

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

Meeting: 17th July 2018

Item No: 8

FINGLAS AREA OFFICE REPORT

B2b

The second meeting of this group was held on the 26th June. Two actions arising:

- a) Rename group from B4b to B2b, which better reflects how the group is intended to operate.
- b) Next meeting fixed for 8 a.m. on the 19th September in the Finglas Civic Centre. Aim is to agree a plan for a Christmas event in Finglas Village.

Barry Shops

Centra commenced trading last month in their spacious and well-stocked shop.



Additional planned supports by the Area Office include line marking the carpark, and the provision of planters outside the Abbey Tavern.

Finglas /St. Helens Merseyside Arts Twinning Project

Both areas have similar demographics. This year marks the 150th anniversary of the incorporation of St Helens as a Municipal Borough by Queen Victoria. One of the key strategic objectives of its anniversary celebrations is to be better connected – a link with Finglas is seen as offering a legacy opportunity to their celebrations. Following initial contacts with administrative and arts leaders in St Helens a tentative action plan, subject to agreement by both parties, is in gestation:

- St Helens to host an exploratory visit by a Finglas delegation in September or October to mark the 150th Anniversary of St Helen's as a Municipal Borough. The aim of the visit would be to agree an arts link in principle.
- Draw-up a Memorandum of Understanding / Agreement for sign-off by the end of 2018. *Advice from International Relations & Social Inclusion to be sought.*
- Aim to mentor/support arts projects. Perhaps agree some joint applications for funding /commissions.
- St Helens aim to become a centre of excellence for social engaged practice – opportunity for knowledge transfer to the arts communities in Finglas.

Kildonan Lands

The latest meeting of the Consultative Committee was held in the Finglas Area Office on the 28th June.

The latest meeting of the in-house Project Team preparing a Brief for the engagement of design consultants for the Kildonan Lands was also held on the 28th June. The Brief is almost completed. The next action is to seek approval of the scheme from the Department of the Housing, Planning & Local Government.

Rivermount Boys Club

Work on the replacement of the heating system is now completed. Players and the local community can now look forward to a comfortable environment in the hall over the winter months.

Liam Mellows Memorial Garden

The Liam Mellows Memorial Committee organised the opening of the memorial garden on Casement Road by the Lord Mayor of Dublin on Saturday the 23rd of June. Construction works for Phase 2 will be completed this month.

Road Safety Awareness Day

An Garda Síochána in partnership with the Road Safety Authority, Tesco's Clearwater and Finglas Safety Forum are hosting a road safety awareness day on the 28th July.



14 Henrietta Street Official Opening Event

Henrietta Street is the most intact collection of early to mid-18th century houses in Ireland. From aristocratic beginnings to tenement living, 14 Henrietta Street tells the story of the lives of the people who lived there, and how social change impacted on them over time. Built as a townhouse for the elite of Dublin in the 1740s, the house was split into tenements in the 1880s as the need for housing for poor working class families in Dublin grew. It remained a tenement house until the last families left in the late 1970s.

Lord Mayor Nial Ring and Minister for Culture, Heritage & the Gaeltacht Josepha Madigan TD will officially open 14 Henrietta Street at 10.30am on Friday 14th September.

The museum will open to the public from 15 September:

Wednesday-Saturday 10am-4pm

Sunday 12 noon-4pm

€9.00 adult; €6.00 concession (OAP, student, child aged 5-18)

€20.00 family (up to 2 adult and 3 children)

Tickets from www.14henriettastreet.ie

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Community & Social Development

Finglas Fun Day

The Finglas Family Fun Day will take place on Friday 27th July 12pm-3pm in Farnham Park. This is a free event for families to attend. This event is organised by a number of organisations working in Finglas - Dublin City Council, Barnardos, Better Finglas, Finglas Centre, HSE, Tusla, Northwest Area Partnership, local youth organisations and Community reps. Dublin City Council is one of the main funders for this event.

Finglas Summer Projects

There are eight voluntary and one non voluntary summer projects in Finglas this year. The projects run from July to the first week in August and cater for upwards of 800 children. Dublin City Council will once again provide grant assistance to the projects, this includes passes for Dublin Zoo, funding for bus hire, insurance costs and costs for Project Coordinators.

In addition, Dublin City Council will provide summer students to assist the projects when appropriate.

Environmental Workshops

The Community and Social Development Section are working with Global Action Plan again this summer. "Greening Neighbourhood Projects" will entail a Community Gardener from Global Action Plan working on a plan to enhance an area in need of improvements. The area that has been chosen to work with Global Action Plan is the Rapid Build at St. Helenas. Work has started with the residents. We hope to arrange the second part for end of July / August. It is hoped this collaborative project will benefit the area and give them a better understanding of sustainable and bio diversity planting for their communal areas and back gardens.

Finglas Positive Ageing events

This year's events will include the following:

- Over 55 Table Quiz to be held on Monday 17th September in WFTRA Community Centre.
- Finglas Senior Citizens Ball will take place on Wednesday 19th September in Erin's Isle GAA club.

Further details of these events will be circulated in the coming weeks.

Night at the opera

Dublin City Council presented Night at the Opera in St Canice's, Church of Ireland on Thursday 28th June. The night was a great success with one hundred members of the local community attending this event.



Prospect Hill Community Garden

The newly formed Prospect Hill Community Garden Committee is due to take over the management of the facility in mid-July. The group are enthusiastic and looking to develop the facility.

On Wednesday 4th July 40 volunteers from Volunteer Ireland spent the day working on the facility, painting, weeding, planting and repairing fencing. The garden now looks in prime condition.

Volunteer Night

To celebrate and acknowledge the role of volunteers in the community, Dublin City Council hosted the bi-annual Finglas Volunteer night on Wednesday 20th June in Erin's Isle GAA Club. Over 200 volunteers attended on the night. Dublin City Council took the opportunity to

thanks two volunteers Betty Maher and Trassa Martin who, between them, have over 90 years voluntary service to their community.



Dublin City Community Enhancement Programme

The aim of this programme is to provide capital grants for local community groups to carry out capital projects or works. Application forms are available from the Area Offices. Closing date for receipt of application forms is Monday 30th July.

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