



**Fingal
Public
Participation
Network**

Minutes

Linkage Group Name	Housing, Planning and Transport
Venue	Zoom
Date of Meeting	15 th April 2021
Attendees	Facilitator: Nike Adesemowo, Ray Smyth, Kieran O'Neill, Rafe Costigan, Todd Pocius, Raymond Ryan, Alain Rochecouste, Gill Blackburn, Angela Rogers, Anthony Brennan, Eamonn McKiernan Pat Suttle, Paddy Judge, Doreen Keaney, John Fox, Yetunde Joyce John Uwhumiakpor and Mrs Stephanie Obijiaku Apologies: Dayakar Reddy Komirelly
In attendance	Adam Rudden (FPPN)

1. Open, Welcome, Minutes and Matters Arising

Facilitator opened the meeting and conducted a round on introductions.

Minutes were proposed by AR

Seconded by TB

No issues arising

2. PPN Representative Progress Reports

Kieran O'Neill presented report for **Planning Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Development SPC** – 10/03/2021

Report covered agenda items: SPC Work Programme 2021, Development Plan 2023 – 2029, Major Studies / LAPs, Fingal Greenways / Cycleways, Space for Play - Draft Fingal Play Policy, Taking in Charge Policy, Motions Councillor D. Mulligan - Feasibility of extension of Luas Line.

- Members discussed the issue of drainage around cobbled locked and Matcrete gardens. SPC Representative stated cobbled locked can be suitable for drainage as even though the cobble might be

impermeable, the sand in between the cobbles is permeable. Matcrete is completely impermeable, meaning the drainage goes straight into the shore.

- Linkage Group found that receiving the SPC workplan will be very useful in assisting Linkage group with their questions and other work. It was discussed how all the SPCs should give their workplan to linkage groups.

Raymond Ryan and Doreen Keaney presented report for **Planning Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Development SPC – 01/03/2021**

Report covered agenda items: 2021 Works Programme, Casual Trading (FCC Presentation), Active Travel Strategy - Motion, Motion from Doreen Keaney (PPN): NTA Sustainable Transport Measures Grants, R127 Pilot Project and the Fingal Coastal Way, Motion on Public Lighting in Parks and Open Spaces Policy.

- SPC Representative discussed with the Linkage Group their dissatisfaction with Transport being split into two separate SPCs.
- Motion: **NTA Sustainable Transport Measures Grants:** SPC Representative expressed frustration that FCC always seems to lag behind other LA councils in gathering NTA funds for active travel infrastructure.
- **Motion on Public Lighting in Parks and Open Spaces Policy:** Member discussed how there is a precedence of FCC lighting up parks like that of Hartstown Park, i.e. sports grounds and near bus stop area.
- **Active Travel Measures:** A linkage Group member discussed a letter they submitted to FCC in relation to Huntstown Kerb Protected Cycle Way. This outlined serious concerns with how its was implemented. Linkage Group members discussed the lack on consultation measures undertaken by FCC with the community when implementing these plans.
- **Anti-social behaviour in parks:** Linkage Group highlighted that the lack of enforcement is the real issue. FCC has loads of byelaws but these laws are meaningless unless they are enforced. Members commented that when Hartstown Park had a warden there was no problem with scrambler bikes, drinking etc. Group discussed how having one warden to cover multiple parks does not work. In addition to this, having Fingal staff in the offices removed from what is taking place on the ground also is also problematic.

Housing Representative was not in attendance to present report for **Housing Strategic Policy Committee SPC – 30/03/2021**

3. Fingal Coastal Way - Public Consultation- up on portal 15/04/2021

Fingal PPN Staff informed Linkage Group that the Fingal Coastal Way has gone live on Fingal's consultation portal. Links and information will be circulated to all PPN Members in a mass email on 16/04/2021. It will also be featured on the PPN website and social media accounts.

4. Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029 Strategic

Fingal PPN Staff informed Linkage Group that the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029 Strategic – is live on Fingal's consultation portal. It has already been highlighted in a mass email, the PPN Newsletter, on the PPN 's

website and social media accounts. A reminder email will be circulated to all PPN Members in a mass email on 16/04/2021

5. Housing Representative Nominations- Social Inclusion Pillar

Open call for nomination for Housing SPC Representative closed on the 15/04/2021.

Fingal PPN staff will circulate nominee details to Linkage Group members and a date for election will be set in the coming weeks.

6. Discussion on Community Issues

- Issue was raised highlighting that FCC should cater for omissions highlighted in their development and planning. One member mentioned approaching FCC about installing a zebra crossing for children and was informed that such feature was not part of the plan for the area.
- Frustration was raised over An Bord Pleanala's ability to bypass local area/development plans.
- Concerns were raised over Fingal's Consultation Portal. Users found it a hindrance and too complicated. A simple emailing system would be far better.
 - Fingal PPN Staff mentioned that **Climate Change, Environment and Water Linage Group** are working on a letter to Fingal in relation to the consultation portal. He recommended that this Linkage Group also contribute to this letter. Fingal PPN Staff will contact **Climate Change, Environment and Water Linage Group** to inform him.

7. June Linkage Group Round 3 Informal Network Meeting or Cancel it.

Linkage Group is going ahead with an informal session for Round 3 in June.

Fingal staff will not be present for this meeting.

Group would like to use session to work on a piece around the issue of An Bord Pleanala's ability to bypass local area/development plans.

John Fox has agreed to take any notes if necessary.

8. Agreement on actions / issues to be pursued

- Fingal Staff to arrange election for Housing SPC.
- Linkage group to contribute to letter drafted by Climate Change, Environment and Water Linage Group in relation to consultation portal.

Next Meeting Date

10th June: Housing, Planning and Transport