

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Meeting of Castleknock – Mulhuddart Area Committee
(Services B – Strategic & General Matters)**

Thursday 5th May 2016

Item 3

Re-Commissioning of Silver Bridge

Question: Councillor R. O’Gorman

“To ask the Chief Executive to give a breakdown of the key issues that would need to be addressed on the part of Fingal County Council in order to re-commission the ‘Silver Bridge’ across the River Liffey between the Strawberry Beds and Palmerstown”.

Reply:

The metal bridge at Strawberry Beds is a protected structure ref 754. The bridge is in the ownership of Fingal County Council. Fingal County Council also own a small parcel of landlocked land on the north side of the bridge which includes the bridges north abutment and a small derelict lodge. Fingal County Council does not own any land at the south abutment of the bridge. The bridge has been extensively survey and recorded. The bridge currently has no deck and requires extensive repairs.

The issues which have hindered any recommissioning of the bridge are:

- The bridge is in effectively in no man’s land it does not link to any walking route either on the north or south side of the river.
- Until pedestrians safety issues are resolved on the Strawberry Beds Road it is not safe to open up the bridge for access.
- It is understood that the landing on the south side of the bridge is not public land
- No capital funding has been identified for the repair of the bridge - last estimated in 2013 at €350,000 for repair of the bridge structure only i.e. not including works to facilitate access