

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

Meeting: 17th October 2017

Item No: 7

FINGLAS AREA OFFICE REPORT

Update on Kildonan Lands Project

Brendan Kenny, Assistant Chief Executive, attended a meeting with the WFTRA Committee and public representatives in the Finglas Area Office on the 27th September. Following a lengthy discussion it was agreed that a further meeting will be held at 4 pm on the 19th October.

At the September NWAC meeting Members approved the formation of a new consultative committee to oversee the implementation of Option C in the Framework Study. Actions to deliver on this will commence once a clearer timeline for development is established.

Liam Mellows Working Group (WG)

The second meeting of the WG was held in City Hall on the 10th October. Matters discussed included:

- a) The site
- b) Discretionary Funding
- c) Planning steps
- d) Quality of the sculpture
- e) Wording on the plaque

These, and other matters, will be discussed at the next meeting on the 23rd October.

Finglas Cabra Drug & Alcohol Task Force Coordinator for Finglas Safety Fora

A suitable candidate has been selected and, subject to the usual checks and agreement of the employment contract, it is hoped that the post will be filled before the end of this month.

Community & Social Development

Positive Wellness Fortnight:

The Finglas Wellness Fortnight took place from 10th- 22nd September. The fortnight included a variety of free events and activities to promote positive wellness. Events included, healthy eating workshops, baby massage, FYRC feel good factor workshops, HIV lunch time seminar, lip sync battles, two wellness walks through Tolka Park, two pamper days (one Youth pamper day), SOS training, Jigsaw workshop, Abigail Centre community fete, and a men's health promotion day in the Finglas Men's Shed.

The Finglas 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 Positive Wellness 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 Policing Unit.



2017 Finglas Fright Night:

The Annual Finglas Fright Night Halloween Festival will take place at the Civic Centre, Mellows Road on Tuesday 31st October from 6pm to 9pm. All are welcome to attend this fun, safe, family event. Watch out for information posters in your local area with further details.

This year we will have many attractions including the teenage terminator fun fair ride, waltzer, mini roller coaster, teacups, saucer, a carousel, magic show, bouncy castles, carnival stalls, music stage, and a spectacular fireworks show.

Community participation is key to the success of the Halloween Festival: Dublin City Council will meet with volunteers on Monday 27th October at 6:30pm to allocate stalls and to brief volunteers on health & safety procedures.

Finglas Positive Ageing Week

Over 55s Table Quiz.

12 teams took part in this years table Quiz in the WFTRA Community Centre. The winning team was presented with their trophy and vouchers.



Finglas Senior Ball:

Over 200 people attended the annual senior ball which took place in Erin's Isle GAA Club on Wednesday 27th September. It was a great night and enjoyed by all in attendance.

This year's event was different from previous years as there was a nominal charge of €5 per ticket. Proceeds from the sale of tickets, which amounted to €1000, was donated to the local Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society.



Comhairle na nÓg A.G.M.

The AGM will take place on Friday 27th October in Croke Park. The topic selection form will guide what topics are discussed as part of the AGM. The topic selection should be chosen by the young people attending. The three most popular topics will then be discussed at the AGM. At the meeting nominations will take place for the 2017-2018 membership. All young people are invited to put their name forward from nominations at the AGM. New members are then chosen via an election and this is carried out on the day. For more information please click the link to their website, <http://www.dublincity.ie/comhairle>. Invitations to attend /participate the AGM have been sent to all schools in the Finglas Area.

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