

**The Chairman and Members of
North West Area Committee.**

Meeting: 20th June 2017

Item No: 8

Finglas Area Office Report

Update on Kildonan Lands Project

Public consultation commenced on the 6th June. The draft masterplan was/is available to view at the following locations:

6 th June – 16 th June	Finglas Library, Finglas Village Centre, Jamestown Road. <i>Opening times:</i> Monday and Wednesday 1.00pm - 8.00pm Tuesday, Thursday to Saturday 10.00am - 5.00pm
19 th June – 23 rd June	WFTRA Community Centre, 52a Mellows Road, West Finglas <i>Opening times:</i> Monday to Friday 9.30am - 2.30pm
26 th June – 30 th June	North West Area Office, Finglas Civic Centre, Mellows Road <i>Opening Times:</i> Monday to Friday 9.00am – 4.00pm

Submissions can be made online at: www.consultation.dublincity.ie/ or at the above locations.

Brady Shipman Martin will be in attendance at the WFTRA Community Centre on Tuesday, 20th June from 6.15pm - 7.45pm to respond to questions from the public.

Information leaflets were distributed from the 8th June to households in adjoining estates. Advertisements were also placed in the Northside People and The Local News.

The group chaired by Rita Burtenshaw, the Independent Facilitator, is scheduled to meet on the 21st June in the Finglas Office.



Display in Finglas Library

Community & Social Development

Environmental Enhancement Project's

The Community and Social Development Section are working with Global Action Plan on a number of "Greening Neighbourhood Projects". The project will entail a Community Gardener from Global Action Plan working with our tidy towns group, a local community group, and a residents group collaborating and working on a plan to enhance an area in need of improvements. It is hoped this collaborative project will benefit the groups and give them a better understanding of sustainable and bio diversity planting. Global Action Plan will work with these groups during July and August.

Finglas Arts & Crafts Exhibition

The Area Office - in association with CDETB Finglas - organised a Community Arts and Crafts Exhibition in St. Canice's Parochial Hall, Finglas on Wednesday 31st May and Thursday 1st June 2017. This event was part of the 2017 Bealtaine festival.

The exhibition was launched by Councillor Paul McAuliffe who deputised for the Lord Mayor of Dublin Councillor Brendan Carr. The launch was held in St. Canices Church with a performance by the Forever Young Choir. Twenty four local art/craft groups took part in the exhibition. The exhibition was well attended.



Dublin City Council in association with CDETB hosted a local musical, arts and literary performance in St. Canices Church on 1st June. The night included performances by local writers groups, local traditional Irish band, singers and musicians from St. Michaels Holy Faith Secondary School, and a performance of the Dermot Bolger St. Canices monologue.



The purpose of the arts, literary and musical event was to highlight the wealth of talent that exists within the area and to promote opportunities for greater community involvement in the arts.

Street Feasts 2017:

Street Feast 2017 took place on Sunday 11th June. Street Feast is a day of local lunches across Dublin - the events are hosted by and run by neighbours. Street Feasts give communities the opportunity to share food and engage in conversation and help build stronger neighbourhoods. Street Feasts took place in 18 locations across the Finglas area. Dublin City Council supported Street Feast's by making a contribution to Street Feast Ireland.

Community Plants:

Dublin City Council Community & Social Development Staff distributed plants to resident associations, community groups and community facilities on Thursday 18th May. The purpose of the Community Plant programme is to encourage groups to enhance their areas through sustainable planting. A total of 24 groups availed of plants.

Finglas Older Persons Expo:

Dublin City Council hosted the Finglas Older Persons Expo on Wednesday 24th May in WFTRA Hall, Mellows Road.

The need for such an event was identified by the North West Area Older Persons Council.



The aim of the expo was to share information and let older people in the area know what clubs/groups/activities are available for them in the local area.

We had 24 local groups showcasing their services/activities. Groups such as Finglas Men's Shed, St. Canice's Indoor Bowls, Forever Young Chorus, Finglas Chess Club, Tir Na nÓg Hobbie Group and Finglas Historical Society.

The Older Persons Expo was well attended by members of the local community. Feedback from exhibitors was very positive.



The clubs recruited new members and volunteers on the day and shared information. We also had Citizen Advice, Finglas Safety Forum and DNWAP Older Persons Outreach Team on hand to give advice and information.

Included on the day was a, Tai Chi Class and Chair Aerobics, which proved very popular.



Music in the park

Dublin City Council will present **Jazz in the Park** on Thursday 29th June from 12.30—2pm in Mellows Park, beside Finglas Leisure Centre.

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