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On Monday, 9th May Fingal County Council held a Civic Reception at County Hall Swords for the Chief of Scouting Ireland, Christy McCann, recognising his outstanding contribution to Scouting in Ireland, and in particular his ongoing working relationship with Fingal, in the delivery of scouting facilities and events in the county.

Presenting Mr. McCann with his award, Cllr. David O'Connor, Mayor of Fingal said,

"I am delighted to welcome the Chief Scout of Scouting Ireland, Christy McCann and his wife Stephanie to the Council Chamber this evening....Christy, a proud Portrane resident, is the most senior officer in Scouting Ireland" and added "Scouting Ireland has evolved over time and has outlived its traditional image to become a modern organization creating 'tomorrow's citizens'".

Accepting his award, Mr. McCann commented "I am proud to accept this on behalf of Scouting Ireland as I am only one of 40,000. Scouting Ireland covers all 32 counties and we deal with a lot of councils. Fingal County Council have stepped up to the plate when it comes to engagement with Scouting Ireland. On behalf of Scouting Ireland I would like to acknowledge Fingal County Council because we, in Scouting Ireland, want to create better communities and I believe Fingal County Council are our partners on that particular journey."

Tributes to Christy McCann, commending his work, were also paid by Cllr. Newman, Cllr. Butler, Cllr. Henchy, Cllr. Mulvihill and Cllr. Quinn on the night.

Fingal County Council has worked extensively with Scouting Ireland over a number of years, delivering events such as the 2012 Jamóige Event in Ardgillan Castle, which was attended by 5,000 scouts. April 2016, saw another collaborative event, the Message of Peace Commemoration at Newbridge House, celebrating the 1916 Rising and remembering the 40 children who lost their lives during that time. Most recently, on April 24th, the 38th Rush Scouts Group formed the guard of honour at the Fingal Flagship Centenary Event.
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