



## Item 6

### Fingal Joint Policing Committee

11<sup>th</sup> March 2022

### Report from Fingal County Council

In accordance with the Garda Síochána Act 2005 Section 36, the Council shall, in performing its functions, have regard to the importance of taking steps to prevent crime, disorder and anti – social behaviour within its area of responsibility.

Fingal County Council works in partnership with An Garda Síochána and the Community in areas of public order including the following:

- anti-social behaviour,
- drinking in public places,
- safer neighbourhoods – estate management (including tenancy enforcement and public lighting)
- traffic management,
- Planning of major events
- Outdoor dining and casual trading
- Community- based crime prevention initiatives etc.

This quarterly report will present ongoing information on the above which is in relation to and ancillary to the functions and work of the Fingal Joint Policing Committee.

#### Estate Management Anti-social behaviour

The following are details of reported incidents of anti-social behaviour pursued by the Estate Management Section, Housing Department of Fingal County Council.

	2021	2020	2019	2018
Balbriggan	500	316	306	303
Swords	260	168	161	175
Howth/Malahide	149	122	65	86
Blanchardstown	447	484	348	302
<b>Total</b>	1356	1090	880	866

**Top 5 Complaints for 2021**

1. Neighbour dispute
2. General disturbances by neighbours
3. Harassment/Intimidation
4. Noise
5. Other (non-council dwellings, private family matters)

**Top 5 Complaints for 2020**

1. Harassment/Intimidation
2. Noise
3. General disturbances
4. Other
5. Vandalism

**Casual Trading**

Casual Trading is carried out in accordance with the Casual Trading Act 1990. Following a review and consultation process the new Casual Trading Bye-Laws for the Fingal area were adopted by the Council in 2020. Successful applicants are designated trading areas for a period of 1 year following a lottery process. The condition of the Casual Trading licence are monitored by the council and Authorised Officers have been appointed to ensure compliance with the licence issued.

18 new Casual Trading Licences have been allocated as follows:-

No.	Designated Area/Pitch	Goods Type	Op Area
1	Donabate Beach / 1	Ice Cream Confectionary	Bal/Swo
2	Donabate Beach / 2	Hot Food	Bal/Swo
3	Donabate Beach / 3	Ice Cream Confectionary	Bal/Swo
4	Donabate Beach / 4	Coffee\Tea\Light Snacks	Bal/Swo
5	Newbridge Dem / 1	Ice Cream Confectionary	Bal/Swo
6	Red Island CP / 1*	Coffee\Tea\Light Snacks	Bal/Swo
7	Red Island CP / 2*	Ice Cream Confectionary	Bal/Swo
8	Ardgillan Dem / 1	Ice Cream Confectionary	Bal/Swo
9	Santry Dem / 1	Ice Cream Confectionary	Bal/Swo
10	Santry Dem / 2	Coffee\Tea\Light Snacks	Bal/Swo
11	Malahide Beach / 1	Coffee\Tea\Light Snacks	How/Mal
12	Malahide Beach / 2	Ice Cream Confectionary	How/Mal
13	Malahide Beach / 3	Coffee\Tea\Light Snacks	How/Mal
14	Portmarnock Beach / 1	Ice Cream Confectionary	How/Mal
15	Portmarnock Beach / 2	Coffee\Tea\Light Snacks	How/Mal
16	Portmarnock Beach / 3	Ice Cream Confectionary	How/Mal
17	Portmarnock Beach / 4	Hot Food	How/Mal
18	Malahide Dem / 1*	Ice Cream Confectionary	How/Mal
19	Malahide Dem / 2*	Coffee\Tea\Light Snacks	How/Mal
20	Howth Summit CP / 1*	Hot Food	How/Mal
21	Howth Summit CP / 2*	Coffee\Tea\Light Snacks	How/Mal
22	Paddy's Hill / 1*	Ice Cream Confectionary	How/Mal
23	Paddy's Hill / 2*	Coffee\Tea\Light Snacks	How/Mal
24	St. Catherine's Park / 1*	Coffee\Tea\Light Snacks	Cas/Mul
25	St. Catherine's Park / 2*	Ice Cream Confectionary	Cas/Mul
26	Millenium Park / 1*	Ice Cream Confectionary	Cas/Mul
27	Millenium Park / 2*	Coffee\Tea\Light Snacks	Cas/Mul
28	Porterstown Park / 1*	Coffee\Tea\Light Snacks	Cas/Mul
29	Tower Bay Portrane / 1*	Hot Food	Bal/Swo
30	Rush Beach South / 1	Coffee\Tea\Light Snacks	Bal/Swo
31	Loughshinny Harbour / 1*	Coffee\Tea\Light Snacks	Bal/Swo
32	Fingal Burial Ground / 1	Flowers	How/Mal
33	Balgriffin Burial Ground / 1*	Flowers	How/Mal
34	Lusk Rectional Hub*		Bal/Swo
35	Malahide Estuary*	Coffee\Tea\Light Snacks	How/Mal

\*Denotes New Casual Trading Locations

### Street Furniture Licences

Street Furniture Licences are issued to premises in accordance with Section 254 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended. The licences provide for the temporary change in use from a premises selling food or consumption on the premises to one providing food for consumption off the premises. The licence provides for tables, chairs and ancillary structures (awnings, canopies, coverings, parasols, shades, windbreakers, heaters or other similar structures) for outdoor dining.

A total of 52 licences have been issued to businesses within the county in 2021. All Licence holders must comply with the licence conditions which includes for ensuring that consumption of alcohol only takes place within the licenced area.

### Drinking in Public Places

Fingal County Council (Prohibition of Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor on Roads and in Public Places) Bye-Laws were adopted by the Council in 2002. The Bye-Laws provide for the prohibition on the consumption of intoxication liquor on public roads and open spaces which are in the control and management of the Council.

Where an authorised person or a member of the Garda Síochána has reasonable grounds for believing that a person is contravening or has contravened a provision of the bye-laws, such authorised person or member may direct such person to do either or both of the following, that is to say:

- (i) desist from such breach, and
- (ii) leave immediately the vicinity of the place concerned in a peaceable and orderly manner

Failure to comply with such a direction shall be an offence under this bye-law, and shall be liable on summary conviction in the District Court to a fine not exceeding €1,904.61.



### Major Events

The Council continues to work in collaboration with An Garda Síochána on any major events taking place in the county. The key events for the coming months are as follows:-

- St. Patrick Day Parades in Swords, Blanchardstown and Balbriggan
- Remembrance & Recognition Event, Malahide (18<sup>th</sup> March 2022)
- Malahide Concerts, Malahide Demesne (June 2022)
- Flavours of Fingal (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2022)

### Community Based Crime Preventative Initiatives

The Council works closely with other service providers across the county to combat crime and anti-social behaviour, for example in Balbriggan through the Safe Balbriggan Pillar Group and lately through round table discussions facilitated by Minister Joe O'Brien on youth service provision in Balbriggan.

Various sporting initiatives throughout the county are facilitated by the Council to target specific groups such as drop in football, late night leagues, show racism the red card, supporting the establishment of new football and other clubs in areas of disadvantage, including work with minority sports groups such as the basketball and Skatepark users in Balheary, Swords. etc.

# COMMUNITY DAY

6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2021  
12.00 – 3.00 P.M.

COME AND JOIN THE FUN AND TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY  
TO SAY HELLO TO THE STAFF FROM FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL  
AND MEET YOUR NEIGHBOURS

**Masamba Music Workshop**

**Magic Show**

**Facepainter**

**Graffiti Art Workshop**



**Tea/Coffee  
Refreshments**

Comhairle Contae  
Fhine Gall  
Fingal County  
Council



The Community Office also works with Community Policing and Safety forums, such as the Finglas Safety Forum, which is active in the Meakstown area of North West Fingal, where new community facilities are at the planning stage. The Community Office engages with various community groups and organisations to ensure the needs of these communities and solutions to potential ASB concerns will be met by the provision of these new community facilities.

## Late Nite League (LNL)

In Q4 450 youths attended 5 centres on a Friday night to play football, run by our Fingal CC / FAI Co-funded Development Officers. This engagement offers Garda a chance to develop-up soft channels of communication to an often 'difficult to reach target group improving community relations, in addition to keeping youths off the street corners.

The upcoming tranche of delivery is set out below:

<b>Portmarnock</b>	4th/11th/25th March	8.30- 10pm	Gardai	12- 16years
<b>Tyrrelstown &amp; Mulhuddart</b>	11th/25th March & 01 <sup>st</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> April	8.30- 9.30pm	Gardai/Foroige	12-16 Years
<b>Rivervalley</b>	11th/25th March & 01 <sup>st</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> April	8.30- 10pm	Gardai	12-16 years
<b>Donabate/Portrane CC</b>	11th/25th/ March & 1st April	9pm- 11pm	Gardai	13-15, 16+

The Integration Office runs a variety of initiatives throughout the year to raise awareness and assist with the integration of all our citizens including Non- Irish-National citizens, those from the traveller and Roma communities and members of the LGBTQ+ community. These initiatives are focused on breaking down barriers, combating stigma and embracing the diversity of our minority communities.

The Community Development Office works in partnership with the Council's Housing/Estate Management, section most recently with a pilot scheme which proactively targeted specific estates where tensions around integration issues and related ASB have emerged. This pilot scheme ran in late 2021 in the Racecourse Commons & Green estate in Lusk.



<b>Skerries Community Centre</b>	11th/25th/ March & 1st April	9pm- 1030pm	Gardai	13-15, 16+
<b>Balbriggan Bremore all weather</b>	11th/25th/ March & 1st April	830p - 10pm	Gardai	13-15, 16+