

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

Meeting: 18th July 2017

Item No: 7

Finglas Area Office Report

Update on Kildonan Lands Project

The public consultation continued throughout June. The draft masterplan was available to view at Finglas Library, WFTRA Community Centre, and the North West Area Office. A large number attended the Brady Shipman Martin (BSM) Q&A session at the WFTRA Community Centre on Tuesday, 20th June. Submissions were received online and in hard copies. These are currently being analysed. BSM will present an updated plan at the September meeting of the NWAC.



Roundabouts Update

The Environment & Transportation Department have indicated that they will submit a report to the October meeting of the NWAC in relation to their assessments of the following roundabouts:

- a) Outside the Lidl store (junction of St Margaret's Road and McKee Avenue).
- b) Jamestown Road.

Liam Mellows Statue

A working group (WG) is being formed to assist the Liam Mellows Committee progress their proposal. Some of the key issues to be considered by this group include:

- a) Quality of the art and design of sculpture, plinth and environment.
- b) Technical issues, including design, fabrication and installation.
- c) Location.
- d) Financial costs.
- e) Permissions, including NWAC, Parks, and Planning.

The Lord Mayor has asked that the first meeting be held at an early date. I will represent the Area Office on the WG.

Tolka Valley Park Sports Pavilion

Construction work commenced last August and is now completed. The Official Opening by Lord Mayor Mícheál MacDonnacha will be rescheduled for September.

The building will have 24 hour CCTV monitoring. The facilities will be available from 8am to 6pm Monday-Friday, and 9am-1pm Saturday.

Widening of vehicular access to houses in Dunsink

The works at Dunsink Lane/ Dunsink Road are now complete (photo below):



NWA Planners

Two staff in the Planning Department are the contact points for NWA planning queries:

Senior Planner	Bryan Ward	€: 6169
Senior Executive Planner	Siobhan O'Connor	€: 3472

Community & Social Development

Finglas Summer Projects

This year there are seven voluntary and one non voluntary summer projects in Finglas. The projects run from July to the first week in August and cater for upwards of 900 children. Dublin City Council continues to support these projects with grant assistance as well as providing summer students to the projects.

Summer Projects are run by voluntary committees and provide a valuable service to the local community.

Finglas Men's Shed

The group is progressing very well. There are now fifteen members. The group meets on Wednesday and Friday afternoons in the Abigail Centre. The group intends holding an open day in September and is actively seeking new members.

Jazz in the Park

Unfortunately, due to very bad weather, this event was held indoors in the FYRC. Those who attended were treated to a great performance from the excellent jazz band.

Positive Ageing Week

Positive ageing Week takes place from Monday 25th September to Sunday 1st October. There are a number of events taking place this year including Senior Table Quiz, Senior Ball, Older Persons Sports Day, and a Variety Show. Further information on these events will be available over the coming weeks.

Finglas Festival

The Finglas Festival Committee hosted the annual Finglas Festival on Saturday 8th July in Mellows Park and Finglas Youth Resource Centre. The event went very well with a good attendance. Dublin City Council was one of the main funders for this event.



Environmental Enhancement Project's

The Community and Social Development Section is 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. The first enhancement project took place in Barry Park on Thursday 6th July. An area in the park was planted by residents under the supervision of GAP Ballymun.



Street Feasts 2017

Street Feast 2017 took place on Sunday 11th June 2017. 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 eighteen locations across the Finglas area. Dublin City Council supported the Street Feasts events by making a contribution to Street Feast Ireland.

6th Annual Positive Wellness Fortnight

The Finglas Wellness Fortnight will take place on Sunday 10th September to 22nd September. The Positive Wellness Fortnight will be launched on Sunday 10th September at 1:30-3:30pm at the green area beside the Finglas Sports and Fitness Centre, Mellows Road.

The fortnight will include various free events and activities to promote positive wellness. There will be healthy eating workshops, baby massage, FYRC feel good factor workshops, lip sync battles, two wellness walks, two pamper days, SOS training, Jigsaw workshop, Abigail Centre Community Fete, HIV lunch time seminar and a men's health promotion day. A booklet will be available with more details on all of the events and activities that will be taking place.

Finglas Positive Wellness Group is an ad hoc group of diverse organisations and members of the Finglas Community, who work together to deliver services to help encourage positive mental health and also to educate the wider community with suicide awareness and training in suicide prevention.

The Group is made up of representatives from the Finglas Suicide Network, Dublin City Council, Finglas Mental Health Association, The Finglas Centre, Finglas Safety Forum, HSE, Dublin North West Area Partnership, Finglas Youth Resource Centre, The Den, Pavee Point, Local Drug Task Force, Dublin City Sports & Wellbeing Partnership and the Community Gardaí.

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