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June 2022
Chief Executive's
Report on Activities

Skerries Harbour in the sunlight
Photo by Aisling Callan, Corporate Affairs



A message from AnnMarie Farrelly, Chief Executive, Fingal County Council

Summer has landed and whilst the weather may be a bit unpredictable our teams are out on the ground making sure Fingal looks fantastic for all to enjoy. Our beaches, parks, playgrounds and open spaces are being maintained to such a high standard and it is a credit to our outdoor staff. The rollout of additional solar bins in various locations will assist with keeping our public realm litter free and we hope that citizens and businesses alike will work with us on this. I would like to take the opportunity to recognise the hard work of Tidy Towns groups and local communities who take an active role in keeping Fingal clean. We have just announced that 15 community groups have been awarded funding under a Fingal run initiative to enable them to carry out projects in litter hotspots and areas affected by vandalism. We know that having access to this type of funding can have a really positive impact in keeping our public spaces free of graffiti and litter and it reminds people to do the right thing by binning their rubbish.

I was so pleased to see three of our beaches being awarded Blue Flag status for beach excellence with regard to water quality and criteria including facilities for visitors, beach management and environmental education. Two of these beaches were new additions, Balcarrick Beach in Donabate and South Beach in Rush whilst Portmarnock retained the flag it has held for a number of years. This award is a recognition of the excellent work of the Council and local community groups in ensuring that our beaches are managed carefully to the highest standard and we look forward to local communities and visitors taking advantage of beaches all along our Fingal coastline this summer.

I am so delighted to see Flavours of Fingal, Ireland's largest and most action-packed family friendly county show, return this year. An exciting line up has been announced and it promises to be bigger and better than ever! So much work and

preparation goes into the organisation of such a large event and I want to thank our Events team who are leading on this. With the event taking place on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd July it's not too far away and is something to really look forward to. Public consultation, both statutory and non-statutory, is so important to us in Fingal as we value the inputs and contributions from our citizens when drafting plans and strategies that affect our county. We recently held a non-statutory public consultation for the draft Active Travel Strategy and work is now underway to consider all the submissions received.

We have just published a Draft Biodiversity Action Plan for Fingal covering 2022 to 2030 which puts forward an ambitious programme of 100 actions required to address biodiversity loss and reverse decline in biodiversity by 2030. Fingal has a unique and beautiful blend of urban and rural places from our stunning coastline, to our famous rich agricultural lands and busy thriving towns. Birds, marine life, flora and fauna are just some of the biodiverse elements that make Fingal such a special place and the Biodiversity Action Plan will help us preserve these ecosystems. Two online information sessions are planned to provide an opportunity to learn more about the Biodiversity Action Plan and ask questions of Fingal County Council's Biodiversity Officer. We are asking the public to read the plan and share their feedback and we encourage individuals and organisations with an interest in climate action and nature conservation to get involved in planning to protect and enhance biodiversity for future generations.

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive



SMART BALBRIGGAN

Smart Balbriggan is shortlisted for a Digital Town Award

Find out more on Page 4

CASTLE GOES COUNTRY!

It's time to dig out the cowboy boots and stetsons for this fantastic open air event!

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CASTLE GOES COUNTRY
AT SWORDS CASTLE

 NATHAN CARTER FRIDAY 29TH JULY GATES OPEN 6PM SHOW STARTS 6PM TICKETS €27.50 (INC. BOOKING FEES)	 JIMMY BUCKLEY SATURDAY 30TH JULY GATES OPEN 6PM SHOW STARTS 6PM TICKETS €22.00 (INC. BOOKING FEES)	 FRIENDS IN LOW PLACES SUNDAY 31ST JULY GATES OPEN 7PM SHOW STARTS 8PM TICKETS €16.50 (INC. BOOKING FEES)
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ARDGILLAN GLASSHOUSES

Stunning restored glasshouses completed at Ardgillan Demesne
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BLUE FLAG FOR RUSH

South Beach awarded Blue Flag
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BIKE WEEK 2022

See page 15 for all the news from an exciting and busy week!



Smart Balbriggan in for Digital Town Award



A project which saw almost 100 Balbriggan students devise innovative ways to tackle local problems digitally, has been shortlisted for a major award.

County Council, in collaboration with The Academy of the Near Future and What the Hack.

Last October, Transition Year (TY) students from three local schools took part in workshops to develop solutions ‘to build a stronger, cohesive and more vibrant community’. The TY Challenge event was run by Smart Balbriggan, an initiative of Fingal

Smart Balbriggan’s TY Challenge is shortlisted in the Digital Education category, for the 2022 .IE Digital Town Awards. The winners will be announced at a virtual Gala event on Wednesday 8th June at 4:00pm.

Recent Communication Campaigns

During May the Communications Unit was involved in promoting Bike Week as well as the consultation around the Draft Active Travel Strategy and the Draft Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan.

The latest edition of the Inside Fingal podcast features an interview with Biodiversity Officer, Hans Visser.

The Communications Unit also organised the Fingal County Council stand at the Fingal Connect Expo in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Santry, which was used to promote the Skills Strategy, Business Directory and Procurement among local businesses.



Our Top Tweet of The Month!

Top Tweet earned 11.5K impressions

The students on the 2021-22 Transition Year Football & Fitness Course run by the @faireland and @fingalcoco in @CorduffSport graduate tomorrow. One student, Danny McGrath, produced this video about what it's like to be on this course.

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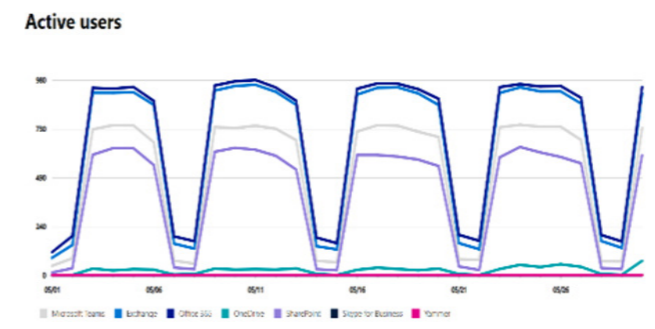
Our Twitter account, @fingalcoco, had 413,500 impressions during May and an average engagement rate of 1.7% from 327 tweets.

The top tweet was a video about the Football and Fitness Transition Year Course which was made by one of the students, Danny McGrath from Balbriggan. It had 11,799 impressions and 3,080 media views. Another tweet, in relation to the pop-up swimming pool in Donabate, generated 9,922 impressions.

Our LinkedIn account continues to attract new followers and now has 5,696 up 703 (14%) since January 1. During May we started publishing videos of staff from across the organisation talking about their experience of working for Fingal County Council and this will continue over the next few months.

Digital Working

In May staff took part in 8,691 Teams meetings, 30,400 calls took place, and 855,961 emails were received or sent by the Council.



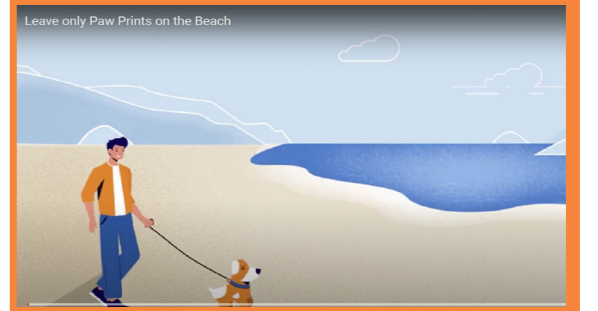
512 Elected Members’ Reps Submitted in May

Staff continue to work on the Customer Relationship Management System (CRM) and issue responses to representations from Elected Members (Councillors, TDs and Senators) and complaints submitted by the public. The month of May had a total of 512 Elected Members’ representations. The table above shows the total number of Elected Members representations assigned to each Department to date in 2022.

Press Releases & Media Queries

The Communications Unit dealt with 20 media queries during May with topics covered including housing, planning, bathing water quality, dogs, equine welfare and allotments.

The Unit also issued 17 press releases and media invitations during the month, including one about a new animated video that encourages dog users to be responsible during the bathing season and another about Fingal beaches being awarded three Blue Flags.



Customers Calling

For the month of May the Council’s Customer Care Agents dealt with -

- 13,209 phone calls
- 562 emails
- 2,077 in person visits to our offices



Creative Fingal: New 5-Year Strategy beginning in 2023



The Creative Ireland programme was started in 2017 as a legacy programme following on from the success of the Ireland 2016 project which celebrated the hundredth anniversary of the Easter Rising.

At the core of the programme is the founding vision that creativity must be at the very heart of public policy and that participation in cultural and creative activity effectively promotes the wellbeing of the individual, the community and the nation at large. Collaborating across government and in tandem with arts, community and voluntary organisations, the Creative Ireland Programme deploys creativity as a vital strategy for wellbeing, social cohesion and economic success.

The current Creative Ireland program finishes in 2022 but a new 5-year program will begin in 2023. As part of this process, an updated Culture and Creativity strategy for Fingal will be created.

This process will begin in June and a stakeholder engagement process will take place. The current Culture and Creativity Strategy can be viewed at <https://www.creativeireland.gov.ie/app/uploads/2019/12/Fingal.pdf>



The RHA School Studio award will be announced in early June. The Arts Office in partnership with the RHA School are offering an opportunity of a funded studio space for a professional artist for the period of one year. The award offers an artist the opportunity to develop their practice within the institutional framework of the RHA and covers the cost of studio rental and administration.

Our Balbriggan 2019 - 2025 Rejuvenation Plan - A Socio-Economic Strategy



The Our Balbriggan Programme Office continues to support the Leadership Group and its five pillars, who meet regularly, to progress work across a range of economic and social measures including: Growing the Local Economy, Public Realm & Infrastructure, Education, Skills & Employment, Community Integration, Health & Well Being and Community Safety.

The Local Economy Pillar Group met on the 18th May and work continues to progress actions to develop a stronger, prosperous local economy. The Education Skills and Employment Pillar is scheduled to meet next on 20th June to review the Our Balbriggan Loves Learning Festival which took place in April and how the event may be further developed in 2023.

The demolition of the former O'Shea's Night Club building (Harbour) is complete, the site and layout has been levelled out to create a 'meanwhile space' to allow for

temporary planters and seating, pedestrian route with low level picket fence surround. Archaeologist Report of the findings on the O'Sheas site will be finalised and issued to Council over the coming weeks.



Summer Stars!

programme, available free of charge to all children across the country. It will run in all libraries in Fingal until the end of August with the ultimate goal of encouraging reading during the summer holidays.

All children are invited to register for the summer reading challenge, with rewards and incentives along the way and a grand finale event at the end for all participants.

As part of the programme, a range of children's events will be held in libraries in Fingal during the summer to suit all interests - including author visits, Lego technic workshops, sensory cooking classes, interactive science workshops, creative writing, arts and crafts, and coding workshops.

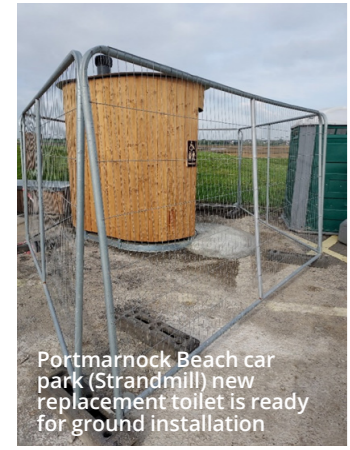
Libraries will launch its annual Summer Stars Children's Reading programme on Tuesday 14th June at St. Patrick's National School Skerries with a special visit from the Fingal Mobile Library service. Summer Stars is an exciting, reading-based

Delight as Blue Flag Raised at South Beach

Local Representatives, Scouts, Clean Coast Group and Tidy Towns Groups visited Rush South Beach on Friday 27th May, to see Mayor Seána Ó Rodaigh raise the prestigious Blue Flag which is awarded to beaches adhering to a strict number of criteria covering environmental information and education, water quality, safety and services and environmental management.



Works in How/Mal Area



Portmarnock Beach car park (Strandmill) new replacement toilet is ready for ground installation



Road safety improvement works at the entrance to Hill Drive estate in Malahide



Installation of new benches adjacent to new public conveniences at Howth



Planting at Coast Road, Malahide

Additional Solar Compact Bins rolled out in Dublin 15



The Castleknock/Mulhuddart Cleansing Section is delighted to inform the Members that the roll out of the additional Solar Bins has commenced.

Two bins have been installed in Main Street, Blanchardstown & Castleknock Village, and preparation of 3 further plinths in Mulhuddart Village, Main Street Blanchardstown & Carpenterstown have been carried out and a further delivery of bins is scheduled for June.



Playground Works at St. Catherine's



Playground Refurbishment - St Catherine's Estate Rush

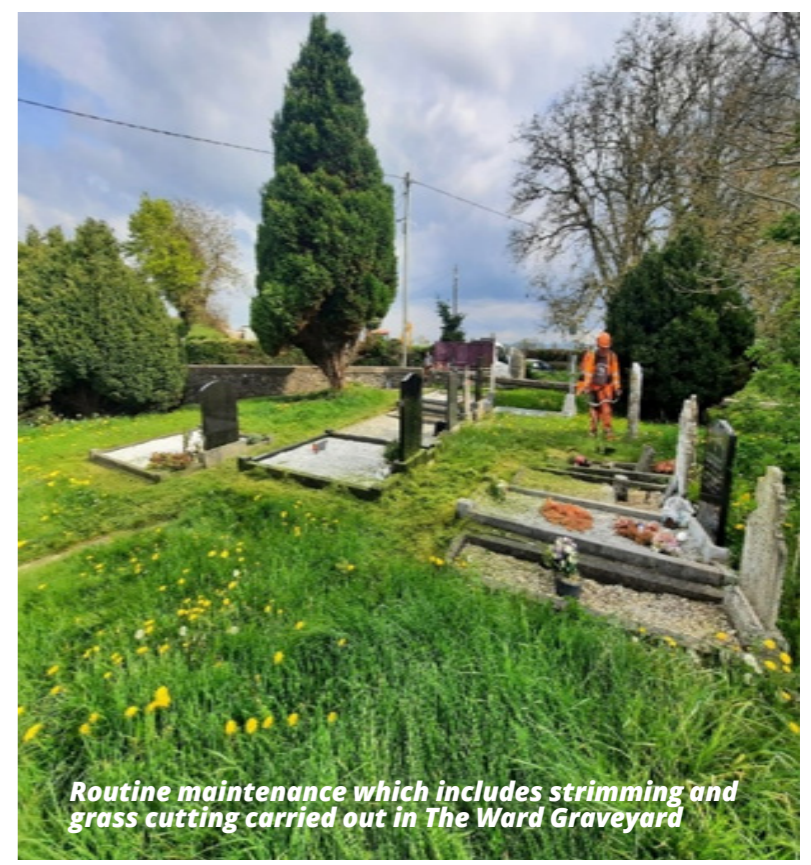
The long-awaited refurbishment of the playground within St. Catherine's Estate Rush is almost complete. There is still some outstanding equipment and seating/bins to be installed but the project is 90% complete.

This project is being funded by the Fingal County Council 2022-2024 Capital Budget at a cost of €100,000 plus an additional €15,000 from DCEDIY funding from the Department of Children Equality Disability Integration and Youth.

Bollards Protect Looped Pathways



A variety of barriers and bollards have been installed at the entrance to the Looped walks at the Summit carpark entrance and at Upper Cliff Road path entrances to prevent vehicles entering, driving and parking on the looped paths.



Routine maintenance which includes strimming and grass cutting carried out in The Ward Graveyard



1,900+ Submissions on Fingal Development Plan 2023 - 2029 Received

The public consultation on the Draft Fingal Development Plan finished on 12th May. During the consultation period online and drop-in events were held for members of the public. Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department staff were available to brief the public and answer questions on the Draft Development Plan.

More than 1,900 submissions have been received and these are currently being summarised and responded to. These will form part of the Chief Executive's Report which will issue to the Members at the end of July.

The Development Plan process has been running for over a year now and the final plan is scheduled to be adopted by Councillors in February 2023.

Community Monuments Fund at Work in Fingal

Three sites in Fingal County Council ownership are benefitting from CMF 2022- Rush Tower House, St Catherine's Church, Kenure, Rush and St Marnock's Church.

Works will be undertaken to secure repair and consolidate these monuments for communities into the future and will be carried out under the supervision of David Kelly Partnership consulting engineers, Fingal County Council-Architects and Heritage Office, and Archaeology and Built Heritage Ltd.

Details of the CMF 2022 projects can now be viewed at <https://www.fingal.ie/community-monuments-fund>.



The theme for National Heritage Week 2022 is all about engaging with heritage to create a more resilient world, enhancing sustainability and biodiversity.

Wild Child Day will take place on Saturday 20th August and encourages kids and families to make the most of the outdoors to explore the heritage in their locality and beyond.

Water Heritage Day: Sunday, 21st August is a collaboration between The Heritage Council and the Local Authority Waters Programme. Registration of events (up to the 23rd August) is open at the below link: <https://www.heritageweek.ie/news/national-heritage-week-2022>

Harry Reynolds Road Scheme Update

Following the submission of the relevant technical documentation, the Harry Reynolds Road scheme has recently been approved by the NTA to move to the main works procurement stage.

The tender process will take approximately six months so it is expected that a main contractor will be appointed in Q1 2023 with works to start soon thereafter.



Newly Restored Glasshouses open at Ardgillan Demesne

This year 2022, marks the 30th anniversary of the opening to the public of the restored Ardgillan Castle. Fingal County Council is marking this anniversary with another special event for Ardgillan. The range of four newly restored heritage glasshouses were officially opened by the Mayor of Fingal, Councillor Seána Ó Rodaigh on Friday the 20th of May. Together these glasshouses form an important addition to the park and gardens in Ardgillan Demesne.

Two of the glasshouses "The Large Conservatory" and "The Propagation House" located in the Walled Garden date from the 1880s and were designed and constructed by the famous Scottish Glasshouse Company, Mackenzie and Moncur. The company is still in existence today which is a testament to the quality of their products.

Originally located at the Jameson Estate in Seamount, Malahide, the glasshouses were carefully dismantled by Council staff after the current owners of the Jameson Estate, the Treacy Family donated the structures to the Council in the early 1990s. The local team at Ardgillan undertook the original reconstruction of the large Conservatory in the formal rose garden to replace a structure identified on early ordnance survey maps of the garden. The team also constructed two smaller glasshouses in the MacKenzie Moncur style in the corners of the walled garden. These glasshouses along with the Large Conservatory and the very

rare Propagation House (which was kept in storage for almost 30 years) have now been completely restored and now incorporate state of the art electrical fittings and provision for irrigation.

The restored glasshouses add greatly to the widely acknowledged reputation of the gardens for horticultural and botanical excellence with the extensive plant collection in Ardgillan benefiting our local park users and attracting visitors from far and wide





Family Fun day hosted at Lissenhall Green

Following a joint initiative by the Council's Housing and Community Development Department and Libraries Department, a great day was had by the residents of Lissenhall Green and Ennis Lane who attended the Council's Family Fun Day on Saturday 28th May at Lissenhall Green with entertainment for the children, face painting, magician, creative drawing, sports, access to Fingal's mobile library and books, light refreshments, goodie bags and an abundance of sunshine.



The Council's Housing and Community Development Department and Libraries Department are working collaboratively to promote the services the Council has to offer to members of the Traveller community and to promote Traveller wellbeing through creative engagement supported by Creative Ireland.



Fingal older People's Conference

The Annual Conference of Fingal's Older People's Council (OPC) took place for the first time in three years on Tuesday 24th May 2022 in the Marine Hotel, Sutton. In order to encourage capacity building within the OPC following Covid, a Steering Committee of OPC members was established to organise this successful event. 96 delegates registered to attend the conference with an additional 5 delegates arriving on the day.

room with music by Stage2 and dancing by all those present. However, by far the most elegant dancer on the day was a 92-year-old lady from Malahide who was living her life to the full!

The feedback was very positive with many of the delegates feeling empowered by the knowledge they gained and the opportunity to speak openly among their peers on a subject which is often not spoken about. While the conference provided relevant information for older people, it also provided an opportunity for the OPC to get feedback from older people in Fingal on the issues they would like the OPC to pursue on their behalf. Feedback on issues of concern was received from 42 delegates with issues ranging from the need for senior housing in Castleknock to unsafe paths in Swords. Approximately 40 people provided their contact details for further information on the work of the OPC.

A packed conference hall listened intently to a number of informative presentations. Sheila Hayes from Citizens Information provided comprehensive information on the entitlements of older people from pensions to bus passes. Aine Flynn, Director of Decision Support Services gave a presentation on the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015 and the changes to assessing capacity, and the supports available to help those whose capacity may be in doubt to make their own decisions. This was followed by Nicole Forster, Irish Hospice Foundation who encouraged delegates to think ahead and understand and discuss what the future might hold to ensure they are better prepared and less stressed to face illness and dying.



The morning session was completed by Peig McManus, a member of the OPC, who presented her thoughts on living life to the full in old age, in her thought provoking and humorous monologue. The afternoon was a fun filled

Pride of Place Awards

Fingal Community Office supported three groups who represented the county at the annual IPB Pride of Place Awards Finals held in Killarney last month.

on the island of Ireland, and is supported by co-operation Ireland, the north south organisation set up to promote community harmony on the island of Ireland following the Good Friday Agreement in 1998

Bayside Community Association won the outright prize for best urban neighbourhood at the finals and Rush Tidy Towns was the runner up in the Populations Over 5000 Category.



Fingal was also represented by the Peer support group from the Blanchardstown centre for independent living, who will now take part in the 2022 competition, alongside Oldtown in north county Dublin and Balbriggan Men's Shed.



Pride of Place recognise the best in community development

Inaugural Pride Festival brings colour to Swords



This inaugural Fingal Pride Festival took place in Swords on 22nd May 2022. A procession hosting the Pride Flag was led by the Deputy Mayor from County Hall to Swords Castle followed by a festival from 12-6pm. This was a vibrant event which showcased crafts and family friendly entertainment from the LGBTQ+ community.

Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network Update



The contractor is currently onsite constructing the Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network which will facilitate the development of the entire Church Fields landbank with the potential to deliver 1,000 mixed tenure homes.



Housing Assistance Payment

In 2022 to date over 240 HAP submissions have been made from tenants.

107 submissions have been made from landlords which form a complete application with both the tenant and landlord parts received. 58% of those 107 submissions are complete and signed up to the scheme. The average turnaround time from receipt of a full application is approximately 4 weeks.

Since its inception in Fingal County Council in 2017, the HAP team has set up over 3,300 tenancies. The HAP Team are always available to assist applicants and landlords by email, phone or in person and the experience to date is that communication is mostly over the phone and the

HAP team report that there have been very few issues with completing the online application process and any delays, such as they are, are generally around applicants and landlords submitting the correct supporting documentation. However, the team are aware of only a small number of cases where the applicant/landlord had difficulty and they were talked through the process.

The HAP team are on hand to deal with any queries from applicants and landlords in person at the Housing Department in the Fingal County Council Blanchardstown Office, by phone on 01 8905000 via the CCU or through email hap@fingal.ie.

Work on Protected Cycle Lanes Commences in Swords

St. Cronan's Ave and Brackenstown Road Protected Cycle Lanes

The Active Travel Team are delighted to report that GMC Utilities Group have commenced on site to deliver the upgraded cycle lanes, safer junctions, footpath repairs and Safe Routes to School Treatments.

The contractor was busy on their first week setting up their compound and commencing footpath repairs along St. Cronan's Avenue and Glen Ellan Road.



Dublin's energy agency Codema has presented the results of the Dublin Region Energy Master Plan to Councillors and the general public in the Region through a series of informative webinars.

The Dublin Region Energy Master Plan provides realistic, evidence-based pathways for the Dublin Region to achieve its carbon emission reduction targets to 2030 and 2050.

It is the result of three years of research by Codema's energy planning team to identify the greatest potential to reduce emissions related to heat, electricity, transport and buildings in Dublin. For the first time in Ireland, the Dublin Region Energy Master Plan uses spatially-driven energy scenario modelling to identify the cost-optimal solution at a local level in Dublin, based on the specific energy "characteristics" or profile of a particular area. The master plan also brings together national government plans and policies to show the impact they will have on Dublin.

The masterplan is a starting point and Codema intend hosting further webinars and information events over the course of this year.



Portmarnock's Cycle Bus to School!

As part of Bike Week 2022, the Active Travel Team were delighted to join the Children and Parents of the Portmarnock Cycle Bus on their morning cycle to St. Marnock's school on Thursday 17th May and to support them in officially launching their local Cycle Bus.

There was great support from their Principal Ms Trimble, teachers, parents and kids as we arrived at the school. We look forward to working with other schools across Fingal to help them setup Cycle Buses in their area.



Environmental Awareness Updates

- There were 15 applications for Anti-Litter Anti-Graffiti Competition funding this year. All applicants were funded. Proposed initiatives ranged from refill points for eliminating single-use bottles to biodiversity areas, and murals. We are delighted to reach some new groups this year (no's 12 & 13) who provide residential accommodation and accommodation for migrants. Projects are to be completed by end October.

- 32 Community Centres were visited and assessed for Waste Management over the past 6 weeks as part of the Keen to be Green Initiative in partnership with the Community Department and the Fingal Community Facilities Network. The centres have introduced measures for proper waste segregation and management.

- New Green Flags were awarded by An Taisce Green Schools to 16 Primary Schools and 7 Secondary Schools. Congratulations to all the teachers, staff and students whose dedication makes this all possible. Awarded Schools are listed on the website <https://www.fingal.ie/green-schools>

- Sustainable Gardening Courses are being provided by horticulturalist Aoife Munn through five Community Centres.

- The Rediscovery Centre provided St Laurences School Baldoyle with three bicycles which had been dropped off at Estuary Civic Amenity (Recycling) Centre Swords.



- The Instrument Project delivered guitars and keyboards to Ukrainian women and children in Fingal and to the Baleskin Migrant Centre.

- Litter pickers were provided to 5 Fingal Schools, (usually 20 pickers per school).

Fingal Bike Week 2022 took place this year from Saturday 14th May to Sunday 22nd May and was coordinated by Fingal County Council's Active Travel Section who organised a range of virtual, staff and public events to take place at various locations across Fingal with something for all ages and abilities to participate in. This year's theme was 'Click into Gear'.

heart-warming and very reassuring to see so many families arrive on bikes to the 'Cycle To' Movies and everyone thoroughly enjoyed watching 'SING' and 'The Greatest Showman' on a lovely afternoon. The exercise classes as part of the Fitness Festival which were organised by our Sports Section went down a treat with both Adults and Children alike not to mention the fun had on the Scalextric and energy bike challenges. Attendees also had the opportunity to have minor repairs carried out on their bikes by the Ballymun Rediscovery Centre who were on site to answer any maintenance questions people had. Lastly, the Active Travel team thoroughly enjoyed engaging with the public on all things Active Travel and offering out some promo goodies to include reusable water bottles, bike repair kits, Hi-viz vests, pedometers and much more.

Bike Week 2022 is a HUGE Success!

Virtual events included Self-led family cycles using maps prepared by the Team of suitable family cycle locations across Fingal, "Pedal for your Medal", Bling your Bike and #CycleThere photo competitions open to the public and schools. Other events included an all-inclusive cycle event with Prosper Fingal in Malahide Demesne which the children enjoyed immensely, a trip to the BMX bike tracks in Lucan for local schools which we received some very positive feedback on from both students and teachers, transition year cycle around Balbriggan, with students from Ardgillan Community College, Spin and Swim event in Velvet Strand, Adult Cycle Training, Cycling without Age launch and much more. Staff events included guided and self-guided lunchtime cycles from Swords offices encouraging staff to participate and catch up with their colleagues while also enjoying the outdoors and getting some exercise.

Overall, it is fair to say it has been our most successful Bike Week to date and we already can't wait until next year.



Bike week culminated in our flagship, family fun cycling event in Malahide Castle on Sunday 22nd May. It was

The Month in Numbers

21

The number of videos posted on our YouTube channel during May. Among the subjects covered by the videos were the Fingal Skills Strategy, Blue Flags, Football and Fitness Transition Year course, Active Travel and working for Fingal County Council. A special video report on the restoration of the glasshouses at Ardgillan Castle and Demesne was also published as was a new promotional video for the county.



100

The number of business owners and budding entrepreneurs who attended a Business Briefing organised by the Local Enterprise Office in the Riasc Centre, Kinsealy on Friday May 6th.



3

The number of Fingal beaches which were awarded the prestigious Blue Flag from An Taisce. The beaches are Balcarrick, Rush South Beach and Velvet Strand Portmarnock.



€391,648

The funding allocated to Fingal under the Community Monuments Fund. Six locations of archaeological heritage in Fingal will share a total of €391,648 from the Community Monuments Fund 2022 to aid with their works and survey programmes.

67

The number of units which will be delivered under the Fingal County Council Construction Scheme at Church Fields, Dublin 15..



836

The number of interviews for positions within the Council which were carried out by People Services this year to date.



1,900

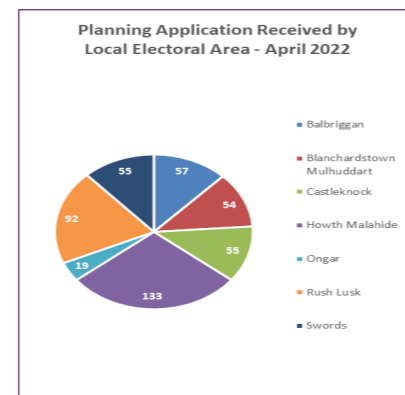
The number of submissions received on the Draft Fingal Development Plan. These are currently being summarised and responded to. These will form part of the Chief Executive's Report which will issue to the Members at the end of July.



465

The number of planning decisions which have been made to the end of April 2022.

32 of these applications were invalid leaving a total of 433 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below. Between January and the end of April 2022, 16 Strategic Housing Development (SHD) applications were made to An Bord Pleanála totalling 6,661 units.



16

The number of adults who will be taking part in an Autism in Sport Education Course The Sports Office in collaboration with CARA who are the governing body for sport inclusion, will be facilitating the delivery of the workshop.



17.4 tonnes

The total weight of textiles collected throughout Fingal in April 2022.



The stunning Rush South Beach, a new blue flag recipient along with Balcarrick beach, Donabate. Velvet Strand, Portmarnock also retained the Blue Flag status for this year.

A Round Up from Fingal



Chief Executive AnnMarie Farrelly with the Active Travel Team and staff and residents of Marymount Care Home at the launch of Cycling Without Age Fingal, which officially began with a celebratory cycle at St. Catherine's Park, Lucan on Wednesday, 18 May. There are 4 locations for Cycling Without Age Trishaws in Fingal - St. Catherine's Park, the Baldoyle Portmarnock Greenway, South Strand Skerries and in Northwood Demesne.



Hans Visser, Fingal County Council's Biodiversity Officer with the draft Biodiversity Action Plan for Fingal covering 2022 to 2030. The plan includes 100 actions required to address biodiversity loss and reverse decline in biodiversity by 2030.



Fingal County Council and the Football Association of Ireland are celebrating the graduation of students on the latest Football and Fitness TY Course, a joint collaboration based at the Corduff Sports Centre. Caighlum Barry-Mulvey, Adam Anim, Killian Cailloce (Player of the Year) & Danny McGrath (Student of the Year)



St. Maur's Pipe Band Rush - One of 200 groups in Fingal who received grants to help with running costs under the 2022 Community Activities Fund (CAF).

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