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Council welcomes €450k funding to install interim emergency coastal erosion measures at the Burrow, Portrane

Fingal County Council has welcomed the announcement of €456,000 funding from the Office of Public Works which will fund interim emergency coastal erosion measures in Portrane, which are due to commence next week.

The funding towards the installation of 380 ‘Seabee’ reinforced concrete units along the beach above the Mean High Water Level has been announced by Minister for the Office of Public Works (OPW) and Flood Relief, Kevin ‘Boxer’ Moran.
Minister Moran paid a visit to the affected area in The Burrow today (Thursday) where he met members of the Fingal Coastal Liaison Group, council officials and elected representatives.

The “SeaBees” are designed to reduce the force of waves impacting the coastline during stormy conditions.

Three lines of “SeaBee” units will be placed along a 270-metre stretch, about 15 metres from the face of the sand dunes. The five-tonne reinforced concrete blocks, which are approximately 1.4 metres high and 1.7 metres wide, will be filled with stone to prevent movement and for public safety reasons.

Funding for the temporary interim emergency measures, which are due to get underway next week, has been approved under the Office of Public Works (OPW) Minor Flood Mitigation Works and Coastal Protection Scheme.

Extensive engagement regarding the emergency measures was held between Fingal County Council, the Office of Public Works (OPW) and the National Parks & Wildlife Service (NPWS).

Minister Kevin ‘Boxer’ Moran said: “I have to give great credit to Fingal County Council and the team they have put together, along with my own staff at the OPW and all the elected representatives who have all worked collaboratively to make this happen.”

He added: “Fingal County Council and my own Department have put the shoulder to the wheel here. This is a short-term solution for the long-term gain.”

Fingal County Council’s Director of Planning and Strategic Infrastructure AnnMarie Farrelly said: “Fingal County Council has been working very closely with the OPW, the Minister and the National Parks and Wildlife Service to come up with a solution that will prevent erosion. We are confident that these measures will have an impact and protect properties over the winter period.”
“I would like to thank all the officials from the Minister’s department who pulled out all the stops to get this solution agreed on time. We needed to get the ‘Seabees’ installed so they could do their job over the winter.”

Ms Farrelly thanked the Fingal Coastal Liaison Group for their support and help in moving the project forward.

She also welcomed the announcement of funding for the works. ‘Everything has come together very well thanks to the collaboration and co-operation by all the parties.”

Caption:

Minister Kevin ‘Boxer’ Moran paid a visit to The Burrow today (Thursday) where he met members of the Fingal Coastal Liaison Group, council officials and elected representatives and to view the interim coastal erosion measures that are due to commence.

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