The Chairman and Members of North West Area Committee.

Meeting: 16th April 2019

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**Finglas Area Office Report**

**Barry Shops**
An informal group of traders, DCC Area Office and Safety Forum Co-ordinator has been formed to discuss issues in the area and agree actions to address same. The inaugural meeting was on the 20th February. The group meets monthly.

**Pedestrian Facilities Improvements at Roundabouts**
The Council's Environment & Transportation (E&T) Department reported last April on plans for upgrades to two roundabouts:
- St. Margaret’s Road/McKee Avenue Roundabout
- Jamestown Road/Melville Road Roundabout

A consultant has now been selected and will commence design in Q3. The updated implementation programme is now:
- Undertake Design/Consultation: Q3/Q4 2019
- Procure Construction Contractor (Tender Issue): Q1 2020
- Construction Start: Q2 2020

The project will be included for construction on the 2020 Capital Programme. E&T will provide a verbal update at the June NWAC meeting.

**Pedestrian Facilities Improvements at the Finglas Village 5-Arm Junction**
The Council's Environment & Transportation (E&T) Department has reported that the total scheme budget is €995,000. Available funding for the project in the current year is €25,000, which is 100% funded by the National Transport Authority (NTA) under the 2019 Sustainable Transport Measures Grants Programme.

The tender process leading to the appointment of a consultant for the project will be carried out this year.

The projected implementation programme is as follows:
- Procure Design Consultant (Tender issue): July 2019
- Procure Construction Contractor (Tender Issue): Q4 2019
- Construction Start: Q3 2020

The project will be included for construction on the 2020 Capital Programme. E&T will provide a verbal update at the June NWAC meeting.
Community & Social Development

Séamus Ennis Centenary celebrations
As part of the Séamus Ennis centenary celebrations the Community and Social Development Section, Finglas with the support of the Finglas Séamus Ennis Working Group have organised a number of events:

Blue Plaque Unveiling
To mark the birth place of Séamus Ennis on the Jamestown Road Finglas, Dublin City Council has organised a blue plaque to be erected at Burgess Galvin, Jamestown Road. The plaque unveiling will be held on Friday 3rd May at 2pm. It will be unveiled by Cllr Paul McAuliffe, deputising for the Lord Mayor, and members of the Séamus Ennis family. The event will include a performance of two of Dermot Bolger’s poems relating to Séamus Ennis. Na Píobairí Uilleann (Society of Irish Pipers) will also perform at the unveiling.

Séamus Ennis talk
Ríonach Uí Ógáin, the Director of the National Folklore Collection, UCD and the author of “Going To The Well For Water, the Séamus Ennis field diary 1942-1946” has kindly accepted our invitation to deliver a talk in the Finglas Library on Wednesday 22nd May at 6pm. Na Píobairí Uilleann will also perform at the event. Due to the limited capacity in the library booking for this talk is essential. Please contact Finglas Library on (01) 8344906. The Finglas Library has ordered a number of Ríonach’s books for lending to coincide with Séamus Ennis’s 100th Birthday on 5th May.

Uileann Piper Workshops
Finglas Community and Social Development Office has organised with Na Píobairí Uilleann a number of Uilleann Piper workshops in local schools in Finglas. The workshops will include a history of the Uilleann Pipes and the opportunity for participants to play the instrument.

Uileann Piper village sessions
Finglas Community and Social Development Office has organised with Na Píobairí Uilleann a select number of opening piping sessions in the village. The venue for these sessions (weather permitting) will be at Supervalu and at the Dick McKee Memorial. Séamus Ennis information banner will be placed at the railings at Supervalu, Séamus Ennis Road.

Bench in memory of Seán Hughes (aka Lil Red)
A park bench in memory of Seán will be unveiled by the Hughes family on Wednesday 15th May at 2pm in Johnstown Park, Finglas East. The bench will be situated just beyond the Johnstown Parks depot / Playground Area. There will be refreshments in the depot after. Please note, the family wish to keep this event private. The Community and Social Development Team will assist the family with this event.

A Flag for Finglas Project
The Flags for Finglas project is an idea that will see the light poles on Mellowes Road, Finglas dressed with static flags / banners. It is hoped the flags will be displayed in the autumn, after the flower baskets have been taken down, and before Halloween, to bring a burst of colour into the area for the Finglas Fright Night event.
The idea is that local groups and schools will design their own flag for Finglas. The theme is diversity. The flags will reflect the cultural diversity of the groups /schools. A number of the designs will be printed up as Flags for public display on Mellowes Road. The remainder of the designs will be shown at an exhibition in Finglas Library during the period of time that the flags are hanging. Dublin City Council will meet the cost of printing and hanging the flags / banners.

We have invited local community groups, schools and youth groups to participate in this art project. All nominated persons from interested groups / schools have been invited to attend a workshop on Wednesday 8th May at 11am. The workshop will be held in Dublin City Council offices, Mellowes Road. Further information available from the Community and Social Development Office on (01) 2225400.

Glenhill Lodge
The Finglas Community and Social Development Team has been working with the new Glenhill Residents Association. We have met with the new committee members and are currently supporting the development and repair of the Community Glenhill Lodge.

The Glenhill Lodge currently facilitates a preschool serving the local community including an after school service run by the Sisters of Mercy, a music group as well as a number of events run by the committee.

The new committee are looking to further develop the use of the facility.

“Your Tenement Memories” Workshop
This is a new oral history research project. Over the next few months the team will be talking to people with memories of life in 14 Henrietta Street, and other Dublin tenements, to grow an understanding of tenement life in Dublin.

We held a drop in session in the Finglas youth Resource Centre on Tuesday 19th of March.

If you would like to find out more email memories@14henriettastreet.ie

Finglas Summer Projects 2019
The launch of this year’s Finglas Summer Project took place on Thursday 11th April in the Den Centre. Summer Projects traditionally provide the opportunity for young people between the ages of 6-12 years to engage in a programme of fun activities for 2-3 weeks over the summer months.

Dublin City Council supports Summer Projects by providing funding and resources.
Griffith Crescent Reopening
The Finglas Community and Social Development Team is assisting the residents of Griffith Crescent with the reopening event of their new community building. The reopening will take place on Wednesday 17th April at 11am.

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