widen existing vehicular entrance to form recessed entrance with vision splays", at The Matt, Ring Commons, Balrothery, Co. Dublin.

There is no planning permission for a Sunday Market at this location. The Enforcement Section is referencing the site to proceed with enforcement.

Fingal County Council Bye-Laws made under The Casual Trading Act, 1995 designated the following sites as Casual Trading Areas:



Designated Site Area A: Site at Barnageeragh, Skerries, Co. Dublin

Designated Site Area B: Site at Fingal Burial Ground, Balgriffin, Co. Dublin

Designated Site Area C: Site at Mulhuddart Burial Ground, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15

Designated Site Area D: Site at St. Fintan's Burial Ground, Sutton, Dublin 13

The situation in relation to Casual Trading in the Fingal County Council area is currently under review.

**(iii) Question submitted by Councillor May McKeon**

To ask the Manager when will a footpath be provided along the edge of the open space at Pump Lane?

**Reply:**

As part of the Balbriggan Parking Management Scheme a footpath will be provided at the location referred to in the question as part of Phase 1 of the scheme. It is hoped to have the works associated with this phase will be carried out as soon as possible.

**(iv) Question submitted by Councillor May McKeon**

To ask the Manager can he consider carrying out remedial works to the surface of the Naul Road pending the start of the upgrading of the road?

**Reply:**

It is proposed to resurface this stretch of 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.

**5. Motions**

**(i) Motion submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on all Local Housing Authorities, Health Boards and Voluntary Housing Schemes to announce publicly when a convicted paedophile is to be housed in their locality".

Councillor Harford proposed this motion on behalf of Councillor Pyne, seconded by Councillor McKeon.

Following a show of hands the Cathaoirleach declared the motion passed.

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

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Department of Health to immediately return the mobile ambulance Service to Balbriggan".

It was agreed to amend the motion to read as follows:

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Department of Health to immediately return the Mobile Hospital Service to Balbriggan".

Proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Bedell.

Motion passed.



**(iii) Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council Roads Department to ask their engineers (in conjunction with the Gardai) to examine the roundabout and junction at Walshestown where the N1 meets the R132 with a view to eliminating whatever is causing the huge number of crashes occurring almost daily there”.

Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded Councillor Buckley.

Motion passed.

Councillor Shields asked that the Roads Department involve Sergeant Donnelly, Balbriggan Garda Station who is familiar with the occurrence of accidents at this location.

**(iv) Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Justice to increase the number of Gardai and resources in the Balbriggan area to cover the huge geographical area now under its control and the number of accidents on the roads”.

Proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Shields.

Motion passed.

Following a discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk request a meeting with Minister of Justice.

**(v) Motion submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**

“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Councils Area Engineer to inspect the Flemington Road and report as to why the surface water is not draining and causing flooding on the road”.

Councillor Harford proposed this motion on behalf of Councillor Pyne, seconded by Councillor Brown.

Motion passed.

**(vi) Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Justice to put in place a panel of qualified independent people to investigate allegations of abuse in either Church or State run institutions”.

It was agreed to amend the motion to read as follows:

“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Justice to put in place a panel of qualified independent people to investigate the manner in which allegations of abuse in either Church or State run institutions have been investigated”.

Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Buckley.

Motion passed.



6. **Cathaoirleach's Business**

(a) An Cathaoirleach congratulated the members for their contribution to the Tidy Districts Awards night.

(b)

Town Clerk advised members that he spoke with the Council's Architects Department and it was not possible to have the Christmas tree on St. Georges Square this year, due to the construction of the new Town Hall. The Town Clerk informed the members that the Christmas tree will be located at the Combined Clubs. Town Clerk to meet with the Chamber of Commerce next week regarding the lights and will inform the members of the outcome.

7. **Redevelopment of Town Hall**

The Manager advised the members that the work was still on schedule and it is proposed to hold a meeting in the new building in December.

8. **Budget Meeting**

It was agreed to hold the Budget Meeting on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2005 at 7.30 p.m. in the Bracken Court Hotel.

9. **Submission on Proposed Community Facilities in Balbriggan (draft circulated)**

It was agreed by the members to forward the submission to the Area Community Officer, Fingal County Council, Community Recreation and Amenities Department.

10. **A.O.B.**

Town Clerk circulated letter received from the Taxi Regulator requesting representations regarding Taximeter Areas and Taxi Fares. He informed the members that this item will be included on the December meeting agenda under correspondence. However, given the deadline for submissions was shortly after the December meetings it was necessary that members had sufficient time to consider the matter.

SIGNED

L. Dunne

DATE

10/12/2005



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2<sup>nd</sup> November 2005.

**DO GACH BALL DE COMHAIRLE BHAILE BRIGÍN**

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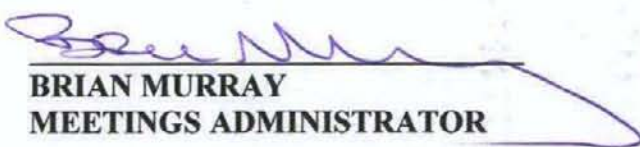
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I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Council will be held on **8<sup>th</sup> November, 2005 at 7.30 p.m. in the Bremore Room, Bracken Court Hotel**, to consider the following agenda.

**I should be 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 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2005.**

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

Is mise le meas,

  
**BRIAN MURRAY**  
**MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR**



**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2005 (circulated herewith)

**2. Correspondence**

**A. Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 3/10/05 received from Department of Justice, Equality & Law Reform regarding penalty points (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 4/10/05 received from Department of Justice, Equality & Law Reform acknowledging letter regarding valid tax and insurance (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 10/10/2005 received from Office of the Minister for Transport regarding penalty points (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 7/10/2005 received from Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government regarding funding by local authorities of attendance by elected members at conferences (circulated herewith)
- (v) Letter dated 19/10/05 received from Minister for Social & Family Affairs acknowledging letter regarding the National Fuel Allowance (circulated herewith)
- (vi) Letter dated October 2005 received from Department of Social & Family Affairs regarding National Fuel Scheme (circulated herewith)
- (vii) Letter dated 25/10/2005 received from Department of Health & Children regarding Long Stay Residential Care (circulated herewith)

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**B. Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 30/9/05 received from Mary McPhillips, Senior Staff Officer, Transportation Department regarding provision of pedestrian crossing at Moylaragh Estate (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 7/10/2005 received from Mary McPhillips, Senior Staff Officer Transportation Department regarding erection of signs highlighting the Inner Relief Road (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 11/10/2005 received from Paul Smyth, Senior Executive Officer Water Services Department regarding ESB Sub Station (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 24/10/2005 received from Senan Turnbull, Director of Services, Community Recreation & Amenities Department regarding Balbriggan Rugby Club plans for swimming pool (circulated herewith)

**C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 5/10/2005 received from B. Doyle, Town Clerk, Clonmel Borough Council regarding fee to lodge an observation or objection against a planning application (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 3/10/2005 received from Marie Deighan, A/Town Clerk Monaghan Town Council regarding provision of a forum between Local Authorities, relevant Community Groups and An Garda Síochána (circulated herewith)



- (iii) Letter dated 4/10/2005 received from Anita Morris, Secretary Fingal Development Board regarding Dublin Airport Stakeholders Forum (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 21/10/05 received from An Garda Siochána Office of the Commissioner regarding random checkpoints (circulated herewith)
- (v) Letter dated 25/10/2005 received from Pat Reen, Director of Services Prosper Fingal Ltd. regarding Special Award Tidy Districts (circulated herewith)
- (vi) Letter dated 26/10/2005 received from Superintendent Tom Gallagher regarding random Checkpoints (circulated herewith)
- (vii) Letter dated 28/10/2005 received from B. Doyle Town Clerk, Clonmel Borough Council regarding seat belts on school buses (circulated herewith)

### **3. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 3/10/2005 received from Fr. Barry Murphy regarding clean up at St. Mologa's N.S. (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 17/10/2005 received from Brian Kinane (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 26/11/2005 received from Toheed Ahmad, Ambassador , Embassy of Pakistan regarding letter of condolences (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 11/10/2005 received from Andrew McCann Citizens Information Development Manager for North Fingal regarding support for application for additional funding and paid positions for Balbriggan Citizens Information Centre (circulated herewith)
- (v) Letter dated 27/10/2005 received from Alfred McGrath, Human Resources Director, Irish Ferries Ltd. regarding redundancies (circulated herewith)

### **4. Questions**

- (i) **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**  
To ask the Manager will there be an ambulance based in the new Fire Station in Balbriggan?
- (ii) **Question submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**  
To ask the Manager who is the licensing authority for traders operating at Sunday Market (near Naul Interchange) and what measures can be taken regarding traders who have been caught selling illegal goods by the Gardai?
- (iii) **Question submitted by Councillor May McKeon**  
To ask the Manager when will a footpath be provided along the edge of the open space at Pump Lane?
- (iv) **Question submitted by Councillor May McKeon**  
To ask the Manager can he consider carrying out remedial works to the surface of the Naul Road pending the start of the upgrading of the road?



**5. Motions**

**(i) Motion submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**

“Balbriggan Town Council call on all Local Housing Authorities, Health Boards and Voluntary Housing Schemes to announce publicly when a convicted paedophile is to be housed in their locality”.

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

“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Department of Health to immediately return the mobile ambulance Service to Balbriggan”.

**(iii) Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council Roads Department to ask their engineers (in conjunction with the Gardai) to examine the roundabout and junction at Walshestown where the N1 meets the R132 with a view to eliminating whatever is causing the huge number of crashes occurring almost daily there”.

**(iv) Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Justice to increase the number of Gardai and resources in the Balbriggan area to cover the huge geographical area now under its control and the number of accidents on the roads”.

**(v) Motion submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**

“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Councils Area Engineer to inspect the Flemington Road and report as to why the surface water is not draining and causing flooding on the road”.

**(vi) Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Justice to put in place a panel of qualified independent people to investigate allegations of abuse in either Church or State run institutions”.

**6. Cathaoirleach's Business**

**7. Redevelopment of Town Hall**

**8. Budget Meeting**

**9. Submission on Proposed Community Facilities in Balbriggan (draft circulated)**



**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2005 AT 8.00 P.M.**

**Councillor Present:** Bedell, Heidi Harford, Monica  
Buckley, Gerry McKeon, May  
Dunne, Larry Shields, Gertie  
Hammond, Kathleen

**Officials Present:** Mr. Richard Brady, Town Manager  
Mr. Brian Murray, Meetings Administrator

**Apologies Received:** Councillor Pyne

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Larry Dunne chaired the meeting.

An Cathaoirleach informed the members that he called the meeting following the publication of an article last week in the Fingal Independent regarding the possible relocation of the Roads Depot in Fancourt.

Following a discussion in which all the members present contributed, the following motion was proposed by Councillor Larry Dunne, seconded by Councillor Monica Harford and agreed by the members.

“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to ensure the continuation of the service of the Roads Depot in Balbriggan. However, should a relocation be necessary the move should not take place until a new location is identified within Balbriggan and ready for occupation”.

The Manager informed members that he had listened to the views of the Town Councillors and he would discuss same with the Transportation Department.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk write to the Department of Transportation Department to express the Council’s concerns that they were first notified of the possible relocation of the Depot from the media and that their opinions were not sought.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk prepare a press release to inform the public that the Town Council had discussed the possible closure of the Depot and had passed a motion.

The meeting concluded at 9.00 p.m.

SIGNED L Dunne DATE 13/12/05



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> December 2005.**

**Councillors Present:**

Bedell, Heidi	Harford, Monica
Brown, Sean	McKeon, May
Buckley, Gerry	Pyne, Ned
Dunne, Larry	Shields, Gertie
Hammond, Kathleen	

**Officials Present:**

Mr. Richard Brady, Town Manager  
Mr. Brian Murray, Meetings Administrator  
Ms. Margaret Wilde, F.C.C

An Cathaoirleach welcomed the members to the first meeting in the new Town Hall building. He thanked the staff on behalf of the members for their professional service in trying and difficult circumstances while in temporary accommodation.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2005 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Bedell seconded by Councillor Harford.
- (ii) Minutes of Special Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2005 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Bedell seconded by Councillor Shields.
- (iii) Minutes of Statutory Annual Budget Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2005 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Buckley seconded by Councillor Hammond.

**2. Correspondence**

**A. Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 28/10/05 received from the Department of Transport regarding penalty points circulated and noted
- (ii) Letter dated 7/11//2005 received from Tánaiste and Office of the Minister Department of Health & Children regarding long stay residential care circulated and noted
- (iii) Letter dated 15/11/05 received from Department of Health & Children regarding free medical treatment for all children of PRSI contributors. circulated and noted. It was agreed that the Town Clerk reply to Minister.
- (iv) Letter dated 16/11/05 received from Department of Health & Children regarding Meningitis Booster Vaccine circulated and noted. It was agreed that the Town Clerk reply to see if sufficient numbers of vaccinnes are available to meet demand.
- (v) Letter dated 16/11/05 received from Department of Health & Children regarding concerning hygiene standards in our hospitals circulated and noted
- (vi) Acknowledgement Letter dated 17/11/2005 received from Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality & Law Reform regarding extra resources circulated and noted



- (vii) Acknowledgement Letter dated 22/11/2005 received from Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality & Law Reform regarding independent panel circulated and noted
- (viii) Letter dated 30/11/05 received from Department of Health & Children regarding hygiene standards in our hospitals circulated and noted. It was agreed that the Town Clerk write to the Health Service Executive as referred in the correspondence.
- (ix) Letter dated 30/11/05 received from Department of Health & Children regarding mobile hospital service in Balbriggan circulated and noted. Councillor Harford proposed that this item be included on the Agenda for the Statutory Meeting in January 2006 for discussion which was agreed by the members.
- (x) Letter dated 2/12/05 received from Department Health & Children regarding long stay residential care circulated and noted

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**B. Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 23/11/05 received from Housing Department regarding Sex Offenders Register circulated and noted.

**C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 9/11/2005 received from Bantry Town Council regarding Fair Trade Motion circulated and noted
- (ii) Letter dated 9/1/05 received from Passage West regarding Motions regular monitoring for bacteria and treat Cardiovascular Disease as a chronic illness circulated and noted
- (iii) Letter dated 14/11/05 received from An Garda Siochana regarding policing of the Balbriggan area circulated and noted. It was agreed that the Town Clerk to write to the Chief Superintendent in Drogheda.
- (iv) Letter dated 17/11/05 received from Ennis Town Council regarding motion concerning tenants purchasing their dwellings circulated and noted
- (v) Letter dated 21/11/05 received from Ballina Town Council regarding motion concerning child care facilities circulated and noted
- (vi) Letter dated 29/11/05 received from Comhairle regarding additional funding for Balbriggan CIC circulated and noted
- (vii) Letter dated 30/11/05 received from Health Services Executive regarding convicted paedophile housing circulated and noted
- (viii) Letter dated 25/11/05 received from Macroom Town Council regarding two motions passed at their meeting circulated and noted

**D. Conferences**

- (i) Letter dated 8/11/2005 from Tom Ryan Director Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland regarding AMAI Spring Seminar 2006 to be held on 10/11<sup>th</sup> February in the Clanree Hotel Letterkenny was circulated and noted  
It was agreed that the Town Clerk reply seeking a nomination to the Eastern Region District Advisory Council.

**3. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 28/10/05 received from Commission for Taxi Regulation regarding representations circulated and noted



- (ii) Letter dated 22/11/2005 from Tom Ryan Director Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland regarding River Basin District Advisory Councils was circulated and noted  
Following a discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk reply seeking a nomination to the Eastern Region District Advisory Council.

#### 4. Questions

(i) **Question submitted by Councillor Pyne**

Ask the Manager of Fingal County Council when will the plans for the new Bremore Port be put on display?

**Reply:** Following the announcement of details of a major study undertaken by Baxter Eadie UK Ltd on behalf of Drogheda Port Co., which earmarked Bremore as the optimal location for a major deepwater port, the Port company commissioned HR Wallingford (U.K.) to prepare a suggested port masterplan for the development of the Bremore deepwater port.

This masterplan will ultimately form the basis for more definitive and detailed development plans for the Port. The timescale for the display of these more definitive port plans is not yet available and in any event they are contingent on the port company being successful in their quest for deepwater port funding from the EU and other sources.

The estimated cost of the proposed port plans has been assessed in the region of €100m.

(ii) **Question submitted by Councillor Pyne**

Ask the Manager of Fingal County Council when will the street lighting be erected on Flemington Lane between Dun Saithne and New Haven estates?

**Reply:** There are two developers involved in relation to the provision of public lighting which will be erected on Flemington Lane from Dun Saithne to NewHaven New Haven is being built by Marchbury Properties. There are three poles fronting their development and the Public Lighting Division has not yet received any Completion Certificate for the public lighting on these poles yet.

Dun Saithne is being constructed by Fingal County Council and the Council's Architects Department is managing this project. There are 10 poles fronting this development and the Public Lighting Division have received Completion Certificates for the first two lights last week. The ESB have been asked to connect to the power supply before Christmas.

(iii) **Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**

To ask the Manager for an update on the Taxi Rank, in Station Street, Balbriggan as proposed in the Traffic Management Plan.

**Reply:** In the Balbriggan Parking Management Scheme which was approved Council there is a proposal to provide a taxi rank on Railway Street, Balbriggan. A disabled bay has been positioned where the taxi rank was proposed and the taxi rank is to be positioned in proximity to this bay on Railway Street

(iv) **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

To ask the Manager when will the footbridge over the railway line at Ardgillan Demesne known as the Ladies Stairs be fully repaired and restored to its original state?



**Reply:** Item in relation to footbridge over the railway line at Ardgilan Demesne known as the Ladies Stairs

The responsibility for the repair and restoration of this footbridge lies with Iarnrod Eirann and the matter referred to in the question will be taken up with the Company. When a reply is received I will inform you of the position.

**5. Motions**

**(i) Motion submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Government/Department of Education and Boards of Management of schools to make it mandatory that the suppliers of school uniform jackets have reflective arm bands sewn in at the time of manufacture in the interest of students safety"

Proposed by Councillor Pyne, seconded by Councillor Harford

Motion passed

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

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Health to withhold any proposed increase in A & E and hospital bed charges until these services are greatly improved by a significant reduction in waiting lists for beds until prompt treatment in A & E departments"

Proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Buckley

Motion passed

**(iii) Motion submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council, Transportation Department to examine the layout and width of the road and footpath outside the A.I.B. Bank on The Square as there are reports of difficulties with vehicles passing each other at this point"

Proposed by Councillor Hammond, seconded by Councillor Harford

Motion passed

**(iv) Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

"That the Balbriggan Town Council call on Bus Eireann to extend the Hail and Ride service to the roundabout at Moylaragh Crescent, to facilitate potential bus users"

Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Pyne

Motion passed

**(iv) Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council, Transportation Department to examine the Harry Reynolds/Naul Road junction with a view to installing a filter light for traffic turning right off the Harry Reynolds Road onto the Naul road towards the M1"

Proposed by Councillor Buckley, seconded by Councillor Harford

Motion passed

**(v) Motion submitted by Councillor May McKeon**

"In response to new schools Advisory Committee Public consultation process on proposed new primary schools for September 2006 (Irish Independent, Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2005) that Balbriggan Town Council respond to this public consultation process by expressing the full support of Balbriggan Town Council for the proposed Gael Scoil in Balbriggan"

Proposed by Councillor McKeon, seconded by Councillor Bedell

Motion passed.



- (vi) **Motion submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on all Local Authorities to arrange for developers of new residential housing estates to provide maps with house numbers for emergency services ie. An Garda Síochána in the interest of safety"  
Proposed by Councillor Pyne, seconded by Councillor Bedell  
Motion passed
- (vii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**  
"Balbriggan Town Council calls on the Minister for Social Welfare and Children to provide this authority with details of the numbers of children in the Balbriggan area who are being provided with free cab transport to and from local schools and what circumstances warrant this service"  
Proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor McKeon  
Motion passed
- (viii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council, Transportation Dept to review the signage on the approaches to the new roundabout on the old N1/Harry Reynolds road"  
Proposed by Councillor Buckley, seconded by Councillor McKeon  
Motion passed
- (ix) **Motion submitted by Councillor May McKeon**  
"Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council to support the proposed Gael Scoil in Balbriggan by making a submission to the Department of Education in response to the public consultation process on the proposed new primary schools for September 2006"  
Proposed by Councillor McKeon, seconded by Councillor Harford  
Motion passed

**6. Cathaoirleach's Business**

1. An Cathaoirleach requested that a thank you letter to be sent to the Senior Citizens Committee for invitation to their Christmas Party.
2. An Cathaoirleach proposed that the St. Patrick's Day Ecumenical Service be held in St. George's Church as St. Peter & Paul's Church will not be available due to the refurbishment works which was agreed by the members. It was further agreed that the Town Clerk to write to both Churches to notify them of the Council's decision.

**7. Redevelopment of Town Hall**

The Town Manager informed the members that the building is currently undergoing an extensive fit-out and is expected that the local authority offices will be ready for business in January 2006 and the new library will be ready for business in April 2006. The redevelopment of St. George's Square is expected to be complete by the end of January 2006.

**8. Application for consent to resale of 12 Gibbons Terrace from Mr. Charles Curtis.**



**BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
13TH DECEMBER 2005**

**To Each Member Of Balbriggan Town Council**

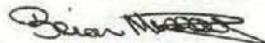
**Re: Proposed Re-sale of dwelling at 12 Gibbons Terrace, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin**

The leasehold interest in the dwelling at 12 Gibbons Terrace, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin was vested in Julia Curtis by Transfer Order dated 23rd July 1976 subject to a ground rent of £1.00 per annum payable from 25th September 1975.

An application has been received from Mr Charlie Curtis for the consent of Balbriggan Town Council to the re-sale of the above dwelling to John and Emma Corcoran. The proposed purchasers intend to finance the purchase of the dwelling with a mortgage loan in the amount of €180,000.00 from First Active Bank and the balance from their own resources.

The re-sale price of the dwelling is €200,000.00. The sale of the dwelling will not leave the vendor without alternative accommodation as he is the registered owner of 108 Fancourt Heights, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin. Mr. Curtis inherited the property at 12 Gibbon's Terrace, Balbriggan following the death of his mother Ms. Julia Curtis.

I recommend that the consent of Balbriggan Town Council be granted to the proposed re-sale of 12 Gibbons Terrace, Balbriggan to John and Emma Corcoran and to any further re-sale of the dwelling and the Seal of the Council to be affixed to the necessary documents.



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**Brian Murray  
Town Clerk**

It was proposed by Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor Shields and agreed by the members that the consent as set out in the foregoing report be granted.

9. **Application for disposal of fee simple of 12 Gibbons Terrace from Mr.**



**Charles Curtis.**

**BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
13TH DECEMBER 2005**

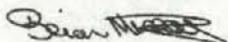
**To Each Member Of Balbriggan Town Council**

**Re: Proposed Disposal of Fee Simple Interest of Dwelling at 12 Gibbons Terrace, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.**

It is proposed in accordance with the provision of the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) (No. 2) Act, 1978 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 1946 as amended by the Housing Act, 1966 to dispose of the fee simple interest of the dwelling listed hereunder to the person as set out, or their successors in Title, who have applied in accordance with the provisions of the Landlord and Tenants (Ground Rents) (No. 2) Act, 1978 to acquire the fee simple interest.

(1) ADDRESS	(2) LESSEE	(3) DETAILS OF LEASE	(4) ANNUAL GROUND RENT	(5) PURCHASE OF FEE SIMPLE
12 Gibbons Terrace, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	Julia Curtis	99 years	£1.00 (€1.27)	£27.00 (€34.28)

I recommend that the consent of Balbriggan Town Council be granted to the disposal of the fee simple interest in the dwelling listed on the abovementioned schedule to the person listed in column two, or their successors in Title for the purchase price set out in column five in accordance with the provisions of the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) (No. 2) Act, 1946 as amended by the Housing Act, 1966 and the Seal of the Council to be affixed to the necessary documents.



**Brian Murray  
Town Clerk**



It was proposed by Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor Shields and agreed by the members that consent as set out in the foregoing report be granted.

**10. Any Other Business**

The Town Clerk informed the members of contacts made with various parties and that one potential operator was negotiating with the developer of the cinema.

*L. Dunne*

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**CATHAOIRLEACH**



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7<sup>th</sup> December 2005.

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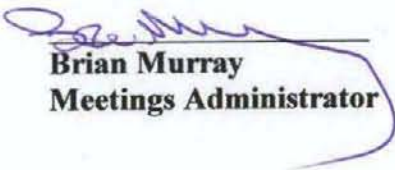
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I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Council will be held on **13<sup>th</sup> December , 2005 at 7.30 p.m. in the Hamilton Hall, Town Hall, St. George's Square, Balbriggan** to consider the following agenda.

**I should be 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 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2005.**

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

Is mise le meas,

  
**Brian Murray**  
**Meetings Administrator**



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**B. Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 23/11/05 received from Housing Department regarding Sex Offenders Register (circulated herewith)

**C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 9/11/2005 received from Bantry Town Council regarding Fair Trade Motion (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 9/1/05 received from Passage West regarding Motions regular monitoring for bacteria and treat Cardiovascular Disease as a chronic illness (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 14/11/05 received from An Garda Síochána regarding policing of the Balbriggan area (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 17/11/05 received from Ennis Town Council regarding motion concerning tenants purchasing their dwellings (circulated herewith)



- (v) Letter dated 21/11/05 received from Ballina Town Council regarding motion concerning child care facilities (circulated and herewith)
- (vi) Letter dated 29/11/05 received from Comhairle regarding additional funding for Balbriggan CIC (circulated herewith)
- (vii) Letter dated 30/11/05 received from Health Services Executive regarding convicted paedophile housing (circulated herewith)
- (viii) Letter dated 25/11/05 received from Macroom Town Council regarding two motions passed at their meeting (circulated herewith)

**D. Conferences**

- (i) Notice received 8/11/2005 from Tom Ryan Director Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland regarding AMAI Spring Seminar 2006 to be held on 10/11<sup>th</sup> February in the Clanree Hotel Letterkenny (circulated herewith)

**3. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 28/10/05 received from Commission for Taxi Regulation regarding representations (circulated herewith)

**4. Questions**

(i) **Question submitted by Councillor Pyne**

Ask the Manager of Fingal County Council when will the plans for the new Bremore Port be put on display?

(ii) **Question submitted by Councillor Pyne**

Ask the Manager of Fingal County Council when will the street lighting be erected on Flemington Lane between Dun Saithne and New Haven estates?

(iii) **Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**

To ask the Manager for an update on the Taxi Rank, in Station Street, Balbriggan as proposed in the Traffic Management Plan.

(iv) **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

To ask the Manager when will the footbridge over the railway line at Ardgillan Demesne known as the Ladies Stairs be fully repaired and restored to its original state?

**5. Motions**

(i) **Motion submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Government/Department of Education and Boards of Management of schools to make it mandatory that the suppliers of school uniform jackets have reflective arm bands sewn in at the time of manufacture in the interest of students safety"

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

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Health to withhold any proposed increase in A & E and hospital bed charges until these services are greatly improved by a significant reduction in waiting lists for beds until prompt treatment in A & E departments"

(iii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council, Transportation Department to examine the layout and width of the road and footpath outside the A.I.B. Bank on The Square as there are reports of difficulties with vehicles passing each other at this point"



- (iv) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**  
"That the Balbriggan Town Council call on Bus Eireann to extend the Hail and Ride service to the roundabout at Moylaragh Crescent, to facilitate potential bus users"
- (v) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council, Transportation Department to examine the Harry Reynolds/Naul Road junction with a view to installing a filter light for traffic turning right off the Harry Reynolds Road onto the Naul road towards the M1"
- (vi) **Motion submitted by Councillor May McKeon**  
"In response to new schools Advisory Committee Public consultation process on proposed new primary schools for September 2006 (Irish Independent, Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2005) that Balbriggan Town Council respond to this public consultation process by expressing the full support of Balbriggan Town Council for the proposed Geal Scoil in Balbriggan".
- (vii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on all Local Authorities to arrange for developers of new residential housing estates to provide maps with house numbers for emergency services ie. An Garda Siochána in the interest of safety.
- (viii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**  
"Balbriggan Town Council calls on the Minister for Social Welfare and Children to provide this authority with details of the numbers of children in the Balbriggan who are being provided with free cab transport to and from local schools and what circumstances warrant this service".
- (ix) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council, Transportation Dept to review the signage on the approaches to the new roundabout on the old N1/Harry Reynolds road"
- (x) **Motion submitted by Councillor May McKeon**  
"Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council to support the proposed Geal Scoil in Balbriggan by making a submission to the Department of Education in response to the public consultation process on the proposed new primary schools for September 2006".

**6. Cathaoirleach's Business**

**7. Redevelopment of Town Hall**

**8. Application for consent to resale of 12 Gibbons Terrace from Mr. Charles Curtis.**

**9. Application for disposal of fee simple of 12 Gibbons Terrace from Mr. Charles Curtis.**



**MINUTES OF BUDGET MEETING  
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2006  
HELD ON 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2005**

Councillors Present: Bedell, Dunne, Hammond, Shields

Officials Present: Mr. Richard Brady, Town Manager  
Mr. Brian Murray, Meetings Administrator

Apologies: Councillors Buckley, Harford, McKeon, Pyne

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Larry Dunne presided.

Town Clerk, Brian Murray presented a Financial Statement for 2005 showing revised Expenditure of €95,056.88 and revised Receipts of €82,115.05. Mr. Murray gave a detailed explanation of the items in the statement and explained that the approval of the Councillors was required in respect of the over expenditure, under each of the headings: Ballroom and Corporate Property, Office Expenses and General which together result in an over expenditure of €13,027 over budget.

It was proposed by Councillor Heidi Bedell and seconded by Councillor Gertie Shields and agreed by the members that the over expenditure of €13,027 as presented in the Financial Statement in respect of the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005 be approved.

Mr. Murray presented the Draft Annual Budget for 2006. Statutory notice had been given in the press and the Draft Budget circulated to the Councillors in advance of the meeting. The draft estimate provides for a total expenditure of €96,500 and an income of €24,500.

There is a net requirement of €72,000 which will be the demand to Fingal County Council in respect of 2006. This would require an Annual Rate on Valuation of €2.88 for 2006 compared to an Annual Rate of Valuation of €2.77 for 2005. 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. Brady and Mr. Murray answered questions from Councillors concerning various matters relating to the Draft budget.

It was proposed by Councillor Heidi Bedell and seconded by Councillor Larry Dunne and agreed by the members that the Draft Budget 2006 as presented be adopted.

The meeting concluded at 8.10 p.m.

L. Dunne  
CATHAOIRLEACH

13/12/05  
DATE



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> January 2006**

**Councillors Present:** Bedell, Heidi Harford, Monica  
Brown, Sean McKeon, May  
Buckley, Gerry Pyne, Ned  
Dunne, Larry Shields, Gertie

**Officials Present:** Mr. Richard Brady, Town Manager  
Mr. Brian Murray, Meetings Administrator  
Ms. Mary McCarthy Environment Services  
Ms. Margaret Wilde, F.C.C

**Apologies Received:** Councillor Hammond

**9. Presentation on Pilot Brown Bin Project**

On the proposal of the Cathaoirleach it was agreed to take Item No 9 Presentation on Pilot Brown Bin Project taken as the first item of business.

Ms. Mary McCarthy Environmental Services Department, Fingal County Council gave a presentation on the Pilot Brown Bin Project and circulated information packs. Ms. McCarthy answered a series of questions raised by the members. An Cathaoirleach and the members thanked Ms. McCarthy for an informative and interesting presentation.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

(i) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2005 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Bedell

**2. Correspondence**

**A. Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 19/12/05 received from Department of Health & Children regarding Hib booster circulated and noted. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would contact the Health Service Executive to clarify its proposals for contacting parents in the Balbriggan area.
- (ii) Acknowledgement letter dated 19/12/05 received from Department for Social & Family Affairs regarding school transport circulated and noted
- (iii) Acknowledge letter dated 20/12/05 received from Department of Education & Science regarding school uniforms circulated and noted

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**B. Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

(i) Letter dated 20/12/05 received from Community Recreation & Amenities Department regarding new schools in the Balbriggan area circulated and noted. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would clarify with Fingal County Council how the Gael Scoil can apply for one of the reserved school sites.



**C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 12/12/05 received from Galway County Council regarding waste contract providers resolution circulated and noted
- (ii) Letter dated 19/12/05 received from Local Health Office Manager, Health Services Executive regarding local housing of convicted paedophiles circulated and noted

**D. Conferences**

- (i) Letter dated 8/11/05 received from AMAI regarding Spring Seminar 2006 circulated and noted. It was agreed that Councillor Brown and Councillor Shields attend.

**3. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 1/12/05 received from Hugh Tuckey, Secretary, Fingal Cinema Limited regarding parking arrangements circulated and noted. It was agreed that the Town Clerk clarify with the Combined Clubs regarding parking outside their premises.

**4. Questions**

**(i) Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

To ask the Manager to examine the re-instatement work carried out on the Skerries Road after the recent laying of pipes to the new Treatment Plant at Barnageera as there has been numerous complaints about the condition of the road.

**Reply:**

Re: Temporary Reinstatement of Pipeline on the Balbriggan Skerries Road.

The council are currently installing a 600mm rising main pipeline from Hampton Cove, Balbriggan along the coast road to the new Wastewater Treatment facility in Barnageeragh, Skerries.

The reinstatement carried out to date is classified as Temporary Reinstatement. This is carried out by hand as the pipeline is laid. It is a short term measure, as the pipeline is not yet completed. Works along the main road were stopped for the month of December (operation freeflow). The remainder of the pipelaying will be carried out in the coming weeks. There will be at least one further road closure as work has to be carried out at the bad bend in the road at Barnageeragh Bridge. It is anticipated that the Permanent Reinstatement will be carried out in March 2006.

The resident engineering staff monitor the works on a daily basis. However, until the permanent reinstatement is in place, if there are any complaints concerning the level of temporary reinstatement, these may be forwarded to the Project Office (8708460) or to the Site Offices in Barnageeragh (8493146) and remedial action will be taken.



**5. Motions**

**(i) Motion submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**

"Balbriggan Town Council calls on the Minister for Justice to change the law to enable Local Housing Authorities, Health Boards and Voluntary Housing Schemes to announce publicly when a convicted paedophile is to be housed in their locality".

Proposed by Councillor Pyne, seconded by Councillor Harford

Following discussion it was agreed to amend the motion to read as follows:

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Government to change the law to enable Local Housing Authorities, Health Boards and Voluntary Housing Schemes to announce publicly when a convicted paedophile is to be housed in their locality"

Following a show of hands, An Cathaoirleach declared the motion passed.

**(ii) Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Government to review the policy of admitting unaccompanied asylum seeking children into Ireland in view of the fears expressed by the Director of I.S.P.C.C. that large numbers of them are being trafficked through Ireland to be used in sex slave trade in other countries and the fact that two hundred of them have gone missing without trace"

Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Harford

It was agreed that this motion be forwarded to All Local Authorities and Local Members of the Oireachtas.

**6. Cathaoirleach's Business**

No business under this heading.

**7. Redevelopment of Town Hall**

Mr. Brady informed the members that the fit out of the building is underway and it is expected that the offices will be open to the public shortly followed the opening of the Library in May / June 2006.

**8. Mobile Hospital Service in Balbriggan**

The Town Clerk informed the members of his contact with the Health Services Executive on this matter. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would seek further clarification on the new facility in Lusk.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McKeon that letters be sent to Superintendent Tom Gallagher and Inspector Sean Galway following their recent retirement.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Harford that the Town Clerk contact Superintendent Joe Kelly regarding the continuation of the Quarterly Meetings

L. Dunne.  
**Cathaoirleach**



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4<sup>th</sup> January 2006

**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 Eanáir 10, 2006 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 **10<sup>th</sup> January, 2005 at 7.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, St. George's Square, Balbriggan** to consider the following agenda.

I should be 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 **10<sup>th</sup> January, 2005.**

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

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**Brian Murray**  
**Meetings Administrator**



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  - D. Conferences**
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  - (i) Letter dated 1/12/05 received from Hugh Tuckey, Secretary, Fingal Cinema Limited regarding parking arrangements (circulated herewith )
  
- 4. Questions**
  - (i) **Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

To ask the Manager to examine the re-instatement work carried out on the Skerries Road after the recent laying of pipes to the new Treatment Plant at Barnageera as there has been numerous complaints about the condition of the road.
  
- 5. Motions**
  - (i) **Motion submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**

“Balbriggan Town Council calls on the Minister for Justice to change the law to enable Local Housing Authorities, Health Boards and Voluntary Housing Schemes to announce publicly when a convicted paedophile is to be housed in their locality”.



**(ii) Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Government to review the policy of admitting unaccompanied asylum seeking children into Ireland in view of the fears expressed by the Director of I.S.P.C.C. that large numbers of them are being trafficked through Ireland to be used in sex slave trade in other countries and the fact that two hundred of them have gone missing without trace”

**6. Cathaoirleach's Business**

**7. Redevelopment of Town Hall**

**8. Mobile Hospital Service in Balbriggan**

**9. Presentation from Environmental Service Department, Fingal County Council on pilot brown bin scheme.**



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> February 2006**

**Councillors Present:**

Bedell, Heidi	Harford, Monica
Brown, Sean	McKeon, May
Buckley, Gerry	Pyne, Ned
Dunne, Larry	Shields, Gertie
Hammond, Kathleen	

**Officials Present:**

Mr. Richard Brady, Town Manager  
Mr. Brian Murray, Meetings Administrator  
Mr. Maureen Finn, F.C.C

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2006 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Bedell, seconded by Councillor Shields.

**2. Correspondence**

**A. Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers.**

- (i) Letter dated January 2006 received from Office of the Minister for Social & Family Affairs regarding National Fuel Allowance circulated and noted. It was agreed that the Town Clerk contact the Health Service Executive to clarify conditions regarding criteria for supplementary fuel allowance.
- (ii) Acknowledgement letter dated 3/1/2006 received from New Schools Advisory Committee c/o Department of Education & Science regarding Proposed New Primary School at Balbriggan circulated and noted.
- (iii) Acknowledgement letter dated 4/1/2006 received from Office of the Minister for Social & Family Affairs regarding National Fuel Allowance circulated and noted.
- (iv) Acknowledgement dated 11/1/2006 received from Minister of State at the Department of Education & Science regarding reflective armbands circulated and noted.
- (v) Letter dated 12/1/2006 received from Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality & Law Reform regarding independent investigation into allegations of abuse circulated and noted.
- (vi) Letter dated 12/1/2006 received from Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality & Law Reform regarding enforcement of legislation in relation to car tax and insurance circulated and noted.
- (vii) Letter dated 16/1/2006 received from Office of the Minister for Education & Science regarding the wearing of reflective arm bands on school jackets circulated and noted.
- (viii) Acknowledgement letter dated 24/1/2006 received from Office of the Taoiseach regarding Mobile Hospital Service circulated and noted.
- (ix) Acknowledgement letter dated 18/1/2006 received from received from Office of the Minister Department of Health & Children regarding A&E Charges circulated and noted.



- (x) Acknowledgement letter dated 18/1/2006 received from Office of the Minister Department of Health & Children regarding the Meningitis Booster Vaccine circulated and noted.
- (xi) Acknowledgement letter dated 26/1/2006 received from Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality & Law Reform regarding motion passed by Balbriggan Town Council (mobile hospital services) circulated and noted.

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**B. Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

No items under this heading.

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**C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 11/1/2006 received from An Garda Síochána, Chief Superintendent regarding policing in Balbriggan area circulated and noted.
- (ii) Email dated 20/1/2006 received from Offaly County Council regarding motion to increase the maximum amount of Grant Aid under the Sports Capital Programme for the provision of Community Swimming Pools circulated and noted.
- (iii) Letter dated 1/2/2006 received from Nenagh Town Council regarding two motions circulated and noted. It was agreed that the Town Clerk request Fingal County Council to provide information on profits made on collection of W.E.E.E. items.
- (iv) Letter dated 2/2/2006 received from AMAI regarding Eastern River Basin District Advisory Councils circulated and noted. It was agreed to defer nominating a representative until Town Clerk gets further details.

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**D. Conferences**

- (i) Letter dated January 2006 received from Association of County & City Councils regarding Conference of the Association of County & City Councils taking place 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> March 2006 in the Fairways Hotel, Dundalk circulated and noted. It was agreed that Councillor McKeon attend.
- (ii) Letter dated 25/1/2006 received from Kilkenny County Council enclosing preliminary notice of LAMA Conference on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> April 2006 circulated and noted. It was agreed that Councillor McKeon and Councillor Harford attend.

**3. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 12/1/2006 received from F. H. O'Reilly & Company Solicitors regarding Application for a Gaming Certificate by Aidan Bissett circulated and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 24/1/2006 received from Tom Gallagher regarding his recent retirement circulated and noted.
- (iii) Letter dated 23/1/2006 received from Mrs. June Gray, Chairperson, Board of Management St. Molaga's N.S. regarding waste ground adjacent to pedestrian entrance to school in Lambeeher Estate circulated and noted



- (iv) Letter dated 30/1/2006 received from Trevor Sargent T.D. regarding motion passed in relation to unaccompanied asylum seeking children circulated and noted.
- (v) Letter dated 1/2/2006 received from Sean Ryan T.D. regarding motion passed in relation to unaccompanied asylum seeking children circulated and noted.

#### 4. Questions

(i) **Question submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**

To ask the Manager when will the public lighting be installed at Flemington Lane for New Haven and Dun Saithne estates?

**Reply:**

Public lighting for the developments in question will be installed as part of the respective planning permissions as development progresses. In this regard, the Public Lighting Section liaises with the developers in question.

(ii) **Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**

To ask the Manager what is the latest news on playgrounds in Balbriggan, will they be ready for the summer?

**Reply:**

It is hoped that the playground for Chapel Gate in Balbriggan will be in commission and ready for use by the end of the summer 2006. With regard to the new playground for Ardgillan Demesne - play equipment is expected to be delivered this week. Items will be pre-assembled in the yard prior to installation on site. The ground works commence will on March 1st and it is hoped to complete all the works by the end of June 2006.

(iii) **Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**

To ask the Manager what is the latest update on signs for the relief road and signs for the church roundabout?

**Reply:**

The Traffic and Maintenance Sections of the Transportation Department have examined the areas in question and the following finger-post signs have been ordered and will be erected:

A 'Town Bypass' sign at the junction of the Harry Reynolds Road and Drogheda Street (at the Garda Station).

A 'Town Bypass' sign at the Church Roundabout on the approach to Balbriggan from Dublin

(iv) **Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

To ask the Manager when will Seapoint Lane be resurfaced as a matter of urgency?

**Reply:**

The Maintenance Section of the Transportation Department has confirmed that the resurfacing of Seapoint Lane has been included in the 2006 Draft Transportation Programme of Works and it is hoped that this work will be carried out at the earliest possible date.



- (v) **Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**  
To ask the Manager can a speed ramp be installed beside the Milestone Pub at the corner of Convent Lane?

**Reply:**

The Traffic Section of the Transportation Department has been requested to examine the location in question to identify what appropriate traffic calming measures can be provided. A further reply will issue to the Councillors when the report of the Traffic Section is available.

- (vi) **Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**  
To ask the Manager can the path be extended from St. Mologa's National School to Cardy Rock and can a pedestrian crossing be provided opposite Cardy Rock in the interest of safety?

**Reply:**

The extension of the footpath at the area in question has been included in the Draft 2006 Transportation Programme of works and it is hoped that this work will be carried out within the current year.

The Traffic Section of the Transportation Department has been requested to examine the Hamlet Lane junction to identify what appropriate traffic calming measures can be provided. A further reply will issue to the Councillors when the report of the Traffic Section is available.

**5. Motions**

- (i) **Motion submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**

"Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council to resurface Flemington Lane in the interest of public safety".

Proposed by Councillor Pyne, seconded by Councillor Bedell.

Motion passed.

- (ii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

"Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council to ensure that developers have street lights in place and switched on prior to completing a development".

Proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Buckley.

Motion passed.

- (iii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

"Balbriggan Town Council calls on the Minister for Justice to draft legislation to close any loopholes in the law relating to the confiscation of uninsured cars that have been taken into Ireland and continue to be driven on our roads"

Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Buckley.

Motion passed.

Following a discussion it was agreed to amend the motion to read as follows:

"Balbriggan Town Council calls on the Minister for Justice to deliver legislation to close any loopholes in the law relating to the confiscation of uninsured cars that have been taken into Ireland and continue to be driven on our roads"



- (iv) **Motion submitted by Councillor May McKeon**  
"Balbriggan Town Council welcomes the report of a pending royal visit to Ireland by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and extends an invitation to visit our town to observe first hand the memorabilia and traditions associated between her late Great Grandmother Queen Victoria and Balbriggan Hosiery Industries in times past".  
Proposed by Councillor McKeon, seconded by Councillor Harford.  
Motion passed.

- (v) **Motion submitted by Councillor Heidi Bedell**  
"Balbriggan Town Council requests that the Fingal County Council carry out energy efficiency audits on all Council buildings in the Balbriggan area".  
Proposed by Councillor Bedell, seconded by Councillor Hammond.  
Motion passed.

Following a discussion it was agreed to amend the motion to read as follows:  
"Balbriggan Town Council requests that the Fingal County Council carry out energy efficiency audits on all Council office buildings in the Balbriggan area".

- (vi) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**  
"Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council to provide speed ramps in Ardgillan estates where there are a large number of children playing"  
Proposed by Councillor Buckley, seconded by Councillor Hammond  
Motion passed.

- (vii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**  
"Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council to provide playgrounds in the Balbriggan area"  
Proposed by Councillor Hammond, seconded by Councillor Buckley.  
Motion passed.

- (viii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Health to give a solid commitment that St. Luke's Hospital will not be closed down".  
Proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor McKeon.  
Motion passed.

- (ix) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**  
"Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council Environment Department to erect notices relating to fines for dog fouling at the entrance to Church Street, Balbriggan".  
Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Bedell.  
Motion passed.

- (x) **Motion submitted by Councillor May McKeon**  
"Balbriggan Town Council make a submission having regard to the recent public display of the Balbriggan Urban Improvement Scheme to Fingal County Council to contact the relevant agencies to source funding for the overhead wires to be removed and placed underground as part of the project.  
Proposed by Councillor McKeon, seconded by Councillor Hammond.



Motion passed.

(xi) **Motion submitted by Councillor Heidi Bedell**

"That this Council provide two information signs for Balbriggan in co-operation with Fingal County Council, the Balbriggan Chamber of Commerce and other organisations in Balbriggan".

Proposed by Councillor Bedell, seconded by Councillor Harford.

Motion passed.

(xii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**

"Balbriggan Town Council calls on the Gardai to monitor the traffic at St. Peter and Paul's school each morning".

Proposed by Councillor Buckley, seconded by Councillor Hammond.

Motion passed.

(xiii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**

"Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council to erect name plates in all estates in the Balbriggan area"

Proposed by Councillor Hammond, seconded by Councillor Harford.

Motion passed.

6. **Cathaoirleach's Business**

(i) An Cathaoirleach asked the Town Clerk to request a report from Fingal County Council on Balbriggan Harbour.

(ii) St. Patrick's Day

(a) Breda Gibbons has asked if a dance group from Spain could dance and take part in the parade. She also requested that they be presented with the Town Crest and be invited to the reception in the Bracken Court Hotel following the parade. The members expressed their agreement.

(b) Martin Byrne from Glór na nGael wishes to sponsor the Irish short story category. The members expressed their agreement.

(c) The members agreed to Remember Us presenting the shamrock at the ecumenical service for blessing.

(iii) Councillor Harford requested the Town Clerk make enquiries regarding the cost, availability and eligibility of pendant type panic alarms for senior citizens.


7. **Update on Cinema Development**

Mr. Brady informed the members that the Town Clerk and himself had recently met with the developers of the Cinema Development and a decision regarding the operation of the cinema is imminent. He further informed the members that the developers still had strong concerns regarding the commercial viability of the cinema.

Mr. Brady informed the members that the developers had informed him that the museum was near completion and a site visit would take place in the coming days. Mr. Brady agreed to keep the members updated.



8. **Redevelopment of Town Hall, George's Square**  
Mr. Brady informed the members that fit out was continuing but work was delayed due to difficulties with the tie in to the old library and a revised works schedule was expected from the contractor shortly.
9. **Monthly Financial Statement**  
Circulated and noted.
10. **A.O.B.**  
Town Clerk informed the members that correspondence had been received from the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government regarding footpath improvements in former Town Commissioners areas. The Town Clerk informed the members that the correspondence was being issued to give the members an opportunity to make submissions as soon as possible and the item will be included in the agenda for the next Statutory Meeting.

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Cathaoirleach



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8<sup>th</sup> February 2006.

**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 Febhra 14, 2006 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 **14<sup>th</sup> February, 2006 at 7.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, St. George's Square, Balbriggan** to consider the following agenda.

**I should be 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 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2006.**

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

Is mise le meas,

  
**Brian Murray**  
**Meetings Administrator**



**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2006 (circulated herewith)

**2. Correspondence**

**A. Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated January 2006 received from Office of the Minister for Social & Family Affairs regarding National Fuel Allowance (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Acknowledgement letter dated 3/1/2006 received from New Schools Advisory Committee c/o Department of Education & Science regarding Proposed New Primary School at Balbriggan (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Acknowledgement letter dated 4/1/2006 received from Office of the Minister for Social & Family Affairs regarding National Fuel Allowance (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Acknowledgement dated 11/1/2006 received from Minister of State at the Department of Education & Science regarding reflective armbands (circulated herewith)
- (v) Letter dated 12/1/2006 received from Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality & Law Reform regarding independent investigation into allegations of abuse (circulated herewith)
- (vi) Letter dated 12/1/2006 received from Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality & Law Reform regarding enforcement of legislation in relation to car tax and insurance (circulated herewith)
- (vii) Letter dated 16/1/2006 received from Office of the Minister for Education & Science regarding the wearing of reflective arm bands on school jackets (circulated herewith)
- (viii) Acknowledgement letter dated 24/1/2006 received from Office of the Taoiseach regarding Mobile Hospital Service (circulated herewith)
- (ix) Acknowledgement letter dated 18/1/2006 received from received from Office of the Minister Department of Health & Children regarding A&E Charges (circulated herewith)
- (x) Acknowledgement letter dated 18/1/2006 received from Office of the Minister Department of Health & Children regarding the Meningitis Booster Vaccine (circulated herewith)
- (xi) Acknowledgement letter dated 26/1/2006 received from Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality & Law Reform regarding motion passed by Balbriggan Town Council (mobile hospital services) (circulated herewith)

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**B. Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

No business

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**C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 11/1/2006 received from An Garda Síochána, Chief Superintendent regarding policing in Balbriggan area (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Email dated 20/1/2006 received from Offaly County Council regarding motion to increase the maximum amount of Grant Aid under the Sports Capital Programme for the provision of Community Swimming Pools (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 1/2/2006 received from Nenagh Town Council regarding 2 motions passed by them (W.E.E.E. and Good Friday Agreement) (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 2/2/2006 received from AMAI regarding Eastern River Basin District Advisory Councils (circulated herewith)



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**D. Conferences**

- (i) Letter dated January 2006 received from Association of County & City Councils regarding Conference of the Association of County & City Councils taking place 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> March 2006 in the Fairways Hotel, Dundalk (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 25/1/2006 received from Kilkenny County Council enclosing preliminary notice of LAMA Conference on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> April 2006 (circulated herewith)

**3. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 12/1/2006 received from F. H. O'Reilly & Company Solicitors regarding Application for a Gaming Certificate by Aidan Bissett (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 24/1/2006 received from Tom Gallagher regarding his recent retirement (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 23/1/2006 received from Mrs. June Gray, Chairperson, Board of Management St. Molaga's N.S. regarding waste ground adjacent to pedestrian entrance to school in Lambreecher Estate (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 30/1/2006 received from Trevor Sargent T.D. regarding motion passed in relation to unaccompanied asylum seeking children (circulated herewith)
- (v) Letter dated 1/2/2006 received from Sean Ryan T.D. regarding motion passed in relation to unaccompanied asylum seeking children (circulated herewith)

**4. Questions**

- (i) **Question submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**  
To ask the Manager when will the public lighting be installed at Flemington Lane for New Haven and Dun Saithne estates?
- (ii) **Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**  
To ask the Manager what is the latest news on playgrounds in Balbriggan, will they be ready for the summer?
- (iii) **Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**  
To ask the Manager what is the latest update on signs for the relief road and signs for the church roundabout?
- (iv) **Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**  
To ask the Manager when will Seapoint Lane be resurfaced as a matter of urgency?
- (v) **Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**  
To ask the Manager can a speed ramp be installed beside the Milestone Pub at the corner of Convent Lane?
- (vi) **Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**  
Balbriggan Town Council asks the Manager can the path be extended from St. Mologa's National School to Cardy Rock and can a pedestrian crossing be provided opposite Cardy Rock in the interest of safety?

**5. Motions**

- (i) **Motion submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**  
"Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council to resurface Flemington Lane in the interest of public safety".



- (ii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**  
"Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council to ensure that developers have street lights in place and switched on prior to completing a development".
- (iii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**  
"Balbriggan Town Council calls on the Minister for Justice to draft legislation to close any loopholes in the law relating to the confiscation of uninsured cars that have been taken into Ireland and continue to be driven on our roads"
- (iv) **Motion submitted by Councillor May McKeon**  
"Balbriggan Town Council welcomes the report of a pending royal visit to Ireland by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and extends an invitation to visit our town to observe first hand the memorabilia and traditions associated between her late Grandmother Queen Victoria and Balbriggan Hosiery Industries in times past".
- (v) **Motion submitted by Councillor Heidi Bedell**  
"Balbriggan Town Council requests that the Fingal County Council carry out energy efficiency audits on all Council buildings in the Balbriggan area".
- (vi) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**  
"Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council to provide speed ramps in Ardgillan estates where there are a large number of children playing"
- (vii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**  
"Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council to provide playgrounds in the Balbriggan area"
- (viii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Health to give a solid commitment that St. Luke's Hospital will not be closed down".
- (ix) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**  
"Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council Environment Department to erect notices relating to fines for dog fouling at the entrance to Church Street, Balbriggan".
- (x) **Motion submitted by Councillor May McKeon**  
"Balbriggan Town Council make a submission having regard to the recent public display of the Balbriggan Urban Improvement Scheme to Fingal County Council to contact the relevant agencies to source funding for the overhead wires to be removed and placed underground as part of the project.
- (xi) **Motion submitted by Councillor Heidi Bedell**  
"That this Council provide 2 information signs for Balbriggan in co-operation with Fingal County Council, the Balbriggan Chamber of Commerce and other organisations in Balbriggan".
- (xii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**  
"Balbriggan Town Council calls on the Gardai to monitor the traffic at St. Peter and Paul's school each morning".
- (xiii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**  
"Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council to erect name plates in all estates in the Balbriggan area"

**6. Cathaoirleach's Business**



7. **Update on Cinema Development**
8. **Redevelopment of Town Hall, George's Square**
9. **Monthly Financial Statement**



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> March 2006**

**Councillors Present:**

Bedell, Heidi	Harford, Monica
Brown, Sean	McKeon, May
Buckley, Gerry	Pyne, Ned
Dunne, Larry	Shields, Gertie
Hammond, Kathleen	

**Officials Present:**

Mr. Richard Brady, Town Manager  
Mr. Brian Murray, Meetings Administrator  
Mr. Margaret Wilde, F.C.C

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2006 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Shields.

**2. Correspondence**

**A. Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 8/2/2006 received from Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality & Law Reform regarding Sex Offenders Register circulated and noted. It was agreed that the Town Clerk write for further clarification.
- (ii) Letter dated 9/2/2006 received from Dick Roche, T.D. Minister for the Environment, Heritage & Local Government regarding Grants for Footpaths in former Town Commissioner Areas circulated and noted. The Town Clerk requested the members to furnish submissions to the office.
- (iii) Letter dated 13/2/2006 received from Tánaiste & Office of the Minister Department of Health & Children regarding repayment of charges for publicly funded long stay residential care circulated and noted.
- (iv) Acknowledgement Letter dated 23/2/2006 received from Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform circulated and noted.
- (v) Letter dated 2/3/2006 received from Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality & Law Reform regarding staffing at Balbriggan Garda Station circulated and noted. It was agreed that the Town Clerk write to the Garda Authorities for a breakdown of statistics for the Balbriggan Town Area.

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**B. Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 1/2/2006 received from Mary McPhillips Senior Staff Officer Transportation Department regarding Footpath in the area of the Square, Balbriggan circulated and noted.
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**C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 7/2/2006 received from Kevin Dowling, Executive Manager, Dublin City Council regarding unaccompanied asylum seeking children circulated and noted.
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- (vii) Letter dated 22/2/2006 received from Monaghan Town Council regarding maps for developers circulated and noted.
- (viii) Letter dated 22/2/2006 received from Monaghan Town Council regarding unaccompanied asylum seeking children circulated and noted.
- (ix) Letter dated 27/2/2006 received from Superintendent Joe Kelly regarding Traffic at St. Peter & Paul's School circulated and noted.
- (x) Letter dated 27/2/2006 received from Superintendent Joe Kelly regarding welcome to new appointments of Superintendent and Inspector circulated and noted.
- (xi) Letter dated 1/3/2006 received from Monaghan Town Council regarding SSIA's circulated and noted. It was agreed that the Town Clerk write for clarification to the Minister for Education regarding the guidelines and policy for means tested grants.
- (xii) Letter dated 28/2/2006 received from Michael Scannell, Town Clerk Tralee Town Council regarding Civil Legal Aid Means Test Limits circulated and noted. It was agreed that the Town Clerk write for further clarification.
- (xiii) E-mail dated 7/3/2006 received from Bantry Town Council regarding Maps to emergency services circulated and noted.
- (xiv) E-mail dated 7/3/2006 received from Bantry Town Council regarding unaccompanied asylum seekers circulated and noted.
- (xv) Letter dated 2/3/2006 received from Clonakilty Town Council regarding protocol for awarding of building contracts from her department circulated and noted. On the proposal of Councillor Bedell, seconded by Councillor Harford it was agreed that the Town Clerk write for further clarification.

**D. Conferences**

- (i) Letter dated 7/2/2006 received from AMAI regarding Annual Conference 2007 circulated and noted. It was agreed that this matter be a headed item on the agenda for future reference



**E. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 28/2/2006 received from Board of Management St. Mologa's N.S. regarding Waste ground in Lambeecher Estate (enclosing report from James Ahern FRIAI Architects circulated and noted. It was agreed that the Town Clerk request Fingal County Council to carry out a reference in Land Registry to clarify the owners of the location.
- (ii) Letter dated 6/3/2006 received from Trevor Sargent T.D. Party Leader Green Party regarding trafficking of unaccompanied asylum seeking children (enclosing copy correspondence ISPCC) circulated and noted. It was agreed by the members that all correspondence received by Balbriggan Town Council showing support for the motion be forwarded to the Minister for Justice Equality & Law Reform and the Minister for Health & Children.

**3. Questions****(i) Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

To ask the Manager when will the Roundabout adjacent St. Peter & Paul's Church/Harry Reynolds Road be completed?

**Reply:** The Roundabout will be completed by the end of April 2006.

**(ii) Question submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**

To ask the Manager how many prosecutions have Fingal County Council brought in relation to the Litter Pollution Acts for the Balbriggan Area in 2005?

**Reply:** Of the 608 Litter Fines issued in 2005 under the Litter Pollution Act, 1997, 245 fines were for offences in the Balbriggan area.

**(iii) Question submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**

To ask the Manager to please clarify the legal title (ownership) of the Balbriggan Town Council offices, stating if it is held under a lease (is so provide name of lessor) or under a freehold title?

**Reply:** The new Balbriggan Town Hall is currently held under a 35-year lease from the George's Square Consortium. This lease agreement provides for the first three years rent free, followed by ten years where lease rent is payable based on prevailing bank interest rates. On year fourteen the "Put and Call" agreement will be activated transferring effective ownership of the building to Fingal County Council and Balbriggan Town Council i.e. 999 year lease.

The legal representatives of both Councils are in the process of drafting an agreement to formalise their relationship with regard to the building.

**(iv) Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

To ask the Manager for the up to date position on the Balbriggan/Skerries treatment plant and the expected time of completion?

**Reply:** Pipelaying works for this contract are virtually complete. The main work left to do is the road crossing for the sea outfall at the end of Kelly's Lane in Skerries, which will require a road closure. Local residents will be



notified of diversions etc. There is also a deep pipe connection to be made at Quay St in Balbriggan which may also require a temporary road closure. This is to facilitate the changeover from the old pumping station to the new. Following these connections, the contractor will start on the permanent road reinstatement in all areas where pipelaying was carried out.

The construction of the long sea outfall was severely hampered over the last six months mainly due to weather/sea conditions. The pipes are being welded together and stored at the green on Channel Rd in Rush, by Rogerstown Estuary. They are then rolled into the estuary and floated around to Skerries. Weather permitting, the residents in Rush will hopefully see the last of the pipes being floated away in the next 8 weeks.

Progress at the main treatment works site is on schedule. The civil construction works are almost complete and the mechanical and electrical installation has started. We envisage that the plant will be accepting sewage by the summer. At Quay St pumping station in Balbriggan, construction works are near completion and the car park reinstatement will commence in the next few weeks. As there will still be mechanical and electrical work to complete, this section of the car park will not reopen to the public until May. There has been some delay at the pumping stations in Hampton Cove, Balbriggan and Rush Rd in Skerries, however these should both be commissioned by May.

A draft EIS was prepared to assess the impacts of the proposed extension of the treatment plant. A public information day was held on Wed 8th March at the community centre in Skerries. There was a steady flow of people throughout the day. Queries were general in nature and there were no objections. The completed EIS will be submitted to An Bord Pleanala in about 4 weeks time.

**(v) Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**

To ask the Manager why are the Planning Department allowing 3 storeys high buildings beside 2 storeys high buildings and bungalows as this destroys the beauty of the town and causes overlooking?

**Reply:** Development within urban areas of the County is assessed on a site by site basis based on the provisions of the (I) County Development Plan and (ii) Residential Guidelines – Guidelines for Planning Authorities.

A balance has to be struck between (I) the need to accommodate sustainable development of the finite resource of urban land (which would involve the permitting increases building heights) and (ii) the need to protect existing established development within an area.

In this context, it is normal practice to ensure the reasonable protection of the amenities of adjacent residential properties, in particular, by avoiding direct overlook and overshadowing of such property.

**(vi) Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**

To ask the Manager to explain why a newly constructed house at Brega has a water logged back garden, damp in the walls and mould growing inside?



**Reply:** The Council's Clerk of Works called to this house on Friday morning 10th March 2006 but was unable to gain access. A card was left requesting that the tenant contact him with a view to arranging an inspection. It should be noted that records indicate that a previous complaint of dampness/mould in this house was assessed as condensation. The tenant was advised to open windows to increase ventilation within the dwelling.

**4. Motions**

**(i) Motion submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Justice to provide details of the following:

1. The number of applicants who were originally seeking Asylum that were granted Irish Born Child Status.
2. How many of these withdrew their original application for Asylum upon receipt of Irish Born Status?
3. Has the Government any information on the numbers of such cases who have returned to their country of origin for temporary visits after receiving Irish Born Status?"

Proposed by Councillor Pyne, seconded by Councillor Harford  
Motion passed.

**(ii) Motion submitted by Councillor Heidi Bedell**

"Balbriggan Town Council request Fingal County Council to install gates at the entrances to the Car Park at the Viaducts and to restrict opening times to between 9.00am and 9.00pm and to keep this Car Park as a long term, free of charge Car Parking facility. This would make the Car Park more available during the day to residents and visitors who want to shop, commute or use town facilities".

Proposed by Councillor Bedell, seconded by Councillor Buckley  
Motion passed.

**(iii) Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Health to introduce compulsory screening for T.B. and other infectious diseases for Immigrants entering Ireland seeking residence, in view of the huge rise in cases of Tuberculosis in Dublin and other areas of the country"

Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Harford  
Motion passed.

**(iv) Motion submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Courts Service and the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform to immediately provide proper waiting facilities for family law clients in the Balbriggan District Court"

Proposed by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Harford  
Motion passed.



- (v) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Health and the Health Service Executive to put in place immediately an out of hours doctor service in Balbriggan to alleviate the frustration and suffering of people trying to gain access to medical treatment at night and weekends"  
Proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Hammond  
Motion passed.
- (vi) **Motion submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to tackle the problem of derelict buildings in Balbriggan as the Main Street looks so bad. These derelict buildings take from the appearance of the town and the other lovely shopfronts"  
Proposed by Councillor Hammond, seconded by Councillor Buckley  
Motion passed.
- (vii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Health to reintroduce B.C.G. Vaccination for all new born babies before they leave hospital"  
Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Harford  
Motion passed.
- (viii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to immediately put the Bicycle Lane/Footpath leading from Flemington Lane to the Town Centre back into an appropriate condition"  
Proposed by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Harford  
Motion passed.
- (ix) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to hold back further increases on bin tag charges in view of the increasing awareness in recycling household litter"  
Proposed by Councillor, seconded by Councillor Hammond  
Motion passed.
- (x) **Motion submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to explain why high developments in Balbriggan were given permission to have green roofs which can be seen from all directions and are obviously not in keeping with the rest of the town buildings and do nothing to enhance Balbriggan"  
Proposed by Councillor, seconded by Councillor Buckley  
Motion passed.  
Due to time restraints the following items were deferred to the April Agenda.
5. **Cathaoirleach's Business**  
No Business under this heading.
6. **Redevelopment of Town Hall, George's Square**  
It was agreed to defer this item to the April Meeting.

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8<sup>th</sup> March 2006.

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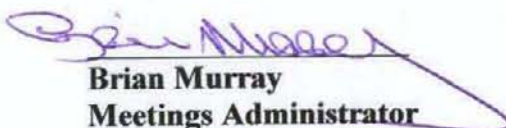
Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Bhaile Brigín Comhairle a thionolfar ar Marta 14, 2006 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Council will be held on **14<sup>th</sup> March, 2006 at 7.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, St. George's Square, Balbriggan** to consider the following agenda.

**I should be 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 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2006.**

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

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**Brian Murray**  
**Meetings Administrator**



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**4. Questions**

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To ask the Manager when will the Roundabout adjacent St. Peter & Paul's Church/Harry Reynolds Road be completed?
- (ii) **Question submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**  
To ask the Manager how many prosecutions have Fingal County Council brought in relation to the Litter Pollution Acts for the Balbriggan Area in 2005?
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To ask the Manager to please clarify the legal title (ownership) of the Balbriggan Town Council offices, stating if it is held under a lease (is so provide name of lessor) or under a freehold title?
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To ask the Manager for the up to date position on the Balbriggan/Skerries treatment plant and the expected time of completion?



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**5. Motions**

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"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Justice to provide details of the following:  
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- (ii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Heidi Bedell**  
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- 12. **St. Patrick's Day Parade**



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> April 2006**

**Councillors Present:**

Bedell, Heidi	Harford, Monica
Brown, Sean	McKeon, May
Buckley, Gerry	Pyne, Ned
Dunne, Larry	Shields, Gertie
Hammond, Kathleen	

**Officials Present:**

Mr. Richard Brady, Town Manager  
Mr. Brian Murray, Meetings Administrator  
Mr. Maureen Finn, F.C.C

An Cathaoirleach informed the members that he would be vacating the chair for a short while.

Councillor McKeon presided as Cathaoirleach of the meeting.

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Proposed by Councillor Bedell, seconded by Councillor Buckley.  
Correspondence circulated and noted.

It was proposed by Councillor Pyne, seconded by Councillor Brown and agreed by the members to suspend Standing Orders to discuss the position regarding discussion of correspondence during meetings. The Cathaoirleach informed the members that she would suspend Standing Orders at 8.42 p.m.



**3. Questions**

**(i) Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

When can we expect to see work commencing on the proposed Marine Conservation Centre?

**Reply:**

The County Architect is currently appointing the various consultants required to construct this facility. Tender documents will then be prepared and it is anticipated that contracts will be signed to allow construction to commence in late autumn.

Building the Marine Conservation & Education Centre represents a major investment in Balbriggan.

The support of the Town Council has been crucial in its delivery and regular briefings will be arranged as the project progresses.

**(ii) Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

When will work commence on repairing the "Lady's Stairs Bridge" on the Skerries Road?

**Reply:**

Responsibility for the repair of the Lady's Stairs Bridge is a matter for Iarnrod Eireann. However the Council has written to Iarnrod Eireann on a number of occasions with a view to insuring that the repairs to the bridge are carried out as soon as possible.

The Council has now arranged a meeting with Iarnrod Eireann in this regard and the members will be informed of the outcome.

**(iii) Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**

To ask the Manager when will the broken seats around the beach front walkway be replaced or repaired?

**Reply:**

The Foreman of Works Department for Beaches, John Crothers has assured that work on the repairs/replacement of seats at this location will be carried out the last week in April and the 1st week in May 2006.

**(iv) Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**

"To ask the Manager to explain why double yellow lines were put on both sides of the road along Vauxhall Street?"

**Reply:**

As part of the Balbriggan Traffic Management Scheme double yellow lines have been provided on both sides of Vauxhall Street. The street in its present configuration does not have sufficient width to accommodate safe, legal parking. The future development of Vauxhall Street is a long term objective of the Council and will be examined at a later stage.

**(v) Question submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**

To ask the Manager who is (are) the County Manager and the respective executive officials in the various departments in Fingal County Council accountable to for the Planning Process?

**Reply:**

The making of a development plan and a local area plan is a reserved function.



The making of a decision in respect of a planning application is an executive function with a right of appeal to an Bord Pleanala and the Courts in some instances.

**(vi) Question submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**

To ask the Manager who held the title to the Town Hall in Balbriggan before its demolition?

**Reply:**

The Town Council's Law Agent Messrs. Tallan & Co. Solicitors have advised that Balbriggan Town Council held the title to the Town Hall prior to its demolition.

**(vii) Question submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**

1. To ask the manager how many new estates are involved with management companies?
2. Could you name the estates in which they have this agreement with management companies?

**Reply:**

A 'pacis' planning file reference search indicates the following 12 no. developments have been the subject of management company agreement conditions at Balbriggan'. See attached xls file.

App No	Applicant	Location	Proposal
F03 A/06 87	Moriarty Holdings Ltd.	Bounded By Drogheda Street, Brick Lane And Convent Lane, Drogheda Street, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	Demolitions, comprising of 3 no. dwellings at No.s 45,43,43 Drogheda Street, one
F03 A/07 72	Roughan Properties Ltd.	Balbriggan Harbour,, Balbriggan,, Co. Dublin	Variations to previously approved applications F99A/1166 and F02A/105
F04 A/00 30	Primeside Properties Ltd	Townlands of Flemington and Bremore, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	Revisions to the mixed use local service centre (are 1.275 Ha.) which was grante
F04 A/07 45	Crescent Park Properties	Lands adjoining and to the south & east, Of Westbrook At, Junction Of Naul Rd And The, Balbriggan Inner Relief Road, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	Development to consist of 61 residential units comprising of 16 x 3 bed semi det
F04 A/14 34	The Parkway Partnership	North-West Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	Development comprising 422 dwellings consisting of 94 no. 2 storey two bedroom d
F05 A/17 37	Whitehart Inns Ltd.	Lands Adjoining The Balrothery Inn & Cricketers Arms Public Houses, Balrothery, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	Alterations to the previously granted residential development Reg. Ref. No. F02A
F00 A/07 12	E. Richardson	Chapel Street,, 1 Naul Road,, Balbriggan,, Co. Dublin.	Demolition of existing single storey fish factory building
F01 A/09 14	S. Grimes	29 Balbriggan Street,, Skerries,, Co. Dublin.	1. Demolish existing house at no. 29 Balbriggan Street.
F00 A/00 65	Parglen Ltd.	Tankardville House,, Breacan Close House,, off Drogheda Street,, Balbriggan,, Co. Dublin.	construct 16 townhouses, and for the conversion of
F00 A/12 34	Kevin Brannigan	30, 31 & 32 Balbriggan Street,, Skerries,, Co. Dublin.	demolition of existing site structures and construction of
F00 A/12 81	Mallincross Limited	Balbriggan,, Junction of Naul Road,, and Balbriggan Inner Ring Road, Balbriggan.	two 2 storey with dormer residential blocks containing seven
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(viii) **Question submitted by Councillor May McKeon**

To ask the Manager what progress has been made with are ranging a meeting with ESB and Eircom to discuss the taking down and re routing of the wires underground, while the major work is being done on the main streets?

**Reply:**

The Planning Department is currently in the process of addressing the matters raised in the question. When progress is made on this issue, the Town Council will be notified.

(ix) **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

To ask the Manager how much has been received by Fingal County Council in income from the Private Residential Tenancies Board to date and are these funds ring-fenced to provide funds to inspect dwellings for suitability and how many inspections of dwellings have taken place since the Council began to receive these funds to date?

**Reply:**

The information requested is being compiled and a reply will issue to the Councillor when it is available.

**4. Motions**

(i) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal Transportation Department to meet with the members of Balbriggan Town Council and representatives of Moylaragh Residents Association to discuss alternatives to blocking the road to retail facilities and other residents of the area".

Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Harford.

Motion passed.

(ii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to examine the road at George's Hill with a view to putting in a footpath and resurfacing the road for persons using the Post Office?"

Proposed Councillor Hammond, seconded by Councillor Buckley.

Motion passed.

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"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Education to issue Balbriggan Town Council the following information:

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Proposed by Harford, seconded by Councillor Buckley.

Motion passed.

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Motion passed.



- (v) **Motion submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**  
To ask the Manager to request Irish Rail to have some security around Balbriggan railway station as there is a lot of anti social behaviour around the station at evenings and at night?  
Proposed by Councillor Hammond, seconded by Councillor Buckley.  
Motion passed.  
It was agreed by the members to put this item on the next meeting with Superintendent Kelly.
- (vi) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal Environment Department to consider supplying new wheelie bin lids to bin collecting personnel, so that broken lids can be replaced immediately".  
Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Harford.  
Motion passed.
- (vii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to establish a Planning Ombudsman"  
Proposed by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Hammond.  
Following a show of hands, An Cathaoirleach declared the motion passed.

At 8.42 p.m. the Cathaoirleach suspended Standing Orders for a period of 10 minutes to discuss the issue of speaking on correspondence.

- (viii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council and the Northern Area Health Board/Committee to process Disabled Persons Grant Applications with extreme speed in order that these people who qualify are not left waiting indefinitely"  
Proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Buckley.  
Motion passed.
- (ix) **Motion submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to refuse Planning Permission for the development of any further high density residential developments in the Balbriggan area"  
Proposed by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Hammond.  
Motion passed.

## 5. **Cathaoirleach's Business**

- (i) **Review of train fare structure**  
It was agreed that the Town Clerk write to Iarnród Eireann seeking a review of the train fare structure to facilitate commuters between Balbriggan and Drogheda.
- (ii) **Lady's Stairs**  
Following a discussion the Town Clerk advised that he would bring the concerns of the member to Fingal County Council with a view to reinstating the new bridge with wheelchair access.



6. **Nominations for AMAI regarding Eastern River Basin District Advisory Councils**  
It was proposed by Councillor Pyne and seconded by Councillor Brown that Councillor Harford be the delegate for AMAI regarding the Eastern River Basin District Advisory Councils for the coming year.  
Agreed by the members.
  7. **St. Patrick's Day**
    - (i) **Parade**  
It was agreed by the members to put this as a headed item for September's Agenda.
    - (ii) **Art/Poetry Competition - Prize giving**  
It was agreed that the Town Clerk liaise with the Cathaoirleach regarding organising prize giving for schools.
  8. **Environmental Improvements**
    - (i) Town Clerk informed the members that the tree planting was completed on the Harry Reynold's Road.
    - (ii) Town Clerk informed the members that the tree planting arising from the Tidy Districts Awards was completed at Chapel Gate.
    - (iii) Town Clerk was in discussion with Iarnrod Eireann regarding cutting the grass on the banks on the front beach.
- Councillor Dunne returned to the meeting and presided as Cathaoirleach.
9. **Update on Museum Development**  
Town Manager informed the members that a delegation from the Town Council had visited a County Museum in the past weeks and a visit to a smaller town museum will be arranged shortly.
  10. **Meeting with Chamber of Commerce**  
Town Clerk informed the members that the Town Manager and himself attended a meeting with representatives of Balbriggan & District Chamber recently. The Chamber are seeking assistance from the Council to clear the outstanding debt in relation to the Xmas lights and wished to work closely on next years arrangements.  
It was agreed by the members to put this item for the May statutory meeting.
  11. **Monthly Financial Statement**  
Circulated and noted.
  12. **Annual Financial Statement for 2004 and Audit Report**  
It was agreed to defer this item to next months agenda.
  13. **Redevelopment of Town Hall, George's Square**  
It was agreed to defer this item to next months agenda.  
Due to time constraints the Manager discussed this item following the meeting.



The members agreed to take Items 12 and 13 after Cathaoirleach's Business at the May meeting.

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**CATHAOIRLEACH**



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5<sup>th</sup> April 2006.

**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 Aibreán 11 2006 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 **11<sup>th</sup> April, 2006 at 7.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, George's Square, Balbriggan** to consider the following agenda.

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

Is mise le meas,

  
**Brian Murray**  
**Meetings Administrator**



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- 12. Annual Financial Statement for 2004 and Audit Report**
- 13. Redevelopment of Town Hall, George’s Square**



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> May 2006**

**Councillors Present:**

Brown, Sean	Harford, Monica
Buckley, Gerry	McKeon, May
Dunne, Larry	Pyne, Ned
Hammond, Kathleen	Shields, Gertie

**Officials Present:**

Mr. Richard Brady, Town Manager  
Mr. Brian Murray, Meetings Administrator  
Mr. Margaret Wilde, F.C.C

**Absent:** Councillor Bedell

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2006 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Harford.

Councillor Pyne informed the members he intended to seek suspension of standing orders later in the meeting.

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- (i) No items

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**3. Questions**

**(i) Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

To ask the Manager was planning permission granted for a permanent access to apartments situated in Clonard Street, through an entrance at Chapel Court which is designed as a cul de sac?

**Reply:** Permission was granted under reg.ref.F04A/0791 for an apartment development (total 6 no. apartment) at 25, Clonard St., Balbriggan, Co., Dublin, by order of An Bord Pleanala PL 06F.208443, dated 20/12/04.

The site area of that application indicated frontage access to both Clonard St., and Chapel Court. The Chapel Court frontage access comprised a narrow access area which appeared to serve the original house on site. It was proposed that the main vehicular access be provided to Clonard St.

The decision of An Bord Pleanala did not condition/require that the access to Chapel Court be removed or otherwise be interfered with.

**(ii) Question submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**

To ask the Manager to please provide a full list of housing estates/developments built since 1993 to date in Fingal County Area that are not in charge of Fingal County Council?

**Reply:** The information requested in the question is not readily available.

However, if the councillor wishes to submit details of estates in the Balbriggan area the planning department will confirm if they have been taken in charge or not.



- (iii) **Question submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**  
To ask the Manager to please provide details of all sites owned/partly owned by Fingal County Council in the Balbriggan area?

**Reply:** Fingal County Council own lands in the Balbriggan area for its statutory purposes including Housing, Industrial, Open Space. The Council may contact Peter Wilson of the Property & Economic Development Department, telephone 8905179, who will answer any specific query.

- (iv) **Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**  
To ask the Manager can he arrange for a footpath and speed ramps/yellow lines to be put in place at Baron's Hall near the Crèche in the interest of public safety?

**Reply:** This matter will be taken up with the Senior Operations Engineer and the Traffic Engineer for examination.

- (v) **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**  
To ask the Manager for an update on the new Balbriggan Fire Station and to confirm that there will be an ambulance service included?

**Reply:** Dublin City Council are currently operating the Fire Service from the BEAT Centre.

A site for a permanent facility has been identified in Stephenstown.

The Chief Fire Officer will be contacted to update the Town Councillors on plans to develop the site and seek clarification on the provision of an ambulance service.

- (vi) **Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**  
To ask the Manager could flashing beacon lights be installed at the commencement to the roundabout at St. Peter & Paul's Church?

**Reply:** This matter will be taken up with the Traffic Engineer for examination and attention, and a further reply will issue when the Engineer's report is available.

- (vii) **Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**  
To ask the Manager what is the latest update on the concerts planned for Ardgillen this year?

**Reply:** As of today no concerts are planned for Ardgillan for this Summer. If or when there are proposals to hold any I will inform Balbriggan Town Council.

#### 4. **Motions**

- (i) **Motion submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to provide details of the following:  
(i) Do the current rates of duty (appropriate fee) on motor vehicles apply equally to all owners of private vehicles in Ireland?  
(ii) Are there any circumstances when an individual would pay a reduced tax on a private car? If so, what exemptions or exceptions are made?"  
Agreed to amend the motion as follows:



ii) List all circumstances when an individual would pay a reduced tax on a private car? If so, what exemptions or exceptions are made?"

Proposed by Councillor Pyne, seconded by Councillor Harford  
Motion passed.

**(ii) Motion submitted by Councillor Heidi Bedell**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to sign up to the Nuclear Free Local Authorities and that Balbriggan Town Council sign up to similar to Bray Town Council, Louth County Council, South Dublin County Council and the Dublin Regional Authority."

Motion not moved.

**(iii) Motion submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Government to bring forward new legislation to regulate the building industry."

Proposed by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Hammond  
Motion passed.

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"Balbriggan Town Council call on Bus Eireann/Fingal County Council to consider an alternative parking arrangement for the bus (currently parking near St. Peter & Paul's Church Dublin Street) and also to review the Skerries/Balbriggan route (at present this involves going up Dublin Street, circling the Roundabout and back Dublin Street to Market Green to Skerries.)"

Motion withdrawn.

**(v) Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on An Post to provide additional Post Collection Boxes in the Town Centre and outlying areas i.e. the commercial development west of Balbriggan."

Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Harford  
Motion passed.

**(vi) Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council not to include the part-time earnings of school going children when compiling tenants rent assessment."

Proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Pyne  
Motion passed.

**(vii) Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to arrange for all green areas to be finished off when roads are relayed or finished off (i.e. Castlelands and across the road from the Garda Station)."

Proposed by Councillor Buckley, seconded by Councillor Hammond  
Motion passed.



(viii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**  
“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for the Environment & Local Government to insist that future developments use the address outlined in the original planning permission (i.e. townland, parish or planning permission)?”  
Proposed by Councillor Pyne, seconded by Councillor Harford  
Motion passed.

(ix) **Motion submitted by Councillor Heidi Bedell**  
“Balbriggan Town Council request Fingal County Council to include sections of “visually impaired” paving where appropriate on George’s Square.”  
Proposed by Councillor Bedell, seconded by Councillor  
Motion not moved.

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Proposed by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Pyne  
Motion passed.

At 8.30 p.m., Councillor Pyne moved motion to suspend standing orders to discuss amending the treatment of correspondence under standing orders to amend paragraph 20 of the standing orders as follows:

Copies of all relevant correspondence will be circulated to the members and will be regarded as dealt with and noted. Any member may speak on any item(s) of correspondence on the Agenda paper for not more than three minutes. The Cathaoirleach shall not permit any discussion of correspondence after the expiry of thirty minutes following the commencement of correspondence.

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“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to fully address the very frustrating problems which residents are having with certain Management Companies.”  
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Motion passed.

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“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to revise the traffic plan for Balbriggan to one way traffic at the square.”  
Proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Pyne  
Motion Deferred.

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Proposed by Councillor Buckley, seconded by Councillor  
Motion passed.







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3<sup>rd</sup> May 2006.

**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 Bealtaine 9 2006 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 **9<sup>th</sup> May, 2006 at 7.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, George's Square, Balbriggan** to consider the following agenda.

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

Is mise le meas,

  
**Brian Murray**  
**Meetings Administrator**



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Report on letting of Hamilton Hall and Hamilton Room
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  12. **Balbriggan Town Council Annual Awards 2006**
  13. **Christmas Lights**







For Councillor McKeon: Councillors: Brown, McKeon  
Abstentions: Councillor Shields

Having secured a majority of votes of the members present, Councillor Harford was declared elected as Cathaoirleach of Balbriggan Town Council.

Councillor Harford was presented with the Chain of Office by the outgoing Cathaoirleach, Councillor Dunne and presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Councillor Harford thanked her proposer, seconder and the members for having elected her Cathaoirleach of Balbriggan Town Council, and stated to the members that she looked forward to representing the full body of the Town Council and the people of Balbriggan in her term of office and she will not let them down. Councillor Harford paid tribute to Councillor Dunne for his exemplary handling of his duties during his term of office. Councillor Harford welcomed the proposed Cinema development and noted that the meeting was the first Annual Meeting in the new Town Hall.

**2. Election of Leas Cathaoirleach**

It was proposed by Councillor Shields and seconded by Councillor McKeon "That Councillor Buckley be elected Leas Cathaoirleach"

Councillor Buckley was declared elected as Leas Cathaoirleach of Balbriggan Town Council.

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

It was proposed by Councillor McKeon and seconded by Councillor Harford that "Councillor Bedell become the delegate to I.P.B for the coming year". Councillor Bedell thanked her proposer and seconder but stated she was not in a position to accept the nomination.

It was proposed by Councillor Shields and seconded by Councillor McKeon That "Councillor Shields become the delegate to I.P.P. for the coming year".

**4. Election of Representative for BAPA and Substitute Delegate**

It was agreed to defer this item to the Statutory Meeting to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2006.

**5. Election of Budget 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.



An Cathaoirleach requested Mr. Stephen Peppard to address the meeting. Mr. Peppard informed the members that test trial holes were taking place at the site of the proposed Marine Conservation Centre and that contract documents were being prepared. He will keep the members briefed on an ongoing basis.

The County Manager, Mr. John Tierney congratulated the outgoing and incoming Cathaoirleach. Mr. Tierney also complimented Councillor McKeon on her role of representing Balbriggan at County Council level. He also thanked the staff.

The Town Manager, Mr. Dick Brady wished the incoming Cathaoirleach well and promised the full support of the management team and staff. He thanked the outgoing Cathaoirleach for his assistance during the last twelve months and wished the incoming Leas Cathaoirleach, Councillor Gerry Buckley well for the incoming year.

The Town Clerk also congratulated Councillor Harford on being elected Cathaoirleach and wished her every success in the coming year.

Meeting concluded at 8.00 p.m.

Monica Harford  
Cathaoirleach

11/7/2007  
Date



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> June 2006**

**Councillors Present:**

Bedell, Heidi	Harford, Monica
Brown, Sean	McKeon, May
Buckley, Gerry	Pyne, Ned
Dunne, Larry	Shields, Gertie
Hammond, Kathleen	

**Officials Present:**

Mr. Richard Brady, Town Manager  
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Mr. Maureen Finn, F.C.C

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2006 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Bedell, seconded by Councillor Hammond

**2. Correspondence**

**A. Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 28/4/2006 received from Office of the Minister for Education & Science regarding protocol for the awarding of building projects circulated and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 28/4/2006 received from Office of the Minister for Education & Science regarding school attendance officers circulated and noted.
- (iii) Letter dated 17/5/2006 received from Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government regarding addresses used in planning permission circulated and noted.
- (iv) Letter dated 17/5/2006 received from Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government in relation to management companies in residential housing developments circulated and noted.
- (v) Letter dated 22/5/2006 received from Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government in relation to motor tax circulated and noted.
- (vi) Letter dated 24/5/2006 received from the Office of the Taoiseach in relation to legislation to regulate the building industry circulated and noted.
- (vii) Letter dated 29/4/2006 received from Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government in relation to new legislation to regulate the building industry circulated and noted.
- (viii) Letter dated 31/5/2006 received from Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government in relation to motor tax circulated and noted Booklet available in office for inspection.
- (ix) Letter dated 31/5/2006 received from the Department of Justice, Equality & Law Reform regarding road traffic legislation circulated and noted.

**2.**

**B. Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 28/4/2006 received from Housing Department regarding disabled persons grants circulated and noted.



- (ii) Letter dated 11/5/2006 received from Environment Department regarding Balbriggan Harbour circulated and noted.  
It was agreed by the members that the Town Clerk write to the Environment Department requesting a copy of the Structural Report referred to in the correspondence and request that remedial works be carried out immediately.
- (iii) Letter dated 19/5/2006 received from Housing Department regarding assessment of rent circulated and noted.
- (iv) Letter dated 15/5/2005 received from Environment Department regarding wheelie bin lids circulated and noted.
- (v) Letter dated 15/5/2006 received from Environment Department regarding further increases on big tag charges circulated and noted.
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- (vii) Letter dated 23/5/2006 received from Transportation Department regarding footpath, speed ramps and yellow lines for Barons Hall circulated and noted.
- (viii) Letter dated 23/5/2006 received from Transportation Department regarding examination of road at George's Hill circulated and noted.
- (ix) Letter dated 24/5/2006 received from Transportation Department regarding finishing of all green areas circulated and noted.
- (x) Letter dated 25/5/2006 received from Community Recreation & Amenities Department regarding playgrounds in Balbriggan circulated and noted.

**2.**

**C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 25/4/2006 received from Monaghan Town Council regarding breast screening availability circulated and noted.
- (ii) Acknowledgement dated 1/5/2006 received from Inspector O. Keegan Garda Siochána regarding anti social behaviour circulated and noted.
- (iii) Letter dated 17/5/2006 received from National Educational Welfare Board regarding monitoring pupil absences circulated and noted.
- (iv) Letter dated 17/5/2006 received from An Post regarding additional post collection boxes circulated and noted.
- (v) Letter dated 19/5/2006 received from Ballina Town Council regarding junk mail circulated and noted.
- (vi) Letter dated 19/5/2006 received from Ballina Town Council regarding proceeds from TV/Radio Licence fees circulated and noted.
- (vii) Letter dated 30/5/2006 received from Longford Town Council regarding electoral register circulated and noted.
- (viii) Letter dated 2/6/2006 received from Monaghan Town Council regarding telecommunication masts and radiation emissions (circulated and noted).

**2.**

**D. Conferences**

- (i) No business under this item



2.

**E. Other Correspondence**

(i) No business under this item

3. **Questions**

(i) **Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**

Are there any plans for future concerts in Ardgillan this year and also are the Family Fun days going ahead this year?

**Reply:**

There are no concerts planned for Ardgillan Park this year.

With regard to Family Days, a policy decision was taken to alter the Council's approach to such events. It was decided that the best means of promoting community development through Family Days would be to focus assistance and funding on local community-run fun days, rather than larger regional events. In this regard, a budget has been set aside for grant aiding groups who wish to organise and run localised Family Fun Days, and applications for financial support should be lodged with the Council's Community, Culture & Sports Dept.

(ii) **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

To ask the Manager when will the rest of Balbriggan be getting the brown bin?

**Reply:**

The brown bin service has been provided on a pilot basis to five bin routes (approximately 8,000 households) throughout the county and plans are at an advanced stage for the rollout of brown bins to the final two bin routes selected for inclusion on the pilot.

Issues such as seasonal changes in usage, operational issues, income implications etc. will have to be monitored and taken into consideration before plans for the countywide rollout of brown bins can be finalised.

At this stage it is not possible to give any definite indication of when the service will be extended to all areas of Balbriggan.

(iii) **Question submitted by Councillor Heidi Bedell**

What are the obstacles or difficulties, if any, that could prevent the Balbriggan Gaelscoil taking up residence in the second 16 classroom school planned to be situated beside the Educate Together National School?

**Reply:**

This is a designated school site and there is no problem in principle to school use.

The Council's role is only to reserve and, if possible, acquire school sites on behalf of the Department of Education.

The issue of who will operate the new schools is entirely a matter for the Dept. of Education.

(iv) **Question submitted by Councillor Heidi Bedell**



Would it be possible to establish a right of way between Westbrook and Moylaragh to facilitate a short-cut for residents to access the schools and other facilities there?

**Reply:**

The matter will be examined by the Transportation Department. Land ownership details will be sought and if an appropriate route for a right of way as suggested can be identified, the matter will be pursued. A further report will issue to Balbriggan Town Council in this regard.

It should be noted that only Phase 1 of Westbrook is in charge of the Council and that Moylaragh is not in charge.

(v) **Question submitted by Councillor Heidi Bedell**

At what stage is the development of plans for small playgrounds in Balbriggan and where might they be sited?

**Reply:**

Potential location for the development of small neighbourhood playground facilities are currently under review by the Parks Division. Expressions of interest have been received on behalf of residents at a number of locations within Balbriggan, including Tara Court, Pinewood Estate, and Lambeecher Estates.

The criteria for selection as potential locations would not substantially differ from the criteria used for larger local units. These would include but not be limited to:

1. Health and Safety considerations with regard to safe access to and from the proposed site.
2. The potential for Passive Supervision.
3. Local Demographics and age profiles.
4. Availability of suitable public open spaces.
5. Distribution throughout the Town.

Any other expressions of interest should be notified to David Fennell, Executive Parks Superintendent, Fingal Parks Division. It is hoped to Bring proposals for a Part 8 application to the Council by the end of the summer.

4. **Motions**

(i) **Motion submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to renew the footpath along the front beach from the viaduct to the Martello Tower and to resurface the parking space adjacent to the public park overlooking the sea"

Proposed by Councillor Dunne. Seconded by Councillor Harford.

Motion passed.

(ii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Transportation Department, Fingal County Council to re-examine the traffic light sequence at the Naul and Harry Reynolds Road junction"

Proposed by Councillor Pyne. Seconded by Councillor Harford.

Motion passed.



- (iii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**  
“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Government to introduce some form of control over the sales of spray paints in order to reduce the serious problem of graffiti and damage to properties”  
Proposed by Councillor Harford. Seconded by Councillor Pyne  
Motion passed.
- (iv) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**  
“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Justice to introduce legislation whereby asylum seekers and non nationals found guilty of criminal offences in Ireland, should be immediately deported.”  
Proposed by Councillor Shields. Seconded by Councillor Harford.  
During discussions of the motion Councillor Brown informed the meeting that legislation exists in respect of this issue. It was agreed to defer the motion and the Town Clerk circulate the members with the relevant legislation.
- (v) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**  
“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to take in charge Ardgillan Lawns estate and Westbrook estate”  
Proposed by Councillor Buckley. Seconded by Councillor Bedell.  
Motion passed.
- (vi) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**  
“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to start remedial work immediately on Balbriggan Harbour since funding has been allocated for same.”  
Proposed by Councillor Shields. Seconded by Councillor Hammond.  
Motion passed.
5. **Adoption of Standing Orders**  
Proposed by Councillor Harford. Seconded by Councillor Bedell.  
Town Clerk gave a verbal report on the amendments to the standing orders.  
The amendment to Paragraph 8 in respect of annual meetings was to remove any contradiction with the Local Government Act 2001.  
The amendment paragraph 20 in respect of correspondence was agreed by the members at the Statutory Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2006.  
The adoption of revised standing orders was agreed by the members.
6. **Cathaoirleach’s Business**
- (a) An Cathaoirleach advised that he had attended the opening of the new playground at Ardgillan Park. He requested the Town Clerk to write to Mr. Senan Turnbull thanking him for the invitation.
- (b) An Cathaoirleach raised the issue of the official opening of the Town Hall. It was agreed to arrange a further meeting to discuss the arrangements.
- (c) An Cathaoirleach informed the members that the Town Clerk had received an invitation to attend the Annual Meeting of Fingal County Council. It was agreed that the members inform the Town Clerk if they would be attending.



- (d) An Cathaoirleach queried the current position on the disposal of leasehold interest and consent to sale of 12 Gibbons Terrace. The Town Clerk informed the members that the matter was being dealt with.
- (e) Councillor Harford informed the meeting that she attended a meeting of the Eastern River Basin District Advisory Council on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2006 and that further meetings of the Council will be held in various locations. It was agreed that the Town Clerk contact the Eastern River Basin District Advisory Council with regard to holding a future meeting in the New Town Hall.
- (f) An Cathaoirleach informed the members that the developer of the George's Hall development had informed the Town Council that a five-screen cinema will be opening in the near future.
- (g) An Cathaoirleach raised the issue of the re-instatement of the Lady's Stairs. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would contact the relevant bodies.
- (h) An Cathaoirleach proposed one minute silence following the death of Charles J. Haughey. It was agreed a letter of sympathy be forwarded to the Haughey family.

**7. Annual Meeting**

It was agreed by the members to hold the Annual Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2006 at 7.30 p.m. .

**8. Redevelopment of Town Hall, George's Square**

The Town Manager gave a verbal report on the progress of the development.

**9. Environmental Improvements**

- (a) Town Clerk advised the members that he had met with the Tidy Towns Committee and was assisting with their areas of concern.
- (b) Town Clerk informed the members that a meeting was scheduled in the coming week with Irish Rail.
- (c) Town Clerk informed the members that the works were ongoing in respect of the art sculpture at the roundabout adjacent St. Peter & Paul's Church.
- (d) Town Clerk informed the members that the new gates were installed at the cemetery.
- (e) Town Clerk advised the members that new benches were installed at the beach.

**10. Update on Museum Development**

The Town Manager informed the meeting of the recent visit to the museum in Drogheda recently. It is intended that meetings will be arranged with interested parties, e.g. Historical Society and to developing a business plan.

**11. Monthly Financial Statement**

Circulated.

**12. Balbriggan Town Council Annual Awards 2006**

The members agreed that the garden entry forms be circulated to the retail outlets in the town and to contact the media to highlight the competition. It was agreed to contact the Tidy Town Committee requesting their assistance in the judging of the estates.



**13. Christmas Lights**

Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Chamber of Commerce were interested in meeting with representatives of the Town Council to discuss the Christmas lights. It was agreed that Councillor Harford and Councillor Shields would continue on the working group.

*Monica Harford*  
**Cathaoirleach**



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7<sup>th</sup> June 2006.

**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 Meitheamh 13 2006 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 **13<sup>th</sup> June, 2006 at 7.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, George's Square, Balbriggan** to consider the following agenda.

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

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**Brian Murray**  
**Meetings Administrator**



**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2006 (circulated herewith)

**2. Correspondence**

**A. Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 28/4/2006 received from Office of the Minister for Education & Science regarding protocol for the awarding of building projects (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 28/4/2006 received from Office of the Minister for Education & Science regarding school attendance officers (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 17/5/2006 received from Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government regarding addresses used in planning permission (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 17/5/2006 received from Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government in relation to management companies in residential housing developments (circulated herewith)
- (v) Letter dated 22/5/2006 received from Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government in relation to motor tax (circulated herewith)
- (vi) Letter dated 24/5/2006 received from the Office of the Taoiseach in relation to legislation to regulate the building industry (circulated herewith)
- (vii) Letter dated 29/4/2006 received from Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government in relation to new legislation to regulate the building industry (circulated herewith).
- (viii) Letter dated 31/5/2006 received from Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government in relation to motor tax.(circulated herewith). Booklet available in office for inspection
- (ix) Letter dated 31/5/2006 received from the Department of Justice, Equality & Law Reform regarding road traffic legislation (circulation herewith)

**2.**

**B. Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 28/4/2006 received from Housing Department regarding disabled persons grants (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 11/5/2006 received from Environment Department regarding Balbriggan Harbour (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 19/5/2006 received from Housing Department regarding assessment of rent (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 15/5/2005 received from Environment Department regarding wheelie bin lids (circulated herewith)
- (v) Letter dated 15/5/2006 received from Environment Department regarding further increases on big tag charges (circulated herewith)
- (vi) Letter dated 23/5/2006 received from Environment Department regarding repair work on path near Martello Tower and Old Bath Houses (circulated herewith)
- (vii) Letter dated 23/5/2006 received from Transportation Department regarding footpath, speed ramps and yellow lines for Barons Hall (circulated herewith)



- (viii) Letter dated 23/5/2006 received from Transportation Department regarding examination of road at George's Hill (circulated herewith)
- (ix) Letter dated 24/5/2006 received from Transportation Department regarding finishing of all green areas (circulated herewith)
- (x) Letter dated 25/5/2006 received from Community Recreation & Amenities Department regarding playgrounds in Balbriggan (circulated herewith)

2.

**C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 25/4/2006 received from Monaghan Town Council regarding breast screening availability (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Acknowledgement dated 1/5/2006 received from Inspector O. Keegan Garda Siochána regarding anti social behaviour (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 17/5/2006 received from National Educational Welfare Board regarding monitoring pupil absences (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 17/5/2006 received from An Post regarding additional post collection boxes (circulated herewith)
- (v) Letter dated 19/5/2006 received from Ballina Town Council regarding junk mail (circulated herewith)
- (vi) Letter dated 19/5/2006 received from Ballina Town Council regarding proceeds from TV/Radio Licence fees (circulated herewith)
- (vii) Letter dated 30/5/2006 received from Longford Town Council regarding electoral register (circulated herewith)
- (viii) Letter dated 2/6/2006 received from Monaghan Town Council regarding telecommunication masts and radiation emissions (circulated herewith)

2.

**D. Conferences**

- (i) No business under this item

2.

**E. Other Correspondence**

- (i) No business under this item

3.

**Questions**

- (i) **Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**  
Are there any plans for future concerts in Ardgillan this year and also are the Family Fun days going ahead this year?
- (ii) **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**  
To ask the Manager when will the rest of Balbriggan be getting the brown bin?
- (iii) **Question submitted by Councillor Heidi Bedell**  
What are the obstacles or difficulties, if any, that could prevent the Balbriggan Gaelscoil taking up residence in the second 16 classroom school planned to be situated beside the Educate Together National School?



- (iv) **Question submitted by Councillor Heidi Bedell**  
Would it be possible to establish a right of way between Westbrook and Moylaragh to facilitate a short-cut for residents to access the schools and other facilities there?
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#### **4. Motions**

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#### **5. Adoption of Standing Orders**

#### **6. Cathaoirleach's Business**

#### **7. Annual Meeting**

#### **8. Redevelopment of Town Hall, George's Square**

#### **9. Environmental Improvements**

#### **10. Update on Museum Development**

#### **11. Monthly Financial Statement**

#### **12. Balbriggan Town Council Annual Awards 2006**



**13. Christmas Lights**



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> July 2006**

**Councillors Present:**

Bedell, Heidi	Harford, Monica
Brown, Sean	McKeon, May
Buckley, Gerry	Pyne, Ned
Dunne, Larry	Shields, Gertie
Hammond, Kathleen	

**Officials Present:**

Mr. Richard Brady, Town Manager  
Mr. Brian Murray, Meetings Administrator  
Mr. Margaret Wilde, F.C.C

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2006 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Dunne.
- (ii) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council annual general meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2006 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor Shields.

**2. Correspondence**

**A. Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Acknowledgement Letter dated 9/6/2006 received from the Office of the Minister, Department of Transport regarding uninsured cars being driven on Irish roads circulated and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 23/6/2006 received from Office of the Minister, Department of Transport regarding non-insurance of motor vehicles circulated and noted. The Town Clerk to write.
- (iii) Letter dated 27/6/2006 received from Office of the Minister, Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government regarding sales of spray paints circulated and noted.

**2.**

**B. Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 31/5/2006 received from Transportation Department regarding flashing beacon lights circulated and noted

**2.**

**C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 13/6/2006 received from An Garda Síochána regarding anti-social behaviour circulated and noted
- (ii) Letter dated 23/6/2006 received from Passage West Town Council regarding Disability Allowance income to be omitted from standard means tests circulated and noted.
- (iii) E-mail dated 6/6/2006 received from Boyle County Council regarding purchase of new buses by Bus Éireann circulated and noted.



- (iv) E-mail dated 3/7/2006 received from Boyle Town Council regarding Electoral Amendment Act 2002 circulated and noted. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would circulate to the members the provisions of the Act referred to. The Town Clerk to seek clarification and circulate to the members.
- (v) Letter dated 26/6/2006 received from AMAI regarding proposed amendment to the AMAI Constitution circulated and noted.

2.

**D. Conferences**

- (i) Letter dated 19/6/2006 received from Tom Ryan Director A.M.A.I. enclosing Notice of the A.M.A.I. Annual Conference circulated and noted.  
It was agreed that Councillor Brown and Councillor Shields would attend.

2.

**E. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 13/6/2006 received from Jean Fay-Brady Chairperson Balbriggan ar Aghaidh regarding Community Facilities Needs Analysis & Strategy circulated and noted. It was agreed by the members that the Cathaoirleach would represent the Town Council on this committee.
- (ii) Invitation received from Parish Office, St. Peter & Paul's Church regarding the rededication of the Church circulated and noted. It was agreed by the members that the Cathaoirleach would attend.

3. **Questions**

(i) **Question submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**

To ask the Manager when will Fingal County Council commence upgrading the public lane way from Castleland Court to Craobhin Park and have they received the contribution of €12,951 as per condition 20 of register reference F98BA/1195 and if so on what date?

**Reply:**

There is no provision for this work in the Transportation Department's Programme of Works 2006. The works will be included for consideration in the preparation of the 2007 Programme of Works.

Financial contributions in respect of Reg.Ref.F98A/1195 have been paid in full and this includes payment in respect of Condition No.20.

Payments in this case were made in three instalments, 03/06/03,15/06/04 and 01/07/04.

(ii) **Question submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**

To ask the Manager to please provide copies all deeds conveyances/assignments of leases and any other relevant documents including maps which clearly outline the present legal position in relation to Balbriggan Town Council's Legal Title to the Balbriggan Town Hall?

**Reply:**

The information requested is being complied and will be made available in the near future.



(iii) **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

To ask the Manager what areas in Balbriggan will have affordable housing available?

**Reply:**

The main provision of affordable housing in Balbriggan is at Dun Saithne, Flemington Lane and Balrothery.

**4. Motions**

(i) **Motion submitted by Councillor Heidi Bedell**

"Balbriggan Town Council arrange to organise an International Cultural Exchange event in September with attractions such as international food tastings, music and dance open to all residents in Balbriggan in order to aid the integration of all cultures living in Balbriggan"

Proposed by Councillor Bedell, seconded by Councillor Buckley

Motion passed.

Following discussion it was agreed that the timescale is not practical. Councillor Bedell to liaise with the schools and furnish a list of interested organisations to the office.

(ii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to upgrade the public lane way from Castleland Court Estate to Craobhin Park"

Proposed by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Dunne

Motion passed.

(iii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Justice to introduce legislation whereby asylum seekers and non nationals found guilty of serious criminal offences in Ireland, would be immediately deported"

Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Harford

Motion passed.

(iv) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Health and Children to provide regular smear testing free of charge to non medical card holders to enable early detection of cancer"

Proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Pyne

Motion passed.

(v) **Motion submitted by Councillor Heidi Bedell**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to arrange for the provision of a new bin outside the entrance to the train station where the bus stops as there is a growing litter problem in that area"

Proposed by Councillor Bedell, seconded by Councillor Harford

Motion passed.



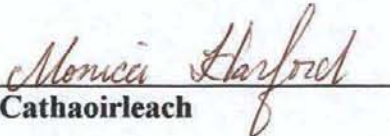
- (vi) **Motion submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**  
“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Department of Justice, Equality & Law Reform to review Garda Resources in the Balbriggan District to ensure that all areas of our criminal justice legislation are properly enforced and compiled with”  
Proposed by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Hammond  
Motion passed.
- (vii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**  
“Balbriggan Town Council provide at least two pieces of traditional seating for the area surrounding the Civic Offices on the Town Square”  
Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Buckley  
During discussion of this item, the Town Manager requested the members to give the current seats an opportunity be used by the community and to review the matter after a short period.  
Motion passed.
- (viii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**  
“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to issue householders with the necessary information to apply for tax relief on bin charges”  
Proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Brown  
Motion passed.

**5. Cathaoirleach's Business**

- (i) An Cathaoirleach advised the members that she had attended the Annual General Meeting of Fingal County Council, and requested the Town Manager to express her thanks to all concerned.
- (ii) An Cathaoirleach advised the members that she had attended an information evening organised by Bredge Tuite of the ACCESS Group, and requested a letter be forwarded to Bredge thanking her for the invitation.
- (iii) Councillor Shields raised the issue of protests by residents at Moylaragh. During discussion of this item, Councillor Shields requested that a meeting be arranged between the elected members, representatives of the residents and the Councils Planning and Transportation Departments. The Town Manager explained that the Council's Planning and Transportation officials may not be in a position to attend as a planning application has been submitted.  
It was agreed that the Town Clerk would circulate details of the planning application and arrange a meeting if possible in the coming week.
- (iv) The Cathaoirleach informed the members that the County Manager would be leaving to take up his new post with Dublin County Council in September. It was agreed that a letter be forwarded thanking the manager for his support and wishing him well for the future.
- (v) It was agreed to send a letter to Mr. Paddy Gilesnan thanking him for his voluntary effort in removing debris from the harbour recently and improving the appearance of the town.



- (vi) It was agreed to send a letter of congratulations to Thomas Murphy on his achievement at being selected to the Ireland under 13 Cricket team.
6. **Election of BAPA representative and substitute representative**  
It was agreed by the members that Councillor Hammond would be the representative and that Councillor Bedell would be the substitute representative.
7. **Redevelopment of Town Hall, George's Square**  
The Town Manager gave a verbal report on the progress of the development and that the Library staff would be commencing preliminary stocking of books in the coming week.
8. **Environmental Improvements**
- (i) The Town Clerk informed the members that the open space opposite the Garda Station has been landscaped.
  - (ii) The Town Clerk circulated briefing documents from the Environment and Transportation Departments.  
The Town Clerk circulated information regarding Baths Road Resurfacing, Launch/Promotion of Town Feeder Bus and George's Hill footpaths.
  - (iii) The Town Clerk informed the members that he had met with representatives of Fingal County Council Environment, Parks, Transportation and Water Services Departments. Following the meetings, the Parks Department arranged a clean up of the open space at Quay Street Car Park, further landscaping works are to be carried out shortly by Water Services.
9. **Update on Museum Development**  
The Town Manager advised the members that he is working on a business plan. A meeting is to be arranged with the Historical Society in the coming weeks.
10. **Monthly Financial Statement**  
The Town Clerk circulated the Monthly Financial Statement. The Cathaoirleach requested the members to raise any queries at the September meeting or with the Town Clerk.
11. **Balbriggan Town Council Annual Awards 2006**
- (i) It was agreed that a meeting would be arranged for next week.
  - (ii) It was agreed that The Town Clerk make arrangement for the judging of the gardens.

  
Cathaoirleach



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5<sup>th</sup> July 2006.

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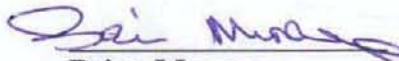
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HELD ON TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> September 2006**

**Councillors Present:**

Bedell, Heidi	Harford, Monica
Brown, Sean	McKeon, May
Buckley, Gerry	Pyne, Ned
Dunne, Larry	Shields, Gertie
Hammond, Kathleen	

**Officials Present:**

Mr. Richard Brady, Town Manager  
Mr. Brian Murray, Meetings Administrator  
Mr. Margaret Wilde, F.C.C

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**Reply:** 1. Balbriggan: Balbriggan is identified as a Large Growth Town in the Regional Planning Guidelines for the Greater Dublin Area and in the context of this major classification, the Fingal County Development Plan has zoned approx. 250 hectares of land for residential and major town centre use to the north/west (Naul Road area) and south (Castlelands). The potential population yield from these lands at a medium density of 40 houses per hectare is circa 25,000 to 27,500 persons.

This is more than adequate to accommodate predicted population growth for Balbriggan to 2011.

2. Skerries: Skerries does not have designated growth town status under the RPG's. Notwithstanding potential infill residential development in the town core (capable of accommodating additional infill population growth), existing zoned lands at Barnageeragh/Skerries rail station area/Hacketstown has the capacity to accommodate a further 1250 -1350 housing units, capable of accommodating further population growth in the region of 4000 persons. This is adequate to accommodate predicted population growth for Skerries to 2011.

(ii) **Question submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**

To ask the Manager for an update on the development of Bremore Port?

**Reply:** Following the announcement of details of a major study undertaken by Baxter Eadie UK Ltd on behalf of Drogheda Port Co., which earmarked Bremore as the optimal location for a major deepwater port, the Port company commissioned HR Wallingford (U.K.) to prepare a suggested port masterplan for the development of the Bremore deepwater port.

This masterplan will ultimately form the basis for more definitive and detailed development plans for the Port. The timescale for the display of these more definitive port plans is not yet available and in any event they are contingent on the port company being successful in their quest for deepwater port funding from the EU and other sources.

The estimated cost of the proposed port plans has been assessed in the region of €100m.

(iii) **Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

To ask the Manager why are 10 houses boarded up in Pinewood estates when so many people are on the housing list?

**Reply:** The Council is aware of the number of vacant houses in Pinewood Green Estate. In all instances where dwellings are returned to the Council it is necessary to carry out repairs and remedial works, sometimes extensive in nature. In some cases there are legal or estate management problems relating to surrender. It sometimes happens that the offer of accommodation is refused. It is expected that all or most of the vacant dwellings will become available for letting within the next 6 weeks.



(iv) **Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

To ask the Manager why has nothing yet been done to clear up the bags of rubbish, old fencing and rat-infested growth at the Lambeeher entrance to St. Mologa's School, before a new school term has started?

**Reply:** Arrangements are in hand to have the overgrowth in question trimmed back.

(v) **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

To ask the Manager is the building under construction next door to Supervalu in Drogheda Street in contravention of planning agreement due to height of structure?

**Reply:** The building currently under construction at 37-49, Drogheda St., Balbriggan, is being developed on foot of a permission granted under reg.ref.F03A/0687 (as amended by reg.ref.F06A/0048). The development is proceeding in accordance with the permission granted.

(vi) **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

To ask the Manager when will the roundabout at Balbriggan Church be put in order?

**Reply:** Arrangements are being made to have maintenance work carried out at the roundabout at the entrance to Balbriggan.

(vii) **Question submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**

To ask the Manager to indicate which of the following estates are not in charge of Fingal County Council to date:

Westbrook, Chapel Gate, Ashfield, Templeville, Mount Rochford, Clonuske, New Haven, Cardy Rock, Moylaragh, Barons Hall, Chieftains Way, Castlelands, Ardgillan.

**Reply: List of Estates not in charge of Fingal County Council**

Westbrook (Phase 1) taken in charge on 13/2/06

Chapel Gate taken in charge on 10/2/03

Ashfield taken in charge on 10/5/05

Templeville taken in charge on 14/7/03

Mount Rochford not in charge

Clonuske not in charge

New Haven not in charge

Cardy Rock not in charge

Moylaragh not in charge

Barons Hall not in charge

Chieftains Way not in charge

Castlelands taken in charge on 14/7/03

Ardgillan taken in charge on 10/5/04

(viii) **Question submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**

To ask the Manager are Fingal County Council planning to build a large playground/park with car park, toilet facilities in a suitable location in the Balbriggan area?

**Reply:** In the Balbriggan area the council currently has a large playground at Ardgillan Demesne and a neighbourhood size playground is under construction at Chapel Gate. No further playground proposals have been approved though the council is seeking additional sites suitable for the provision of playgrounds. Residents of Bath Road/Lambeeher have requested



that their estate be considered for the provision of a playground and this request is being considered.

**(ix) Question submitted by Councillor May McKeon**

To ask the Manager can the Transport Section give an indication as to when the residents in the area can expect to view the plans of the footpath/cyclelane which the Council has already made a commitment to provide from Cardy Rock to Lambeecher Estate, in the interest of road safety to and from St. Mologa's School.

**Reply:** A meeting is being arranged for next week to discuss the details of the proposed footpath/cycleway from Cardy Rock to Lambeecher Estate. The members of the Town Council will be advised in the coming days of the date of the meeting and will be invited to attend.

**(x) Question submitted by Councillor May McKeon**

To ask the Manager when can the applicants for Social Housing who were allocated houses at Dun Saithne, Flemington Lane (in February 2006) expect to occupy these houses and make some plans for their future.

**Reply:** There are a total of 124 Social Housing Units planned for Dun Saithne, Phase 1, Flemington Lane. Of this number 48 units have been allocated and occupied to date. A further 19 have been allocated and will be occupied within the next fortnight. The balance of units are expected before the end of the year.

**(xi) Question submitted by Councillor May McKeon**

It is almost twelve months since Fingal County Council officials, the Chamber of Commerce and the then Cathaoirleach of the town Council made a decision regarding a "feature" on the Church Roundabout. Can the Manager arrange with the appropriate department to have the Roundabout cleared of weeds as it presently creates an eyesore at the entrance to Balbriggan while awaiting the arrival of the "feature"?

**Reply:** Discussions are ongoing with the Council's Corporate Services, Transportation and Parks Department in relation to the erection of a feature at the roundabout in question. It is hoped that arrangements can be made in the very near future to have a plinth erected prior to the placing of the sculpture.

**4. Motions**

**(i) Motion submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**

"Balbriggan Town Council calls on the Parks Department, Fingal County Council to arrange a meeting with the residents of Chapel Gate (details supplied) to discuss the problems of anti-social behaviour on their door steps".

Proposed by Councillor Pyne, seconded by Councillor Bedell

Motion passed.

**(ii) Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

" Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to ensure private land owners pay for the cost of clearing up filth left around illegal caravan sites on their land".

Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Hammond

Motion passed.

During discussion of the motion, the manger informed the members he was awaiting a report on the situation at Seabanks and would forward same to the members.



- (iii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**  
“Balbriggan Town Council call on An Garda Síochána, where it is obvious that persons are victims of abuse and violence and are reluctant to press charges through fear or mental incapability, to proceed charges on the reliable evidence of a witness/witnesses in order to avoid the situation resulting in murder”.  
Proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Hammond  
Motion passed.
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“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Government to introduce a Planning Bill in front of the Oireachtas to change our current planning legislation with particular emphasis on:
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  - Changes in the executive functions of Local Authorities
  - Establishment of Planning Ombudsman
  - Site Notices in relation to planning permission
  - Abolition of Management Companies for Residential Housing Estates
  - Strict Controls on Developers and their Directors
  - Greater powers for Health & Safety Authority in relation to Road Standards
- Proposed by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Dunne  
Following a show of hands An Cathaoirleach declared the motion lost.
- (v) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**  
“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Transportation Department, Fingal County Council to install traffic lights or zebra crossings at the entrance of Moylaragh Estate”.  
Proposed by Councillor Buckley, seconded by Councillor Hammond  
Motion passed.
- (vi) **Motion submitted by Councillor Heidi Bedell**  
“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to consider putting a zebra crossing on the Skerries Road near the entrance to Fancourt Heights”.  
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Motion passed.
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“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to provide a report on the requirements for private land owners whose land is adjacent to public right of ways or roads, or private dwellings to fence off the land to prevent illegal camp sites or face court proceedings under Environment/Pollution Acts”  
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Motion passed.
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Motion passed.



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Motion passed.

5. **Cathaoirleach’s Business**

- (i) An Cathaoirleach requested that consideration be given that the Town Council sponsor a new banner for the local Lourdes Pilgrimage Committee
- (ii) An Cathaoirleach congratulated the Tidy Towns Committee on their recent improved performance in the national competition. It was agreed a letter of congratulations be sent to the tidy Towns Committee in recognition of their efforts.

6. **Redevelopment of Town Hall, George’s Square**

The Town Manager, Mr. Dick Brady informed the members that the security fencing had been taken down in the Square, the public lights were commissioned and the Library was currently being stocked and was due to open in mid October

He asked the members to give consideration to the arrangements for an official opening date.

7. **Environmental Improvements**

The Town Clerk informed the members that the remedial works were ongoing at roundabout at the Church and a further report would be given on the progress of the sculpture at the October meeting. The Town Clerk informed the members that the landscaping works at Quay Street following the completion of the sewerage were substantially complete.

8. **Monthly Financial Statement**

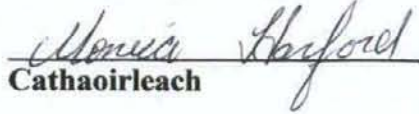
The Town Clerk circulated the Financial Statement



9. **Balbriggan Town Council Annual Awards 2006**

The members agreed that the venue for this years Awards night would be the Bracken Court Hotel.

It was agreed by the members to hold a meeting on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 2006 at 7.30pm. to discuss the nominations received.

  
Cathaoirleach



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6<sup>th</sup> September 2006.

**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 Meán Fómhair 12 2006 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 **12<sup>th</sup> September, 2006 at 7.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, George's Square, Balbriggan** to consider the following agenda.

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

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HELD ON TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> October 2006**

**Councillors Present:** Bedell, Heidi Harford, Monica  
McKeon, May Gertie, Shields  
Buckley, Gerry Dunne, Larry

**Apologies:** Pyne, Ned Hammond, Kathleen  
Browne, Sean

**Officials Present:** Mr. Stephen Peppard, Acting Town Manager  
Mr. Brian Murray, Meetings Administrator  
Ms. Maureen Finn, F.C.C

An Cathaoirleach proposed a vote of sympathy to the Fanning Family on the recent death of their mother, Margaret Fanning. It was agreed to send a letter of condolences.

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**D. Conferences**

- (i) LAMA Annual Winter Seminar on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> November 2006  
Councillor Harford and Councillor McKeon confirmed they will attend.

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**E. Other Correspondence**

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**Questions**

(i) **Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

To ask the Manager how many weeks will it take to execute the Enforcement Order to remove travellers from the illegal site on Bath Road? Will it be immediately fenced off at the owner's expense?

**Reply:**

An Order from the Circuit Court is being sought pursuant to Section 160 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 in relation to all unauthorised development/unauthorised uses of the lands at Stevensons Factory, Seabanks, Balbriggan including the placing of caravans on site and the use of the lands as a caravan park. This file has been forwarded to the Law Department and a request has been made to obtain an early Court date. Balbriggan Town Council will be kept informed of the progress.

The issue of securing the site from further encampment will be included in the proceedings.

(ii) **Question submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne**

Will Fingal County Council inform Balbriggan Town Council of;

- a) The total amount of revenue collected in development levy contributions in the Balbriggan area since the enactment of the relevant legislation.
- b) The total amount expended in the Balbriggan area by the Council derived from the development levy contributions.
- c) The names of the projects and/or works that have been funded or part funded from development levy contributions in the Balbriggan area

**Reply:**

- a) The Councils' Development Contribution Scheme which was prepared in accordance with Section 48 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 and adopted by the elected members on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2003 is a Countywide Scheme and the levies applied are in respect of public infrastructure and facilities benefiting development in the area of the planning authority. The levies are applied and collected on a countywide basis. It would not be possible to provide details of levies collected in the Balbriggan area. However, if the Councillor can



identify specific developments in the Balbriggan area, details can be provided as to the total amount of levies received from developers.

- b) Having regard to the fact that the Scheme is a Countywide Scheme as outlined above it would not be possible to provide details of levies expended in the Balbriggan area.
- c) The Councils' Development Contribution Scheme contains a list of projects to be financed from development levies in the years to 2009 and a number of projects are in the Balbriggan area. Details of the Scheme are available on the Fingal County Council website.

**(iii) Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**

To ask the Manager for a report on the proposed community facility at Bremore Road.

**Reply:**

Provision has been made in the Council's current Three Year Capital Programme for this project. Resources to the value of €2,500,000 in the form of land, have been designated within the Programme for the benefit of O'Dwyers. This provision will be repeated in the 2007-2009 Programme, which is in the process of being presented to the County Council.

Discussions have taken place between representatives of the Council and the Club. In the course of the most recent meeting, the Council requested a copy of the Club's Business Plan for the new facility. The Club indicated that this Plan would be forwarded to the Council and it is awaited.

**(iv) Question submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**

To ask the Manager for a report on the requirement of the developers of the new town houses at Cherry Garth to provide adequate signage.

**Reply:**

A site inspection revealed that the townhouse development at Cherry Garth is appropriately numbered. The Planning Authority if the Balbriggan Town Council so wish can liaise with the developer regarding the provision of appropriately located name signage.

**(v) Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**

To ask the Manager when will the weeds/overgrown grass along the footpaths/kerbs in Curran Park be cleaned up?

**Reply:**

Arrangements have been made to examine the area and a formal report will be forwarded to Balbriggan Town Council.

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To ask the Manager can he arrange to provide a concrete kerb at the edge of the open space at the Skerries Road from Fancourt Heights to Hampton Cove.

**Reply:**

Arrangements have been made to examine the area and a formal report will be forwarded to Balbriggan Town Council.

**(vii) Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**

To ask the Manager can he arrange for an inspection of the weeds growing along the roadside/kerb edges in Balbriggan.



**Reply:**

Arrangements have been made to examine the area and a formal report will be forwarded to Balbriggan Town Council.

**(viii) Question submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**

To ask the Manager for a report on the provision of signage at Dun Saithne Housing Development.

**Reply:**

The permanent signage for Dun Saithne Estate will be put on order this week by the Building Contractor. In the mean time for the Contractor has erected temporary signage to facilitate the residents.

**(ix) Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**

To ask the Manager to provide a report on the proposed shopping centre at Clonard.

**Reply:**

A scheme for a proposed major shopping centre development on zoned 'MC' lands at Naul Road is being prepared by the architects acting on behalf of the main landowner at this location. To date, a planning application has not been submitted to Fingal County Council.

**(x) Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**

To ask the Manager for a report on the developers requirement to provide public lighting in New Haven Estate.

**Reply:**

Phase 1 of this development was granted planning permission under Pl. Ref: F01A/0911. Condition No. 7 of this permission requires the provision of public lighting. Phase 2 of this development was granted planning permission under Pl. Ref: F03A/1681. Condition No. 10 of this permission requires the provision of public lighting.

In the Planning Inspector's report presented to the Balbriggan/Swords Area Committee Meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> September 2006, it was reported that public lighting is in working order in Phase 1 of this housing development. This report also notes that all outstanding works within Phase 2 of this development are to be completed by the end of October as advised by the site foreman. This report concludes by stating that this site will be monitored until completion to ensure that all works are carried out in accordance with the planning permission granted.

**(xi) Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**

To ask the manager to identify locations where vehicles carrying disabled persons can set down in the vicinity of Georges Square in order to visit the library, town hall and shops.

**Reply:**

During the preparation of the Balbriggan Parking Management Scheme, Fingal County Council consulted with accessibility group 'FADE' in conjunction with 'Fingal Access for All' representatives on a number of occasions regarding accessibility requirements in the town. They expressed general satisfaction with the overall scheme. The Council's Transportation Department are willing to discuss any further requirements regarding set down parking areas for vehicles carrying disabled persons.



**4. Motions**

**(i) Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on Iarnród Eireann to give an approximate date when we can expect to see the re-installment of the foot bridge at the Ladies Stairs"

Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Dunne.

Motion passed.

The Town Manager agreed to have a report from Fingal County Council forwarded to the members in the coming week.

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

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Justice, Equality & Law Reform to amend the Jury Act 1996 so that the maximum age be reduced from 70 to 65 years and to review the use of the Electoral Register as it does not provide details of date of birth resulting in senior citizens being summoned for jury service."

Proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Buckley.

Following a show of hands An Cathaoirleach declared the motion was passed.

**(iii) Motion submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Health Service Executive to review the operation of its housing facility in Pineridge Estate as occupants appear to be loitering in adjacent estates in the evening"

Following a discussion it was agreed to defer the motion.

**(iv) Motion submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne**

"Balbriggan Town Council call upon Fingal County Council to provide on a quarterly basis the amounts collected in the Balbriggan area in respect of development levy contributions, details of all projects and/or works in the Balbriggan area that have been funded or part funded from development levy contributions and the total amounts spent in the Balbriggan area collected under the development levy scheme.

Proposed by Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor Harford.

Motion passed.

The Town Manager advised the members that details of monies allocated to projects are outlined in the Fingal County Council three year Capital Programme and this will be forwarded to the members in the coming weeks.

**(v) Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to expedite the repair/replacement of broken man-holes in the town, as a matter urgency".

Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Dunne.

Motion passed.

**5. Cathaoirleach's Business**

(a) An Cathaoirleach informed the meeting that she had attended the Launch of the Festival of Arts and requested a letter be forwarded to the committee thanking them for the invitation. An Cathaoirleach informed the meeting that the Arts Festival Committee had requested the use of the Town Hall for Festival events by way of sponsorship. The members agreed that the Town Hall be made available during the Festival and the Town Clerk to make the necessary arrangements

(b) An Cathaoirleach informed the meeting that she had attended the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Meals on Wheels. It was agreed to forward a letter



congratulating the committee on their anniversary and thanking them for the invitation.

- (c) An Cathaoirleach informed the meeting she had attended Balscadden Youth Club and presented them with their St. Patrick's day trophy and a framed Town Crest.
- (d) An Cathaoirleach informed the meeting that she has made representations on the issues raised at the recent meeting with Pinewood Green Estate Management Committee and was awaiting replies.
- (e) Councillor Bedell informed the meeting that the Women of Multiculture Group were holding a Food Fair in the Bracken Court Hotel on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2006 and were seeking sponsorship. It was agreed by the members to make a contribution in the sum of €250. The Town Manager agreed that Fingal County Council would also provide sponsorship in the sum of €250.
- (f) An Cathaoirleach informed the meeting that the Balbriggan Awareness of Drugs committee had requested the use of the Town Hall for the Annual Vigil on 8th December 2006, which was agreed by the members.
- (g) An Cathaoirleach acknowledged the presence of the residents of Seabanks and thanked them for attending the meeting.  
The Town Clerk gave a verbal report on the current position regarding the travellers at Seabanks. An Cathaoirleach informed the meeting that a meeting with the residents will be arranged shortly.

**6. Redevelopment of Town Hall, George's Square**

- (a) An Cathaoirleach raised the issue of the official opening of the Town Hall and Library. The Town Manager requested the members to contribute their views. Following discussion it was agreed to hold the opening in the New Year and the members to forward their ideas to the Cathaoirleach before the November meeting when the proposed arrangements will be brought to the members.
- (b) The Town Manager and Town Clerk informed the members that agreement had been reached with the Citizens Information Service on the letting of the office unit and the retail unit. A detailed report will be forwarded to the members at the November meeting. It is envisaged that the Citizens Information Service will move into the office unit next week and open to the public shortly after. The occupation of the retail unit will follow as soon as the building contractor completes the outstanding works.
- (c) The Town Manager informed the members that there were outstanding works, which prevented the letting of the conference facilities outside office hours. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would make arrangements for the letting of the facilities to the public during office hours until the issues with the building contractor were resolved.
- (d) The Town Manager informed the members that the car park had not been handed over by the contractor. The arrangements for the operation of the car park have not been finalised and the members will be kept fully informed.



- (e) The Town Clerk informed the members that the Environmental Services Department, Fingal County Council were examining the provision of bins on George's Square and the members will be kept informed.
- (f) The Town Manager thanked the Town Council on behalf of Fingal County Council and the Mayor of El Prat for their hospitality on the recent visit on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2006.

**7. Environmental Improvements**

- (a) Councillor Dunne raised the issued of litter at Seabanks and it was agreed to contact the Litter Warden to arrange a further inspection of the location.
- (b) Councillor Shields raised the issue of rat infestation at Seabanks be attended to. It was agreed to contact the Health Service Executive.
- (c) It was agreed that the Town Clerk request Fingal County Council to inspect the chimneystack at Seabanks which is a protected structure for alleged misuse.
- (d) The Town Clerk informed the members that there were difficulties with the contractor regarding works for the roundabout sculpture. A further report will be provided at the November meeting. Councillor McKeon requested that a press release be prepared to inform the public of the proposed sculpture.

**8. Monthly Financial Statement**

- (a) Monthly financial statement was circulated and noted. The Town Clerk dealt with the queries raised by the members.
- (b) The Town Clerk informed the members that the fixing of the Annual Budget Meeting will be discussed at the November meeting and requested the members to consider holding the meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2006 following the December Statutory meeting.

**9. Balbriggan Town Council Annual Awards 2006**

An Cathaoirleach and the members expressed their delight that the Annual Awards evening had been a great success. An Cathaoirleach thanked the Town Manager, Town Clerk and staff for their organisation of the Awards. The Town Clerk thanked the Cathaoirleach and the members for their co-operation on behalf of himself and the staff.

**10. St. Patrick's Day 2007**

An Cathaoirleach informed the meeting that the members would like to see if a new Review Stand could be erected on George's Square for next year's parade. It was agreed to raise this item at the next Garda Meeting. It was agreed to discuss greater participation by the business community with the Chamber of Commerce.

**11. Town Christmas Lights**

It was agreed that a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce be arranged.



The Town Clerk informed the members that the Parks Department had been requested to provide a Christmas Tree on George's Square.

*Monica Harford.*  
**Monica Harford**  
**Cathaoirleach**



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4<sup>th</sup> October 2006.

**DO GACH BALL DE COMHAIRLE BHAILE BRIGÍN**

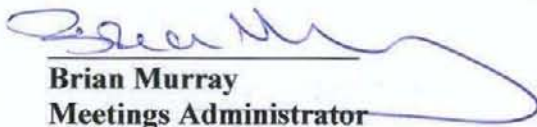
A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Bhaile Brigín Comhairle a thionolfar ar Deireadh Fómhair 10 2006 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 **10<sup>th</sup> October, 2006 at 7.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, George's Square, Balbriggan** to consider the following agenda.

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

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**Brian Murray**  
Meetings Administrator



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- 11. **Town Christmas Lights**



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> November 2006**

<b>Councillors Present:</b>	Bedell, Heidi Gertie, Shields Buckley, Gerry	Harford, Monica Browne, Sean
<b>Apologies:</b>	Pyne, Ned, Dunne, Larry	McKeon, May Hammond, Kathleen
<b>Officials Present:</b>	Mr. Richard Brady, Town Manager Mr. Brian Murray, Meetings Administrator Ms. Maureen Finn, F.C.C	

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2006 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Bedell, seconded by Councillor Shields.

**2. Correspondence**

**A. Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 19/10/2006 received from Department of Health & Children regarding free mandatory health screening was circulated and noted.  
Town Clerk to reply to Minister of Health.

**2.**

**B. Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 2/10/2006 received from Senan Turnbull, Director of Services Community Recreation & Amenities regarding to finish off the parks and green areas around Balbriggan was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 2/10/2006 received from Senan Turnbull, Director of Services Community Recreation & Amenities regarding suitable site for skateboard park was circulated and noted.
- (iii) Letter dated 4/10/2006 received from Environment Department regarding private land owners pay for the cost of clearing up after caravan sites on private lands was circulated and noted.
- (iv) Letter dated 4/10/2006 received from Environment Department regarding requirements for private landowners fencing off land to prevent illegal camp sites was circulated and noted.
- (v) Letter dated 17/10/2006 received from Community, Recreation & Amenities Department regarding amelioration work on the footpath along the front beach was circulated and noted.

**2.**

**C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) E-mail received from Ballinasloe Town Council regarding completion of developments as per the planning permission issued was circulated and noted.



2.

**D. Conferences**

No items under this heading

2.

**E. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 29/9/2006 received from Mary Duffey regarding various issues near the beach and bandstand areas at Seapanks was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 28/9/2006 received from Eoin & Dolores McGarry & Audrey Campbell regarding a copy of Ms. Angela Cashell's document dated 21/9/2006 was circulated and noted.
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- (iv) Letter dated 26/10/2006 received from Iarnród Eireann regarding "Lady's Stairs" was circulated and noted.

3. **Questions**

(i) **Question submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**

To ask the Manager why the road conditions in the Balbriggan Area are falling behind acceptable Health and Safety Standards?

**Reply:**

Due to the general nature of the question it is not possible to provide an adequate reply. If specific locations can be identified, the matter can be investigated. It can be confirmed, however, that The Roads Maintenance Section of the Transportation Department undertakes an extensive Programme of Works every year throughout the county of Fingal and including the Balbriggan area comprising of footpath reconstruction and repair and also resurfacing, surface dressing, strengthening, drainage works, remedying defects arising from wear and tear and pot-hole repairs on the county roads most in need of repair.

In addition the Winter maintenance programme is carried out by the Council for the salting of the roads.

In the years 2005 and 2006 Transportation Programme of Works provision was made for the following works in the Balbriggan area:

**2005**

Fancourt Heights, Balbriggan – Footpath Improvements	- €12,000
Craoibhin Park, Balbriggan - Footpath Improvements	- €20,000
Inner Relief Road, Balbriggan - Footpath Improvements	- €11,000
Derham Park, Balbriggan - Footpath Improvements	- €10,000
Knightswood Park/Rosepark Balrothery	- Road Resurfacing - €10,000



Bremore, Balbriggan	- Flood Relief Works 2005/2006	- €37,000
Bridgefoot Road, Balbriggan	- Surface Dressing	- €23,400
Market Green, Balbriggan	- Surface Dressing	- €32,000
Bog Road, Ring Commons, Balbriggan	- Surface Dressing	- €80,600
Chapel Street, Balbriggan	- Traffic Management	- €25,000
Skerries/Balbriggan Road	- Repairs to Sea Wall	- €200,000
Balbriggan, Quay St. Carpark	- Improve Public Lighting	- €15,000
Balbriggan, BEAT centre	- Additional public lighting column at end of cul de sac	- €1,600
Balbriggan, Curran Park	- Resite existing public lighting column & Install additional columns	- €8,000
Balbriggan, Coney Hill	- 4 lights on existing ESB poles	- €2,300
<b><u>2006</u></b>		
Seapoint Lane, Balbriggan	- Surface Dressing/Restoration	- €10,000
Craoibhin Park/Derham Park, Balbriggan	- Footpath Improvements	-€20,000
Tobertown Road, Balscadden, Balbriggan	- Road Resurfacing	-€20,000
Matt Road, Balrothery	- Road Resurfacing	-€25,000
Bremore, Balbriggan	- Flood Relief Works 2006/2007	-€50,000
Knocknagin Road, Balbriggan	- Surface Dressing	-€33,100
Courtlough, Phase 11	-Road Resurfacing	-€80,000
Balbriggan Road/Skerries	-Repairs to Sea Wall	-€120,000
Naul/Balbriggan Road to Motorway –	Temporary Resurfacing	-€160,000
Cardy Rock to Bath Road,		



Balbriggan	– Footpath/Cycle Link to School	-€160,000
Balrothery, Hynespark	-1 new wood pole and public light	-€1,650

In addition to the foregoing the Balbriggan Traffic and Parking Management Scheme was implemented at a cost of €1.8 million.

Also, the Three Year Capital Programme 2007-2009 provides for a number of Road Improvement Schemes in the Balbriggan Area and the timescales involved and a copy of the Programme is attached.

In addition, on a day to day basis, the public roads in the County including Balbriggan are monitored by the Outdoor maintenance staff of the Transportation Department and necessary remedial repairs are undertaken as the need arises.

When new developments are in progress the situation is monitored by the Building Control Engineer in relation to ensuring that the condition of the roads in the area of the developments are maintained to a standard acceptable to the Transportation Department and that all Health and Safety requirements are adhered to.

If the Councillor submits specific details of any location where the road condition is in need of attention this matter will be examined with a view to appropriate remedial measures being undertaken and the Councillor will be informed of the position.

**(ii) Question submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**

To ask the Manager for details on the completion schedule for the upgrading of Flemington Lane?

**Reply:**

Arrangements are being made to resurface Flemington Lane and it is hoped that this work will be undertaken in early 2007.

**(iii) Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

To ask the Manager to have Brick Lane (Supervalu) and back road to Graveyard resurfaced as both are in a very dangerous condition?

**Reply:**

Arrangements are being made for the road referred to in the question to be resurfaced early in 2007.

The Council's Environment Department will investigate the possibility of carrying out remediation works at this location. However, it should be noted that any works carried out here will be limited and will not include the resurfacing of the old road that runs alongside the graveyard.

**4. Motions**

**(i) Motion submitted by Councillor Heidi Bedell**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Transport Department of Fingal County Council to examine the possibility of the addition of speed ramps to the list of



works to be carried out on Flemington Lane due to the previous problem with speeding which existed on that road in the past when the road was in better condition”.

Proposed by Councillor Bedell, seconded by Councillor Buckley  
Motion passed.

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

“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Health Board/Health Service Executive to review the current practice where Medical Card Holders who are prescribed medication following attendance at hospitals (out patients or upon being discharged following a stay in hospital) are issued with prescriptions on hospital prescription forms which they then have to go to their G.P. and have it rewritten on a medical card prescription which can requires two days notice before it can be collected by the patient and then it can be dispensed by the chemist”.

Proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Bedell.  
Motion passed.

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“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for the Environment & Local Government to examine the delay in Fingal County Council spending the Financial Contributions in the areas specified under the planning permissions granted by Fingal County Council and the delay in the taking in charge of Residential Housing Estates by the said Council”.

Proposed by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Harford  
Following a show of hands, Cathaoirleach declared motion lost.

**(iv) Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council, Transportation Department to examine the traffic flow along the main street and provide a report on the efficiency of the existing traffic lights”

Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Buckley.  
Motion passed.

**(iv) Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**

“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council, Environment Service Department to review its operations in order to minimise illegal dumping in the Balbriggan area”

Proposed by Councillor Buckley, seconded by Councillor Bedell.  
Motion passed.

**(vi) Motion submitted by Councillor Heidi Bedell**

“Balbriggan Town Council write to the Director of Public health in the ERHA, the Minister for health, the Department of Water & Drainage in Fingal County Council, the Manager of Fingal County Council and the T.D.s of North Dublin requesting an end to the addition of Fluoride to the public water supply on the grounds that it has been proven to be expensive, unnecessary and poisonous”.

Proposed by Councillor Bedell. Motion not seconded.

As the motion was not seconded, Cathaoirleach declared motion lost.

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“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Government to extend the same employment privileges (i.e. 19 hours) to all social welfare recipients without any interference to their payments and entitlements”.

Councillor Harford informed meeting that she was withdrawing the motion.

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"Balbriggan Town Council ask Fingal County Council to refuse Planning Permission to Housing Development in the garden areas of "The Soldiers Cottages" on the Skerries Road, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin in the interest of sustainable development".

Proposed by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Bedell.

Motion passed.

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Proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Brown.

Motion passed.

5. **Cathaoirleach's Business**

- (i) An Cathaoirleach informed the meeting that she had attended the re-launch of the new Jack Doyle Bar in the Bracken Court Hotel.
- (ii) An Cathaoirleach informed the meeting that she attended the Annual O'Dwyer's GAA dinner dance.
- (iii) An Cathaoirleach informed the meeting that she had attended the Passing Out Parade of the 76<sup>th</sup> /77<sup>th</sup> Platoon at Gormanstown Camp.
- (iv) Town Clerk advised the meeting that the Footpath Improvement Grants in Former Town Commissioners Areas had been forwarded to Department of the Environment by Fingal County Council, Transportation Department. Areas included based in locations submitted by roads.
- (v) Town Clerk advised the meeting that 3 works at George's Hill to be completed in coming weeks.

6. **Redevelopment of Town Hall, George's Square**

Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Citizens Information Service is occupying the office unit. However an ESB supply is awaited for the retail unit.

Councillor Sean Brown queried availability of legal documents. Town Clerk confirmed they were available for inspection.

Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Library is opening on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2006.

7. **Annual Budget Meeting**

It was agreed to hold the Budget Meeting on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 p.m.

Town Clerk informed the members that the Balbriggan Historical Society will be invited to present their proposal on the proposed Museum building at 8.30 p.m. following the budget meeting.

8. **Monthly Financial Statement**

Circulated and noted. Town dealt with queries raised by members.

9. **Christmas Lights**



Councillor Shields gave a verbal report on the meeting of the Christmas Lights Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2006.

It was agreed to turn on the Christmas lights on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2006 following the B.A.D. Vigil.

The Committee to prepare a press release and fundraising letter.

*Monica Harford*  

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Monica Harford  
Cathaoirleach



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8<sup>th</sup> November 2006.

**DO GACH BALL DE COMHAIRLE BHAILE BRIGÍN**

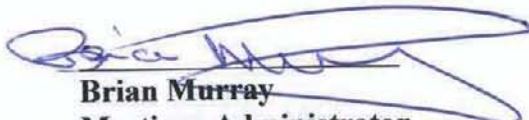
A Chara,

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I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Council will be held on **14<sup>th</sup> November, 2006 at 7.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, George's Square, Balbriggan** to consider the following agenda.

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

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**Brian Murray**  
**Meetings Administrator**



1. **Confirmation of Minutes**
  - (i) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2006 (circulated herewith)
  
2. **Correspondence**
  - A. **Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**
    - (i) Letter dated 19/10/2006 received from Department of Health & Children regarding free mandatory health screening (circulated herewith)
  
  - B. **Correspondence from Fingal County Council**
    - (i) Letter dated 2/10/2006 received from Senan Turnbull, Director of Services Community Recreation & Amenities regarding to finish off the parks and green areas around Balbriggan (circulated herewith)
    - (ii) Letter dated 2/10/2006 received from Senan Turnbull, Director of Services Community Recreation & Amenities regarding suitable site for skateboard park (circulated herewith)
    - (iii) Letter dated 4/10/2006 received from Environment Department regarding private land owners pay for the cost of clearing up after caravan sites on private lands (circulated herewith)
    - (iv) Letter dated 4/10/2006 received from Environment Department regarding requirements for private landowners fencing off land to prevent illegal camp sites (circulated herewith)
    - (v) Letter dated 17/10/2006 received from Community, Recreation & Amenities Department regarding amelioration work on the footpath along the front beach (circulated herewith)
  
  - C. **Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**
    - (i) E-mail received from Ballinasloe Town Council regarding completion of developments as per the planning permission issued (circulated herewith)
  
  - D. **Conferences**

No items under this heading
  
  - E. **Other Correspondence**
    - (i) Letter dated 29/9/2006 received from Mary Duffy regarding various issues near the beach and bandstand areas at Seapanks (circulated herewith)
    - (ii) Letter dated 28/9/2006 received from Eoin & Dolores McGarry & Audrey Campbell regarding a copy of Ms. Angela Cashell's document dated 21/9/2006 (circulated herewith)
    - (iii) Letter dated 18/10/2006 received from Barbara Donnelly regarding BAPA (circulated herewith)
    - (iv) Letter dated 26/10/2006 received from Iarnród Eireann regarding "Lady's Stairs" (circulated herewith)



3. **Questions**

- (i) **Question submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**  
To ask the Manager why the road conditions in the Balbriggan Area are falling behind acceptable Health and Safety Standards?
- (ii) **Question submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**  
To ask the Manager for details on the completion schedule for the upgrading of Flemington Lane?
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To ask the Manager to have Brick Lane (Supervalu) and back road to Graveyard resurfaced as both are in a very dangerous condition?

4. **Motions**

- (i) **Motion submitted by Councillor Heidi Bedell**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Transport Department of Fingal County Council to examine the possibility of the addition of speed ramps to the list of works to be carried out on Flemington Lane due to the previous problem with speeding which existed on that road in the past when the road was in better condition".
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**6. Redevelopment of Town Hall, George’s Square**

**7. Annual Budget Meeting**

**8. Monthly Financial Statement**

**9. Christmas Lights**



**MINUTES OF BUDGET MEETING  
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2007  
HELD ON 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2006**

Councillors Present: Bedell, Buckley, Dunne, Harford, McKeon, Pyne, Shields

Officials Present: Mr. Richard Brady, Town Manager  
Mr. Brian Murray, Meetings Administrator

Apologies: Councillor Brown, Hammond

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Monica Harford presided.

Town Clerk, Brian Murray presented a Financial Statement for 2006 showing revised Expenditure of €71,814.16 and revised Receipts of €84,073.80. Mr. Murray gave a detailed explanation of the items in the statement and explained that the receipts and expenditure for 2006 were below the adopted budget figure due to the delay in the handover of the town Hall to the Council from the building contractor.

Mr. Murray explained to the members that the sum of €2,000 provided in the budget in 2006 in respect of local elections is to make provision for the local elections in 2009 and will be transferred to the capital account. Mr. Murray explained to the members that the sum of €9,415.10 provided and not spend in 2006 will be transferred to the capital account to make provision for legal fees incurred but not yet invoiced by the Council's Law Agent. It was proposed by Councillor Bedell, seconded by Councillor Pyne and agreed by the members to transfer the sum of €9,415.10 in respect of legal fees to the capital account.

Mr. Murray presented the Draft Annual Budget for 2007. Statutory notice had been given in the press and the Draft Budget circulated to the Councillors in advance of the meeting. The draft estimate provides for a total expenditure of €107,000 and an income of €31,000.

There is a net requirement of €76,000 which will be the demand to Fingal County Council in respect of 2007. This would require an Annual Rate on Valuation of €3.00 for 2007 compared to an Annual Rate of Valuation of €2.88 for 2006. 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. Brady and Mr. Murray answered questions from the councillors concerning various matters relating to the Draft budget.

It was proposed by Councillor Heidi Bedell and seconded by Councillor Monica Harford and agreed by the members that the Draft Budget 2007 as presented be adopted.

The meeting concluded at 8.10 p.m.

*Monica Harford*  
CATHAOIRLEACH

*9/1/07*  
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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> December 2006**

**Councillors Present:**            Bedell, Heidi                    Hammond, Kathleen  
   Brown, Sean                    Harford, Monica  
   Dunne, Larry                   Pyne, Ned

**Officials Present:**            Mr. Richard Brady, Town Manager  
   Mr. Brian Murray, Meetings Administrator  
   Mr. Des Bruton, Senior Executive Officer, FCC  
   Ms. Margaret Wilde, F.C.C

**Apologies Received:**            Councillors Buckley, McKeon and Shields

An Cathaoirleach proposed a vote of sympathy to An Post and the family of the PostMaster Mr. Alan Cunniffe who was killed in Kilkenny recently.

On the proposal of the Cathaoirleach it was agreed to vary the agenda to take the Presentation on Local Government (Business Improvement District) Bill 2006 as the first item of business.

**6. Presentation on Local Government (Business Improvement District) Bill 2006**

Mr. Des Bruton, Finance Department, Fingal County Council gave a presentation on the Local Government (Business Improvement District) Bill 2006 and responded to queries raised by the members. An Cathaoirleach and the members thanked Mr. Bruton for an informative and interesting presentation.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2006 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Bedell.

**2. Correspondence**

**A. Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 13/11/2006 received from Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform regarding Garda resources circulated and noted. The Town Clerk to reply to the Minister for Justice, Equality & Law Reform.
- (ii) Letter dated 30/11/2006 received from Minister Brian Lenihan T.D. Office of the Minister for Children regarding mandatory health screening on a free of charge basis circulated and noted

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**B. Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

No items under this heading

2.

**C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**



- (i) Letter dated 14/11/2006 received from Portlaoise Town Council regarding motion passed circulated and noted
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- (ii) Letter dated 24/11/2006 received from Pat Dune, Local Health Manager, HSE regarding prescribed medication following attendance at Hospital circulated and noted

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**D. Conferences**

- (i) Notification received regarding Spring Seminar 2007 9/10<sup>th</sup> February circulated and noted

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**E. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 21/11/2006 received from Dolores and Eoin McGarry regarding caravans at Seabanks circulated and noted

3. **Questions**

(i) **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

To ask the Manager have Fingal County Council plans to install weather glaze windows and doors in council rented accommodation?

**Reply:** The Council have no immediate plans to install weatherglass windows & doors in Council rented accommodation. Maintenance to the windows & doors is carried out under the Council's 7-year cyclical maintenance programme. Should there be issues that need to be addressed within this period regarding individual dwellings, these issues will be examined & appropriate repairs/replacement carried out where necessary.

(ii) **Question submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**

To ask the Manager why further planning is being granted in the Balbriggan Area without the appropriate infrastructure in place in the Balbriggan area?

**Reply:** Developments that have been granted planning permission to-date at Balbriggan relate to locations both within (i) the established urban zoned area of Balbriggan, and, (ii) the new development areas of west and south Balbriggan (areas only which have been the subject of adopted Local Area Plans).

Developments cannot be granted permission in cases where they do not accord with the provisions of the adopted County Development and Local Area Plans and this has not happened to-date.

Situations do, however, exist where there is a lead in time in respect of the development of major infrastructure in the newer housing areas and the Council seeks to facilitate the full implementation of such work as early and as soon as is practical.'

(iii) **Question submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**

To ask the Manager is it compulsory for Fingal County Council to spend the Financial Contributions paid by developers as conditions in planning permissions in the estate/area for which planning permission is granted.

**Reply:** The Development Contribution Scheme has applicability throughout the entire county area.



This scheme has indicated a priority list of infrastructure on a countywide basis.

Financial contributions collected under condition of permissions granted in the county are applied to this scheme.

Levies generated in an area are utilised to fund infrastructural development as prioritised in the scheme.

It is not always the case that a levy collected in a particular area is spent in such area at a particular time.

The major infrastructure required to be put in place in the larger area (which would normally have a longer lead in time) would have priority under the scheme.

#### **4. Motions**

##### **(i) Motion submitted by Councillor Heidi Bedell**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to create a pedestrian path and cycle route from the Phase 1 entrance (on Harry Reynolds Rd) around the corner to the Phase 2 entrance (onto the Naul Rd) of Westbrook to facilitate pedestrians and cyclists and if this is already part of works the developer is supposed to have completed that the Council pursue the body responsible for the works in order to complete them as soon as possible".  
Proposed by Councillor Bedell, seconded by Councillor Hammond.

Motion passed

##### **(ii) Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Social Welfare and Family Affairs to extend the Christmas bonus payment to all Social Welfare recipients".

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Motion passed

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"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to bring the roads and footpaths in the Balbriggan Area up to acceptable standards for the use of road users and pedestrians".

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"Balbriggan Town Council work with the Pinewood Residents Association to establish a new committee to run the Pinewood After-School Programme"

Proposed by Councillor Bedell, seconded by Councillor Pyne.

Motion passed

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"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Energy and the Government to immediately remove the increase on the (supply charge is set charge from meter) and to reimburse consumers".

Proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Larry Dunne.

Motion passed

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Proposed by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Hammond.



Following discussion, Councillor Brown agreed to withdraw the motion.

**5. Cathaoirleach's Business**

- (i) An Cathaoirleach requested the Town Manager and Town Clerk to look at the possibility of providing parking in the underground car park for disabled persons using the library.
- (ii) An Cathaoirleach requested the Town Clerk to contact the Health Service Executive to ensure that the establishment of the Doctor on Call service in Swords will not affect their plans to establish a similar Doctor on Call service based in Balbriggan.
- (iii) An Cathaoirleach thanked the Council staff for their organisation of the Christmas lighting which was a great success.
- (iv) An Cathaoirleach informed the meeting she attended the annual Senior Citizens Christmas party on behalf of the Town Council. An Cathaoirleach proposed to make a donation to the Senior Citizens Committee in the sum of €100 which was agreed by the members.
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**7. Redevelopment of Town Hall, George's Square**

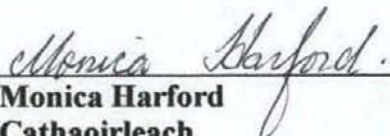
- (i) The Town Clerk informed the members that the official opening is proposed for 20<sup>th</sup> January 2006 which was agreed by the members. The Town Clerk to liaise with Fingal County Council on the arrangements.
- (ii) It was agreed that evening bookings for the hire of the Hamilton Hall and Room will be accepted in January 2007.

**8. Environmental Improvements**

- (i) The Town Clerk informed the meeting that a contractor had been appointed to erect the base for the sculpture on the roundabout adjacent St. Peter & Paul's Church.
- (ii) Town Clerk informed the meeting that the public lights would be switched on at the Church Car Park next Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2007. The exit to the Harry Reynolds Road will also be re-opened.
- (iii) Town Clerk informed the meeting that provision has been made in the Programme of Works 2007 for the Transportation Department to upgrade the laneway at Craobhin Park/Castleland.
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**9. Monthly Financial Statement**

Circulated and noted. Town Clerk dealt with queries raised by members.

  
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**Monica Harford**  
**Cathaoirleach**



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6<sup>th</sup> December 2006.

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**BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL**  
**COMHARILE BHAILE BRIGIN**

**Minutes Of Statutory Meeting Of Balbriggan Town Council**  
**Held On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2007 In The Council Chamber Town Hall @ 7.30**  
**P.M.**

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

**Councillors**  
Bedell, Heidi  
Harford, Monica  
Mc Keon, May  
Dunne, Larry

**Councillors**  
Pyne, Ned  
Buckley, Gerry  
Hammond, Kathleen

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

Mr. Richard Brady, Town Manager, Mr. Brian Murray, Meetings Administrator,  
Ms. Maureen Finn, F.C.C

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor Gertie Shields.

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Monica Harford presided.

**BTC/1/07**

**VOTE OF SYMPATHY**

An Cathaoirleach proposed a vote of sympathy to the families of Caroline Smith Mill Street, Bridget Delahyde - Margaret Harford Curran Park and Oliver Murray - Rosaleen Murray Pinewood Green Road on their recent bereavements. Town Clerk to forward letters of sympathy to the families.

**BTC/2/07**

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of Annual Budget Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2006 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Buckley, seconded by Councillor McKeon.

**BTC/3/07**

Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2006 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor Bedell.

**BTC/4/07**

**GAS SUPPLEMENT CHARGE**

Letter dated 21/12/2006 received from Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources regarding gas supplement charge which was circulated was **noted**.



**BTC/5/07**

**CHRISTMAS BONUS**

Letter dated 28/12/2006 received from Minister for Social and Family Affairs regarding Christmas bonus was circulated and noted.

**BTC/6/07**

**PLANNING APPLICATION – SOLDIERS COTTAGES**

Letter dated 4/12/2006 received from Planning Department regarding Soldiers Cottages was circulated and noted. It was agreed that the Town Clerk forward copies of planning application to the members.

**BTC/7/07**

**FUEL ALLOWANCE**

Letter dated 1/12/2006 received from Nenagh Town Council regarding notice of motion to increase the fuel allowance timescale was circulated and noted.

**BTC/8/07**

**OUTSIDE CONTRACTORS**

Letter dated 8/12/2006 received from Letterkenny Town Council regarding outside contractors working for Councils was circulated and noted.

**BTC/9/07**

**CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS – WESTBROOK ESTATE**

Following an e-mail received An Cathaoirleach requested the Town Manager and Town Clerk to ask the Transportation Department to inspect the area at Westbrook Estate prior to organising a meeting with Transportation Department, Balbriggan Town Council and the residents of Westbrook.

**BTC/10/07**

**DOCTOR ON CALL SERVICE**

An Cathaoirleach requested the Town Clerk to send a follow up letter to the Health Service Executive regarding Doctor on Call Service.

**BTC/11/07**

**APPROVED B&B'S**

An Cathaoirleach requested the Town Clerk to contact Fingal Tourism for a list of approved Bed and Breakfasts in the Balbriggan area and for these to be forwarded to the members.

**BTC/12/07**

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY**



Town Clerk to issue a press release regarding a public meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2007 at 7.30p.m. to discuss the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Town Clerk to write to schools and play schools regarding art, poetry and story competition.

**BTC/13/07**

**REDEVELOPMENT OF TOWN HALL, GEORGE'S SQUARE**

Town Manager advised the members that Minister Dermot Ahern will officiate at the official opening of the Town Hall. Town Clerk will confirm time and details to the members. Town Councillors to forward names to office of any persons they wish to invite.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk seek clarification with Fingal County Council, Planning Department regarding shop signage to the front of the building.

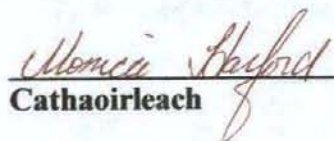
Town Clerk informed the members that the shop unit should be completed in the next few weeks.

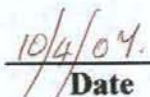
**BTC/14/07**

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The Monthly Financial Statement which was circulated was **noted**. Town Clerk dealt with queries raised by members.

The meeting concluded at 9.30 p.m.

  
Cathaoirleach

  
Date



**BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL**  
**COMHAIRLE BHAILE BRIGÍN**

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3<sup>rd</sup> January 2007.

**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 Eanáir 9 2007 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 **9<sup>th</sup> January, 2007 at 7.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, George's Square, Balbriggan** to consider the following agenda.

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

Is mise le meas,

**Brian Murray**  
**Meetings Administrator**



- 1. Confirmation of Minutes**
  - (i) Minutes of Annual Budget Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2006 (circulated herewith)
  - (ii) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2006 (circulated herewith)
  
- 2. Correspondence**
  - A. Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**
    - (i) Acknowledgement letter dated 21/12/2006 received from Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources regarding gas supplement charge (circulated herewith)
    - (ii) Acknowledgement letter dated 28/12/2006 received from Minister for Social and Family Affairs regarding Christmas bonus (circulated herewith)
  
- 3. Correspondence from Fingal County Council**
  - B.**
    - (i) Letter dated 4/12/2006 received from Planning Department regarding Soldiers Cottages (circulated herewith)
  
- 4. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**
  - C.**
    - (i) Letter dated 1/12/2006 received from Nenagh Town Council regarding notice of motion to increase the fuel allowance timescale (circulated herewith)
    - (ii) Letter dated 8/12/2006 received from Letterkenny Town Council regarding outside contractors working for Councils (circulated herewith)
  
- 5. Conferences**
  - D.**

No items under this heading.
  
- 6. Other Correspondence**
  - E.**

No items under this heading.
  
- 7. Questions**

No items under this heading.
  
- 8. Motion submitted by Councillor**

No items under this heading.
  
- 9. Cathaoirleach's Business**
  
- 10. St. Patrick's Day**
  
- 11. Redevelopment of Town Hall, George's Square**
  
- 12. Monthly Financial Statement**



**BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL**  
**COMHARILE BHAILE BRIGIN**

**Minutes Of Statutory Meeting Of Balbriggan Town Council**  
**Held On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2007 In The Council Chamber Town Hall @**  
**7.30 P.M.**

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

**Councillors**

Bedell, Heidi  
Brown, Sean  
Gerry, Buckley  
Dunne, Larry

**Councillors**

Harford, Monica  
McKeon, May  
Ned, Pyne  
Shields, Gertie

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor Kathleen Hammond.

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Monica Harford presided.

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Mr. Richard Brady, Town Manager, Mr. Brian Murray, Meetings Administrator,  
Ms. Margaret Wilde, Ms Kym Coughlan, Ms Mary McNamara, Ms Rosemary  
Moonan.

**BTC/15/07**

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January  
2007 which had been circulated were submitted, **approved** as a true record  
and signed.

**BTC/16/07**

**HEALTH SCREENING**

Letter dated 5/1/2007 received from Office of the Minister, Department of  
Health & Children regarding introduction of mandatory health screening free  
of charge to all members of the public which was circulated and **noted**.  
It was **agreed** that the Town Clerk write back to the Minister.



**BTC/17/07**

**PRESCRIBED MEDICATION**

Letter received from General Manager Health Service Executive regarding prescribed medication following attendance at Hospital which was circulated and **noted**.

It was **agreed** that the Town Clerk write back Health Service Executive.

**BTC/18/07**

**CHRISTMAS BONUS PAYMENTS**

Letter dated 9/1/2007 received from Seamus Brennan T.D., Minister for Social & Family Affairs regarding changes in the level of Christmas Bonus Payments which was circulated and **noted**.

It was **agreed** that the Town Clerk write back to the Minister.

**BTC/19/07**

**STEPHENSTOWN ROUNDABOUT**

Letter dated 10/1/2007 received from Transportation Department, Fingal County Council, regarding car park only signage at the junction prior to Stephenstown roundabout was circulated and **noted**.

**BTC/20/07**

**TRAFFIC FLOWS**

Letter dated 24/1/2007 received from Transportation Department, Fingal County Council, regarding traffic flow along the Main Street Balbriggan and was circulated and **noted**.

**BTC/21/07**

**HARRY REYNOLDS ROAD**

Email dated 31/1/2007 received from Transportation Department, Fingal County Council, regarding pedestrian path and cycle route Phase 1 entrance Harry Reynolds Road was circulated and **noted**.

**BTC/22/07**

**GAMING CERTIFICATE – AIDAN BISSETT**

Letter dated 15/1/2007 received from F.H. O'Reilly & Co. Solicitors regarding Application for Certificate Aidan Bissett was circulated and **noted**.



It was **agreed** that the Town Council had no objection to the renewal of a gaming licence.

**BTC/23/07**

#### **BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL CREST**

Letter dated 29/1/2007 received from Co-operation Fingal regarding use of Balbriggan Town Crest was circulated and **noted**.  
Following a discussion and a show of hands, An Cathaoirleach declared the majority of members were not in favour of granting consent to the use of the Crest as requested.

**BTC/24/07**

#### **QUESTIONS**

It was agreed by Councillor M. Harford, seconded by Councillor G. Buckley and **resolved**: "That pursuant to Standing Order No. 46 Questions No. 1-12 inclusive be **adopted** and **approved**"

**BTC/25/07**

#### **LANEWAY AT ST. MOLOGA'S SCHOOL**

**Question: Councillor G. Shields**

To ask the Manager why has Fingal County Council taken no action to clear up the appalling condition of the entrance to St. Mologas' School from Lambeechee Estate and the laneway adjoining same?

**Reply:**

The Council has cleaned the laneway adjoining the entrance to St Mologa's School from Lambeechee Estate. The laneway was also treated for rat infestation. The ownership of the area of land between the laneway and the school is being examined.

**BTC/26/07**

#### **UPGRADING AT FLEMINGTON LANE**

**Question: Councillor S. Brown**

To ask the manger what are the plans for the upgrading of Flemington Lane and the time frame involved?

**Reply:**

The upgrading of Flemington Lane is being considered in the context of the preparation of the Draft Transportation Programme of Works for 2007.



### UPGRADING OF NAUL ROAD

**Question: Councillor S. Brown**

To ask the Manager what are the plans for the upgrading of the Naul Road from the cemetery towards the flyover on the M1 Motorway and the timescale involved in particular the footpath sections?

**Reply:**

A scheme for the upgrading of the Naul Road, including new footpaths from the Cemetery to Clonard Cross, Balbriggan has been approved by the Council. The Scheme involves:

- The reconstruction of 1328m of the Naul Road westwards from the Inner Relief Road junction at the Cemetery
- The proposed carriageway is 7m wide for 382m west of the Inner Relief Road junction with extra width for right and left turning lanes. The remainder is a 10m wide single carriageway
- Provision of public lighting, surface water drainage and ducting for services will be provided as part of the scheme

In order to enable the above scheme to be constructed it is necessary for the following road improvement schemes to be undertaken first so that there are alternative routes for traffic travelling in this area of Balbriggan:

- Section of the C ring route which is the Balbriggan Outer Relief Road which will run from Whitehart Lane to the Naul Road. This improvement scheme was approved by the County Council at its meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2006. A detailed design for this scheme is now complete and arrangements are being made for tenders to be invited shortly to enable works to be undertaken as soon as possible in the current year.
- Stephenstown Link Road which will run from the Naul Road to link in with the existing road in Stephenstown Industrial Estate. This road will be constructed by developers as a condition of their planning permission

Essential repairs have been carried out to the footpath in the area of Westbrook last week and the stretch of the Naul Road from the Cemetery to Clonard Cross was resurfaced last year.

In relation to the Naul Road from Clonard Cross to the M1 Motorway, Consultants are being appointed to design a preliminary scheme for the upgrading of this stretch of road. When the design is prepared a report



on the matter will be submitted to the Balbriggan/Swords Area Committee for approval in relation to initiating the statutory public consultation process pursuant to Part V111 of the Planning and Development Act 2001

**BTC/28/07**

#### **R.A.S. SCHEME**

**Question: Councillor M. Harford**

To ask the Manager how many landlords in the Fingal Area are operating under the R.A.S. Scheme (Area detailed breakdown if possible)?

**Reply:**

There are currently 27 landlords signed up to the Scheme with a total of 28 properties. The properties are located in the following locations:

Swords:	18
Balbriggan:	8
Kinsealy:	1
Skerries	1

**Total: 28**

**BTC/29/07**

#### **GARDINER HILL HALTING SITE**

**Question: Councillor N. Pyne**

To ask the Manager what is the situation regarding the closure of the Gardiner Hill halting site?

**Reply:**

Gardiner's Hill Halting Site has been abandoned by the previous License holders. The Council is currently considering options for the redevelopment of this site for Traveller Specific Accommodation.

**BTC/30/07**

#### **ARDGILLEN DEMENSE**

**Question: Councillor N. Pyne**

To ask the Manager what is the position of having further concerts in the grounds of Ardgillen Castle?

**Reply:**

The Council has entered into an agreement with a single promoter to run concerts in Ardgillan in each year 2005-2009 inclusive. Two concerts were held in 2005 but none in 2006.



As of now no licence application has been lodged for the holding of concerts in 2007 but negotiations are ongoing with the promoter about possible dates which might lead to the holding of concerts this year.

**BTC/31/07**

#### **HAMILTON HALL HIRE**

**Question: Councillor M. McKeon**

To ask the Manager to provide a list of Groups and Organisations who availed of the use of the Hamilton Hall (small and large) during the month of January and the fees generated by these letting and request that a calendar of forthcoming events and bookings be posted in our Public Office?

**Reply:**

The use of the Hamilton Hall and Room for the month of January 2007 is set out in the table below:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Room</b>	<b>Cost</b>
10/01/2007	CO OPERATION FINGAL	Hamilton Room	€30.00
24/01/2007	Fingal Adult Education North	Hamilton Room	€15.00
24/01/2007	Balbriggan & District Chamber of Commerce	Hamilton Room	€15.00
25/01/2007	FCC Libraries	Hamilton Hall	€0.00
26/01/2007	FCC Community Dept	Hamilton Room	€0.00
29/01/2007	CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	Hamilton Hall	€0.00

A database is maintained in respect of all usage of the conference facilities and reports will be circulated to the members on a monthly basis:

**BTC/32/07**

#### **GEORGE'S SQUARE CAR PARK**

**Question: Councillor M. McKeon**

To ask the Manager to confirm the number of Town Council parking spaces allocated through the development partnership (George's Square) and to discuss with the Town Councillors how best to utilise this valuable asset when not in use by the Individual Town Councillors and staff?



**Reply:**

The number of parking spaces allocated to the Town Council as part of the George's square re-development is twenty. The management and operation of the car park will be the responsibility of the management company on which the Town Council is represented.

**BTC/33/07**

**SPEED RAMPS**

**Question: Councillor G. Buckley**

To ask the Manager can he investigate the possibility of installing speed ramps at Market Green (outside Lidl) and on the Harry Reynold's Road (at the bend in the road beside Sonopress) to slow down traffic at these locations?

**Reply:**

As the two routes in question are bus routes the provision of speed ramps are considered to be inappropriate treatment methods for these roads.

The two roads will be examined to ascertain if alternative traffic management measures can be undertaken to achieve the same outcome.

**BTC/34/07**

**FOOTPATH AT HARRY REYNOLD'S ROAD**

**Question: Councillor G. Buckley**

To ask the Manager can he arrange to repair the footpath at Harry Reynold's Road which leads to the road at the rear of the Graveyard (beside bottle bank)

**Reply:**

Arrangements are being made for necessary remedial repairs to be undertaken to the footpath at the location referred to in the question as soon as this work can be fitted into the Area Engineer's Programme of Works for the area.

**BTC/35/07**

**PAVEMENT WORKS AT WESTBROOK**

**Question: Councillor H. Bedell**

To ask the Manager who is responsible for pavement works on the Naul road beside Westbrook and when will they be completed?"

**Reply:**

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**BTC/36/07**

### **PAINTING OF LIGHTHOUSE**

**Question: Councillor G. Buckley**

To ask the manager can he arrange to have the lighthouse at Balbriggan Harbour re-painted when the works are completed?

**Reply:**

As the members are aware an application has been made to the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources for funding to cover the costs of substantial improvement works at the harbour. A decision on this application is awaited. It would be impractical to paint the lighthouse in advance of these works. It is hoped that a decision on funding will be made in the next few months at which stage procurement of a contractor can proceed. Painting of the lighthouse will be considered on completion of the works.



**BTC/37/07**

**HEATING IN LAMBEECHER**

The following motion in the name of Councillor G. Shields was proposed by Councillor G. Shields, seconded by Councillor H. Bedell

“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council Housing Department to make gas heating available to the residents of the Council apartments in Lambeecher Estate: as was the case with house tenants in the area”.

Following discussion the motion passed was **agreed** by the members.

**BTC/38/07**

**FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL – DEALING WITH THE PUBLIC**

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 the Environment, Heritage & Local Government to examine the efficiency of Fingal County Council in dealing with the public”.

Following a show of hands, An Cathaoirleach declared the motion **defeated**.

**BTC/39/07**

**FREE LEGAL AID**

The following motion in the name of Councillor M. Harford was proposed by Councillor M. Harford, seconded by Councillor G. Buckley

“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Justice, Equality & Law Reform to cease the practice of providing free legal aid to offenders on drug related charges”.

Following a show of hands, An Cathaoirleach declared the motion **passed**.



**BTC/40/07**

### **FLAGPOLES ON GEORGE'S SQUARE**

The following motion in the name of Councillor M. McKeon was proposed by Councillor M. McKeon, seconded by Councillor H. Bedell

“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Manger to make arrangements with the relevant department in Fingal County Council to provide an area on the town Square to accommodate and secure the erection of three flag poles. These poles can be erected as appropriate occasions present themselves, affording the Town Council an opportunity to display the flags in manner acceptable and in accordance with National Protocol”.

Following discussion, the motion was **passed** by the members.

**BTC/41/07**

### **PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

The following motion in the name of Councillor H. Bedell was proposed by Councillor H. Bedell, seconded by Councillor N. Pyne

“That the Town Council organise a public information meeting for all residents in Balbriggan the purpose of which would be to elect new committees for the Youth services (in replacement of Cryptic) and for the Pinewood Afterschool programme. The public meeting would also be to provide a platform for community organisations, e.g. Tidy Towns and Festival committees to advertise their own programmes and to recruit volunteers from old and new members of the community”.

Following discussion, it was agreed to amend the text of the motion to read as follows:

“ That the Town Council organise a public information meeting to provide a platform for community organisations e.g. Tidy Towns and Festival committees to advertise their own programmes and to recruit volunteers from old and new members of the community”.

Following discussion, the motion was **passed** by the members.

**BTC/42/07**

### **MOSNEY REFUGEE CENTRE**

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 Minister for Justice to explain the circumstances of the arrival of 110 Romanian Gypsies to Mosney Refugee Centre in the last fortnight – since these people are now members of the EU and as such are outside the definition of Refugees. What is their present status in this country?”

Following discussion, An Cathaoirleach called for a vote. Following a show of hands, An Cathaoirleach declared the motion **passed**.

**BTC/43/07**

#### **MINISTER OF IMMIGRATION**

The following motion in the name of Councillor S Brown was proposed by Councillor S. Brown, seconded by Councillor H. Bedell.

“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Taoiseach to appoint a Minister of Immigration”.

Following discussion, the motion was **passed** by the members.

**BTC/44/07**

#### **CASTLEMILL POST-BOX**

The following motion in the name of Councillor N. Pyne was proposed by Councillor N. Pyne and seconded by Councillor H. Bedell.

“Balbriggan Town Council call on An Post to install a post box in the Castlemill retail area that they have already agreed to install”

Following discussion, the motion was **passed** by the members.

**BTC/45/07**

#### **GAELSCOIL**

The following motion in the name of Councillor M. McKeon was proposed by Councillor M. McKeon and seconded by Councillor M. Harford

“Given that the Department of Education are anxious to provide a permanent premises for An Gaelscoil, Baile Brigin and are at present examining the designated site area incorporate in the Castleland Local Area Plan, The Town Council members invite the Minister for Education to attend a meeting in our Civic Offices together with the relevant Director’s of Services of Fingal County Council to discuss the matter and also the serious shortage of school places in our primary schools as a result of the escalating increase and demand anticipated for 2007 onwards”



Following discussion, the motion was **passed** by the members.

**BTC/46/07**

### **TALENT COMPETITION**

The following motion in the name of Councillor Heidi Bedell was proposed by Councillor Bedell, seconded by Councillor Brown.

“That the Town Council organise to have a Young Balbriggan Talent Competition on St. Patrick’s Day after the parade in conjunction with the Women of Multiculture Balbriggan”

Proposed by Councillor Bedell, seconded by Councillor Brown.

Following discussion, it was agreed to amend the text of the motion to read as follows:

“That the Balbriggan Town Council support a Young Balbriggan Talent Competition in conjunction with the Women of Multiculture Balbriggan”.

Following discussion, the motion was **passed** by the members. The Town Clerk informed the meeting he would follow up the matter and report back to the members.

**BTC/47/07**

### **CATHAOIRLEACH’S BUSINESS**

#### **OFFICIAL OPENING OF TOWN HALL**

An Cathaoirleach informed the meeting the Official Opening of the Town Hall was a great success and paid tribute to the Town Manager, Town Clerk and staff for arranging the opening.

**BTC/48/07**

### **GARDA MEETING**

An Cathaoirleach informed the meeting that Superintendent Kelly had invited the members to attend their next quarterly meeting in the new Conference Room at the Garda Station.  
The Town Clerk to arrange with Superintendent Kelly.



**BTC/49/07**

### **TEMPLEVILLE PLAYGROUND**

Regarding the recent fire at Templeville Playground – An Cathaoirleach has been advised by the Gardai to make enquiries to the Fire Brigade Service to ascertain the cause of the fire damage.

**BTC/50/07**

### **PRESENTATION OF BOOKS – PATRICIA GALLEN DAVIS**

An Cathaoirleach informed the meeting that Patricia Gallen Davis would like to present books which she accumulated during her term in office for archive purposes. It was agreed that the Town Council will have a reception for Ms. Gallen Davis to make the presentation.

**BTC/51/07**

### **MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The following report which was circulated by the Town Clerk was **noted.**

#### **EXPENDITURE**

<b>Programme Item</b>	<b>Budget 2007</b>	<b>Gross Expenditure 2007 to date</b>	<b>Unpaid Bills Charged to 2006</b>	<b>Nett Expenditure 2007 to date</b>
<b>CORPORATE PROPERTY</b>				
Insurance	9,000.00	8,279.34	0.00	8,279.34
Rates & Water Charges	9,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>34,000.00</b>	<b>8,279.34</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>8,279.34</b>
<b>GENERAL</b>				
Office Expenses	12,300.00	1,176.86	456.60	720.26
Members Allowance	16,000.00	1,035.00	0.00	1,035.00
Conference Expenses	7,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cathaoirleach's Allowance	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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/Decoration Community Awards	8,000.00	189.95	89.95	279.90
Local Elections	3,800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Audit Fees	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Legal Fees	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Expenses	9,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub-total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>73,000.00</b>	<b>5,901.81</b>	<b>546.55</b>	<b>5,535.16</b>
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>107,000.00</b>	<b>14,181.15</b>	<b>546.55</b>	<b>13,814.50</b>

**RECEIPTS**  
Programme Item

	Budget 2007	Gross Receipts to date
<b>CORPORATE PROPERTY</b>		
Retail Unit Rental Income	14,000.00	0.00
Office Unit Rental Income	6,000.00	0.00
Rental Income - Fingal Co. Co.	6,000.00	0.00
Hall Hire Charges	5,000.00	0.00
Sub-total	<b>31,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>GENERAL</b>		
Demand - Fingal County Council	76,000.00	76,000.00
Other Receipts	0.00	1,099.48
Sub-total	<b>76,000.00</b>	<b>77,099.48</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>107,000.00</b>	<b>77,099.48</b>

The Meeting concluded at 9.45p.m.

*Monica Harford*  
CATHAOIRLEACH

*13/3/04*  
DATE



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6<sup>th</sup> February 2007.

**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 Feabhra 13 2007 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 **13<sup>th</sup> February, 2007 at 7.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, George's Square, Balbriggan** to consider the following agenda.

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

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**Brian Murray**  
**Meetings Administrator**



1. **Confirmation of Minutes**
  - (i) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2007 (circulated herewith)
  
2. **Correspondence**
  - A. **Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**
    - (i) Letter dated 5/1/2007 received from Office of the Minister, Department of Health & Children regarding introduction of mandatory health screening free of charge to all members of the public (circulated herewith)
    - (ii) Letter received from General Manager Health Service Executive regarding prescribed medication following attendance at Hospital (circulated herewith)
    - (iii) Letter dated 9/1/2007 received from Seamus Brennan T.D. Minister for Social & Family Affairs regarding changes in the level of Christmas Bonus Payments (circulated herewith)
  
3. **Correspondence from Fingal County Council**
  - B. **Correspondence from Fingal County Council**
    - (i) Letter dated 10/1/2007 received from Transportation Department regarding car park only signage at the junction prior to Stephenstown's roundabout (circulated herewith)
    - (ii) Letter dated 24/1/2007 received from Transportation Department regarding traffic flow along the Main Street Balbriggan (circulated herewith)
    - (iii) Email dated 31/1/2007 received from Mary McPhillips Transportation Department regarding pedestrian path and cycle route Phase 1 entrance Harry Reynolds Road (circulated herewith)
  
4. **Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**
  - C. **Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**
    - (i) No correspondence under this item
  
5. **Conferences**
  - D. **Conferences**
    - (i) No correspondence under this item
  
6. **Other Correspondence**
  - E. **Other Correspondence**
    - (i) Letter dated 15/1/2007 received from F.H. O'Reilly & Co. Solicitors regarding Application for Certificate Aidan Bissett (circulated herewith)
    - (ii) Letter dated 29/1/2007 received from Co-operation Fingal regarding use of Balbriggan Town Crest (circulated herewith)



7. **Questions**

- (i) **Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**  
To ask the Manager why has Fingal County Council taken no action to clear up the appalling condition of the entrance to St. Mologas' School from Lambeecher Estate and the laneway adjoining same?
- (ii) **Question submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**  
To ask the manger what are the plans for the upgrading of Flemington Lane and the time frame involved?
- (iii) **Question submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**  
To ask the Manager what are the plans for the upgrading of the Naul Road from the cemetery towards the flyover on the M1 Motorway and the timescale involved in particular the footpath sections?
- (iv) **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**  
To ask the Manager how many landlords in the Fingal Area are operating under the R.A.S. Scheme (Area detailed breakdown if possible)?
- (v) **Question submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**  
To ask the Manager what is the situation regarding the closure of the Gardiner Hill halting site?
- (vi) **Question submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**  
To ask the Manager what is the position of having further concerts in the grounds of Ardgillen Castle?
- (vii) **Question submitted by Councillor May McKeon**  
To ask the Manager to provide a list of Groups and Organisations who availed of the use of the Hamilton Hall (small and large) during the month of January and the fees generated by these letting and request that a calendar of forthcoming events and bookings be posted in our Public Office?
- (viii) **Question submitted by Councillor May McKeon**  
To ask the Manager to confirm the number of Town Council parking spaces allocated through the development partnership (George's Square) and to discuss with the Town Councillors how best to utilise this valuable asset when not in use by the Individual Town Councillors and staff?
- (ix) **Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**  
To ask the Manager can he investigate the possibility of installing speed ramps at Market Green (outside Lidl) and on the Harry Reynold's Road (at the bend in the road beside Sonopress) to slow down traffic at these locations?
- (x) **Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**  
To ask the Manager can he arrange to repair the footpath at Harry Reynold's Road which leads to the road at the rear of the Graveyard (beside bottle bank)
- (xi) **Question submitted by Councillor Heidi Bedell**  
To ask the Manager who is responsible for pavement works on the Naul road beside Westbrook and when will they be completed?
- (xii) **Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**  
To ask the Manager can he arrange to have the lighthouse at Balbriggan Harbour re-painted when the works are completed?



8. **Motions**

- (i) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council Housing Department to make gas heating available to the residents of the Council apartments in Lambeecher Estate: as was the case with house tenants in the area".
- (ii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for the Environment, Heritage & Local Government to examine the efficiency of Fingal County Council in dealing with the public".
- (iii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Justice, Equality & Law Reform to cease the practice of providing free legal aid to offenders on drug related charges".
- (iv) **Motion submitted by Councillor May McKeon**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Manger to make arrangements with the relevant department in Fingal County Council to provide an area on the town Square to accommodate and secure the erection of three flag poles. These poles can be erected as appropriate occasions present themselves, affording the Town Council an opportunity to display the flags in manner acceptable and in accordance with National Protocol".
- (v) **Motion submitted by Councillor Heidi Bedell**  
"That the Town Council organise a public information meeting for all residents in Balbriggan the purpose of which would be to elect new committees for the Youth services (in replacement of Cryptic) and for the Pinewood Afterschool programme. The public meeting would also be to provide a platform for community organisations, e.g. Tidy Towns and Festival committees, to advertise their own programmes and to recruit volunteers from old and new members of the community".
- (vi) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Justice to explain the circumstances of the arrival of 110 Romanian Gypsies to Mosney Refugee Centre in the last fortnight – since these people are now members of the EU and as such are outside the definition of Refugees. What is their present status in this country?"
- (vii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Taoiseach to appoint a Minister of Immigration".
- (viii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**  
"Balbriggan Town Council call on An Post to install a post box in the Castlemill retail area that they have already agreed to install"
- (ix) **Motion submitted by Councillor May McKeon**  
"Given that the Department of Education are anxious to provide a permanent premises for An Gaelscoil, Baile Brigin and are at present



examining the designated site area incorporate in the Castleland Local Area Plan, The Town Council members invite the Minister for Education to attend a meeting in our Civic Offices together with the relevant Director's of Services of Fingal County to discuss the matter and also the serious shortage of school places in our primary schools as a result of the escalating increase and demand anticipated for 2007 onwards"

**(x) Motion submitted by Councillor Heidi Bedell**

"That the Town Council organise to have a Young Balbriggan Talent Competition on St. Patrick's Day after the parade in conjunction with the Women of Multiculture Balbriggan"

9. **Cathaoirleach's Business**
10. **Monthly Financial Statement**
11. **Redevelopment of Town Hall, George's Square**
12. **Environmental Improvements**
13. **Marine Conservation and Education Centre**
14. **Museum**
15. **Business Pledge**
16. **St. Patrick's Day**



**BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL**  
**COMHARILE BHAILE BRIGIN**

**Minutes Of Statutory Meeting Of Balbriggan Town Council**  
**Held On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2007 In The Council Chamber Town Hall @ 7.30**  
**P.M.**

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

**Councillors**  
Bedell, Heidi  
Dunne, Larry  
McKeon, May

**Councillors**  
Harford, Monica  
Shields, Gertie  
Hammond, Kathleen

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillor Sean Brown and Councillor Ned Pyne.

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Monica Harford presided.

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Mr. Stephen Peppard, Town Manager, Mr. Brian Murray, Meetings Administrator, Ms. Kym Coughlan.

**BTC/52/07**

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Amended minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2007 which had been circulated were submitted, **approved** as a true record and signed.

Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2007 which were circulated were submitted, **approved** as a true record and signed.

**BTC/53/07**

**PERMANENT PREMISES FOR AN GAELSCOIL**

Letter dated 20/02/2007 received from Office of the Minister, Department for Education and Science regarding the provision of permanent premises for An Gaelscoil, Baile Brigin which was circulated was **noted**.



**BTC/54/07**

**ASYLUM SEEKERS**

Letter received dated 20/02/2007 from the Tánaiste and Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform regarding the number of applicants seeking Asylum that were granted Irish Child Status, number of applicants who withdrew their applications upon receipt of Irish Child Status, and also on information of numbers who have returned to their country for temporary visits after receiving Irish Born Status which was circulated was **noted**.

**BTC/55/07**

**FREE LEGAL AID FOR DRUG OFFENDERS**

Letter received dated 20/02/2007 from the Tánaiste and Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform regarding free legal aid for offenders on drug related charges which was circulated was **noted**.

**BTC/56/07**

**MINISTER FOR IMMIGRATION**

Letter received dated 20/02/2007 from the Tánaiste and Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform regarding a request to appoint a Minister for Immigration which was circulated was **noted**.

**BTC/57/07**

**APPOINT A MINISTER FOR IMMIGRATION**

Letter received dated 20/02/2007 from the Office of the Tánaiste regarding a request to appoint a Minister for Immigration which was circulated was **noted**.

**BTC/58/07**

**GEORGE'S SQUARE CAR PARK**

**Question: Councillor M. McKeon**

To ask the Manager to give a report on the operation and availability of the Town Councils allocated car park spaces in the Town Square Development, how often the Management Company meet and whether the Town Councillors will have the opportunity to attend these meetings as observers on behalf of the community they represent. And why Town Councillors and staff who are not car drivers were not issued with authorised parking tickets to use when been driven to council meetings etc.. by their family members.

**Reply:**

The operation of the car park is under continual review following the handover from the building contractor. Meetings have been held with the developers regarding the establishment of a management company to operate the car park and the common areas. The elected members will be kept fully informed of any developments.

Parking tickets were given to members who requested them.



**BTC/59/07**

### **GARDINER'S HILL HALTING BAYS**

**Question: Councillor M. McKeon**

To ask the Manager to provide the Council members with the full report on the present state of the Gardiners Hill Halting Bays. How many families have squatted in it over the Christmas period after breaking and entering. Why they have been allowed stay ( on what appears to be a permanent basis ). And how these families are expected to live temporarily in these bays which has not been updated, refurbished, or made habitable in the interest of Health & Safety since the bays were vacated some considerable time ago. The entire area is an embarrassment, the subject of ridicule by the public towards Council officials and elected representatives.

**Reply:**

Gardiner's Hill Halting Site has been abandoned by the previous Licence holders. Following the vacation the Council formally served abandonment notices so as to legally obtain site possession. The current occupants gained illegal entry to the site in December 2006.

The Council is currently considering options for the redevelopment of this site for Traveller Specific Accommodation.

**BTC/60/07**

### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN BALBRIGGAN**

**Question: Councillor M. Harford**

To ask the Manager how many applicants in the Balbriggan area have been approved under the affordable housing scheme, but are not yet housed. And how many houses are available in the area under the same scheme.

**Reply:**

The information is not yet available at present. A detailed report will be issued to each member in the near future.

**BTC/61/07**

### **PLANNING PERMISSION – FOOD OUTLETS**

The following motion in the name of Councillor M. McKeon was proposed by Councillor M. McKeon, seconded by Councillor G. Shields.

“Balbriggan Town Council request the Town Architect to use whatever powers are available to suspend the granting of further planning permission for food outlets and takeaways on Balbriggan Town's Main Street, Dublin Street, Bridge Street and Drogheda Street, until the area is allowed to develop in a manner which attract a variety of retail outlets and variety of retail outlets (small shop units, renewal of street scape, pedestrian ways etc. and under grounding of overhead wires) “

Following discussion the motion was **agreed** by the members.



**BTC/62/07**

**FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL – GRAFFITI/BROKEN SEATS**

The following motion in the name of Councillor G.Shields was proposed by Councillor G.Shields, seconded by Councillor H. Bedell.

That the Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council, Environment Department to repair broken seats on the beach and clear the huge amount of graffiti on shelter walls and bridges before the summer season.

Following discussion the motion was **agreed** by the members.

**BTC/63/07**

**BALBRIGGAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

The following motion in the name of Councillor M. McKeon was proposed by Councillor M. McKeon, seconded by Councillor G.Shields.

“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council and V.E.C to furnish and report on the derelict condition of the Community College building fronting Drogheda Street and to indicate what plans have been made to upgrade this unsightly, dilapidated eyesore on our Main Street.”

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.

**BTC/64/07**

**REFUSE BINS AT GEORGE’S SQUARE**

The following motion in the name of Councillor G.Shields was proposed by Councillor G. Shields, seconded by Councillor H. Bedell.

“That we Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to install refuse bins on St. Georges Square and ensure that public lighting is installed in the area in the interest of safety.”

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.



BTC/65/07

**“PROPOSED LEASING OF AN OFFICE UNIT AT GEORGE’S SQUARE”**

The following report which was circulated was **noted**.

**Re :Proposed leasing of office unit at George’s Square**

“An application has been received from Fingal Citizens Information Service to lease the office unit at George’s Square following the redevelopment of the Town Hall and Library.

I recommend that the unit be disposed of to Fingal Citizens Information Service, 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 in the following terms and conditions as the Law Agent may advise:

1. The disposal to be by way of lease for a term of 4 years and 9 months.
2. The rent reserved in the lease shall be €6,000 per annum.
3. Fingal Citizens Information Service to be responsible for all rent and outgoings on the premises.
4. All insurances to be the responsibility of Fingal Citizens Information Service and the Town Council to be indemnified in the sum of €6.5 million (six million, five hundred thousand euro) against all claims, actions or demands arising out of their occupation of the unit, this figure to be revised as considered necessary by the Council.
5. The lessees will not, at any time with the term of the lease or make any alterations to the unit without first obtaining the consent of the Council.
6. The lessees will not, at any time within the term of the lease assign, sublet or part with or share possession of the unit or any part thereof nor permit any other person or company the same as a Licensee or otherwise, without first obtaining the consent of the Council.
7. The lease to be proposed by the Town Council’s Law Agent shall contain all covenants and conditions normally contained in leases of this nature.
8. Each party to be responsible for its own legal costs.”

It was proposed by Councillor H. Bedell, seconded by Councillor M. Harford and **resolved :**

“That the office unit referred to in the foregoing report be disposed of in accordance with the terms specified therein. “



BTC/66/07

**“PROPOSED LEASING OF A RETAIL UNIT AT GEORGE’S SQUARE”**

The following report which was circulated was **noted**.

**Re :Proposed leasing of shop unit at George’s Square**

“An application has been received from Fingal Citizens Information Service to lease the shop unit at George’s Square following the redevelopment of the Town Hall and Library.

I recommend that the unit be disposed of to Fingal Citizens Information Service, 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 in the following terms and conditions as the Law Agent may advise:

1. The disposal to be by way of lease for a term of 4 years and 9 months.
2. The rent reserved in the lease shall be €14,000 per annum.
3. Fingal Citizens Information Service to be responsible for all rent and outgoings on the premises.
4. All insurances to be the responsibility of Fingal Citizens Information Service and the Town Council to be indemnified in the sum of €6.5 million (six million, five hundred thousand euro) against all claims, actions or demands arising out of their occupation of the unit, this figure to be revised as considered necessary by the Council.
5. The lessees will not, at any time with the term of the lease or make any alterations to the unit without first obtaining the consent of the Council.
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7. The lease to be proposed by the Town Council’s Law Agent shall contain all covenants and conditions normally contained in leases of this nature.
8. Each party to be responsible for its own legal costs.”

It was proposed by Councillor H. Bedell, seconded by Councillor M. Harford and **resolved :**

“That the retail unit referred to in the foregoing report be disposed of in accordance with the terms specified therein. “



**BTC/67/07**

**CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS - AUTISTIC INTERVENTION UNIT**

An Cathaoirleach informed the meeting that she had been requested to raise with the members of the Town Council and could make submission to the Department of Education by March 15th 2007 regarding an autistic intervention unit in the Balbriggan area.

Following discussion, agreed to the making of a submission by the members.

**BTC/68/07**

**CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS - AMBULANCE SERVICE**

An Cathaoirleach informed the meeting that she was aware of incidences where an ambulance was called and subsetqulty not used when it arrived, then a penalty should be in place for these instances.

Following discussion, the Town Clerk informed the meeting he would follow up the matter and report back to the members.

**BTC/69/07**

**CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS - TIDY TOWNS LAUNCH**

An Cathaoirleach informed the meeting that there will be a presentation in the Town Hall to the Town Council and other community groups on the 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 p.m. by the Tidy Towns Committee of their plans for the coming year.

**BTC/70/07**

**CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS - ST. WENDEL VISIT**

An Cathaoirleach informed the meeting that a delegation comprising, the Mayor and officials from St. Wendel, Germany would be arriving at 12.30 p.m. in the Town Hall on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2007 for lunch with the members and to view the photographic exhibition of St.Wendel on display in the Hamilton Hall, followed later in the evening with dinner at 7.30 p.m. and an evening of Irish music in the Seamus Ennis Centre.



BTC/71/07

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The following report which was circulated by the Town Clerk was **noted**.

EXPENDITURE

Programme Item	Budget 2007	Gross Expenditure 2007 to date	Unpaid Bills Charged to 2006	Nett Expenditure 2007 to date
<b>CORPORATE PROPERTY</b>				
Insurance	9,000.00	8,279.34	0.00	8,279.34
Rates & Water Charges	9,500.00	4,684.40	0.00	4,684.40
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
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>34,000.00</b>	<b>12,963.74</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>12,963.74</b>
<b>GENERAL</b>				
Office Expenses	12,300.00	2,488.05	456.60	2,031.45
Members Allowance	16,000.00	2,070.00	0.00	2,070.00
Conference Expenses	7,500.00	462.28	0.00	462.28
Cathaoirleach's Allowance	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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/Decoration	8,000.00	309.95	89.95	399.90
Community Awards	3,800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Local Elections	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Audit Fees	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Legal Fees	9,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>73,000.00</b>	<b>8,830.28</b>	<b>546.55</b>	<b>8,463.63</b>
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>107,000.00</b>	<b>21,794.02</b>	<b>546.55</b>	<b>21,427.37</b>



**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	0.00
Rental Income - Fingal Co. Co.	6,000.00	0.00
Hall Hire Charges	5,000.00	150.00
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>31,000.00</b>	<b>150.00</b>

**GENERAL**

Demand - Fingal County Council	76,000.00	76,000.00
Other Receipts	0.00	1,099.48
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>76,000.00</b>	<b>77,099.48</b>

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>107,000.00</b>	<b>77,249.48</b>
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**BTC/72/07**

**REDEVELOPMENT OF TOWN HALL, GEORGE'S SQUARE**

The acting Town Manager gave a verbal report on the structure of the Management Company which will control the common areas of the development. Mr. Peppard explained that the Management Company will be formally set up when the apartments are fully sold. It is proposed that the Management Company will appoint a managing agent to look at a process to operate the car park as a whole. It will be a matter for Balbriggan Town Council to manage its own spaces. Mr. Peppard informed the members that these type of car parks do not make money but incur significant maintenance charges.

Following discussion it was agreed that a report on the structure of the Management Company will be issued to each member.



**BTC/73/07**

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS**

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that landscaping works will commence shortly on the Stephenstown Roundabout.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he has had discussions with the Parks Department, Fingal County Council regarding flowers and plants for the Town Hall and George's Square.

**BTC/74/07**

**MARINE CONSERVATION AND EDUCATION CENTRE**

The acting Town Manager informed the meeting that the tender documents are nearing completion and expected to go to tender in the coming weeks.

**BTC/75/07**

**PROPOSED MUSEUM**

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Town Manager and Town Clerk along with a representative of Balbriggan Historical Society met with Mr. Turnbull, Director of Services, Community Department, Fingal County Council regarding the proposed museum. Mr. Turbull has agreed to have an independent expert review the business plan submitted.

**BTC/76/07**

**BUSINESS PLEDGE**

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that discussions are ongoing with the Chamber of Commerce on the business pledge scheme. It is proposed to contact local business in the coming weeks regarding the scheme. It was agreed that the members will be kept fully informed of developments.

**BTC/77/07**

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

The Town Clerk informed the meeting of the arrangements for St. Patrick's Day.

The Meeting concluded at 9.35p.m.

*Monica Harford.*  
CATHAOIRLEACH

*13/3/07*  
DATE



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6<sup>th</sup> March 2007.

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**Brian Murray**  
**Meetings Administrator**



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- (iv) Acknowledgement letter received dated 23/02/2007 from the Tánaiste and Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform Ref : M70207 ( circulated herewith )
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**4. Motions**

- (i) **Motion submitted by Councillor May McKeon**  
Balbriggan Town Council request the Town Architect to use whatever powers are available to suspend the granting of further planning permission for food outlets and takeaways on Balbriggan Town's Main Street, Dublin Street, Bridge Street and Drogheda Street, until the area is allowed to develop in a manner which attract a variety of retail outlets and variety of retail outlets (small shop units, renewal of street scape, Pedestrian ways etc. and under grounding of overhead wires)
- (ii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**  
Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council, Environment Department to repair broken seats on the beach and clear the huge amount of graffiti on shelter walls and bridges before the summer season.
- (iii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**  
Balbriggan Town Council call on the Government to introduce legislation to allow for the appointment of a democratically elected councillor to hold the position of County Manager for the full term of the elected council who will in turn appoint democratically elected councillors to head each department in the local authority for the duration of the particular elected council.
- (iii) **Motion submitted by Councillor May McKeon**  
Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council and V.E.C to furnish and report on the derelict condition of the Community College Building fronting Drogheda Street and to indicate what plans have been made to upgrade this unsightly, dilapidated eyesore on our Main Street.
- (iv) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**  
Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to install refuse bins on Georges Square and ensure that public lighting is installed in the area in the interest of safety.
- (v) **Motion submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**  
Balbriggan Town Council call on the government to introduce legislation to introduce a fee basis of charging for all professions to be made available to the public.

**5. Proposed leasing of office unit at George's Square**

**6. Proposed leasing of a retail unit at George's Square**

**7. Cathaoirleach's Business**



8. **Monthly Financial Statement**
9. **Redevelopment of Town Hall, George's Square**
10. **Environmental Improvements**
11. **Marine Conservation and Education Centre**
12. **Museum**
13. **Business Pledge Initiative**
14. **St. Patrick's Day**



**BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL**  
**COMHARILE BHAILE BRIGIN**

**Minutes Of Statutory Meeting Of Balbriggan Town Council**  
**Held On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2007 In The Council Chamber Town Hall @ 7.30**  
**P.M.**

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

**Councillors**

Bedell, Heidi  
Dunne, Larry  
McKeon, May  
Pyne, Ned

**Councillors**

Harford, Monica  
Shields, Gertie  
Hammond, Kathleen  
Brown, Sean

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillor Gerry Buckley.

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Monica Harford presided.

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Mr. Dick Brady, Town Manager, Mr. Brian Murray, Meetings Administrator,  
Ms. Kym Coughlan.

**BTC/78/07**

**VOTE OF SYMPATHY**

An Cathaoirleach proposed a vote of sympathy to the families of the late Joe Mullen, former Town Councillor. A minutes silence was observed. Councillor May McKeon proposed a vote of sympathy to the families of the late Patsy Buckley. Town Clerk to forward letters of sympathy to the families.

**BTC/79/07**

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2007 which were circulated were submitted, **approved** as a true record and signed.

**BTC/80/07**

**WORLD PEACE DAY**

Letter dated 20/03/2007 received from Naas County Council regarding motion World Peace Day which was circulated was **noted**.

**BTC/81/07**

**CONFERENCE**

LAMA Spring Conference on the 12/13th April 2007. Councillor McKeon informed the meeting that she was unable to attend the conference. It was **agreed** that Councillor Shields attend as a substitute delegate.



**BTC/82/07**

**BALBRIGGAN YOUTH AGAINST RACISM**

Letter received dated 02/03/2007 from Balbriggan Youth Against Racism regarding a multi cultural day which will take place on the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2007 which was circulated was **noted**. It was **agreed** that a meeting be arranged with Balbriggan Youth Against Racism.

**BTC/83/07**

**BALBRIGGAN BOWLING CLUB**

Letter received dated 13/03/2007 from the Balbriggan Bowling Club regarding a new community hall which was circulated was **noted**.

**BTC/84/07**

**BALBRIGGAN SENIOR CITIZENS**

Letter received from Balbriggan Senior Citizens thanking Balbriggan Town Council for their kind donation which was circulated was **noted**.

**BTC/85/07**

**HOUSING IN BALBRIGGAN**

**Question: Councillor Monica Harford**

To ask the Manager can Balbriggan Town Council be made aware of who has been offered housing in the area, either prior or after the offer being made?

**Reply**

"Fingal County Council is the statutory Housing Authority for the Balbriggan area. Having regard to the Scheme of Letting Priorities it is considered inappropriate that the information requested be made available."

**BTC/86/07**

**O DWYERS GAA CLUB**

**Question: Councillor Monica Harford**

To ask the Manager can he give an update on the proposed relocation of O'Dwyers GAA Club.

**Reply :**

"Discussions are ongoing with representatives of O'Dwyers GAA Club to clarify the terms under which it is hoped that 15 acres of Class 1 open space, for use as pitches, can be made available to them under a Management Licence together with an additional ten acres of lands to be purchased under an appropriate lease on which the buildings and car parking can be located.

Until the lands in question come into the Councils ownership progress a timescale on moving ahead is difficult to predict."



**BTC/87/07**

**SPEED RAMPS IN ARDGILLIAN**

**Question: Councillor Gerry Buckley**

To ask the Manager is there any update on the speed ramps in the Ardgillan Housing Estate.

**Reply :**

"There is no provision in the Transportation Programme of Works for traffic calming measures in the form of ramps in Ardgillan Housing Estate. This matter will be considered in the context of the preparation of the Draft Transportation Programme of Works for 2008."

**BTC/88/07**

**ROUNABOUT AT BALBRIGGAN CHURCH**

**Question: Councillor Gerry Buckley**

To ask the Manager what is the timeframe for the finishing of the roundabout at Balbriggan Church.

**Reply :**

"It is envisaged that the landscaping and associated work will be completed by the end of April. "

**BTC/89/07**

**INFORMATION SIGNS FOR CINEMA**

**Question: Councillor Kathleen Hammond**

To ask the Manager can he provide information signs for the new cinema in Mill Street.

**Reply :**

"If the owners of the Cinema submit an application to the Transportation Department pursuant to Section 254 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 for the provision of a sign on the public road indicating the Cinema this matter will be considered further."

**BTC/90/07**

**HEALTH SCREENING FOR CHILDCARE EMPLOYEES**

The following motion in the name of Councillor G. Shields was proposed by Councillor G. Shields, seconded by Councillor L. Dunne.

"Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Health & Children to call on the Government to introduce legislation immediately, that all Creche, playschool and childcare workers must produce evidence of inoculation and or screening for Tuberculosis and Hepatitis before taking up a position working with vulnerable children."

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.



**BTC/91/07**

**VACANT HOUSES IN BALBRIGGAN**

The following motion in the name of Councillor M. Harford was proposed by Councillor M. Harford, seconded by Councillor K. Hammond.

“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to re-allocate houses that are vacated and left in good condition immediately and not to leave them boarded up indefinitely.”

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.

**BTC/92/07**

**COMHAIRLE NA NOG**

The following motion in the name of Councillor H. Bedell was proposed by Councillor H. Bedell, seconded by Councillor M. McKeon.

“Balbriggan Town Council request that Fingal Comhairle na nOg group have representation from Balbriggan considering the huge population of young people living in Balbriggan.”

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.

**BTC/93/07**

**PROTECTION FOR CHILDREN**

The following motion in the name of Councillor K. Hammond was proposed by Councillor K. Hammond, seconded by Councillor N. Pyne.

“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform to review the current laws for protection of children from child abuse.”

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.

**BTC/94/07**

**BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL PUBLICITY**

The following motion in the name of Councillor G. Shields was proposed by Councillor G. Shields, seconded by Councillor H. Bedell.

“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Town Clerk to ensure that when the elected body is successful in achieving new facilities, projects and improvements for the town that the public is made aware through Press Releases and these are initiated and supported by the Balbriggan Town Council.”

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.



**BTC/95/07**

**LANDSCAPING FOR BRACKEN RIVER**

The following motion in the name of Councillor H. Bedell was proposed by Councillor H. Bedell, seconded by Councillor K. Hammond.

“Balbriggan Town Council request that the Fingal County Council help in preparing a landscaping programme for the Bracken river.”

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.

**BTC/96/07**

**HOSPITAL FACILITIES**

The following motion in the name of Councillor K. Hammond was proposed by Councillor K. Hammond, seconded by Councillor H. Bedell.

“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Health to explain why, given the lack of resources allocated to the health service, that parents have to take their children out of one hospital to another hospital in order to receive treatment.”

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.

**BTC/97/07**

**CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS – BALBRIGGAN CREDIT UNION**

An Cathaoirleach proposed to the meeting that Balbriggan Town Council host a civic reception for Balbriggan Credit Union to celebrate its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the town.

Following discussion, the proposed was **agreed** by the members.

**BTC/98/07**

**CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS – BALBRIGGAN DRAMATIC SOCIETY**

An Cathaoirleach informed the meeting that she would like to send a letter of congratulations to Balbriggan Dramatic Society to mark their 60 years in operation.

**BTC/99/07**

**CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS – DOCTOR ON CALL**

An Cathaoirleach requested the Town Clerk to contact the Health Service Executive regarding the doctor on call out of hours service for the people of Balbriggan.



**BTC/100/07**

**CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS – DUFFYS CIRCUS**

An Cathaoirleach informed the meeting that she had been invited by Duffy's Circus to the show on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2007 for a presentation from the Duffy family to thank the people of Balbriggan for supporting them over the last 40 years. She informed the meeting that Duffys had given her a number of complementary tickets for distribution to the community.

**BTC/101/07**

**BRIEFING MEETING**

It was **agreed** to re-arrange the Briefing meeting with the Director of Service, Water Services scheduled for the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2007 to an alternative date.

**BTC/102/07**

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**EXPENDITURE**

<b>Programme Item</b>	<b>Budget 2007</b>	<b>Gross Expenditure 2007 to date</b>	<b>Unpaid Bills Charged to 2006</b>	<b>Nett Expenditure 2007 to date</b>
<b>CORPORATE PROPERTY</b>				
Insurance	9,000.00	8,279.34	0.00	8,279.34
Rates & Water Charges	9,500.00	4,684.40	0.00	4,684.40
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
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>34,000.00</b>	<b>12,963.74</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>12,963.74</b>

**GENERAL**

Office Expenses	12,300.00	3,530.89	456.60	3,074.29
Members Allowance	16,000.00	3,105.00	0.00	3,105.00
Conference Expenses	7,500.00	462.28	0.00	462.28
Cathaoirleach's Allowance	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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/Decoration	8,000.00	3,212.84	89.95	3,302.79
Community Awards	3,800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Local Elections	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Audit Fees	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Legal Fees	9,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00



<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>73,000.00</b>	<b>13,811.01</b>	<b>546.55</b>	<b>13,444.36</b>
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<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>107,000.00</b>	<b>26,774.75</b>	<b>546.55</b>	<b>26,408.10</b>
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**RECEIPTS**  
**Programme Item**

**Budget 2007**      **Gross Receipts to date**

**CORPORATE PROPERTY**

Retail Unit Rental Income	14,000.00	1,730.79
Office Unit Rental Income	6,000.00	0.00
Rental Income - Fingal Co. Co.	6,000.00	0.00
Hall Hire Charges	5,000.00	700.00
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>31,000.00</b>	<b>2,430.79</b>

**GENERAL**

Demand - Fingal County Council	76,000.00	76,000.00
Other Receipts	0.00	1,099.48
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>76,000.00</b>	<b>77,099.48</b>

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>107,000.00</b>	<b>79,530.27</b>
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**BTC/103/07**

**PROPOSAL TO HOLD MEETING WITH THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY**

The Town Clerk proposed to the meeting that the Town Council host a meeting for the business community to provide a forum to exchange views on a number of issues of mutual concern. The Town Clerk proposed that the senior planner for the area, representatives of the Tidy Towns Committee and the Chamber of Commerce be invited to participate at the meeting.

Following discussion, it was **agreed** by the members that a meeting be arranged.



**BTC/104/07**


**DEPARTURE OF TOWN MANAGER**

An Cathaoirleach informed the meeting that Mr. Dick Brady would be leaving his post as Town Manager following his appointment as Director of Services. She thanked the Manager for all his time he gave to Balbriggan and the Town Council, wished him the best and said it was an honour to have worked with him.

The Town Manager thanked the Cathaoirleach and all the members of Balbriggan Town Council for their good wishes.

The Meeting concluded at 9.30p.m.

  
CATHAOIRLEACH

  
DATE



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4<sup>th</sup> April 2007.

**To each elected member,**

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Council will be held on **10<sup>th</sup> April, 2007 at 7.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, George's Square, Balbriggan** to consider the following agenda.

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

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**Brian Murray**  
**Meetings Administrator**



1. **Confirmation of Minutes**
  - (i) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2007 (circulated herewith)
  
2. **Correspondence**
  - A. **Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**
    - (i) No correspondence under this item.
  
3. **Correspondence from Fingal County Council**
  - B. **Correspondence from Fingal County Council**
    - (i) No correspondence under this item.
  
4. **Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**
  - C. **Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**
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5. **Conferences**
  - D. **Conferences**
    - (i) LAMA Spring Conference on the 12/13 April 2007.
  
6. **Other Correspondences**
  - E. **Other Correspondences**
    - (i) Later dated 02/03/2007 received from Balbriggan Youth Against Racism regarding multi cultural day ( circulated herewith )
    - (ii) Later dated 13/03/2007 received from Balbriggan Bowling Club regarding hall hire ( circulated herewith )
    - (iii) Later received from Balbriggan Senior Citizens Welfare Club regarding a donation ( circulated herewith )
  
7. **Questions**
  - (i) **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

To ask the Manager can Balbriggan Town Council be made aware of who has been offered housing in the area, either prior or after the offer being made?
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**5. Cathaoirleach's Business**

**6. Monthly Financial Statement**

**7. Proposal to hold a meeting with the Business Community**  
“ Verbal report to be given “



**BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL  
COMHARILE BHAILE BRIGIN**

**Minutes of Statutory Meeting of Balbriggan Town Council  
Held On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2007 In The Council Chamber Town Hall @ 7.30 p.m.**

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

**Councillors**  
Bedell, Heidi  
Buckley, Gerry  
Dunne, Larry  
McKeon, May  
Pyne, Ned

**Councillors**  
Harford, Monica  
Shields, Gertie  
Hammond, Kathleen  
Brown, Sean

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors: Heidi Bedell, Ned Pyne, Monica Harford, Sean Brown.

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Mr. Liam McGlynn, Acting Town Manager, Mr. Brian Murray, Meetings Administrator, Ms. Margaret Wilde, Clerical Officer.

Leas Cathaoirleach, Councillor Gerry Buckley presided.

**BTC/105/07**

**ACTING TOWN MANAGER**

An Cathaoirleach and the members formally welcomed Mr. Liam McGlynn, Acting Town Manager, to the meeting and expressed they were looking forward to working with him. Mr. McGlynn thanked An Cathaoirleach and the members for their good wishes and expressed his willingness to work with the members of the Town Council.

**BTC/106/07**

**LORETO CONVENT**

Councillor McKeon requested that a letter of congratulations be forwarded Loreto Convent who is celebrating 150 years.

**BTC/107/07**

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2007 which were circulated were submitted, **approved** as a true record and signed.

**BTC/108/07**

**GAS SUPPLY CHARGES**

Letter dated 5/4/2007 received from Noel Dempsey T.D. Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources regarding gas supply charge which was circulated was **noted**.



**BTC/109/07**

**NATIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY**

Letter received from Dick Roche, T.D. Minister for Environment, Heritage & Local Government regarding Publication of the National Climate Change Strategy 2007 – 2012 which was circulated was **noted**.

**BTC/110/07**

**AMBULANCE SERVICE**

Acknowledgement Letter dated 23/4/2007 received from Health Service Executive regarding requests for Ambulance Service which was circulated was **noted**.

**BTC/111/07**

**CHANGE OF USE FOOD OUTLET/TAKEAWAY**

Letter dated 18/4/2007 received from Town Architect regarding applications for change of use to food outlet/takeaway which was circulated was **noted**.  
It was agreed the Town Clerk contact the Town Architect regarding recent planning application.

**BTC/112/07**

**DRIVING LICENCES RENEWALS**

Email dated 10/4/2007 received from Portlaoise Town Council regarding the sending out of reminders for renewal of driving licences which was circulated was **noted**.

**BTC/113/07**

**AMAI ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Letter dated 24/4/2007 received from A.M.A.I. regarding motions for Annual Conference 2007 which was circulated was **noted**.  
It was **agreed** that this be a headed item on the June Agenda.

**BTC/114/07**

**SKATE BOARD PARKS**

**Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

To ask the Manager could some of the land being allocated in Balbriggan for leisure activities be given for the much needed skate park for young people?

**Reply:**

“At the moment the Council is completing the construction of two skate parks in the County, one in Blanchardstown and another in Swords.

It is our intention to see how these two operate in practice and review the learning from these over a period of approximately one year before considering whether we should plan for the construction of others.

If or when we believe there should be other skate parks Balbriggan will on a short list of sites to be considered”.



**BTC/115/07**

**PLANTING AT ROUNDABOUT**

**Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

To ask the Manager when will the roundabout at the Church be completed and flowers planted?

**Reply:**

“Three companies have been invited to quote for the development of a low maintenance high quality landscape treatment at the round about. Site meetings were arranged in mid April and the companies have not to submit proposals. No proposals have been received to date. It is unlikely that there will be large component of annual bedding in the final scheme”.

**BTC/116/07**

**GRASS CUTTING AT BEACH**

**Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

To ask the Manager when is the grass at the Beach due for cutting – it is very overgrown at the moment?

**Reply:**

“The Inspector has reported that grass cutting along the beach at Balbriggan will be completed by the contractor working on behalf of Fingal County Council prior to the May Bank Holiday Weekend. In addition it was agreed that Iarnrod Eireann would be contacted to arrange cutting for the area of grass maintained by them along the beach”.

**BTC/117/07**

**ARDGILLEN TAKING IN CHARGE**

**Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**

To ask the Manager can he explain the reason for the delay in taking in charge of the open space in Ardgillen housing estate?

**Reply:**

“This development took place in two phases, first phase has been taken in charge and is maintained by the Council, the second phase went into liquidation and is been administered by KPMG. A number of meetings have taken place between the Parks Department and the liquidator and only recently was an under taking given to complete legal transfer of the lands to Fingal County Council to date this legal documentation has not been received . It is a planning matter and enforcement have been advised until legal transfer of the lands takes place it is the responsibility of KPMG to arrange maintenance of the open spaces. This matter has been referred to the Planning Department for enforcement action.

**BTC/118/07**

**MANPOWER AND RESOURCES SOCIAL SERVICES**

The following motion in the name of Councillor G. Shields was proposed by Councillor G. Shields, seconded by Councillor L. Dunne



“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Health to provide manpower and resources to Social Services so that a 24 hour 7 days a week service can be available for people who need help”.

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.

**BTC/119/07**

#### **REMOVAL OF GRAFFITI AT TEMPLEVILLE AND CHAPEL GATE**

The following motion in the name of Councillor G. Buckley was proposed by Councillor G. Buckley, seconded by Councillor L. Dunne.

“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council, Environment Department to look at Templeville and Chapel Gate playground for all the graffiti to be removed and the bins to be collected on a daily basis”.

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.

**BTC/120/07**

#### **ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE**

The following motion in the name of Councillor M. McKeon was proposed by Councillor G. Shields, seconded by Councillor L. Dunne.

“Given that Balbriggan’s population has increased 50% in recent years creating a situation where it is imperative to keep pace with the provision of community facilities, essential services and general infrastructure – Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council Transportation Department to commence as a matter of urgency the construction of the road infrastructure as indicated on the Castleland Local Area Plan – thus enabling the Department of Education to provide the much needed schools and the Health Service Executive to provide the Primary Care Centre as stipulated in the Local Area Plan for which the monies have been allocated”.

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.

**BTC/121/07**

#### **24 HOUR DOCTOR ON CALL SERVICE**

The following motion in the name of Councillor G. Shields was proposed by Councillor G. Shields, seconded by Councillor K. Hammond

“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Health Service Executive to provide the long promised Doctor on Call Service based in Balbriggan without any further delay”.

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.



**BTC/122/07**

**REMOVAL OF GRAFFITI**

The following motion in the name of Councillor G. Buckley was proposed by Councillor G. Buckley, seconded by Councillor L. Dunne

“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to arrange for the removal of all graffiti in Balbriggan”.

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.

**BTC/123/07**

**CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS**

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

**BTC/124/07**

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
APRIL 2007**

The following report which was circulated by the Town clerk was **noted**.

**EXPENDITURE**

<b>Programme Item</b>	<b>Budget 2007</b>	<b>Gross Expenditure 2007 to date</b>	<b>Unpaid Bills Charged to 2006</b>	<b>Nett Expenditure 2007 to date</b>
<b>CORPORATE PROPERTY</b>				
Insurance	9,000.00	8,279.34	0.00	8,279.34
Rates & Water Charges	9,500.00	4,684.40	0.00	4,684.40
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
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>34,000.00</b>	<b>12,963.74</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>12,963.74</b>

**GENERAL**

Office Expenses	12,300.00	4,646.63	456.60	4,190.03
Members Allowance	16,000.00	4,400.00	0.00	4,400.00
Conference Expenses	7,500.00	1,317.04	0.00	1,317.04
Cathaoirleach's Allowance	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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/Decoration	8,000.00	3,212.84	89.95	3,302.79
Community Awards	3,800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>73,000.00</b>	<b>19,606.51</b>	<b>546.55</b>	<b>19,239.86</b>
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<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>107,000.00</b>	<b>32,570.25</b>	<b>546.55</b>	<b>32,203.60</b>
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**RECEIPTS**

**Programme Item**

**Budget 2007**

**Gross Receipts to date**

**CORPORATE PROPERTY**

Retail Unit Rental Income	14,000.00	3,269.25
Office Unit Rental Income	6,000.00	0.00
Rental Income - Fingal Co. Co.	6,000.00	0.00
Hall Hire Charges	5,000.00	700.00
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>31,000.00</b>	<b>3,969.25</b>
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**GENERAL**

Demand - Fingal County Council	76,000.00	76,000.00
Other Receipts	0.00	1,099.48
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>76,000.00</b>	<b>77,099.48</b>
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**TOTAL**

<b>107,000.00</b>	<b>81,068.73</b>
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**BTC/125/07**

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2005 & STATUTORY AUDIT  
REPORT 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2005**

The following reports which were circulated were **noted**.





COMHAIRLE BHAILE BRIGIN  
BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
FOR YEAR ENDED  
31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2005**



# COMHAIRLE BHAILE BRIGIN BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL

## CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2005

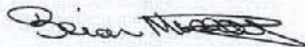
As required under the Local Government Act 2001, Section 108, I forward, herewith, a copy of the draft Annual Financial Statement for 2005.

The total expenditure on the revenue account for 2005 was €95,497.84. This includes a transfer to capital account of €2,000 in respect of provision for local elections in 2009.

Section 108 of the Local Government Act 2001 requires me to furnish, with the Annual Financial Statement, details of authorisations of over-expenditure. The members approved at the Budget meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2005 expenditure of €95,056.88.

I therefore seek the approval of the members to the expenditure of €95,497.84 and the transfer to capital account of €2,000 in respect of provision for local elections in 2009.

The draft Annual Financial Statement has been forwarded to the Director of Audit in the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government. On receipt of the auditors report, I will report back to the Council on the audited statement.



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**Brian Murray**  
Town Clerk

13<sup>th</sup> March 2007



**ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS OF THE BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL  
REVENUE ACCOUNT 2005**

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT	TOTAL	EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT
Balance (if any) in favour at close of 2004		17,198.76	Balance (if any) against at close of 2004	
<b>General</b>			<b>General</b>	
Demand - Fingal Co.Co.		68,540.00	Legal Fees	21,989.84
Miscellaneous		41.43	Tourist/Town Decoration & Improvement	7,018.06
			AMAI Contributions	3,150.00
			Tidy Districts	3,256.30
			Cathaoirleachs Allowance	1,200.00
<b>Corporate Property</b>			<b>Corporate Property</b>	
Corporate Property Rent	11,808.64		Rates	2,099.87
Other Receipts	1,726.31	13,534.95	Insurance	8,544.28
			<b>Office Expenses</b>	
			Heat & Light	2,578.33
			Office Expenses	3,301.27
<b>Cancelled PO's</b>		565.43	Photo Copier	1,877.26
			Town Clerk Allowance	7,000.00
			Members Expenses / Conferences	24,081.10
			Phones	1,745.81
			Staff Catering	150.00
			Office Rental	5,459.52
			Bank Charges	
			<b>Transfer to Capital Account</b>	
			Local Elections	
		<b>99,880.57</b>		
Balance (if any) against at close of 2005			Balance (if any) in favour at close of 2005	



**SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF REVENUE ACCOUNT 2005**

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
	17,198.76	82,681.81		99,880.57		95,497.84	4,382.73
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>17,198.76</b>	<b>82,681.81</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>99,880.57</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>95,497.84</b>	<b>4,382.73</b>



**STATEMENT OF BALANCES AT CLOSE OF FINANCIAL YEAR 2005**

	€	€		€	€
<b>Treasurer, due to him:-</b>			<b>Treasurer, due by him:-</b>		
Unpaid Bills	435.75	435.75	No. 1 Account	6,691.51	38,297.49
			No. 2 Account	31,605.98	
			Officers Imprest Account		126.97
Balances in favour:-			Balances Against:-		
Capital Account	33,605.98		Capital Account	-	
Revenue Account	4,382.73	37,988.71	Revenue Account		
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>38,424.46</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>38,424.46</b>

**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 2005			Balance due to treasurer at close of 2005		
No. 1 Account	6,691.51		Other Liabilities (Specify)		
No. 2 Account	31,605.98	38,297.49	Unpaid Bills		435.75
Balance in hands of other officers: at close of December 2005					
Other Assets		126.97			
<b>Rent Outstanding</b>					
1. Ballroom Rents		566.81			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>38,991.27</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>435.75</b>



**RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF CAPITAL MONEY 2005**

<b>PURPOSE FOR WHICH OBTAINED</b>	<b>Balance (if any) unexpended at close of last year 2004</b>	<b>Instalments</b>	<b>Grants</b>	<b>Other Receipts</b>	<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>Balance (if any) unexpended in excess at close of this year 2005</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Balance (if any) unexpended in excess at close of last year</b>	<b>Expenditu</b>	<b>Balance (if any) unexpended at close of this year 2005</b>
Town Hall Development	31,369.59			2,236.39	2,236.39	33,605.98				33,605.98
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>31,369.59</b>			<b>2,236.39</b>	<b>2,236.39</b>	<b>33,605.98</b>				<b>33,605.98</b>



**PARTICULARS OF RENT COLLECTION 2005**

	Arrears due at close of last year 2004 €	Rents & Purchase Annuities Accrued €	Total for Collection €	Total Collected €	Due at close of this year 2005 €	
	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
			<b>Percentages</b>			

**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						

**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 \_\_\_\_\_ 2007

\_\_\_\_\_  
Town Clerk

**AUDITORS CERTIFICATE:**

I have audited the books and accounts of the Balbriggan Town Council for the year ended on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2005 \_\_\_\_\_ and I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true abstract therefrom.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2007

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Local Government Auditor



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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDIT SERVICE**  
(Seirbhis Iniucha Rialtais Aitiuil)

Statutory Audit Report

to the

Members of Balbriggan Town Council

for the

Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005

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Patrick Guiney,  
Local Government Auditor.

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2007.





## AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE MEMBERS OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL

#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 I have completed the statutory audit of the accounts of Balbriggan Town Council for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005.
- 1.2 In accordance with the requirements of Section 120(4) of the Local Government Act, 2001 the Audit Report was presented to the Town Manager for his comments. The Town Manager confirmed that he agreed with the content of the report.

#### 2. Respective Responsibilities

- 2.1 The officers of Balbriggan Town Council are by law, responsible for the maintenance of all accounting records, including the preparation and presentation of the Annual Financial Statement.
- 2.2 It is the duty of the Local Government Auditor based on the audit, to form an independent opinion on the accounts and to certify the correctness of the Annual Financial Statement.

#### 3. Basis of Opinion

- 3.1 The audit was carried out in accordance with the principles and practice of Local Government Audit. An audit includes an examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts in the Annual Financial Statement. The audit was planned and performed to obtain all the information and explanations considered necessary, in order to provide sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the Annual Financial Statement was free from material misstatement.

#### 4. Opinion

- 4.1 In my opinion;
  - (i) I obtained all the information and explanations considered necessary for the purpose of the audit.



- (ii) Balbriggan Town Council, having received Ministerial consent to depart from the requirements set out in the Accounting Code of Practice in relation to the preparation of the Annual Financial Statement, complied with the requirements laid down in previous legislation in relation to;
- The preparation and presentation of the Annual Financial Statement.
  - The maintenance of proper books and records.
  - The procedures and duties relating to the statutory audit.
- (iii) The Annual Financial Statement is in agreement with the underlying records.

## 5. Certification

- 5.1 The audit certificate has been entered on the Annual Financial Statement for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005.

## 6. Revenue Account

- 6.1 A summary of the transactions on the revenue account is detailed below:

	2005	2004
	€	€
Receipts for year	82,682	79,510
Expenditure	<u>95,498</u>	<u>80,385</u>
(Deficit) for year	(12,816)	(875)
Balance in favour at start of year	<u>17,199</u>	<u>18,073</u>
Balance in favour at end of year	<u>4,383</u>	<u>17,199</u>

- 6.2 The deficit for the year of €12,816 was mainly due to overexpenditure on legal fees incurred because of the redevelopment of the Town Hall.



7 Capital Account

7.1 A summary of the capital account is as follows:-

	2005	2004
	€	€
Receipts for year	2,236	312
Expenditure	-	-
Surplus / (Deficit) for Year	<u>2,236</u>	<u>312</u>
Balance in favour at Start of Year	<u>31,370</u>	<u>31,058</u>
Balance in favour at End of Year	<u>33,606</u>	<u>31,370</u>

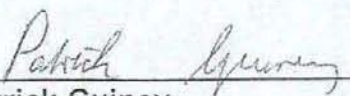
7.2 The Council received a sum of £23,508 (€29,849) from the Balbriggan Community Leisure Centre Committee in 1996. This money is for the sole purpose of funding the redevelopment of the civic offices and town hall facilities for community use. It is accounted for in the capital account of the Annual Financial Statement and is held in a separate bank account. The balance on the account at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005 was €31,606. The Town Clerk has indicated that this money will be spent to purchase equipment for use by the local community in the Town Hall. Work commenced on replacing the old town hall during 2004 and the new building was opened in January 2007.

8. Audit Memorandum

8.1 An audit memorandum has been issued listing items requiring attention. The matters raised will be reviewed at the next audit.

9. Acknowledgement

9.1 I wish to record my appreciation for the assistance, co-operation and courtesy afforded me by the Town Manager, Town Clerk and the other members of the Council's staff during the audit.

  
Patrick Guiney  
Local Government Auditor.

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2007.



The Town Clerk gave a verbal report on the Statutory Audit Report and the audited Annual Financial Statement 2005. It was **agreed** by the members that the audit report. It was further agreed that the Annual Financial Statement 2005 be approved for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2005 be **noted**.

**BTC/126/07**

**ANNUAL MEETING**

It was proposed by Councillor Larry Dunne, seconded by Councillor Gerry Buckley and **resolved** that the annual meeting be held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2007.

**BTC/127/07**

**VISIT TO ST. WENDEL**

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Mayor of St. Wendel had invited An Cathaoirleach and members of Balbriggan Town Council to visit St. Wendel. Town Clerk informed the meeting that a visit to St. Wendel has been arranged for 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2007 subject to the members approval to sign an agreement of mutual co-operation. It was agreed that An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Monica Harford would attend along with the Town Manger and Town Clerk. It was further **agreed** that An Leas Cathaoirleach would attend subject to availability and Councillor Hammond to go in the absence of Councillor Buckley.

The meeting concluded at 8.15 p.m.

*Monica Harford*  
CATHAOIRLEACH

8/5/07  
DATE



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9<sup>th</sup> May 2007.

**To each elected member,**

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Council will be held on **8<sup>th</sup> May, 2007 at 7.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, George's Square, Balbriggan** to consider the following agenda.

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

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**Brian Murray**  
**Meetings Administrator**



1. **Confirmation of Minutes**
  - (i) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2007 (circulated herewith)
  
2. **Correspondence**
  - A. **Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**
    - (i) Letter dated 5/4/2007 received from Noel Dempsey T.D. Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources regarding gas supply charge. (circulated herewith)
    - (ii) Letter received from Dick Roche, T.D. Minister for Environment, Heritage & Local Government regarding Publication of the National Climate Change Strategy 2007 – 2012 (circulated herewith)
    - (iii) Acknowledgement Letter dated 23/4/2007 received from Keaveny, Health Service Executive regarding requests for Ambulance Service. (circulated herewith)
  
  2. **B. Correspondence from Fingal County Council**
    - (i) Letter dated 18/4/2007 received from Town Architect regarding applications for change of use to food outlet/takeaway. (circulated herewith)
  
  2. **C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**
    - (i) Email dated 10/4/2007 received from Portlaoise Town Council regarding the sending out of reminders for renewal of driving licences. (circulated herewith)
  
  2. **D. Conferences**
    - (i) Letter dated 24/4/2007 received from A.M.A.I. regarding motions for Annual Conference 2007 (circulated herewith)
  
  2. **E. Other Correspondences**

No items under this heading
  
3. **Questions**
  - (i) **Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

To ask the Manager could some of the land being allocated in Balbriggan for leisure activities be given for the much needed skate park for young people?
  - (ii) **Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

To ask the Manager when will the roundabout at the Church be completed and flowers planted?



- (iii) **Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**  
To ask the Manager when is the grass at the Beach due for cutting – it is very overgrown at the moment?
- (iv) **Question submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**  
To ask the Manager can he explain the reason for the delay in taking in charge of the open space in Ardgillen housing estate?

4. **Motions**

- (i) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**  
Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Health to provide manpower and resources to Social Services so that a 24 hour 7 days a week service can be available for people who need help.
- (ii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**  
Balbriggan Town Council call on the Government to introduce legislation to introduce a fee basis of charging for all professions to be made available to the public.
- (iii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**  
Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council, Environment Department to look at Templeville and Chapel Gate playground for all the graffiti to be removed and the bins to be collected on a daily basis.
- (iv) **Motion submitted by Councillor May McKeon**  
Given that Balbriggan's population has increased 50% in recent years creating a situation where it is imperative to keep pace with the provision of community facilities, essential services and general infrastructure – Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council Transportation Department to commence as a matter of urgency the construction of the road infrastructure as indicated on the Castleland Local Area Plan – thus enabling the Department of Education to provide the much needed schools and the Health Service Executive to provide the Primary Care Centre as stipulated in the Local Area Plan for which the monies have been allocated.
- (v) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**  
Balbriggan Town Council call on the Health Service Executive to provide the long promised Doctor on Call Service based in Balbriggan without any further delay.
- (vi) **Motion submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**  
Balbriggan Town Council call on the Government to introduce legislation to allow for the appointment of a democratically elected councillor to hold the position of County Manager for the full term of the elected council who will in turn appoint democratically elected councillors to head each department in the local authority for the duration of the particular elected council.
- (vii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**  
Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to arrange for the removal of all graffiti in Balbriggan.



5. **Cathaoirleach's Business**
6. **Monthly Financial Statement**
7. **Statutory Audit Report for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005**
8. **Fixing of date for Annual Meeting**
9. **Visit to St. Wendel to sign Agreement**



**BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL  
COMHARILE BHAILE BRIGIN**

**Minutes of Statutory Meeting of Balbriggan Town Council  
Held On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2007 In The Council Chamber Town Hall @ 7.30 p.m.**

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

**Councillors**  
Bedell, Heidi  
Buckley, Gerry  
Pyne, Ned  
McKeon, May

**Councillors**  
Harford, Monica  
Shields, Gertie  
Hammond, Kathleen  
Brown, Sean

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillor Larry Dunne.

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Mr. Liam McGlynn, Acting Town Manager,  
Mr. Brian Murray, Meetings Administrator,  
Ms. Maureen Finn, Clerical Officer.

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Monica Harford presided.

**BTC/128/07**

**VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

An Cathaoirleach proposed a vote of sympathy to the families of the late Eileen Richardson, Drogheda Street and the late Yvonne Dunne, Fancourt on their recent bereavements.

An Cathaoirleach proposed a minutes silence in respect of the late Yvonne Dunne, mother of Councillor Larry Dunne. It was **agreed** that the Town Clerk forward letters of sympathy to the families.

**BTC/129/07**

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2007 which were circulated were submitted, **approved** as a true record and signed.

**BTC/130/07**

**LAWS FOR PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM CHILD ABUSE**

Letter dated 3/5/2007 received from Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform regarding review of current laws for protection of children from child abuse which was circulated was **noted**.



**BTC/131/07**

**MOTION ON CHILD SEX ABUSE**

Letter dated 18/5/2007 received from Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform regarding a motion on child sex abuse passed by Balbriggan Town Council which was circulated was **noted**. It was **agreed** that the Town Clerk circulate the draft Criminal Law (Trafficking in Persons and Sexual Offences) Bill to the members.

**BTC/132/07**

**FOOD OUTLET/TAKEAWAY**

Letter dated 18/4/2007 received from Town Architect regarding applications for change of use to food outlet/takeaway which was circulated was **noted**.

**BTC/133/07**

**COMHAIRLE NA NOG**

Letter dated 10/5/2007 received from Community Recreation & Amenities Department regarding Comhairle na nOg group which was circulated was **noted**.

**BTC/134/07**

**ALLOCATING OF VACANT HOUSES**

Letter dated 14/5/07 received from Housing Department regarding re-allocating of houses that are vacated which was circulated was **noted**. It was **agreed** that the Town Clerk write to the Housing Department requesting that particular attention be paid to houses vacant for a long period.

**BTC/135/07**

**GAS HEATING**

Letter dated 29/5/07 received from Housing Department regarding gas heating in Lambecher Estate which was circulated was **noted**.

**BTC/136/07**

**MOTION PASSED BY PORTLAOISE TOWN COUNCIL**

E-mail dated 4/5/2007 received from Portlaoise Town Council regarding a motion passed by them requesting Town Councillors to vote in the Seanad elections which was circulated and **noted**.



**BTC/137/07**

**AMAI ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

AMAI Preliminary Notice 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference 2007 September 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> 2007 which was circulated and **noted**. An Cathaoirleach asked the members to contact the Town Clerk's office or Cathaoirleach if they were unavailable to attend this or any other conference so that a representative could attend in their place.

**BTC/138/07**

**BALBRIGGAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Letter dated 3/5/2007 received from County Dublin Vocational Education Committee regarding Balbriggan Community College which was circulated and **noted**.

**BTC/139/07**

**PROPOSED FOOTPATH IMPROVEMENT SCHEME**

**Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

To ask the Manager for a report on the proposed footpath improvement scheme for Balbriggan?

**Reply:**

The Balbriggan Urban Renewal Scheme is currently out on public tender and when the tendering process is concluded over the coming weeks, details of commencement date(s) will be given to the Town Council.

**BTC/140/07**

**TELEPHONE SERVICE IN CARDY ROCK ESTATE**

The following motion in the name of Councillor L. Dunne was proposed by Councillor M. Harford in the absence of Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor H. Bedell.

Balbriggan Town Council call upon Eircom to provide a full and comprehensive explanation as to why the fixed line telephone service was withdrawn from some residents of the Cardy Rock estate, and why the capacity thus released was made available to subsequent new residential developments.

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.



**BTC/141/07**

**PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY FROM SEABANKS TO BATH ROAD**

The following motion in the name of Councillor G. Shields was proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor G. Buckley

Balbriggan Town Council call on the owner of the laneway/footpath from Seabanks to Bath Road over which there is a public right of way to re-surface the tarmac in the interests of pedestrian safety.

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members. It was **agreed** that the Town Clerk investigate ownership of the property and report back to the members prior to contacting the owner.

**BTC/142/07**

**MANAGEMENT COMPANIES**

The following motion in the name of Councillor M. Harford was proposed by Councillor M. Harford, seconded by Councillor H. Bedell.

Balbriggan Town Council call on the relevant Government Departments to enact legislation or take whatever measures necessary to ensure the following information be available to residents and potential residents of estates which are subject to management companies:

- (a) That each resident be issued with an itemised invoice outlining, clearly and separately what is covered by their contribution or what it is intended to be used for.
- (b) That all For Sale ads by estate agents or individuals include and clearly show the management fee on the advertisement when applicable.

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.

**BTC/143/07**

**POST BOX AT CASTLEMILL**

The following motion in the name of Councillor N. Pyne was proposed by Councillor N. Pyne, seconded by Councillor H. Bedell.

Balbriggan Town Council call on An Post to install a post box in the Castlemill retail area that they have already agreed to install.

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.

**BTC/144/07**

**HEDGING ALONG BRACKEN RIVER**

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 remove the hedging along the Bracken River at the pedestrian bridge adjacent to Clonard Court as it is being used for anti social behaviour.

Following discussion it was **agreed** to amend the motion to read as follows:

Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to examine the hedging along the Bracken River at the pedestrian bridge adjacent to Clonard Court as it is being used for anti social behaviour.

The motion was **agreed** by the members. It was **agreed** that the Town Clerk contact Superintendent Kelly, Balbriggan Garda Station regarding this issue.

**BTC/145/07**

#### **MEETING WITH RESIDENTS OF NO. 1 TO 20 LAMBEECHER ESTATE**

The following motion in the name of Councillor G. Shields was proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor M. Harford.

Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council, Transportation Department to arrange a meeting with the residents of No. 1 to 20 Lambeecher Estate to finalise the matter of the footpath proposed from St. Mologa's School to the traffic lights at Drogheda Street.

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.

**BTC/146/07**

#### **ASYLUM SEEKERS – IRISH BORN CHILD STATUS**

The following motion in the name of Councillor N. Pyne was proposed by Councillor N. Pyne, seconded by Councillor M. Harford.

Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Justice to provide details of the following originally requested in March 2006:

1. The number of applicants who were originally seeking asylum that were granted Irish Born Child Status?
2. How many of these withdrew their original application for asylum upon receipt of Irish Born Status?
3. Has the Government any information on the numbers of such cases who have returned to their country of origin for temporary visits after receiving Irish Born Status?

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.



**BTC/147/07**

**CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS - BINS ON GEORGES SQUARE**

An Cathaoirleach informed the members that M & M Skip Hire had contacted her proposing to sponsor bins on Georges Square. The Town Clerk informed the members that Fingal County Council were reviewing the provision of bins on Georges Square and he would inform the Environmental Services Department of the proposal.

**BTC/148/07**

**CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS - HERITAGE WEEK**

The Acting Town Manager informed the members that there will be a display in the Library during Heritage week in September 2007 and requested the members to submit any ideas or suggestions.

**BTC/149/07**

**CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS - REGIONAL DRUGS TASK FORCE**

Councillor M. McKeon informed the members that the Regional Drugs Task Force was seeking a community representative. Following discussion, it was **agreed** that Ms Bredge Tuite be forwarded as the Town Council's nomination.

**BTC/150/07**

**CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS - BRACKEN BOXING CLUB**

An Cathaoirleach proposed that a donation of €500 be made to Bracken Boxing Club to purchase equipment in recognition of their achievement in promoting Balbriggan during a recent international boxing tournament held in the town. It was **agreed** by the members to make a donation to Bracken Boxing Club as proposed.

**BTC/151/07**

**CATHAOIRLEACHS BUSINESS - PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH ST. WENDEL**

The Town Clerk circulated a draft Protocol of Collaboration to the members. The Town Clerk proposed that an Cathaoirleach sign the agreement during the forthcoming visit to St. Wendel. It was **agreed** that the draft agreement be **approved**.



BTC 152/07

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT MAY 2007

The following report which was circulated by the Town Clerk was noted.

EXPENDITURE				
Programme Item	Budget 2007	Gross Expenditure 2007 to date	Unpaid Bills Charged to 2006	Nett Expenditure 2007 to date
<b>CORPORATE PROPERTY</b>				
Insurance	9,000.00	8,279.34	0.00	8,279.34
Rates & Water Charges	9,500.00	4,684.40	0.00	4,684.40
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
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>34,000.00</b>	<b>12,963.74</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>12,963.74</b>
<b>GENERAL</b>				
Office Expenses	12,300.00	5,085.61	456.60	4,629.01
Members Allowance	16,000.00	5,582.41	0.00	5,582.41
Conference Expenses	7,500.00	2,457.77	0.00	2,457.77
Cathaoirleach's Allowance	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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/Decoration	8,000.00	3,212.84	89.95	3,302.79
Community Awards	3,800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>73,000.00</b>	<b>22,368.63</b>	<b>546.55</b>	<b>22,001.98</b>
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>107,000.00</b>	<b>35,332.37</b>	<b>546.55</b>	<b>34,965.72</b>
		35,332.37		



<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
<b>Programme Item</b>	<b>Budget 2007</b>	<b>Gross Receipts to date</b>	
<b>CORPORATE PROPERTY</b>			
Retail Unit Rental Income	14,000.00	0.00	0%
Office Unit Rental Income	6,000.00	3,269.25	54%
Rental Income - Fingal Co. Co.	6,000.00	0.00	0%
Hall Hire Charges	5,000.00	700.00	14%
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>31,000.00</b>	<b>3,969.25</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>GENERAL</b>			
Demand - Fingal County Council	76,000.00	76,000.00	100%
Other Receipts	0.00	1,099.48	0%
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>76,000.00</b>	<b>77,099.48</b>	<b>101%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>107,000.00</b>	<b>81,068.73</b>	<b>76%</b>

**BTC/153/07**

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS – PROPOSED LAUNCH OF PUBLIC ART SCULPTURE**

The Town Clerk informed the members that an official launch for the public art sculpture at the roundabout adjacent St. Peter and Paul's Church was proposed for Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2007 at 7 p.m. The Town Clerk suggested that the members consider an official name for the roundabout.

**BTC/154/07**

### **REPORT ON HIRE OF HAMILTON HALL**

Town Clerk gave a verbal report to the members on the usage of the conference facilities. The Town Clerk proposed to the members that equipment was required for the facilities to be used by the community groups. Following discussion, it was agreed that the equipment be funded from the capital account.



**BTC/155/07**

**MOTIONS FOR AMAI ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2007**

It was **agreed** by the members to forward the following motion to the AMAI Annual Conference:

Balbriggan Town Council call on the relevant Government Departments to enact legislation or take whatever measures necessary to ensure the following information be available to residents and potential residents of estates which are subject to management companies:

- (a) That each resident be issued with an itemised invoice outlining, clearly and separately what is covered by their contribution or what it is intended to be used for.
- (b) That all For Sale ads by estate agents or individuals include and clearly show the management fee on the advertisement when applicable.

The meeting concluded at 9.15 p.m.

May McKeow  
CATHAOIRLEACH

12th July 2007  
DATE



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# BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL

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6<sup>th</sup> June 2007.

To each elected member,

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Council will be held on **12<sup>th</sup> June, 2007 at 7.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, George's Square, Balbriggan** to consider the following agenda.

Following consultation with An Cathaoirleach it is proposed to conclude the meeting at 8.30 p.m. to facilitate a presentation to Mr. Richard Brady, former Town Manager.

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

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**Brian Murray**  
Meetings Administrator



1. **Confirmation of Minutes**
  - (i) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2007 (circulated herewith)
  
2. **Correspondence**
  - A. **Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**
    - (i) Acknowledgement letter dated 3/5/2007 received from Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform regarding review of current laws for protection of children from child abuse. (circulated herewith)
    - (ii) Letter dated 18/5/2007 received from Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform regarding a motion on child sex abuse passed by Balbriggan Town Council. (circulated herewith)
  
  2. **B. Correspondence from Fingal County Council**
    - (i) Letter dated 18/4/2007 received from Town Architect regarding applications for change of use to food outlet/takeaway. (already circulated)
    - (ii) Letter dated 10/5/2007 received from Community Recreation & Amenities Department regarding Comhairle na nOg group. (circulated herewith)
    - (iii) Letter dated 14/5/07 received from Housing Department regarding re-allocating of houses that are vacated. (circulated herewith)
    - (iv) Letter dated 29/5/07 received from Housing Department regarding gas heating in Lambeeher Estate (circulated herewith)
  
  2. **C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**
    - (i) E-mail dated 4/5/2007 received from Portlaoise Town Council regarding a motion passed by them requesting Town Councillors to vote in the Seanad Elections. (circulated herewith)
  
  2. **D. Conferences**
    - (i) AMAI Preliminary Notice 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference 2007 September 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> 2007. (circulated herewith)
  
  2. **E. Other Correspondences**
    - (i) Letter dated 3/5/2007 received from County Dublin Vocational Education Committee regarding Balbriggan Community College. (circulated herewith)
  
  3. **Questions**
    - (i) **Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**  
To ask the Manager for a report on the proposed footpath improvement scheme for Balbriggan?
  
  4. **Motions**
    - (i) **Motion submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne**



Balbriggan Town Council call upon Eircom to provide a full and comprehensive explanation as to why the fixed line telephone service was withdrawn from some residents of the Cardy Rock estate, and why the capacity thus released was made available to subsequent new residential developments.

**(ii) Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

Balbriggan Town Council call on the owner of the laneway/footpath from Seabanks to Bath Road over which there is a public right of way to re-surface the tarmac in the interests of pedestrian safety.

**(iii) Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

Balbriggan Town Council call on the relevant Government Departments to enact legislation or take whatever measures necessary to ensure the following information be available to residents and potential residents of estates which are the subject to of management companies:

- (a) That each resident be issued with an itemised invoice outlining, clearly and separately what is covered by their contribution or what it is intended to be used for.
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**(vii) Motion submitted Councillor Ned Pyne**

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**5. Cathaoirleach's Business**

**- Heritage Week – Sept. 2007**



6. **Monthly Financial Statement**
7. **Environmental Improvements - Proposed launch date for Stephentown roundabout**
8. **Report on Hire of Hamilton Hall**
9. **Motions for AMAI Annual Conference 2007**



**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY 18th JUNE 2007**

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

**Councillors**

Bedell, Heidi  
Brown, Sean  
Buckley, Gerry  
Dunne, Larry  
Hammond, Kathleen

**Councillors**

Harford, Monica  
McKeon, May  
Pyne, Ned  
Shields, Gertie

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Mr. David O'Connor, County Manager  
Mr. Liam McGlynn, Acting Town Manager  
Mr. Stephen Peppard, Senior Executive Officer  
Mr. Brian Murray, Town Clerk  
Ms. Maureen Finn, Clerical Officer

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Monica Harford presided.

**BTC/152/07**

**ADDRESS BY OUTGOING CATHAOIRLEACH**

An Cathaoirleach welcomed the members and officials present to the Annual Meeting.

Councillor Harford stated that she had a very busy and active year. An Cathaoirleach listed the Civic Reception for the Credit Union's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, St. Patrick's Day Parade, working with Balbriggan Chamber of Commerce on the Christmas Lights, meeting with international visitors, particularly from El Prat and St. Wendel as the prominent events of her term of office. She went on to say the highlight of the year was the official opening of the new Town Hall, Library and George's Square in January 2007.

Councillor Harford thanked the County Manager, Town Manager, Town Clerk and staff for their help and co-operation which allowed her to represent the members and people of Balbriggan at various events throughout the year. She also wished the incoming Cathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach well for the year ahead

The County Manager thanked An Cathaoirleach for her outstanding service during the past year and acknowledged her great achievement in St. Wendel. He also paid tribute to former Town Manager, Mr. Dick Brady who took his role seriously and promoted an enhanced the role for Balbriggan Town Council as a model of representative local government. He said that Balbriggan was entering a period of growth and prosperity and assured the members of his ongoing support.

The County Manager then presented An Cathaoirleach with a photo album to commemorate her year in office.



The Acting Town Manager, Mr. Liam McGlynn thanked An Cathaoirleach and stated he would continue to put forward the interests of Balbriggan at all times.

The Town Clerk thanked An Cathaoirleach for her co-operation and also the Leas Cathaoirleach for his help over the year.

An Cathaoirleach concluded by thanking everyone for their tributes to her.

**BTC/153/07**

### **ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH**

An Cathaoirleach asked for nominations for election of Cathaoirleach.

It was proposed by Councillor Monica Harford, seconded by Councillor Kathleen Hammond.

“That Councillor Larry Dunne be elected as Cathaoirleach”

It was proposed by Councillor Gertie Shields, seconded by Councillor Ned Pyne.

“That Councillor May McKeon be elected as Cathaoirleach”

On a division, the voting resulted as follows:

<b>For Councillor McKeon</b>	:	Five	(5)
<b>For Councillor Dunne</b>	:	Four	(4)

For Councillor McKeon: Councillors: Brown, Buckley, McKeon, Pyne, Shields.

For Councillor Dunne: Councillors: Bedell, Dunne, Hammond, Harford.

Having secured a majority of votes of the members present, Councillor McKeon was declared elected as Cathaoirleach of Balbriggan Town Council.

Councillor McKeon then took the chair and was presented with the Chain of Office by the outgoing Cathaoirleach, Councillor Harford.

**BTC/154/07**

### **ADDRESS BY AN CATHAOIRLEACH, COUNCILLOR MAY MCKEON**

Councillor McKeon said she was delighted to be elected as Cathaoirleach of Balbriggan Town Council and thanked the members who voted for her and said that she will not be taking the position as a representative of the community lightly.

She gave a commitment to be available to everyone during the forthcoming year. In her new position she hoped to keep the members fully informed of the day to day running of the council. She said that the Town Councillors were very close to the



people they represent and on their behalf the council would act as watchdogs on the upcoming developments taking place in Balbriggan.

**BTC/155/07**

### **ELECTION OF LEAS CATHAOIRLEACH**

An Cathoirleach asked for nominations for election of Leas Cathaoirleach.

It was proposed by Councillor Monica Harford, seconded by Councillor Kathleen Hammond

“That Councillor Larry Dunne be elected Leas Cathaoirleach”

Councillor Dunne informed the meeting that his nomination is withdrawn.

It was proposed by Councillor Ned Pyne, seconded by Councillor May McKeon.

“That Councillor Gerry Buckley be elected Leas Cathaoirleach”

It was proposed by Councillor Monica Harford, seconded by Councillor Larry Dunne

“That Councillor Heidi Bedell be elected as Cathaoirleach”

On a division, the voting resulted as follows:

<b>For Councillor Buckley</b>	<b>:</b>	Five	(5)
<b>For Councillor Bedell</b>	<b>:</b>	Four	(4)

For Councillor Buckley: Councillors: Buckley, Dunne, McKeon, Pyne, Shields.

For Councillor Bedell: Councillors: Bedell, Brown, Hammond, Harford.

Councillor Buckley was declared elected as Leas Cathaoirleach of Balbriggan Town Council.

**BTC/156/07**

### **ELECTION OF DELEGATE TO IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCE'S LTD.**

An Cathoirleach asked for nominations for election of delegate to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance's Ltd.

It was proposed by Councillor Heidi Bedell and seconded by Councillor May McKeon

That “Councillor Gertie Sheilds become the delegate to I.P.B. for the coming year”.



As there were no further nominations, Councillor Gertie Sheilds was then declared elected as the delegate to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance's Ltd.

**BTC/156/07**

**ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE FOR B.A.P.A. AND SUBSTITUTE REPRESENTATIVE**

It was agreed to defer this item to the Statutory Meeting to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2007.

**BTC/157/07**

**ELECTION OF BUDGET COMMITTEE**

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

**BTC/158/07**

**ELECTION OF TIDY DISTRICTS, SPORTS, ARTS AND CULTURE AWARDS COMMITTEE**

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

**BTC/159/07**

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY COMMITTEE**

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

The meeting concluded at 8.00 p.m.

Mary McKeown  
CATHAOIRLEACH

11th Sept. 2007  
DATE



**BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL**  
**COMHARILE BHAILE BRIGIN**

**Minutes of Statutory Meeting of Balbriggan Town Council**  
**Held On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2007 In The Council Chamber Town Hall @ 7.30 p.m.**

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

**Councillors**  
Bedell, Heidi  
Buckley, Gerry  
Pyne, Ned  
McKeon, May

**Councillors**  
Harford, Monica  
Shields, Gertie  
Dunne, Larry

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors Kathleen Hammond and Sean Brown.

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Mr. Liam McGlynn, Acting Town Manager,  
Mr. Brian Murray, Meetings Administrator,  
Ms. Maureen Finn, Clerical Officer.

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor May McKeon presided.

**BTC/152/07**

**VOTE OF SYMPATHY**

An Cathaoirleach proposed a vote of sympathy to Councillor Harford on the tragic death of her grand-niece, Mary. The Town Manager also expressed his condolences on his behalf and the staff to Councillor Harford.

**BTC/153/07**

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF JUNE MEETING**

Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2007 which were circulated were submitted, **approved** as a true record and signed.

**BTC/154/07**

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ANNUAL MINUTES**

Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council annual meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2007 which were circulated were submitted. Councillor Dunne informed the meeting that the minutes did not record that he was nominated for Leas Cathaoirleach and the subsequent withdrawal of his nomination. It was **agreed that** the minutes be amended and submitted to the September meeting for approval.

**BTC/155/07**

**MANAGEMENT COMPANIES**

Letter dated 25/6/2007 received from Office of the Taoiseach regarding



Management Companies which was circulated was **noted**.

**BTC/156/07**

**ASYLUM SEEKERS**

Acknowledgement Letter dated 21/6/2007 regarding Asylum Seekers was circulated was **noted**.

**BTC/157/07**

**MANAGEMENT COMPANIES**

Letter of Environment, Heritage and Local Government regarding Management Companies was circulated was **noted**.

**BTC/158/07**

**REMOVAL OF GRAFFITI**

Letter dated 1/6/2007 received from Environment Department regarding removal of all graffiti in Balbriggan was circulated was **noted**.

**BTC/159/07**

**SADLIER'S SHOP SIGN**

Letter dated 13/6/2007 received from Planning Enforcement Section regarding Sadlier's Shop sign was circulated was **noted**. It was **agreed** that the Town Clerk liaise with Mr Sadlier regarding changing his signage to fit in with the other signage on the front of the building.

**BTC/160/07**

**HEDGING ALONG BRACKEN RIVER**

Acknowledgement letter dated 15/6/2007 received from Community, Recreation & Amenities Department regarding hedging along the Bracken River was circulated was **noted**.

**BTC/161/07**

**TEMPLEVILLE / CHAPEL GATE PLAYGROUND**

Letter dated 20/6/2007 received from Environment Department regarding removal of graffiti at Templeville and Chapel Gate Playground was circulated was **noted**.

It was **agreed** that the Town Clerk would follow this item up with Parks Division to ensure a report is available for the September meeting.

**BTC/162/07**

**EMBARGO ON RECRUITMENT VIA FAS**

E-mail dated 12/6/2007 received from Town Clerk, Clare Town Council regarding motion to lift the embargo on recruitment via FAS WAS circulated was **noted**.



**BTC/163/07**

**HEDGING ALONG THE BRACKEN RIVER**

Letter dated 18/6/2007 received from An Garda Síochána, Balbriggan regarding hedging along the Bracken River was circulated was **noted**.

**BTC/164/07**

**INSTALLATION OF POST BOX**

Letter dated 15/6/2007 received from An Post regarding installation of post box was circulated and **noted**. Councillor Pyne informed the meeting that he was informed that the box will be installed in the coming weeks.

**BTC/165/07**

**MISSING CHILDREN**

Letter dated 27/6/2007 received from Monaghan Town Council regarding putting a system in place regarding missing children was circulated and **noted**.

**BTC/166/07**

**CONFERENCES**

It was **noted** there was no business under this item.

**BTC/167/07**

**OTHER CORRESPONDENCE - RESIGNATION LETTER**

E-mail from Councillor Heidi Bedell was circulated and **noted**.

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor McKeon and the elected members paid tribute to Councillor Bedell for her work on the Town Council since her election three years ago and wished her well in the future.

The Town Manager and Town Clerk also expressed their gratitude to Councillor Bedell on their own behalf and of the staff.

**BTC/168/07**

**CARNEGIE LIBRARY**

**(i) Question submitted by Councillor May McKeon**

To ask the Manager to report on the shabby and run down state of the exterior of the original building of the Carnegie Library and what efforts are being made to restore this fine protected structure on our town square to its original glory?

**Reply:**

Extensive refurbishment works have been carried out on Carnegie Library, both internally and externally, as part of the development of the new Library and Town Council Offices, including re-roofing the original Library building. The contract for the refurbishment works has reached now been completed. Any further works, if deemed necessary by the



Conservation Officer, would be carried out as a separate contract. Due to the Protected status of the Carnegie building the extent of this work is limited to avoid potential damage to historical material. For example, modern cleaning techniques such as power-washing are not appropriate for historical brickwork as it would lead to permanent damage of the brick and subsequent ingress of water and damage to the building.

**BTC/169/07**

#### **BINS AND SEATS ON FRONT BEACH**

**(ii) Question submitted by Councillor May McKeon**

To ask the Manager to provide bins beside the seats on the front beach under the railway station and also provide bins on the north beach at the old bathhouse?

**Reply:**

A bin was provided last summer at the top of the steps on the front beach but this was vandalised almost immediately. Because of the isolated location of both areas referred to in the question it is likely that any bins provided will be similarly vandalised. Both locations are litter picked daily during the summer months. A bin will be provided shortly on Convent Lane for persons accessing the front beach to dispose of their litter.

In conjunction with the re-development of the walkway area by the Parks Division towards the end of the year and the proposed Marine Conservation and Education Centre at the northern end consideration will be given to the provision of additional bins.

**BTC/170/07**

#### **HOUSING IN BALROTHERY**

**(iii) Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

To ask the Manager whether Local Authority housing in Balrothery, Balbriggan has been allocated and if so what percentage went to house people on the housing list?

**Reply:**

26.66% of the Social Housing units for Local Authority housing in Balrothery have been allocated to date. 100% of these people came from the Councils housing list in accordance with the Scheme of Letting Priorities.

**BTC/171/07**

#### **ENTRANCE TO TOWN HALL**

**(iv) Question submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**

To ask the Manager if the developer of the Town Hall Library can be compelled to replace the steps and entrance space with granite or good quality material because of the deplorable state it is in at present?

**Reply:**



The Architect's Department is currently preparing options for the redesign of the entrance to improve its appearance and to secure it after office hours

**BTC/172/07**

#### **GREEN SPACE IN ARDGILLAN LAWNS**

**(v) Question submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**

To ask the Manager why have the green space in Ardgillan Lawns Estate not been cut and maintained?

**Reply:**

This development took place in two phases, the first phase has been taken in charge and is being maintained by the Council, the second phase went into liquidation and is being administered by KPMG. A number of meetings have taken place between the Parks Division and the liquidator and only recently was an undertaking given to complete the legal transfer of the lands to the Council. To date this legal documentation has not been received. Until legal transfer of the lands takes place, maintenance of the open space is the responsibility of KPMG. The matter was referred to the Planning Department for enforcement action and a warning letter issued to the liquidator on 22 June 2007 in relation to the maintenance of the open spaces.

**BTC/173/07**

#### **HOTEL CARPARK**

**(vi) Question submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**

To ask the Manager to explain why the hotel carpark in which members of Balbriggan Town Council and Fingal County Council can use for official business appears to be experiencing persistent water difficulties?

**Reply:**

There have been three incidences of surface water and/or sewerage overflows on George's Square (adjacent Browne's shop) in the past three weeks which have followed into the car park area. The architects who designed the building and car park have been informed and requested to ensure measures are put in place to prevent future occurrences.

**BTC/174/07**

#### **TRAVELLERS**

**(vii) Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**

To ask the Manager why travellers are not moved on immediately they pull in and park caravans in the Balbriggan area (recently parked at Stephenstown Industrial Estate for a number of days)?

**Reply:**

The Council became aware of six caravans parked on the Balbriggan inner relief road late on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2007. On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2007, three members of staff from the traveller accommodation unit called to the location to establish the names of the travellers and to inform them that they could not remain at this location.



On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2007 this section prepared the necessary and statutory paperwork for service on these families and five staff members called to the site on the 28<sup>th</sup> June 2007 to effect service. The travellers were informed at this time that we would be returning on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2007 to move them if they were still in situ.

When members of staff returned to the site on Friday the traveller families had moved, and the staff then embanked clay and earth along this stretch of roadway so as to prevent further illegal encampments at this location.

**BTC/175/07**

### **HEDGE GROW AT CHAPEL GATE**

**(viii) Question submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**

To ask the Manager to cut back the hedgerow at the top of Chapel Street heading to the graveyard across the road from Chapel Gate houses along the green area at Tara Court?

**Reply:**

Any hedgerows in the vicinity which is under the management of the Parks Division will be pruned as soon as the work schedule allows (within the terms of the Wildlife Act 1976 – 2000). Any other hedgerows involved will be notified to their owners for intervention.

**BTC/176/07**

### **FLOWER BEDS IN PINWOOD**

**(ix) Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

To ask the Manager can he arrange for the flower beds in front of the senior citizens flats in Pinewood to be planted?

**Reply:**

The location is being examined and a full reply will issue to the Town Council in due course.

Councillor Shields informed the meeting that there was an error in relation to question three. The question should have referred to allocation of houses to local people. It was **agreed** that the Town Clerk follow up on this for the September meeting.

**BTC/177/07**

### **FURTHER DEVELOPEMNTS NORTH-WEST OF THE TOWN**

The following motion in the name of Councillor Shields was proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Buckley.

“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Planning Department to halt all further development north-west of the town, until such time as access to the outer ring road is established”.

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.



**BTC/178/07**

### **PRIMARY AND POST-PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

The following motion in the name of Councillor Brown was not moved and accordingly fell.

“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Education and Science to set up a review group to look at the shortage of primary and post-primary school places in the Balbriggan area and to report the findings no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2007 to the Oireachtas.”

**BTC/179/07**

### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING SCHEMES**

The following motion in the name of Councillor Hammond was proposed by Councillor Bedell, seconded by Councillor Harford.

“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Government to introduce legislation in order for the County Councils to make single applicants on the lower/minimum wage eligible for the Affordable Housing Schemes.”

Following discussion, the members **agreed** to amend the motion as follows:

“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Government to introduce measures in order for the County Councils to make single applicants on the lower/minimum wage eligible for the Affordable Housing Schemes.”

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.

**BTC/180/07**

### **TRUANCY**

The following motion in the name of Councillor Harford was proposed by Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Bedell.

“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Education & Science to enforce the truancy and non attendance at school law in Balbriggan and surrounding areas and failing this to introduce a system to make provision where supervised schooling be provided for any school children who continue to fail to attend school in order to ensure that they receive the education to which they are entitled.”

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The motion was **agreed** by the members.



### HALTING SITE AT GARDINER'S HILL

The following motion in the name of Councillor McKeon was proposed by Councillor McKeon, seconded by Councillor Pyne.

“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council in the interest of public health & safety to close the travellers halting site at Gardiner’s Hill, thus giving an opportunity to have the accommodation units made habitable, the site cleaned up, landscaped with proper access and exits constructed and legitimate travellers allocated tenancy while awaiting permanent traveller accommodation.”

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.

BTC/182/07

### CULTURAL INTEGRATION IN BALBRIGGAN TOWN

The following motion in the name of Councillor Bedell was proposed by Councillor Bedell, seconded by Councillor Harford.

“Balbriggan Town Council invite Mr Ciaran Staunton from the Fingal Development Board to address the Town Council on “Problems and Solutions to Cultural Integration in Balbriggan Town”.

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members

BTC/183/07

### SCHOOL PLACES & HOUSING

The following motion in the name of Councillor Shields was proposed by Councillor Shields, seconded by Councillor Pyne.

“Balbriggan Town Council call on all housing agencies, also the H.S.E. and those in charge of Refugee Centres – that before any more families are given the key to houses in Balbriggan it will have to be established if school places are available for their children.”

Following discussion, an Cathaoirleach called for a show of hands. Following a show of hands, An Cathaoirleach declared the motion **lost**.

BTC/184/07

### LEGISLATION TO DEAL WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The following motion in the name of Councillor Brown was not moved and accordingly fell.

“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform to introduce improved legalisation to deal with domestic violence.”



**Public Information Update – Water Contamination in Knock sedan Estate Swords**  
**1pm Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August**

Calls to our Water Services Department late on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August reported a discolouration of the water supplied to Knocksedan Estate Swords. Concerned residents who called our office were advised not to drink the water until the source of the contamination was identified.

We have confirmed that the mains supply coming from Swords is uncontaminated. However, while detailed investigation and testing has been carried out since the discolouration was first noticed early last week, it may not be possible to identify the exact and definite source of this contamination. Our priority at all times is that the public have been made aware of any risk, however small and that they have been told what precautions they should take before using their water. Any residents reporting feeling unwell have been advised to visit their doctor immediately. There are formal procedures in place for the HSE to contact the Principal Environmental Health Officer if they have a concern regarding the quality of a water supply and the PEHO is in regular contact with them as a matter of course.

Following an initial investigation by our Inspectors on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August water samples were taken for testing by the Central Laboratory. As a precaution all residents in Knocksedan were advised by leaflet to boil water for drinking until the source of the discolouration in their supply was identified. This information was also posted on our website and on Aertel p.624

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August results from Wednesday's water sampling confirmed Ecoli contamination in the water. A formal detailed "Boil Notice" was issued to all residents in the estate again advising of the proper precautions to take for drinking and washing. This update was added to our website.

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August a further leaflet was delivered to residents letting them know that we would be flushing and chlorinating their water supply over the weekend to remove the contamination. This information was again posted on our website and on Aertel. This flushing and chlorination was carried out successfully over the weekend and water quality samples taken on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August had no Ecoli present. Further samples were taken on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and today Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August and we are waiting for the results of these tests. Normally a boil notice would be lifted after 2 consecutive clear samples on consecutive days are returned but we can't make this decision until we see the detailed results of Tuesday's testing. This decision will be taken in discussion with the Principal Environmental Health Officer.

Water tankers have been provided in Knocksedan Estate since last Wednesday from 9am to 9.30 pm each day.



**BTC/185/07**

**HOUSING ACCOMMODATION FOR SINGLE PERSONS**

The following motion in the name of Councillor Hammond was proposed by Councillor Harford seconded by Councillor McKeon.

“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to make more housing accommodation available for single persons with no dependents.”

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.

**BTC/186/07**

**TOWN IMPROVEMENT**

The following motion in the name of Councillor McKeon was proposed by Councillor McKeon, seconded by Councillor Bedell.

“Balbriggan Town Council call on business owners, shopkeepers and landlords to make a special effort to tidy up their premises prior to Tidy Town judging, with particular reference to the harbour area including the night club, old “Harbour Masters House” and adjoining derelict buildings.”

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.

**BTC/187/07**

**REMOVAL OF FLUORIDE FROM PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM**

The following motion in the name of Councillor Bedell was proposed by Councillor Bedell, seconded by Councillor Harford.

“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to instigate measures to have fluoride removed from the public water system considering that fluoride is contained in all toothpaste and that it has been shown to be mutagenic, increase the uptake of aluminium to the brain, interferes with the use of magnesium in the body and can cause dental fluorosis in children actually damaging their teeth amongst many other problems.”

Following discussion, An Cathaoirleach called for a show of hands. Following a show of hands, An Cathaoirleach declared the motion **carried**.

**BTC/188/07**

**CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS – CATHAOIRLEACH'S REPORT**

An Cathaoirleach informed the members that she had circulated them with a written report for their attention.



**BTC/189/07**

**CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS –  
MEETINGS WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS**

Councillor Shields requested an Cathaoirleach to look at establishing procedures so that the Town Council could meet regularly with community groups, residents associations etc.

It was **agreed** that the Town Clerk and An Cathoirleach will discuss this matter and report back to the September meeting.

**BTC/190/07**

**CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS – JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE**

The Town Manager congratulated Councillor McKeon on being elected to the Joint Policing Committee recently.

It was **agreed** that the Town Manager write to the County Manager requesting that, when reviewing the guidelines, An Cathaoirleach or a nominated member of the Town Council should be a member of the committee.

**BTC/191/07**

**CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS – BRIEFING MEETINGS**

The Town Clerk requested the member's views on the arrangements for the next briefing meetings with the Directors of Service, Fingal County Council. Following discussion, it was **agreed** that the meetings be held on the Monday following the Statutory meeting. It was further **agreed** that meetings with the Directors of Planning and Housing should be arranged first.

**BTC/192/07**

**CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS – COMMUNITY ART PROJECT**

The Town Clerk informed the members that Co-operation Fingal had sent in details yesterday of a proposed community art project. The proposed project involves local community groups doing an art work under the supervision of an artist, on a wall owned by Irish Rail facing onto the front beach.

The project has the support of Irish Rail and Fingal County Council. Co-operation Fingal are seeking the support of Balbriggan Town Council for the project.

Following discussion, it was **agreed** to support the project as proposed.

**BTC/193/07**

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The following report which was circulated by the Town Clerk was noted.



**EXPENDITURE**

<b>Programme Item</b>	<b>Budget 2007</b>	<b>Gross Expenditure 2007 to date</b>	<b>Unpaid Bills Charged to 2006</b>	<b>Nett Expenditure 2007 to date</b>
<b>CORPORATE PROPERTY</b>				
Insurance	9,000.00	8,279.34	0.00	8,279.34
Rates & Water Charges	9,500.00	4,684.40	0.00	4,684.40
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
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>34,000.00</b>	<b>12,963.74</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>12,963.74</b>
<b>GENERAL</b>				
Office Expenses	12,300.00	6,241.76	456.60	5,785.16
Members Allowance	16,000.00	6,647.41	0.00	6,647.41
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/Decoration	8,000.00	4,155.75	89.95	4,245.70
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	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>73,000.00</b>	<b>26,632.69</b>	<b>546.55</b>	<b>26,266.04</b>
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>107,000.00</b>	<b>39,596.43</b>	<b>546.55</b>	<b>39,229.78</b>

**RECEIPTS**

<b>Programme Item</b>	<b>Budget 2007</b>	<b>Gross Receipts to date</b>
<b>CORPORATE PROPERTY</b>		
Retail Unit Rental Income	14,000.00	0.00
Office Unit Rental Income	6,000.00	3,269.25
Rental Income - Fingal Co. Co.	6,000.00	0.00
Hall Hire Charges	5,000.00	2,150.00
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>31,000.00</b>	<b>5,419.25</b>
<b>GENERAL</b>		
Demand - Fingal County Council	76,000.00	76,000.00
Other Receipts	0.00	1,099.48
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>76,000.00</b>	<b>77,099.48</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>107,000.00</b>	<b>82,518.73</b>



**BTC/194/07**

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS**

The Town Clerk gave a verbal report on the following:

1. Public Art sculpture at roundabout adjacent St. Peter & Paul's Church officially launched on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2007 by an Cathaoirleach. Town Clerk requested members to consider another public art sculpture in the town.
2. Landscaping works have commenced to the grass verge at the entrance to St. Mologa's school and Church Street which were two locations raised by the Tidy Towns Committee.
3. Improvement works from Cardy Rock Estate to St. Mologa's School - it is hoped that works will commence in the coming weeks and will last for approx. three months.
4. Improvement works from St. Mologa's School to Bath Road junction – a drawing has been prepared. The Transportation Department are in a position to meet the residents to discuss the proposed works and requested the Town Council to consider if the meeting should be held in the coming weeks or deferred until September. It was **agreed** that the meeting be arranged with the residents immediately.
5. Improvement works to wall at Church car park adjacent new roundabout – it is hoped that these works will commence in September 2007.

**BTC/195/07**

**BALBRIGGAN AREA PROJECT ASSOCIATION (B.A.P.A.)**

Councillor Bedell gave a verbal report on the B.A.P.A. meeting held on 26<sup>TH</sup> June 2007.

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had spoken with the Community Employment supervisor recently regarding the possibility of employing another participant to carry out outdoor duties to improve the appearance of the town which were in addition to those carried out by Fingal County Council staff.

The Tidy Towns Committee is not in a position to supervise a Community Employment Scheme but is fully supportive of the Town Council's proposal. Following discussion, it was **agreed** that the Town Council should proceed with employing another participant, subject to approval from B.A.P.A and Fás.

**BTC/196/07**

**ELECTION OF B.A.P.A REPRESENTATIVE AND SUBSTITUTE REPRESENTATIVE**

An Cathaoirleach asked for nominations for election of BAPA representative.

It was proposed by Councillor May McKeon, seconded by Councillor Heidi Bedell.



“That Councillor Ned Pyne be elected BAPA representative”

Councillor Ned Pyne was declared elected as BAPA representative for 2007 – 2008.

It was **agreed** to defer the election of a substitute representative until the September meeting.

**BTC/197/07**

### **TOWN HALL RE-DEVELOPMENT**

The Town Manager informed the members that a meeting took place since the last meeting with the Architects Department regarding the condition of the entrance to the Town Hall and Library Building and other related matters. The Town Manager will keep the members fully informed.

Councillor Dunne requested a report detailing the structure of the proposed management company as previously agreed.

**BTC/198/07**

### **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE) ACT 2006 – BREMORE PORT**

**The following report which was circulated was noted:**

**LA/271/85**

**LA/235/1980**

### **Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act 2006**

This legislation is now the vehicle that an application by Drogheda Port to An Board Pleanala in respect of the Bremore lands will be made.

Section 146 (6)(h) requires:

“ In making a determination, the Board shall, to the extent that they appear to the Board to be relevant, have regard to:

any social or economic benefit that would accrue to the State a region of the State or the area were the development concerned to be carried out in the terms as they are proposed to be altered;”

Accordingly, it is suggested that the members consider what social benefit to the Balbriggan area might be suggested to Drogheda Port.

Following discussion, the report was **noted**.



BTC/199/07

**OBJECTION TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Town Manager gave a verbal report on how the elected members either individually or collectively as a Town Council could make objections to planning decisions. If the members collectively wish to formally lodge a planning objection, a resolution by the members is required.

The meeting concluded at 9.45 p.m.

Mary McKeown  
CATHAOIRLEACH

11<sup>th</sup> September 2007  
DATE



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4<sup>th</sup> July 2007.

**To each elected member,**

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Council will be held on **10<sup>th</sup> July, 2007 at 7.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, George's Square, Balbriggan** to consider the following agenda.

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

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**Brian Murray**  
**Meetings Administrator**



1. **Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2007 (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council annual meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2007 (circulated herewith)

2. **Correspondence**

A. **Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 25/6/2007 received from Office of the Taoiseach regarding Management Companies (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Acknowledgement Letter dated 21/6/2007 regarding Asylum Seekers (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter of Environment, Heritage and Local Government regarding Management Companies (circulated herewith)

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B. **Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 1/6/2007 received from Environment Department regarding removal of all graffiti in Balbriggan (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 13/6/2007 received from Planning Division, Enforcement Section regarding Sadlier's Shop sign (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Acknowledgement letter dated 15/6/2007 received from Community, Recreation & Amenities Department regarding hedging along the Bracken River (circulated and noted)
- (iv) Letter dated 20/6/2007 received from Environment Department regarding removal of graffiti at Templeville and Chapel Gate Playground (circulated herewith)

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C. **Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) E-mail dated 12/6/2007 received from Town Clerk, Clare Town Council regarding motion to lift the embargo on recruitment via FAS (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 18/6/2007 received from An Garda Síochána, Balbriggan regarding hedging along the Bracken River (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 15/6/2007 received from An Post regarding installation of post box (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 27/6/2007 received from Monaghan Town Council regarding putting a system in place regarding missing children (circulated herewith)

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D. **Conferences**

No business under this heading

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E. **Other Correspondence**

E-mail from Councillor Heidi Bedell regarding resignation of her seat.



### 3. Questions

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To ask the Manager to report on the shabby and run down state of the exterior of the original building of the Carnegie Library and what efforts are being made to restore this fine protected structure on our town square to its original glory?
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To ask the Manager to provide bins beside the seats on the front beach under the railway station and also provide bins on the north beach at the old bathhouse?
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To ask the Manager whether Local Authority housing in Balbriggan has been allocated and if so what percentage went to house people on the housing list?
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5. **Cathaoirleach's Business**
6. **Monthly Financial Statement (report to be circulated)**
7. **Environmental Improvements (verbal report)**
8. **B.A.P.A. – (verbal report & minutes to be circulated)**
9. **Election of B.A.P.A. representative and substitute representative**
10. **Town Hall Re-development – (verbal report)**
11. **Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act 2006  
- Bremore Port (report to be circulated)**
12. **Objections to Planning Application – (verbal report)**



**BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL**  
**COMHARILE BHAILE BRIGIN**

**Minutes of Statutory Meeting of Balbriggan Town Council**  
**held On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 94<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>TH</sup> 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**.

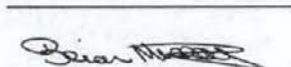
The Town Council at its Budget Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2006 approved revised expenditure of **€71,814.16** and revised receipts of **€84,073.80**.

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:-

<b>Expenditure Heading</b>	<b>Budget 2006</b>	<b>Actual 2006</b>	<b>Over Revised Budget</b>
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**  
**31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2006**



**ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS OF THE BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL  
REVENUE ACCOUNT 2006**

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Balance (if any) in favour at close of 2005		4,382.73	Balance (if any) against at close of 2005		
<b>Corporate Property</b>			<b>Corporate Property</b>		
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
<b>General</b>			<b>General</b>		
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 Town	3,300.00	
<b>Cancelled PO's</b>		-	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
			<b>Transfer to Capital Account</b>		
			Legal Fees	9,415.10	



			Local Elections	2,000.00	11,415.10
		<b>89,047.40</b>			<b>84,927.97</b>
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
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4,382.73</b>	<b>84,664.67</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>89,047.40</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>84,927.97</b>	<b>4,119.43</b>

**STATEMENT OF BALANCES AT CLOSE OF FINANCIAL YEAR 2006**

	€	€		€	€
<b>Treasurer, due to him:-</b>			<b>Treasurer, due by him:-</b>		
			No. 1 Account	17,954.11	
Unpaid Bills	546.55	546.55	No. 2 Account	31,989.76	49,943.87
			Officers Imprest Account		126.97
Balances in favour:-			Balances Against:-		
Capital Account			Capital Account		



Revenue Account	45,404.86		Revenue Account	-
	4,119.43	49,524.29		
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>50,070.84</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>50,070.84</b>

**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		Other Liabilities (Specify)		
No. 2 Account	31,989.76	49,943.87	Unpaid Bills		546.55
Balance in hands of other officers: at close of December 2006					
Other Assets		126.97			
Hire Charges Outstanding		225.00			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>50,295.84</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>546.55</b>

**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
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>33,605.98</b>	<b>11,798.88</b>	<b>45,404.86</b>		<b>45,404.86</b>

**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**

<b>Programme Item</b>	<b>Budget 2007</b>	<b>Gross Expenditure 2007 to date</b>	<b>Unpaid Bills Charged to 2006</b>	<b>Nett Expenditure 2007 to date</b>
<b>CORPORATE PROPERTY</b>				
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
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>34,000.00</b>	<b>17,680.14</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>17,680.14</b>

**GENERAL**

Office Expenses	12,300.00	8,031.48	456.60	7,574.88
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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/Decoration	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
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>73,000.00</b>	<b>35,389.86</b>	<b>546.55</b>	<b>35,023.21</b>

<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>107,000.00</b>	<b>53,070.00</b>	<b>546.55</b>	<b>52,703.35</b>
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53,070.00

#### RECEIPTS

Programme Item	Budget 2007	Gross Receipts to date
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#### 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
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>31,000.00</b>	<b>13,765.93</b>

#### GENERAL

Demand - Fingal	76,000.00	76,000.00
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County Council		
Other Receipts	0.00	1,134.64
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>76,000.00</b>	<b>77,134.64</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>107,000.00</b>	<b>90,900.57</b>

**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".

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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.

May McKeow  
CATHAOIRLEACH

11/9/07  
DATE



**BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL**  
**COMHARILE BHAILE BRIGIN**

**Minutes of Statutory Meeting of Balbriggan Town Council**  
**held On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2007**  
**in The Council Chamber, Town Hall @ 7.30 p.m.**

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

**Councillors**

Dunne, Larry  
Buckley, Gerry  
Hammond, Kathleen  
Harford, Monica

**Councillors**

Kilgallon, Stephen  
McKeon, May  
Pyne, Ned  
Shields, Gertie

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillor Sean Brown

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Mr. Liam McGlynn, Acting Town Manager  
Mr. Brian Murray, Meetings Administrator  
Ms. Margaret Wilde, Clerical Officer

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor May McKeon presided.

**BTC/245/07**

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER MEETING**

Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2007 which were circulated were submitted, **approved** as a true record and signed.

**BTC/246/07**

**MANAGEMENT COMPANIES**

Acknowledgement dated 20/9/07 received from Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government regarding Management Companies was circulated and **noted**.

**BTC/247/07**

**MANAGEMENT COMPANIES**

Acknowledgement Letter dated 21/9/2007 received from Office of the Minister, Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government regarding Management Companies was circulated and **noted**.



**BTC/248/07**

**ACCOMMODATION FOR SINGLE PERSONS**

Letter dated 24/9/2007 received from Housing Department regarding housing accommodation for single persons was circulated and **noted**.

**BTC/249/07**

**CORRESPONDENCE FROM OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

It was **noted** there was no business under this item.

**BTC/250/07**

**CONFERENCES**

Letter dated 20/9/2007 received from Carlow County Council regarding LAMA Winter Conference to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> November 2007 was circulated and **noted**.

**BTC/251/07**

**OTHER CORRESPONDENCE**

It was **noted** there was no business under this item.

**BTC/252/07**

**SAFE CYCLING ROUTES TO SCHOOLS**

**Question submitted by Councillor Stephen Kilgallon**

To ask the Manager whether there has been an assessment of safe walking/cycling routes to all existing, new and planned schools within Balbriggan with specific regard to interconnecting housing estates?

**Reply:**

**BALBRIGGAN AREA – WALKING AND CYCLING ROUTES TO SCHOOLS**

Footpaths and cycle routes in Balbriggan

Accessibility audits were undertaken in 2006 in Balbriggan by Capita Symonds, Consultants on behalf of the Transportation Department at the following locations:

Main Street

George's Square in the area of the Library

Chapel Estate playground

Area of the toilet at the Harbour

Area in the vicinity of Pinewood Community Centre

Bremore Castle Heritage site area



Any works recommended by the Consultants in association with the accessibility audit at the above locations are being prioritised and will be undertaken as soon as possible in the current year and early next year.

In addition to the foregoing, footpaths are upgraded in the town of Balbriggan and surrounds on an ongoing basis as part of annual Transportation Works Programmes. Last year and in the current year the footpaths on the following roads were upgraded at appropriate locations:

Market Green between Dublin Street and Craobhin Park junction  
Derham Park and on the road leading up to St. Teresa's National School  
Chapel Street between Fullam Terrace junction and Harry Reynolds Road junction. This road services St. Peter and Paul's National School  
Clonard Street between Bridge Street and Harry Reynolds Road. This road also gives access to St. Peter and Paul's National School via Fullam Terrace  
Quay Street, Mill Street and George's Hill - These streets give access to Loreto College  
Resurfacing of the walkway/pedestrian route from Castlelands to Craobhin Park

Works are in progress on the provision of a footpath and cycleway between Cardy Rock housing Estate and St. Molaga's National School and this work is scheduled to continue to Bath Road next year. Work will also be carried out to the footpaths on Convent Lane where appropriate. Also, a Contractor has been appointed by the Transportation Department to construct a footpath on the west side of Harry Reynolds Road from the Naul Road Junction to the Moylaragh Roundabout and from this point to Drogheda Road ( R132). This footpath will service pupils attending St. Peter and Paul's National School and also St. Molaga's National School

Also, arrangements are being made for a pedestrian/cycling safety audit to be undertaken in the town of Balbriggan and surrounds on routes leading to the schools in the area in the context of the preparation of future Draft Transportation Programme of Works.

In the meantime necessary remedial repairs will be undertaken to the footpaths where appropriate as soon as this work can be fitted into the Area Engineer's Programme of Works for the area

#### School Warden Service in Balbriggan

School Wardens are a familiar and integral part of the journey to and from school for children.

School Wardens perform an important public service by providing safe crossing facilities at specific locations

Each crossing location or duty point is covered by a Statutory Consent agreed by the Garda and Council Officials.

The only people that can alter a Duty Point even temporarily are the Road Safety Officer or An Garda Siochana

According to the results of Census Counts the duty times are set by the Road Safety Officer in consultation with the Principal or school Board of Management

Four School Wardens operate in the Balbriggan area



The Duty Points for School Wardens in Balbriggan are:

Chapel Street, Balbriggan at entrance to St. Peters & Pauls National School  
Belfast Road, Balbriggan at the entrance to St. Molaga's National School  
Skerries Road, Balbriggan 15 meters from Fancourt Heights  
Derham Park, Balbriggan at entrance to St.Teresa's National School

In addition to the foregoing, following a detailed Census Count and consultation with An Garda Siochana it is proposed to provide a school Warden on the Moylaragh Road, Balbriggan at the entrance and exit of Balbriggan Educate Together National School. As the appointment of school wardens is a reserved function of the Council this matter will come before the Balbriggan/Swords Area Committee at its meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2007 for consideration and the recommendation of the Committee will come before the full meeting of the County Council in November for Approval. In order to facilitate the operation of the school warden at this location it will be necessary to take the area of road in charge of the Council as it is not in charge at present. The taking in charge of the area in question will come before the County Council at its meeting in November, 2007 for consideration.

**BTC/253/07**

**MANAGEMENT COMPANIES ST. GEORGES SQUARE**

**Question submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne**

Will the Manager/Town Clerk provide a comprehensive report to the Balbriggan Town Council detailing the position that negotiations pertaining to the establishment of a management company to oversee the civic properties on St. Georges Square have reached to date and outline what interim measures have been put in place to cater for the general maintenance and up keep of the properties pending the establishment of the management company.

**Reply:**

The structure of Management Company for the Town Centre Development was agreed as part of the negotiations with Moriarty Holdings on the construction of the Development. A copy of the agreement has been circulated to the members.

While the composition is agreed, the Company is not yet formally established as a representative from the Management Company for the Apartments on High Street has yet to be nominated.

It is intended to appoint a Managing Agent in the near future in respect of the common areas of the buildings i.e. car park, podium garden and items such as security, refuse collection etc.

The Agent will be paid by the Management Company and all payments will be recouped according the Management Company Agreement.

Interim measures are in place in respect of the Car park and other areas.



It should be noted that the Managing Agent will only have responsibility for common areas, current arrangements for cleaning, security etc. of the Offices and Library will continue."

**BTC/254/07**

### **ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ORDERS**

#### **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

To ask the Manger what powers are available to deal with antisocial behaviour occurring in social rented and tenant purchase dwellings e.g. can the Council arrange for an ASBO (Anti Social Behaviour Order) to be issued in these cases?

**Reply:** The information is currently being compiled and a full report will be issued to the members in the near future.

**BTC/255/07**

### **SCHOOL FUNDING**

The following motion in the name of Councillor S. Kilgallon was proposed by Councillor S. Kilgallon, seconded by Councillor G. Shields.

"Balbriggan Town Council calls upon the Minister for Education to award full recognition to Gaelscoil Baile Brigin and to guarantee full funding in order that the school can proceed with plans to secure a permanent site".

The Gaelscoil position is in contrast to that of Bracken Educate Together's full funding and recognition from its inception, a welcome development but a stark illustration of unequal treatment of two valuable education bodies which requires urgent explanation and resolution.

Following discussion, the members agreed to amend the text of the motion to read as follows:

"Balbriggan Town Council calls upon the Minister for Education to guarantee 100% funding to Gael Scoil Brigin in order that the school can proceed with plans to secure a permanent site".

This was **agreed** by the members.

**BTC/256/07**

### **TRAFFIC CALMING FLEMINGTON ROAD**

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 Fingal County Council to provide ramps/traffic calming measures on Flemington Road in the interest of safety".

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.

It was also **agreed** that the Town Clerk write to Superintendent Kelly requesting this area be prioritised by the Traffic Corps.



**BTC/257/07**

**9 BRIDGE STREET BALBRIGGAN**

The following motion in the name of Councillor G. Shields was proposed by Councillor G. Shields, seconded by Councillor K. Hammond.

“Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to impose an order of dereliction on the owner of the premises at No. 9 Bridge Street as a matter of urgency”.

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.

**BTC/258/07**

**WEATHERGLAZE WINDOWS AND DOORS**

The following motion in the name of Councillor M. Harford was proposed by Councillor M. Harford, seconded by Councillor M. McKeon.

“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Department of the Environment to provide Fingal County Council with adequate funding to install weatherglaze windows and doors in council rented dwellings”.

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.

**BTC/259/07**

**EQUALITY FOR ALL CHILDREN IN EDUCATION**

The following motion in the name of Councillor S. Brown was **not moved**.

“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Education and Science to ensure equality for all children in our education system”.

**BTC/260/07**

**SCHOOL FUNDING**

The following motion in the name of Councillor L. Dunne was proposed by Councillor L. Dunne, seconded by Councillor M. Harford.

“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister of Education and Science, to provide the criteria under which schools are assigned a position of priority on the Departments construction list and to explain clearly why schools deemed unsuitable for their purpose by the Departments inspectorate are removed from list No 1 to list No 2 whilst immediate and full funding/assistance is rendered to new applicant schools”.



Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.

**BTC/261/07**

#### **PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES MEETINGS**

The following motion in the name of Councillor G. Buckley was proposed by Councillor G. Buckley, seconded by Councillor K. Hammond.

“Balbriggan Town Council invite all public representatives serving the Balbriggan area to meet regularly with the Town Council”.

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.

It was **agreed** that the four local T.D.s and Senator Brendan Ryan be invited to a meeting at 7 p.m. on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2007.

**BTC/262/07**

#### **TRAFFIC CALMING JUNCTION HAMPTON STREET/ MARKET GREEN/GIBBONS TERRACE**

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 Fingal County Council to install a pedestrian crossing or traffic lights as a matter of urgency at Gibbons Terrace location to facilitate pedestrians especially school children attending St. Teresa’s School Pinewood and secondary school pupils from the Pinewood locality / Fancourt and Hampton Cove areas attending schools at the Northern end of Balbriggan as there are no traffic lights on this straight stretch of road between Market Green and the County Bridge”.

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.

**BTC/263/07**

#### **OVERGROWN BRAMBLES AT RAILWAY WALL SEAPOINT**

The following motion in the name of Councillor G. Shields was proposed by Councillor G. Shields, seconded by Councillor K. Hammond.

“Balbriggan Town Council call on Iarnrod Eireann to cut back brambles growing over their property wall at Seapoint because of the danger to people using the footpath leading to the county bridge”.



Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.

**BTC/264/07**

#### **24 HOUR HELP SERVICE**

The following motion in the name of Councillor M. Harford was proposed by Councillor M. Harford, seconded by Councillor G. Buckley.

“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Health and the Health Service Executive to provide a 24 hour help service for depressed or disturbed people in order to avoid fatalities or near fatalities”.

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.

**BTC/265/07**

#### **DISTRICT COURTS WAITING TIMES**

The following motion in the name of Councillor Sean Brown was **not moved**.

“Balbriggan Town Council call the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform to remove the unnecessary waiting times for members of An Garda Síochána in District Courts”.

**BTC/266/07**

#### **DEFIBRILLATORS/TRAINING FOR SPORTS GROUPS**

The following motion in the name of Councillor G. Buckley was proposed by Councillor G. Buckley, seconded by Councillor K. Hammond

“Balbriggan Town Council calls on the Health Service Executive to provide defibrillators and adequate training in the use of defibrillators to sports groups so that they can deal with medical emergencies”.

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.

**BTC/267/07**

#### **CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS – LOSS OF FIRE FIGHTERS IN BRAY**

Councillor Buckley wished to express his sympathy to the community of Bray and the families of the Brian Murray and Mark O'Shaughnessy, two part time firefighters who died tragically serving their community.

It was **agreed** that a letter of condolences be forwarded to Bray Town Council.



**BTC/268/07**

**BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL WEB SITE**

An Cathaoirleach enquired about the Balbriggan Town Council website. The Town Clerk informed the members that work was in progress and a new layout will be in place shortly.

**BTC/269/07**

**INVITATION RECEIVED FROM CO OPERATION FINGAL**

An Cathaoirleach informed the members that she had been invited to attend the launch of a Disability Project Evaluation Report in the Town Hall on 19<sup>th</sup> October at 10. a.m.

**BTC/270/07**

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR SURVEY OF REFUGEES**

An Cathaoirleach informed the members that she had been informed of an advertisement of a survey being conducted by SPIRASI seeking the view of refugees in the Balbriggan area in relation to the provision of services.

Following discussion it was **agreed** that that the Town Clerk would seek clarification from Ms. Tuite and would write to the Health Service Executive regarding the funding being provided by the health Service Executive to the survey.

**BTC/271/07**

**BALBRIGAN AWARENESS OF DRUGS GROUP – ANNUAL CHRISTMAS VIGIL**

An Cathaoirleach informed the members of the contents of a letter received from the Balbriggan Awareness of Drugs Group regarding the Annual Christmas Vigil. Following a brief discussion , it was agreed to defer discussion of this item.

**BTC/272/07**

**ST. GEORGE'S NATIONAL SCHOOL**

An Cathaoirleach informed the members of an invitation received from St. George's National School requesting the Town Council to host a reception for visiting teachers from Cyprus, Poland, Sardinia and Wales.

Following discussion, it was **agreed** that the Town Clerk and Cathaoirleach will make the necessary arrangements.



**BTC/273/07**

**PRESENTATION BY NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL WELFARE  
REPRESENTATIVE**

An Cathaoirleach informed the members that Michael Doyle, Regional Manager National Education Board will be making a presentation to the members on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2007 at 7.30 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Following discussion it was **agreed** that all local public representatives be invited.

**BTC/274/07**

**DRAFT SUBMISSION ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM**

An Cathaoirleach informed the meeting that she met the County Manager to explain any misunderstanding in the draft document she prepared.

**BTC/275/07**

**SUBMISSION ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM**

The following report was circulated to the members.

Following discussion, it was **agreed** that the report be forwarded to the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government.





**COMHAIRLE BHAILE BRIGIN  
BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL**

**Submission to Department of Environment,  
Heritage and Local Government**

**on Powers of Town Councils**

**9<sup>th</sup> October 2007**



**Introduction to Balbriggan Town Council:**

Balbriggan Town Council (previously Town Commissioners) were constituted under the Town Improvement Act, 1854 and a Balbriggan town meeting to create the Town Commission was held on 23 April 1860. The first election for members of the new Commission was held on 28 May 1860. The Balbriggan Town Council at present, conducts its business subject to adopted Standing Orders in accordance with the guidelines of the Local Government Act 2001.

Balbriggan Town Council has struggled to survive in the intervening years 1960 – 2007 with the support of Dublin County Council and the support of the subsequent established Fingal County Council in 1994. It operates in the absence of little ‘if any’ statutory powers, however, the nine elected members under the leadership of ‘its own’ elected Cathaoirleach maintain its restricted role with honour and pride on behalf of the Community of Balbriggan.

**Development of Balbriggan:**

Balbriggan is located some 32 km north of Dublin City Centre, on the Dublin- Belfast Economic Corridor with easy access to the M1 Dublin- Belfast Motorway and is conveniently located in relation to Dublin Airport, Dublin and Drogheda Ports, the Port Tunnel, the M50 Motorway and Dublin City Centre. Balbriggan is serviced by public transport infrastructure including Dublin Bus, Bus Eireann and Iarnrod Eireann suburban rail services to Dublin City Centre.



Fingal is the fastest growing in population growth terms, has the youngest population of any County and the highest rate of labour force participation. Fingal's population has grown dramatically to just under 240,000. Almost 44,000 more people live in Fingal now than 2002, a growth rate of 22.2% in just four years. The population of Balbriggan has more than doubled over the past 15 years, the current population is 16,217 (Census 2006).

Balbriggan falls within the guidelines of the National Spatial Strategy. Two of the many development strategies for Balbriggan town (Fingal Development Plan 2005 – 2011) are:

- “The primary development strategy for the town is the consolidation and regeneration of the town centre as the commercial, retailing and social core and the improvement of the physical character and environment of the town consistent with its established character. It is proposed to develop safe, coherent and attractive residential environments linked to the town centre and to promote the growth of sustainable local employment in industry and service sectors.”
- The key development objective for Balbriggan seeks “To promote and facilitate the development and growth of Balbriggan as a primary service, social, cultural and local tourist centre in north Fingal.”

Balbriggan has the potential to become a prime location for future investment, as a designated ‘Primary Development Centre’ in the NSS, a Large Growth Town in the



RPG's, availability of a large labour supply and close proximity to Third Level Colleges. The availability of zoned lands for science and technology and general industrial development together with significant infrastructural and environmental improvements which are under way and easy access to major transport corridors, existing ports, rail and air networks offer considerable potential to the town which has to date experienced a lower rate of economic development than the remainder of the County.

The Town Urban Renewal Scheme 1999 and the impending Urban Improvement Scheme for the streetscape of the Town Centre will bring significant environmental, economic and social benefits to the town. These new developments, together with the infrastructural and environmental improvements to the town will provide the impetus for further development and investment in Balbriggan.

**Current Role of Balbriggan Town Council:**

Balbriggan Town Council plays a major role in lobbying all statutory bodies, Agencies and voluntary organisations and with the support of Fingal County Council has arrived in a period in time when major decisions and challenges have to be addressed in Balbriggan, in order to continue and expand at a level appropriate to a town of such success and stature.



The Town Council operates from the re-developed Town Hall and Library Building at Georges Square, Balbriggan and is in a great position to meet the need of the community.

It is with this historical background and enthusiastic impetus for the future that the current elected members of the Balbriggan Town Council make the following submission regarding our vision of Local Governance on behalf of the Balbriggan Community.

The fact that the Minister for Local Government, Mr. John Gormley, has recognised the significant changes required to ensure that local involvement through democracy is made relevant to the success of Local Government is indeed welcomed by the Town Council members and the wider community.

**Town Council Boundary:**

The elected members intend to commence the procedure to increase the Town Council's administrative area in response to these massive changes in the town of Balbriggan.

**Town Council Status & Powers:**

The elected members request the Minister to examine it's proposals to increase the powers of the Town Council in the following areas:

- **Housing** - The Town Manager to have power to allocate Council houses in the administrative area of Balbriggan Town Council.
- **Transporation** - The Town Council to have powers to ensure that monies raised in the Balbriggan Pay & Display scheme are spent in the town of Balbriggan.



- **Environment** - The Town Council to have powers in relation to the provision of litter wardens in the administrative area of Balbriggan Town Council.
- **Community, Recreation & Amenity** - The Town Council to have an enhanced role in the area of community development.

It is not intended that the Town Council become a rating authority at this stage.

It is envisaged that these increased functions/powers be financed from the Local Government Fund.

**Number of Elected Members:**

The number of elected members be increased from nine to twelve.

**Appointment of a Town Manager:**

The Town Manager should be appointed directly by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government (in a manner similar to the appointment of County Managers) with the power to establish an adequate staffing structure.

**Conclusion:**

This submission was agreed by the elected members of Balbriggan Town Council and I have great pleasure in forwarding this document to you on their behalf.

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**COUNCILLOR MAY MCKEON  
CATHAOIRLEACH**



BTC/276/07

The following report was circulated

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					
<b>Programme Item</b>	<b>Budget 2007</b>	<b>Gross Expenditure 2007 to date</b>	<b>Unpaid Bills Charged to 2006</b>	<b>Nett Expenditure 2007 to date</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>
<b>CORPORATE PROPERTY</b>					
Insurance	9,000.00	8,311.34	0.00	8,311.34	92%
Rates & Water Charges	9,500.00	9,368.80	0.00	9,368.80	99%
Light & Heat	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Service Charges / Maintenance	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Hall Staffing	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>34,000.00</b>	<b>17,680.14</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>17,680.14</b>	
<b>GENERAL</b>					
Office Expenses	12,300.00	9,139.05	456.60	8,682.45	71%
Members Allowance	16,000.00	9,722.41	0.00	9,722.41	61%
Conference Expenses	7,500.00	2,918.72	0.00	2,918.72	39%
Cathaoirleach's Allowance	1,200.00	600.00	0.00	600.00	50%
Town Clerk Allowance	7,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
AMAI Subscription	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00	100%
Town Improvement/Decoration	8,000.00	5,561.55	89.95	5,651.50	71%
Community Awards	3,800.00	1,318.53	0.00	1,318.53	35%
Local Elections	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Audit Fees	2,500.00	2,530.00	0.00	2,530.00	101%
Legal Fees	9,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Other Expenses	0.00	3,406.65	0.00	3,406.65	
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>73,000.00</b>	<b>38,696.91</b>	<b>546.55</b>	<b>38,330.26</b>	
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>107,000.00</b>	<b>56,377.05</b>	<b>546.55</b>	<b>56,010.40</b>	<b>52%</b>



		56,377.05			
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
<b>Programme Item</b>	<b>Budget 2007</b>	<b>Gross Receipts to date</b>			
<b>CORPORATE PROPERTY</b>					
Retail Unit Rental Income	14,000.00	5,833.35	42%		
Office Unit Rental Income	6,000.00	5,769.26	96%		
Rental Income - Fingal Co. Co.	6,000.00	0.00	0%		
Hall Hire Charges	5,000.00	5,125.00	103%		
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>31,000.00</b>	<b>16,727.60</b>	<b>54%</b>		
<b>GENERAL</b>					
Demand - Fingal County Council	76,000.00	76,000.00	100%		
Other Receipts	0.00	1,134.64	0%		
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>76,000.00</b>	<b>77,134.64</b>	<b>101%</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>107,000.00</b>	<b>93,862.24</b>	<b>88%</b>		<b>-</b>

Following discussion, the above report was **noted**.

**BTC/277/07**

#### **ELECTION OF B.A.P.A. SUBSTITUTE REPRESENTATIVE**

It was proposed by Councillor M. Harford, seconded by Councillor M. McKeon that Councillor S. Kilgallon be nominated as the substitute representative to attend meetings of the Balbriggan Area Project Association. Councillor S. Kilgallon accepted the nomination.

It was further agreed that the Town Clerk arrange a meeting with Balbriggan Area Project Association and the two Town Council representatives, Councillor Pyne and Councillor Kilgallon.

**BTC/278/07**

#### **PROPOSED MUSEUM**

The Town Manager and Town Clerk gave a verbal report to the members on the proposed museum.



Following discussion it was **agreed** that the Town Clerk would arrange a meeting with Mr. Senan Turnbull and the County Manager, Mr. David O'Connor.

**BTC/279/07**

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE 2008**

The Acting Town Manager requested the members to consider re-scheduling the St. Patrick's Day Parade to start at 4.30p.m.  
Following discussion it was **agreed** to defer this item to the next meeting of the Town Council.

**BTC/280/07**

**ANNUAL AWARDS**

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

The meeting concluded at 9.30 p.m.

May McKeown  
CATHAOIRLEACH

13th November 2007  
DATE



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# BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL

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4<sup>th</sup> September 2007

To each elected member,

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Council will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2007 at 7.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, George's Square, Balbriggan to consider the following agenda.

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

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Brian Murray  
Meetings Administrator



**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2007 (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Amended minutes of Balbriggan Town Council annual meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2007 (circulated herewith)

**2. Casual Vacancy following the resignation of Councillor Heidi Bedell.**

**3.**

**A Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 13/7/2007 received from Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform regarding free legal aid to offenders (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 17/7/2007 received from Office of the Minister for Education & Science regarding truancy and non attendance at school (circulated herewith)
- (iii) 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 (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 19/7/2007 received from Office of the Minister, Department of the Environment & Local Government regarding affordable housing (circulated herewith)
- (v) Letter dated 17/8/2007 received from Office of the Minister for Housing & Urban Renewal regarding affordable housing (circulated herewith)

**3.**

**B. Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 3/7/2007 received from Community, Recreation & Amenities Department regarding shrubbery/hedging Bracken River – Clonard Court (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 25/7/2007 received from Water Services Department regarding fluoride in public water supply (circulated herewith)

**3.**

**C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 1/8/2007 received from National Educational Welfare Board regarding truancy (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 31/7/2007 received from Clonakilty Town Council regarding hackney regulations (circulated herewith)

**3.**

**D. Conferences**

AMAI Preliminary Notice 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference 2007 (circulated herewith)



3.

**E. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 3/8/2007 received from An Garda Síochána regarding pedestrian bridge adjacent to Clonard Court (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 23/8/2007 received from Balbriggan and District Historical Society regarding proposed museum (circulated herewith)

4. **Questions**

- (i) **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?
- (ii) **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?
- (iii) **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.
- (iv) **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.
- (v) **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?
- (vi) **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?
- (vii) **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?
- (viii) **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?



5. **Motions**

- (i) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**  
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.
- (ii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Ned Pyne**  
Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Local 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.
- (iii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**  
Balbriggan Town Council call on all Management Companies of housing estates in Balbriggan to install C.C.T.V. in car parking areas.
- (iv) **Motion submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**  
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.
- (v) **Motion submitted by Councillor May McKeon**  
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.
- (vi) **Motion submitted by Councillor Larry Dunne**  
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.
- (vii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**  
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



- (viii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry Buckley**  
Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to provide a similar facility like Fort Lucan where children can attend on school trips.
- (ix) **Motion submitted by Councillor Gertie Shields**  
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.
- (x) **Motion submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**  
Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Health to provide Balbriggan with an accessible and workable Out of Hours Doctor Service in Balbriggan.
- (xi) **Motion submitted by Councillor Kathleen Hammond**  
Balbriggan Town Council call on the Health Service Executive to examine the Hampton Street Health Clinic in the interest of health and safety.
- (xii) **Motion submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**  
Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Local Government and the Environment to abolish Management Companies in residential housing estates

**6. Cathaoirleach's Business**

**7. Annual Financial Statement 2006 – (report and over expenditure)**

**8. Monthly Financial Statement**

**9. Submission to Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government on Local Government Reform (report to be circulated)**

**10. Balbriggan Programme (report to be circulated)**

**11. Election of B.A.P.A. substitute representative**

**12. Annual Awards**



**BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL**  
**COMHARILE BHAILE BRIGIN**

**Minutes of Statutory Meeting of Balbriggan Town Council**  
**held On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 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. Peter Caulfield, Town Manager  
Mr. Brian Murray, Meetings Administrator  
Mr. Peter Byrne, Senior Planner, Planning Department F.C.C.  
Mr. Tony O'Farrell, Technician, Planning Department F.C.C.  
Ms. Margaret Wilde, Clerical Officer

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor May McKeon presided.

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor McKeon informed the meeting that Mr Peter Caulfield has been appointed Town Manager. Councillor McKeon, on behalf of the members, congratulated Mr Caulfield on his appointment and welcomed him to the meeting.

Mr Caulfield thanked an Cathaoirleach and the members for their welcome and stated he was looking forward to working with the members and the community in the coming years.

On the proposal of An Cathaoirleach, it was **agreed** by the members to vary the agenda to have the presentation on the proposed shopping centre as the next item.

**BTC/281/07**

**PRESENTATION ON PLANNING APPLICATION FOR SHOPPING  
CENTRE**

Mr. Peter Byrne, Senior Planner gave a verbal report and presentation of the planning application for the proposed shopping centre. Questions were raised by the members which were answered by Mr. Byrne. An Cathaoirleach thanked Mr. Byrne for the presentation.



**BTC/282/07**

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER MEETING**

Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2007 which were circulated were submitted, **approved** as a true record and signed.

**BTC/283/07**

**OUT OF HOURS DOCTOR SERVICE**

Letter dated 28/9/2007 received from Department of Health & Children regarding Out of Hours Doctor Service was circulated and **noted**.

**BTC/284/07**

**ASYLUM SEEKERS**

Letter dated 3/10/2007 received from the Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform regarding Asylum seekers was circulated and **noted**.

Following discussion, it was **agreed** that the Town Clerk write to the Minister seeking that this matter be pursued further.

**BTC/285/07**

**IMMIGRATION**

Letter dated 3/10/2007 received from Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs regarding immigration was circulated and **noted**.

**BTC/286/07**

**IMMIGRATION**

Acknowledgement letter dated 9/10/2007 received from Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform regarding immigration was circulated and **noted**.

**BTC/287/07**

**IMMIGRATION STATISTICS**

Acknowledgement letter dated 22/10/2007 received from Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform regarding statistics was circulated and **noted**.

**BTC/288/07**

**SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION LISTS**

Letter dated 23/10/2007 received from Office of the Minister for Education and Science regarding Departments construction list was circulated and **noted**.



**BTC/289/07**

**FUNDING FOR COUNCIL DWELLINGS**

Letter dated 16/10/2007 received from Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government regarding funding for council dwellings was circulated and **noted**.

**BTC/290/07**

**24 HOUR HELP SERVICES**

Letter dated 30/10/2007 received from Office of the Minister Department of Health and Children regarding 24 hour help services for depressed or disturbed people was circulated and **noted**.

**BTC/291/07**

**OUT OF HOURS DOCTOR SERVICE**

Letter dated 25/9/2007 received from Health Service Executive regarding Out of Hours Doctor Service in Balbriggan was circulated and **noted**.

**BTC/292/07**

**DEFIBRILLATORS AND TRAINING**

Letter dated 22/10/2007 received from Health Service Executive regarding provision of defibrillators and adequate training was circulated and **noted**.

**BTC/293/07**

**NEW COMMUNITY CHILDCARE SUBVENTION SCHEME**

Letter dated 25/10/2007 received from Monaghan Town Council regarding new Community Childcare Subvention Scheme was circulated and **noted**.

**BTC/294/07**

**CONDITIONS AROUND BEACH AREA**

Letter dated 29/9/2007 received from Peter Webster regarding the conditions around the beach area was circulated and **noted**.

**BTC/295/07**

**TOWN COUNCIL AWARDS**

Letter dated 18/10/2007 received from Citizens Information regarding Balbriggan Town Council Awards was circulated and **noted**.

**BTC/296/07**



## TOWN COUNCIL AWARDS

Letter dated 31/10/2007 received from Theresa Gannon, Balbriggan Community College regarding Annual Awards was circulated and **noted**.

**BTC/297/07**

### SAFE WALKING ROUTES TO SCHOOLS

**Question submitted by Councillor Stephen Kilgallon**

To ask the Manager following my question in the September Monthly meeting regarding safe walking routes to school, I would like to clarify the issue regarding schools that were omitted.

The routes to/from the Balbriggan Educate Together (and the school to be allocated to the adjoining site) were not mentioned save for a crossing guard. I would like to enquire where children resident in Westbrook will be able to walk to the school. Currently there is an unofficial cut through the fence from Westbrook to the Moylaragh estate at the bottom of Westbrook Heights. The other access is by crossing Harry Reynolds Road twice and walking and the main Moylaragh Road at the roundabout.

I would like to ask the Manager to make the cut through at the bottom of Westbrook Heights a formal (safe route to school) walkway in the interests of practicality and safety as the route via Harry Reynolds is far more exposed to heavy traffic and would estimate to be 10-15 minutes longer in walking time.

**Reply:** As part of ongoing accessibility measures being implemented in the area, the Transportation Department is currently working on the provision of a continuous footpath on the west side of the Harry Reynolds Road, from its junction with Drogheda Street to the Cemetery. This work will be completed before the year end.

In relation to other means of accessing the Educate Together School arrangements are being made for a pedestrian/cycling safety audit to be undertaken at the locations referred to in the question and points raised in the question will be taken into consideration as part of the Audit. This audit is programmed to be undertaken at the end of this month.

**BTC/298/07**

### SECURITY OF PLAY AREAS

**Question submitted by Councillor Stephen Kilgallon**

The play areas introduced in Balbriggan over the last year or so are a welcome development for local children, however there is an issue that requires resolution on the safety and appearance front. The play areas are subject to groups of youths loitering and damaging the property after dark, this extends to broken bottles, cans, cigarette butts, attempting to break the equipment and graffiti.



I would like to ask the Manager that all the play areas in Balbriggan have the current low fences (around 3ft high) replaced with a more suitable height and are locked at night to deter this type of behavior?

**Reply:** Following widespread consultation and reports pursuant to Part XI of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2002, Fingal County Council sought by public tender, qualified contractors to design and construct playgrounds at various locations, including all surfacing, boundary treatment and play equipment. Part of the specifications was that the boundary fencing would be a maximum of 1.5 metres high.

These boundaries including associated access and egress points were and are intended to secure the site for children (under 8's) for which the facilities are intended contained while preventing animals from access.

Given the relatively small footprint of these local play facilities (400m<sup>2</sup>) taller boundary treatment was viewed as being:

- Out of scale and aesthetically unpleasing to the eye
- Present a challenge for these youths inclined to scale or vandalise the fence
- Cause unsustainable repair and maintenance costs
- Drain scarce human resource in terms of a requirement to open and close these facilities at varying times morning and evening throughout the year.

**BTC/299/07**

### **RUBBISH ON FRONT BEACH**

**Question submitted by Councillor Stephen Kilgallon**

I would like to ask the Manager to confirm what steps are being taken to reduce the levels of rubbish being left on the front beach in Balbriggan over Friday and Saturday nights? This mostly consists of left over beer cans and bottles from large groups gathering late at night each weekend.

I would ask that the location be visited at these times by a litter warden to enforce the littering laws, I would suggest that the warden may require Gardai to assist due to the number of people and the amount of alcohol consumed?

**Reply:** The front beach area is cleaned every Monday and Friday morning. The Litter Wardens do not work at nighttime and even if they did it would not be safe for them to visit the area in question considering the anti-social nature of the gatherings.

Under the Fingal County Council (Prohibition of Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor on Roads and in Public Places) Bye-Laws which came into operation on 11th July 2002 it is an offence for any person to consume intoxicating liquor on a road or in a public place within the functional area of the Council



or to possess such liquor for the intention of consuming it or supplying it to a person for consumption.

The Garda Siochána enforce these Bye-Laws and are given wide ranging powers under them including the power of arrest without warrant.

**BTC/300/07**

**RESURFACING OF ROAD AT CONVENT LANE**

**Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

To ask the Manger when will Convent Lane which is in a most dangerous condition be resurfaced?.

**Reply:** The resurfacing of Convent Lane will be carried out on the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> November 2007.

**BTC/ 301/07**

**OMAGH FIRE TRAGEDY**

It was **agreed** by the members to send a letter of condolences to Omagh District Council.

**BTC/302/07**

**ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING - TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2007**

It was **agreed** by the members to hold the Annual Budget Meeting on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2007 at 7.30 pm.

**BTC/303/07**

**PROPOSAL TO ALTER DATE OF JANUARY 2008 STATUTORY MEETING TO 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2008**

On the proposal of Councillor M. Harford, seconded by Councillor N. Pyne it was **agreed** to alter the date of the January Statutory Meeting to 15<sup>th</sup> January 2008.

**BTC/304/07**

**NOMINATION (ONE) TO BOARD OF FINGAL LEADER PARTNERSHIP**

On the proposal of Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Pyne it was **agreed** that Councillor McKeon be nominated as the Balbriggan Town Council representative on the Board of Fingal Leader Partnership.



**BTC/305/07**

**BALBRIGGAN AREA PROJECT ASSOCIATION –COMMUNITY  
EMPLOYMNET ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANT**

The Town Clerk informed the members that Fás had granted approval for the position of one additional Community Employment Participant. It was **agreed** by the members that the position be advertised.

**BTC/ 306/07**

**ANNUAL AWARDS 2007**

The Town Clerk gave a verbal report on feedback received regarding the Annual Awards, highlighting the very positive views from the public. An Cathaoirleach informed the members that McCartans Pharmacy were delighted with their award and would like to sponsor an award in 2008.

**BTC/307/07**

**PROPOSED VISIT TO ST. WENDEL**

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Mayor of St. Wendel, Klaus Bouillon has invited the Town Council to visit for their Christmas Market. Following discussion, it was **agreed** by the members that Councillor McKeon and Councillor Harford would accept the invitation to visit St. Wendel.

**BTC/308/07**

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

Following discussion it was **agreed** that the Town Christmas Lights will be switched on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2007. It was **agreed** that the final arrangements be decided by the Christmas Lights Committee.

**BTC/309/07**

**CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS -  
AMAI SUBMISSION ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM.**

An Cathaoirleach informed the members that the AMAI Submission needed to be endorsed by the members.  
It was **agreed** by the members .

**BTC/310/07**

**CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS -  
BALBRIGGAN AR AGHAIDH**

The Town Clerk informed the members that Balbriggan Ar Aghaidh dated 9<sup>th</sup> November 2007 have requested a meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2007 at 7pm. in the Hamilton Hall. Following discussion it was **agreed** by the members to meet Balbriggan Ar Aghaidh.



**BTC/311/07**

**CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS - BALBRIGGAN &  
DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CHRISTMAS BALL**

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Christmas Ball will take place on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2007 in the Bracken Court Hotel.

**BTC/312/07**

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The following report was circulated.

**EXPENDITURE**

<b>Programme Item</b>	<b>Budget 2007</b>	<b>Gross Expenditure 2007 to date</b>	<b>Unpaid Bills Charged to 2006</b>	<b>Nett Expenditure 2007 to date</b>
<b>CORPORATE PROPERTY</b>				
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
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>34,000.00</b>	<b>17,680.14</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>17,680.14</b>
<b>GENERAL</b>				
Office Expenses	12,300.00	10,105.18	456.60	9,648.58
Members Allowance	16,000.00	10,410.00	0.00	10,410.00
Conference Expenses	7,500.00	4,511.61	0.00	4,511.61
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/Decoration	8,000.00	5,095.69	0.00	5,095.69
Community Awards	3,800.00	3,782.58	89.95	3,692.63
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	2,498.65	0.00	2,498.65
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>73,000.00</b>	<b>43,033.71</b>	<b>546.55</b>	<b>42,487.16</b>
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>107,000.00</b>	<b>60,713.85</b>	<b>546.55</b>	<b>60,167.30</b>

**RECEIPTS**

<b>Programme Item</b>	<b>Budget 2007</b>	<b>Gross Receipts to date</b>
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**CORPORATE PROPERTY**

Retail Unit Rental Income	14,000.00	8,269.27
Office Unit Rental Income	6,000.00	5,000.00
Rental Income - Fingal Co. Co.	6,000.00	0.00
Hall Hire Charges	5,000.00	4,800.00
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>31,000.00</b>	<b>18,069.27</b>

**GENERAL**

Demand - Fingal Co. Co.	76,000.00	76,000.00
Other Receipts	0.00	1,899.96
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>76,000.00</b>	<b>77,899.96</b>

**TOTAL**

<b>107,000.00</b>	<b>95,969.23</b>
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Following discussion, the report was **noted**.

**BTC/313/07****FARMERS MARKET**

The following motion in the name of Councillor S. Kilgallon was proposed by Councillor S. Kilgallon, seconded by Councillor G. Buckley.

Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council to provide a location for the running of a weekly farmers market within the town.

The basic principles of this market is that the produce must be locally (i.e. not more than 15km radius) grown/made and where possible organic. This will provide a valuable alternative source of fresh produce, producers at local outlet and to increase visitors to the town overall.

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.

**BTC/314/07****COURT WAITING TIMES FOR GARDA SIOCHANA MEMBERS**

The following motion in the name of Councillor S. Brown was proposed by Councillor S. Brown, seconded by Councillor L. Dunne.

Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform to remove the unnecessary waiting times for members of An Garda Siochana in District Courts.

Following discussion, the motion was **carried** by a show of hands, on the declaration of Cathaoirleach.



**BTC/315/07**

**O'DWYERS SPORTS COMPLEX**

The following motion in the name of Councillor G. Shields was proposed by Councillor G. Shields, seconded by Councillor N. Pyne.

Balbriggan Town Council call on the manager for an update report on O'Dwyers Sports Complex development and possible date for commencement.

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.

**BTC/316/07**

**REPORT ON SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT AT BARNAGEERA**

The following motion in the name of Councillor G. Shields was proposed by Councillor G. Shields, seconded by Councillor M. McKeon.

Balbriggan Town Council call on the manager for an update report on the Sewerage Treatment Plant at Barnageera and its completion date.

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.

**BTC/317/07**

**ELIGIBILITY FOR RENT SUBSIDIES**

The following motion in the name of Councillor M. Harford was deferred to the next meeting of the Town Council.

Balbriggan Town Council call on the Health Service Executive and the Government to make provisions for a lone parent who wishes to go back into full time education with a view to gaining suitable employment be eligible for welfare subsidies. i.e. rent subsidy.

**BTC/318/07**

**EQUALITY FOR ALL CHILDREN IN EDUCATION SYSTEM**

The following motion in the name of Councillor S. Brown was deferred to the next meeting of the Town Council.

Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Education and Science to ensure equality for all children in our education system.

Mary McKeon  
CATHAOIRLEACH

11th December 2007  
DATE



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# BALBRIGGAN TOWN COUNCIL

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7<sup>th</sup> November 2007

To each elected member,

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Council will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2007 at 7.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, George's Square, Balbriggan to consider the following agenda.

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

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Brian Murray  
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**Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2007 (circulated herewith)

**2.**

**A Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 28/9/2007 received from Department of Health & Children regarding Out of Hours Doctor Service (circulated herewith)
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- (vi) Letter dated 23/10/2007 received from Office of the Minister for Education and Science regarding Departments construction list (circulated herewith)
- (vii) Letter dated 16/10/2007 received from Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government regarding funding for council dwellings (circulated herewith)
- (viii) Letter dated 30/10/2007 received from Office of the Minister Department of Health and Children regarding 24 hour help services for depressed or disturbed people (circulated herewith)

**2.**

**B. Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) No business under this heading.

**2.**

**C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 25<sup>th</sup> September 2007 received from Health Service Executive regarding Out of Hours Doctor Service in Balbriggan (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 22/10/2007 received from Health Service Executive regarding provision of defibrillators and adequate training (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 25/10/2007 received from Monaghan Town Council regarding new Community Childcare Subvention Scheme (circulated herewith)

**2.**

**D. Conferences**

- (i) No business under this heading.



2.

**E. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 29/9/2007 received from Peter Webster regarding the conditions around the beach area (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 18/10/2007 received from Citizens Information regarding Balbriggan Town Council Awards (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 31/10/2007 received from Theresa Gannon, Balbriggan Community College regarding Annual Awards (circulated herewith)

3.

**Questions**

(i) **Question submitted by Councillor Stephen Kilgallon**

To ask the Manager following my question in the September Monthly meeting regarding safe walking routes to school, I would like to clarify the issue regarding schools that were omitted.

The routes to/from the Balbriggan Educate Together (and the school to be allocated to the adjoining site) were not mentioned save for a crossing guard. I would like to enquire where children resident in Westbrook will be able to walk to the school. Currently there is an unofficial cut through the fence from Westbrook to the Moylaragh estate at the bottom of Westbrook Heights. The other access is by crossing Harry Reynolds Road twice and walking and the main Moylaragh Road at the roundabout.

I would like to ask the Manager to make the cut through at the bottom of Westbrook Heights a formal (safe route to school) walkway in the interests of practicality and safety as the route via Harry Reynolds is far more exposed to heavy traffic and would estimate to be 10-15 minutes longer in walking time.

(ii) **Question submitted by Councillor Stephen Kilgallon**

Children's play facilities in Balbriggan

The play areas introduced in Balbriggan over the last year or so are a welcome development for local children, however there is an issue that requires resolution on the safety and appearance front. The play areas are subject to groups of youths loitering and damaging the property after dark, this extends to broken bottles, cans, cigarette butts, attempting to break the equipment and graffiti.

I would like to ask the Manager that all the play areas in Balbriggan have the current low fences (around 3ft high) replaced with a more suitable height and are locked at night to deter this type of behavior?

(iii) **Question submitted by Councillor Stephen Kilgallon**

I would like to ask the Manager to confirm what steps are being taken to reduce the levels of rubbish being left on the front beach in Balbriggan over Friday and Saturday nights? This mostly consists of left over beer cans and bottles from large groups gathering late at night each weekend.

I would ask that the location be visited at these times by a litter warden to enforce the littering laws, I would suggest that the warden may require Gardai to assist due to the number of people and the amount of alcohol consumed?

(iv) **Question submitted by Councillor Monica Harford**

To ask the Manger when will Convent Lane which is in a most dangerous condition be resurfaced?.



**4. Motions**

**(i) Motion submitted by Councillor Stephen Kilgallon**

Balbriggan Town Council calls on Fingal County Council to provide a location for the running of a weekly farmers market within the town. The basic principles of this market is that the produce must be locally (i.e. Not more than 15Km Radius) grown/made and where possible organic  
This will provide:

A valuable alternative source of fresh produce  
Producers at local outlet  
and to increase visitors to the town overall.

**(ii) Motion submitted by Councillor Sean Brown**

Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform to remove the unnecessary waiting times for members of An Garda Siochana in District Courts.

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**5. Cathaoirleach's Business**

**6. Presentation on Planning Application for Shopping Centre**

**7. Monthly Financial Statement**

**8. Annual Budget Meeting - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2007**

**9. Proposal to alter date of January 2008 Statutory meeting to 15<sup>th</sup> January 2008**

**10. Nomination (One) to Board of Fingal Leader Partnership**



11. **Balbriggan Area Project Association – C.E. Additional Participant**
12. **Annual Awards**
13. **Proposed Visit to St. Wendel**
14. **Christmas Lights**



**Minutes of Statutory Meeting of Balbriggan Town Council  
held On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2007  
in The Council Chamber, Town Hall @ 7.30 p.m.**

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

**Councillors**

Dunne, Larry  
Brown, Sean  
Hammond, Kathleen  
Harford Monica

**Councillors**

Kilgallon, Stephen  
McKeon, May  
Shields, Gertie

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors Gerry Buckley and Ned Pyne

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Mr. Peter Caulfield, Town Manager  
Mr. Brian Murray, Meetings Administrator  
Ms. Margaret Wilde, Clerical Officer

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor May McKeon presided.

**BTC/319/07**

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of Balbriggan Town Council statutory meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November which were circulated were submitted, **approved** as a true record and signed.

**BTC/320/07**

**GAEL SCOIL PROVISION OF FACILITIES**

Letter dated 1/11/2007 received from Office of the Minister for Education and Science regarding Gael Scoil Baile Brigín regarding provision of education facilities was circulated and **noted**.

**BTC/321/07**

**IMMIGRATION STATISTICS**

Letter dated 9/11/2007 November received from Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform regarding statistics was circulated and **noted**.

**BTC/322/07**

**FUNDING FOR SOCIAL HOUSING WEATHERGLAZING**



Letter dated 16/11/2007 received from Office of the Minister for Housing, Urban Renewal and Developing Areas regarding adequate funding to install weather glaze windows and doors in council rented dwellings was circulated and **noted**.

Following discussion, it was **agreed** that the Town Clerk would clarify the issues raised with the Director of Services, Housing Department, Fingal County Council.

**BTC/323/07**

#### **IRISH BORN CHILD STATUS STATISTICS**

Letter dated 16/11/2007 received from Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform regarding permission to remain in the State under the IBC/05 Scheme was circulated and **noted**.

**BTC/324/07**

#### **GARDA WAITING TIMES AT COURT**

Acknowledgement letter dated 23/11/2007 received from the Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform regarding unnecessary Garda waiting times at Court was circulated and **noted**.

**BTC/325/07**

#### **COURT SERVICES WAITING TIMES**

Letter from Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform regarding the Courts Service was circulated and **noted**.

**BTC/326/07**

#### **FORT LUCAN**

Letter dated 29/11/2007 received from Community, Recreation & Amenities Department regarding Fort Lucan was circulated and **noted**.

**BTC/327/07**

#### **BARNAGEERAGH TREATMENT PLANT**

Letter dated 3/12/2007 received from Water Services Department regarding Barnageeragh Treatment Plant was circulated and **noted**.  
Following discussion, it was agreed that the Town Clerk request that Balbriggan Town Council be kept informed on this issue.

**BTC/328/07**

#### **24 HOUR HELP LINE**

Letter dated 6/11/2007 received from Office of the National Director, Primary Community & Continuing Care H.S.E. regarding 24 hour help service for depressed or disturbed people was circulated and **noted**.



Following discussion, it was **agreed** that the Town Clerk would write to the Minister.

**BTC/329/07**

**OUT OF HOURS SERVICE**

Letter dated 5/11/2007 received from Heath Service Executive regarding Out of Hours Service was circulated and **noted**.

**BTC/330/07**

**BRAMBLES AT SEAPOINT**

Letter dated 16/11/2007 received from Iarnród Éireann regarding cutting of brambles at Seapoint wall was circulated and **noted**.

**BTC/331/07**

**PROPOSED INCREASE IN T.V. LICENCE FEE**

Letter received from Ballyshannon Town Council regarding proposal to increase the Television Licence fee by €7 was circulated and **noted**.

**BTC/332/07**

**SYSTEM TO REPORT PROBLEMS HSE**

Circular Letter dated 30/11/2007 received from Macroom Town Council regarding Health Service and introduce a system of reporting problems was circulated and **noted**.

**BTC/333/07**

**SPIRASI FUNDING**

Letter dated 27/11/2007 received from H.S.E. regarding SPIRASI was circulated and **noted**.

**BTC/334/07**

**LONE PARENTS WELFARE SUBSIDIES**

The following motion in the name of Councillor M. Harford was proposed by Councillor M. Harford, seconded by Councillor L. Dunne.  
Balbriggan Town Council calls on the Health Service Executive and the Government to make provisions for a lone parent who wishes to go back to full time education with a view to gaining suitable employment be eligible for welfare subsidies. i.e. Rent subsidy.

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.  
It was also **agreed** that the Town Clerk would write to the Minister outlining the members concerns.

**BTC/335/07**



## **EQUALITY IN GOVERNMENT SYSTEM**

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 Education and Science to ensure equality for all children in our education system.

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members. It was further **agreed** on the proposal of Mr. Peter Caulfield, Town Manager would arrange for the School Team to invite the Fingal County council School's team to the February meeting.

**BTC/336/07**

### **APPROVAL FOR SCHOOL SITES**

The following motion in the name of Councillor S. Kilgallon was proposed by Councillor S. Kilgallon, seconded by Councillor K. Hammond.

Balbriggan Town Council calls upon the Minister for Education & Science to confirm in writing, the verbal agreement given from the Department of the allocation of school sites to Bracken Educate Together & Gaelscoil Bhaile Brigín at the sites at Castlelands, Balbriggan. The Schools will have to leave their temporary accommodation in Sunshine House at the end of the school year in Summer 2008, it is therefore imperative that the final approval is given as soon as possible in order that the sites are fully functioning in time for opening in September 2008.

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.

**BTC/337/07**

### **PLANNING DECISIONS IN BALBRIGGAN**

The following motion in the name of Councillor S. Brown was withdrawn by Councillor S. Brown

Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for the Environment and Local Government to examine the very poor planning decisions that have been made in the Balbriggan area in the past 10 years and to forward a copy of his departments findings to this Town Council.

**BTC/338/07**

### **COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR BALBRIGGAN**

The following motion in the name of Councillor G. Shields was proposed by Councillor G. Shields, seconded by Councillor K. Hammond.

Balbriggan Town Council call on Fingal County Council to source premises suitable for a Community Centre for the young people of Balbriggan or failing



that to secure a site within the most recent proposed development North West of Balbriggan for the purpose.

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members.

**BTC/339/07**

#### **TOWN BUS SERVICE**

The following motion in the name of Councillor S. Kilgallon was proposed by Councillor S. Kilgallon, seconded by Councillor K. Hammond

Balbriggan Town Council calls upon Bus Eireann to extend the town service so that the last service meets passengers arriving from Dublin Connolly service at Balbriggan Train Station 19:07. There are a large number of commuters alighting the train on this service, many of whom would avail of the bus service to the outer lying areas of the town. It would also be beneficial if the Bus Eireann sign at the train Station could indicate if the service has finished for the day in order that commuters are not left waiting unaware that the last bus has left for the day.

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members. It was **agreed** on the proposal of Mr. Peter Caulfield, Town Manager to invite a representative of Bus Eireann to a meeting to discuss the Town Bus Service.

**BTC/340/07**

#### **FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY DEVELOPERS**

The following motion in the name of Councillor S. Brown was proposed by Councillor S. Brown, seconded by Councillor M. Harford

Balbriggan Town Council call on the Manager of Fingal County Council to provide full details of where all financial contributions the developers have paid to Fingal County Council under planning permissions in the past 5 years have gone to.

Following discussion, the motion was **agreed** by the members. Mr. Peter Caulfield, Town Manager informed the members that he would circulate the Fingal County Council 3 year Capital Programme to the members.

**BTC/341/07**

#### **CATHAOIRLEACH'S BUSINESS – BALBRIGGAN IMPROVEMENT SCHEME**

An Cathaoirleach informed the members of the meeting held with the business community and the Fingal County Council officials regarding the Balbriggan Improvement Scheme. Town Clerk informed the meeting an information meeting for the public is scheduled for 15<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at 6.30 p.m. in the Twn Hall.



**BTC/342/7**

**REPORT FROM PARKS DEPARTMENT**

An Cathaoirleach informed the meeting that she contacted the Parks Department regarding the cutting back of shrubs and cutting throughout the town.

**BTC/343/7**

**CATHAOIRLEACHS BUSINESS – SEAPOINT LANE**

An Cathaoirleach informed the members of public lighting out of order at Seapoint Lane. It was **agreed** that Town Clerk would examine this matter.

**BTC/344/07**

**CATHAOIRLEACHS BUSINESS -CHRISTMAS TOWN LIGHTING**

An Cathaoirleach expressed her delight at the great turn out at the turning on of the Christmas Lights on held 30<sup>th</sup> November 2007. She also thanked the staff for their assistance in making the event a great success.

**BTC/345/07**

**CATHAOIRLEACHS BUSINESS -BALBRIGGAN AWARENESS OF DRUGS  
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS VIGIL**

An Cathaoirleach informed the members of her attendance at the Vigil which held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2007 in the Town Hall.

**BTC/346/07**

**CATHAOIRLEACHS BUSINESS - ST. WENDEL VISIT**

An Cathaoirleach informed the members that the Town Manager, Town Clerk, and Councillor Harford and herself would be visiting St. Wendel in Germany from Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December until Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

**BTC/347/07**

**CATHAOIRLEACHS BUSINESS – MEETING WITH RESIDENTS OF THE  
CHANTRIES**

An Cathaoirleach informed the members of the recent meeting with the residents of the Chantries.

**BTC/348/07**

**CATHAOIRLEACHS BUSINESS - MOBILE WEB CASTING**



An Cathaoirleach informed the members that a facility for webcasting of Town Council Meetings would be available in the coming months.

**BTC/349/07**

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The following report was circulated.

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
<b>Programme Item</b>	<b>Budget 2007</b>	<b>Gross Expenditure 2007 to date</b>	<b>Unpaid Bills Charged to 2006</b>	<b>Nett Expenditure 2007 to date</b>
<b>CORPORATE PROPERTY</b>				
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	828.52	0.00	828.52
Hall Staffing	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>34,000.00</b>	<b>18,508.66</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>18,508.66</b>
<b>GENERAL</b>				
Office Expenses	12,300.00	11,662.28	456.60	11,205.68
Members Allowance	16,000.00	11,270.00	0.00	11,270.00
Conference Expenses	7,500.00	6,316.63	0.00	6,316.63
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/Decoration	8,000.00	5,095.69	0.00	5,095.69
Community Awards	3,800.00	4,932.58	89.95	4,842.63
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	3,730.56	0.00	3,730.56
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>73,000.00</b>	<b>49,637.74</b>	<b>546.55</b>	<b>49,091.19</b>
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>107,000.00</b>	<b>68,146.40</b>	<b>546.55</b>	<b>67,599.85</b>
		68,146.40		
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
<b>Programme Item</b>	<b>Budget 2007</b>	<b>Gross Receipts to date</b>		



<b>CORPORATE PROPERTY</b>			
Retail Unit Rental Income	14,000.00	9,435.94	67%
Office Unit Rental Income	6,000.00	5,500.00	92%
Rental Income - Fingal Co. Co.	6,000.00	6,240.00	104%
Hall Hire Charges	5,000.00	6,835.00	137%
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>31,000.00</b>	<b>28,010.94</b>	<b>90%</b>
<b>GENERAL</b>			
Demand - Fingal Co. Co.	76,000.00	76,000.00	100%
Other Receipts	0.00	1,899.96	0%
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>76,000.00</b>	<b>77,899.96</b>	<b>102%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>107,000.00</b>	<b>105,910.90</b>	<b>99%</b>
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Following discussion, the report was **noted**.

**BTC/350/07**

#### **VACANCY ON BALBRIGGAN/SWORDS NAMING COMMITTEE**

On the proposal of Councillor Harford, seconded by Councillor Brown it was **agreed** that Councillor Hammond would be the representative on the Balbriggan/Swords Naming Committee.

**BTC/351/07**

#### **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

The Town Clerk gave a verbal report on the turning on of the Christmas lights and that some fundraising still needed to be done.

May McKeon  
CATHAIRLEACH

15th January 2008  
DATE



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Balbriggan Town Council call on the Manager of Fingal County Council to provide full details of where all financial contributions the developers have paid to Fingal County Council under planning permissions in the past 5 years have gone to.

- 5. Cathaoirleach's Business**
- 6. Monthly Financial Statement**
- 7. Vacancy on Balbriggan/Swords Naming Committee**
- 8. Christmas Lights**



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**MINUTES OF BUDGET MEETING  
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2008  
HELD ON 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2007**

Councillors Present: G. Buckley, L. Dunne, K. Hammond, M. Harford, S. Kilgallon, M. McKeon, G. Shields

Officials Present: Mr. Peter Caulfield, Town Manager  
Mr. Brian Murray, Meetings Administrator

Apologies: Councillor Brown, Councillor Pyne

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor May McKeon presided.

The Town Clerk presented the following Financial Statement for 2007 to the members showing revised Expenditure of €125,000 and revised Receipts of €125,000.

<b>Programme Item</b>	<b>Budget 2007</b>	<b>Nett Expenditure 2007 to date</b>	<b>Revised Budget 2007</b>
<b>CORPORATE PROPERTY</b>			
Insurance			
	9,000	8,311.34	8,312
Rates & Water Charges			
	9,500	9,368.80	9,369
Light & Heat			
	1,500	0.00	1,500
Service Charges / Maintenance			
	10,000	828.52	5,829
Hall Staffing			
	4,000	0.00	3,000
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>34,000</b>	<b>18,508.66</b>	<b>28,010</b>
<b>GENERAL</b>			
Office Expenses			
	12,300	11,205.68	13,767
Members Allowance			
	16,000	11,270.00	19,500
Conference Expenses			
	7,500	6,316.63	7,350
Cathaoirleach's Allowance			
	1,200	600.00	1,200
Town Clerk Allowance			
	7,200	0.00	7,200
AMAI Subscription			
	3,500	3,500.00	3,500
Town Improvement/Decoration			
	8,000	5,095.69	8,100



Community Awards	3,800	4,842.63	4,843
Local Elections	2,000	0.00	2,000
Audit Fees	2,500	2,530.00	2,530
Legal Fees	9,000	0.00	9,000
Other Expenses (funded by Capital A/C)	-	3,730.56	18,000
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>73,000</b>	<b>49,091.19</b>	<b>96,990</b>
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>107,000</b>	<b>67,599.85</b>	<b>125,000</b>

#### RECEIPTS

Programme Item	Budget 2007	Receipts 2007 to date	Revised Budget 2007
<b>CORPORATE PROPERTY</b>			
Retail Unit Rental Income	14,000	9,435.94	10,630
Office Unit Rental Income	6,000	5,500.00	6,000
Rental Income - Fingal Co. Co.	6,000	6,240.00	6,240
Hall Hire Charges	5,000	5,140.00	6,230
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>31,000</b>	<b>26,315.94</b>	<b>29,100</b>
<b>GENERAL</b>			
Demand - Fingal County Council	76,000		76,000
Other Receipts	0		1,900
Transfer from Capital Account	0		18,000
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>76,000</b>		<b>95,900</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>107,000</b>		<b>125,000</b>



The Town Clerk gave a detailed explanation of the items in the statement and explained that the corporate property rental receipts for 2007 were below the adopted budget figure due to the delay in the handover of the retail unit to the Council from the building contractor.

The Town Clerk informed the members that the expenditure on Service Charges/Maintenance was below budget as the managing agent for the common areas of the Town Hall and Library Building are not yet finalised. Any amounts owing for managing the common areas in respect of the current year will not be finalised until 2008.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Harford, seconded by G. Buckley, it was **agreed** that the sum of €5,000 be transferred from the Capital Account to the Revenue account to fund the Service Charges/Maintenance as outlined by the Town Clerk.

The receipts in respect of Hall Hire charges were ahead of budget figures. The Town Clerk informed the members that the sum of €18,000 will be spent on equipment for the Town Hall Conference facilities in the current year.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Harford, seconded by G. Buckley, it was **agreed** that the sum of €18,000 be transferred from the Capital Account to the Revenue account to fund the purchase of equipment as outlined by the Town Clerk.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Harford, seconded by G. Buckley, it was **agreed** the sum of €2,000 provided in the budget in 2007 in respect of local elections be transferred to the capital account.

The Town Clerk informed the members that the budgeted expenditure of €9,000 in respect of legal fees had not been expended to date. It was explained that the legal work being undertaken by the Council's Law Agent in respect of the new Town Hall and Library was ongoing, it was unlikely that any payments will be made in the current year.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Harford, seconded by G. Buckley, it was **agreed** that the sum of €9,000 be transferred to the Capital account to make provision for legal fees incurred but not yet invoiced by the Council's Law Agent.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Harford, seconded by G. Buckley, it was **agreed** that the financial statement for 2007 as presented be adopted.



The Town Clerk presented to the members the following Draft Annual Budget for 2008.

## ANNUAL BUDGET 2008

### Particulars of Estimated Expenditure and Receipts

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	€	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	€
<b>CORPORATE PROPERTY</b>		<b>CORPORATE PROPERTY</b>	
Insurance	8,400	Retail Unit Rental Income	14,000
Rates & Water Charges	9,800	Office Unit Rental Income	6,000
Light and Heat	1,600	Rental Income - Fingal Co. Co.	6,400
Service Charges / Maintenance	10,000	Hall Hire Charges	6,600
Hall Staffing Costs	4,200		
	<b>34,000</b>		<b>33,000</b>
<b>GENERAL</b>		<b>GENERAL</b>	
General Expenses	13,200	Demand - Fingal County Council	80,000
Members Allowance	20,000		
Conference Expenses	8,000		
Cathaoirleach's Allowance	1,700		
Leas Cathaoirleach's Allowance	300		
Town Clerk Allowance	7,200		
AMAI Subscription	3,750		
Town Improvements / Decoration	9,000		
Community Awards	5,000		
Local Elections	2,000		
Audit Fees	2,600		
Legal Fees	6,000		
Bank Charges	250		
	<b>79,000</b>		<b>80,000</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>113,000</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>113,000</b>

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>RECEIPTS</u>	
Corporate Property	34,000	Corporate Property	33,000
General	79,000	General	80,000
	<b>113,000</b>		<b>113,000</b>



The Town Clerk informed the members that statutory notice had been given in the press and the Draft Budget circulated to the Councillors in advance of the meeting. The draft estimate provides for a total expenditure of €113,000 and an income of €33,000.

There is a net requirement of €80,000 which will be the demand to Fingal County Council in respect of 2007. This would require an Annual Rate on Valuation of €3.11 for 2008 compared to an Annual Rate of Valuation of €3.00 for 2007. 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.

The Town Clerk answered questions from the councillors concerning various matters relating to the Draft Budget.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Harford, seconded by G. Shields, it was **agreed** that the Draft Budget 2008 as presented be adopted.

The meeting concluded at 8.40 p.m.

Mary McKeown  
CATHAIRLEACH

15th January 2008  
DATE