



**Fingal
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Participation
Network**

Minutes

Linkage Group Name	Housing, Planning and Transport
Venue	Zoom
Date of Meeting	17 th August 2021
Attendees	Facilitator: Nike Adesemowo, Ray Smyth, Raymond Ryan, Angela Rogers, Doreen Keaney, Ian Lennon, William Cahill Kieran O'Neill, Dayakar Komirelly, Myles Caulfield, Yetunde Joyce, and Amaka Chuks.
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 RR

Seconded by RS

No issues arising

2. SPC Representative Vacancy – Planning Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Development

PPN Support Worker mentioned that Greg Farrell had resigned.

The Planning Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Development SPC vacancy will be advertised in the coming weeks.

3. PPN Representative Progress Reports

SPC Representative presented report for Housing SPC that took place on 30th June 2021.

Key topics covered:

- Housing Delivery Update
- Cost Rental

- Choice Base Lettings Update
- Administration of HAP Scheme
- Linkage group raised concern about the development and construction of one bedroom and studio apartments that are aimed at the buy-to-rent market. Questions over whether Fingal is considering the needs of those on the housing list when considering these builds.
 - This is an unintended consequence of SHD developments. It was mentioned that a high percentage of SHD development were overturned in court. Concern was raised on SHD developments ability to bypass County Development and Masterplans.
 - It was highlighted that SHD planning system is coming to an end.

Action: Motion about one bedroom

SPC Representative presented report for **Planning Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Development SPC** that took place on 15th June, 2021.

- SPC Work Programme 2021
- Guest Speaker - Mr Tim Gaston, Director of Public Transport Services
- Fingal Greenways / Cycleways
- Development Plan 2023 – 2029
- Major Studies / LAPs
- Universal Design
- The Forest of Fingal Tree Strategy
- Implication of universal design & building regulations on older community infrastructure.
- Linkage discussed:
 - An unintended consequence of Fingal supported community centres is that they can end up in direct competition with the older community centres operating independently of Fingal.
 - Question was raised as to whether Universal Design meant that duplexes were gone.
 - SPC Representative stated that this level on detail was not discussed.

SPC Representative presented report for Transport & Infrastructure Management SPC that took place on 17th June 2021.

Key topics covered:

- SPC Work Programme
- Operations Directorate
- Active Travel Directorate
- Speed Limit Changes
- Free” Camping on Skerries South Strand

- Active Travel Unit Reporting :
 - Casual Trading Bye-laws
 - Dog Bye-Laws
 - Motion: on trialling car-free zones :
 - Motion: Power on Parking Practices
 - Motion: Review of the protected cycle lane in Rivervalley
 - Motion: Liaison between FCC and Fingal Coastal Way consultants.
- SPC Representative welcomed Cllr A. Grave's motion.
 - Linkage discussed the lack of consultation with regards Kerb Protected Cycleways. There was no consultation with SPCs or the PPN. The development was rushed through due to NTA funding. The fact that Fingal has needed to retrospectively deal with some of safety aspect of these cycleways, indicates that proper consultation was an important missing element to this process.
 - Linkage Group members highlight the number of pedestrian accidents caused by the curb/plinth of these cycleways.
 - Action:** Question: What is Fingal's consultation philosophy, especially when a consultation is not required by regulation, but is desirable none the less.
 - Action:** Question about the technical structure that underpins cycle lane/tract construction.
 - Dog Bye-Laws: Linkage Group highlighted the need for dog wardens to enforce by laws.

Planning: Fingal County Development Plan Update

- PPN Support Worker informed group Fingal Development Plan Pre-draft consultation finished.
- PPN Support Worker informed linkage group that Fingal Development Plan the Chief Executive's Pre-Draft Consultation Report is now available. (<https://www.fingal.ie/sites/default/files/2021-07/ce-report-final-02.07.2021.pdf>)
- PPN Support Worker informed linkage group that Fingal have a podcast dealing with development plan: <https://www.fingal.ie/podcast>
- PPN Support Worker informed group that the Strategic Issues Paper Pg 6 shows document process calendar, including Next Public Consultation of Draft Development Plan – Feb 2022

Transport and Housing

Due to meeting time constraints, PPN Support Worker informed linkage group that the following information has been circulated to them:

- Fingal expands 'bleeper bike' scheme to five coastal towns.
- 'H2' BusConnects route launches in Malahide and Portmarnock Housing
- Twenty-five new-build homes in Balbriggan Co. Dublin have become the State's first cost rental housing

Kerb Protected Cycleways: River Valley Swords and Huntstown Blancherstown

This issue of Cycleways was discussed earlier by Linkage Group meeting under representative report.

Discussion on Community Issues/Motions Suggestions

PPN Support Worker informed group that the PPN Community Issues Paper and the SPC Policy Programme 2021 could be a useful guide to inform the work of the Linkage Group.

Agreement on actions / issues to be pursued

Transport & Infrastructure Management SPC Representatives will bring two questions to their next meeting

- What is Fingal's consultation philosophy, especially when a consultation is not required by regulation, but is desirable none the less.
- Question about the technical structure that underpins cycle lane/tract construction.

NA to word motion on the theme of one bedroom to be circulated to members and Housing SPC representative for submission at next Housing SPC.

AOB

Issue was raised about segregated cycle lanes in Greenways.

- Greenways are not designed to segregate cyclist from pedestrians, but the Council should consider what happens to cyclists leaving greenway and travelling into urban areas.

- Issue was raised about lighting up Greenways between urban areas.

Next Meeting Date

19th October