



**Fingal
Public
Participation
Network**

Minutes

Linkage Group Name	Housing, Planning and Transport
Venue	Zoom
Date of Meeting	19 th November 2020
Attendees	Facilitator Nike Adesemowo Anthony Brennan, Heidi Bedell, Amaka Chuks, Anne Marie Brady, Ray Smyth, Paddy Judge, Maire O'Brien, Dayakar Komirelly, Myles Caulfield, Paul Giles, Hilary, Alain Rochecouste, Thomas Murphy, Raymond Ryan, Pat Suttle, Yetunde Joyce, Kieran O'Neill, Todd Pocius, John Fox, and Doreen Keaney. Apologies: Greg Farrell
In attendance	Adam Rudden (FPPN)

1. Open, Welcome, Minutes and Matters Arising

HB opened meeting.
TB proposed minutes from 3rd September 2020 meeting
HB seconded minutes.

2. LG Facilitator Election

NA put forward her nomination as Facilitator for HPT Linkage Group.
HB Proposed nomination.
PG seconded.
NA was nominated facilitator of HPT Linkage Group.

3. PPN Representative Progress Report

RR and DK update on Transport & Infrastructure Management SPC meeting.

RR mentioned he has put forward motion requesting that Fingal County Council adopt into policy that all relevant steps built on outdoor public spaces will have 'bike gutters' on either side - to facilitate cyclists.

DK to put question on agenda in relation to Cycling Infrastructure spending.

HB stated that SPC meetings might not be the most suitable format to ask questions. The SPC meetings are about formulating, developing, monitoring and reviewing policy as opposed to asking questions or seeking information. HB suggested that if DK is seeking information that she could work with a councillor and get them to seek such information.

- AMB suggested that DK go to councillor Karen Power for assistance on this matter.

RS raised concerns about transport SPCs being divided into two separate SPCs, i.e. Transport & Infrastructure Management SPC and Planning Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Development SPC.

- RR stated that the split between SPCs is a disaster for the Reps involved as some transport issues multi multifaceted in nature. Due to the split, Reps only see half of the issue. RR stated that pressure needs to be put on council to change the decision to split the transport SPCs.

KO'N update on Planning Strategic Transport and Infrastructure Development SPC 15/09/2020 + Joint Biodiversity SPC - Tree Strategy 23/09/2020

KO'N stated that the Tree Strategy of Fingal represents a sea of change in the council's attitude with regards trees. In the past, the council would chop any tree five meters from a lamppost.

- JF commented that Fingal is supporting the chopping of trees in relation to BusConnects.

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4. Public Transport in Balbriggan - 3rd Round Consultation BusConnects

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5. Powered scooter: rules of road, licence and enforcement

RS raised the issue of Powered scooters and dangerous driving habits of users, and the lack of enforcement in relation to them.

- HB stated FFC could create byelaws in relation to the Powered scooter usage in parks. Similar to byelaws in relation to the use of water skis in the estuary.
- RR stated that speed controls need to be introduced for their use in cycle lanes.
- National legislation is coming
- HB commented that LG group members should lobby minister of justice.

6. Huntstown Kerb Protected Cycle Way

RS brought to the attention of the LK group the Kerb Protected Cycle Way development in Mountview/Hartstown, Dublin 15

- JF stated Fingal is not doing enough to consult the public.
- AMB stated that changes at this stage would require a new Part 8.

7. Agreement on actions/issues to be pursued

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8. AOB and Close

MOB stated that consultation formats will need to change due to the virtual environment. She stated Coastal Communities Adapting did a good job on presenting theirs.

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Next Meeting Date

Next meeting will take place 21st January 2021

