

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

**Meeting: 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

**Item No: 3**

**Finglas Area Office Report**

**Housing (Jan-Sept 2020)**

Estate Management

No of Anti social complaints per 1997 Act Drug Related	82
No of Anti social complaints per 1997 Act <u>Not</u> Drug Related	33
No of other Complaints	308
<b>Total Complaints</b>	<b>423</b>

No of Anti-Social Interviews per 1997 Act	34
No of Other Interviews	291
<b>Total Interviews</b>	<b>325</b>

No of Requests for mediation	1
No of Complaints referred to central unit for Action	16
No of Section 20 referrals	0
No of excluding Orders applied for by Tenant	0

No of Excluding orders applied for by DCC	0
No of surrender of Tenancies due to Anti-Social Behaviour	2
No of possession application sent to Central Unit	3
No of Court Orders Granted	0
No of Appeals / Judicial Reviews Challenges	0
No of Warrants executed (Evictions)	0

### Housing Allocations

<b>Housing &amp; Apartments</b>			
<b>Category</b>	<b>Housing</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Choice Base Letting</b>
Bands 2 & 3	14	14	13
Medical	0	0	
Welfare	0	2	2
Homeless	11	0	
Travellers	1	0	
Transfer HAP	0	4	4
De-tenanting	0	0	
Estate Management	0	0	
Maintenance Grounds	0	3	
Surrendering Larger	0	0	

Unable to afford	0	0	
Succession	4	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>19</b>

<b>Senior Citizens</b>			
<b>Category</b>	<b>Housing</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Choice Base Letting</b>
Bands 2 & 3	2	0	2
Medical	0	0	
Welfare	0	0	
Homeless	8	0	
Transfer HAP	0	0	
Travellers	0	0	
Estate Management	0	0	
De-tenanting	0	1	
Maintenance Grounds	0	0	
Surrendering Larger	0	0	
Unable to afford	0	0	
Financial Contribution	1	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

Voids Report

<b>Vacant Housing Units (24)</b>			
<b>Address</b>	<b>Type of unit</b>	<b>Date of vacancy</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Ballygall Parade	2 bed Maisonette	24/09/2020	Works in progress
Ballygall Parade	2 bed maisonette	24/08/2020	Works in progress
Ballygall Parade	2 bed Maisonette	14/04/2020	Works in Progress / On offer
Barnamore Grove	3 bed house	26/08/2020	Works in progress
Barry Park	3 bed house	04/08/2020	Works in progress
Carrigallen Park	5 bed house	16/07/2019	Works in progress / On offer
Cardiffsbdrige Ave	3 bed house	11/05/2020	Works in progress/On offer
Casement Close	2 bed house	21/07/2020	Works in progress
Casement Grove	3 bed house	05/02/2020	Works in progress /On offer
Cloonlara Road	2 bed house	28/09/2020	Works in progress
Dunsink Avenue	3 bed house	17/08/2020	Works in progress
Fairlawn Road	3 bed house	24/09/2020	Works in progress
Finglaswood Road	2 bed Maisonette	29/06/2020	Works in progress/On offer
Griffith Parade	3 bed house	30/06/2020	Works in progress
Griffith Parade	2 bed house	20/08/2020	Works in progress
Griffith Parade	4 bed house	03/06/2020	Works in progress / On offer
Hazelcroft Gardens	3 bed house	17/06/2019	Works in progress
Kippure Park	4 bed house	10/03/2020	Works in progress / On offer
Kippure Park	3 bed house	27/05/2020	Works in progress
McKee Avenue	3 bed House	30/09/2020	Works in progress

The Botanic	2 bed Apt	22/11/2019	Issue with the building
The Tolka	2 bed Apt	21/03/2019	Issue with the building
Valeview Drive	3 bed house	23/12/2019	Works in progress / On offer
Wellmount Crescent	3 bed house	20/02/2020	Works in progress

<b>Vacant Senior Citizens Units (7)</b>			
<b>Address</b>	<b>Type of Unit</b>	<b>Date of vacancy</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Glasanaon Court	Bedsit	01/10/2018	Works in progress / On offer
Glasnaaon Court	Bedsit	24/07/2020	Works in progress
Glasaree Court	1 bed	30/03/2020	Works in progress / On offer
Griffith Crescent	1 bed	24/07/2020	Works in progress/ on offer
Mellowes Court	Bedsit	13/05/2019	Works in progress
Mellowes Court	Bedsit	25/06/2019	Works in progress
Mellowes Court	1 bed	07/05/2019	Works in progress

### Choice Based Lettings

The following properties were advertised under the Choice Based Letting scheme:

<b>Address</b>	<b>No. Eligible Applicants</b>	<b>No. Non Eligible Applicants</b>
1 Finglaswood Road	60	9
8 Wellmount Crescent	99	34
51 Dunsink Avenue	52	26
172 Kippure Park	31	17

A number of applicants were not eligible due to various reasons i.e. not entitled to the size property, do not have Area E as a preference, do not have a housing application, etc.

## Rents Update

The Finglas Area Office continues to provide a rent assessment service for tenants living in the Finglas area.

<b>Finglas Rent Assessment Update 1<sup>st</sup> Jan- 30th September 2020</b>	
<b>Assessments</b>	767
<b>Permission to Resides</b>	29
<b>Refunds</b>	17

## **GENERAL MATTERS**

### Finglas Cricket Club

The cricket crease and fencing was completed earlier this month. Leinster Cricket have confirmed that the new pitch is now ready to use. Best wishes to the club and congratulations to all who delivered the project in a year.



### Kildonan Park public art commission

The Kildonan Park public art commissioning opportunity was published online with the launch of Sculpture Dublin on the 6<sup>th</sup> July. Artists were invited to submit a proposal that responds to the proposed development of Kildonan Park, specifically, and to the broader context of present day Finglas. Artists were asked to set out an approach to the development of a sculpture for the park that will include local residents and communities in consideration of what the final artwork might be.

Sculpture Dublin received 13 submissions in response to the open call. In line with the Selection Process specified in the Commission Brief all submissions were checked to ensure completeness by a Longlisting Panel before progressing for review by the Selection Panel.

The Selection Panel for the commission met on Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> October. The panel included:

- Cllr Keith Connolly (North West Area public representative);
- Mary McDermott (Finglas local community representative);
- John Fox (Finglas local community representative);
- Eddie O’Gara (representative of DCC Parks & Landscape Services);
- Kelly Hickey (representative of the City Arts Office);
- Ray Yeates (representative of Sculpture Dublin Steering Group);
- Linda Devlin (representative of Dublin City Council Culture Company);
- Ceara Conway (external art expert).

The panel meeting was chaired by Ruairí Ó Cuív, DCC Public Art Officer, in a non-voting capacity. The panel reviewed 11 submissions and shortlisted 3 artists’ proposals based on the following criteria:

- Experience of creating original, high quality artwork;
- Quality of proposal – a clear articulation of approach / methodology to consultation and/or collaboration with key stakeholders, namely
  - (1) local community,
  - (2) DCC Landscape Architect responsible for Kildonan Park development,
  - (3) commissioning partners, Sculpture Dublin and Dublin City Council Culture Company - which will inform the Stage Two submission to create a permanent sculpture in Kildonan Park.

Sculpture Dublin and Dublin City Council Culture Company will work with the shortlisted artists over the next 3 months to develop and deliver a locally based, creative engagement project which will inform the artists’ Stage Two submissions for the commission.

## **COMMUNITY & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

### Halloween activities

Dublin City Council Community & Social Development Staff (CSDS) are working to put together a virtual Finglas Halloween Fright Night.

The virtual event will include music by local bands including a performance by some very special guests, a magic show, messages from local community groups and a tour of Finglas Heritage sites. The virtual event begins at 8.00pm on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October and can be viewed on Facebook and other platforms, details to follow.

In addition, the Finglas Area Office is working with our colleagues in Ballymun and the Axis Centre to deliver a child friendly virtual Halloween event that could include storytelling, crafts, music and dance.

The Finglas Area Office is acutely aware that anti-social behaviour can arise over the Halloween period. CSDS staff have engaged with Finglas Youth Resource Centre, Finglas Youth Services (The Den) and Better Finglas to deliver a programme of targeted interventions to try to reduce instances of anti-social behaviour in the area.

CSDS will undertake an advertisement campaign to inform the public of changes in this year’s Fright Night programme. This will involve notices going into households in the area as well as posters in public spaces.

### Finglas Support & Suicide Network

Finglas Support & Suicide Network marked World Suicide Prevention Day on Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> September with a short service. Flowers were placed at the remembrance plaque in

Mellowes Park. Afterwards, attendees visited FSSN's newly refurbished offices and counselling rooms at 46/47 Mellowes Court. World Suicide Prevention day is held to raise awareness about suicide and to educate ourselves and the broader community about the causes and the warning signs of suicide.

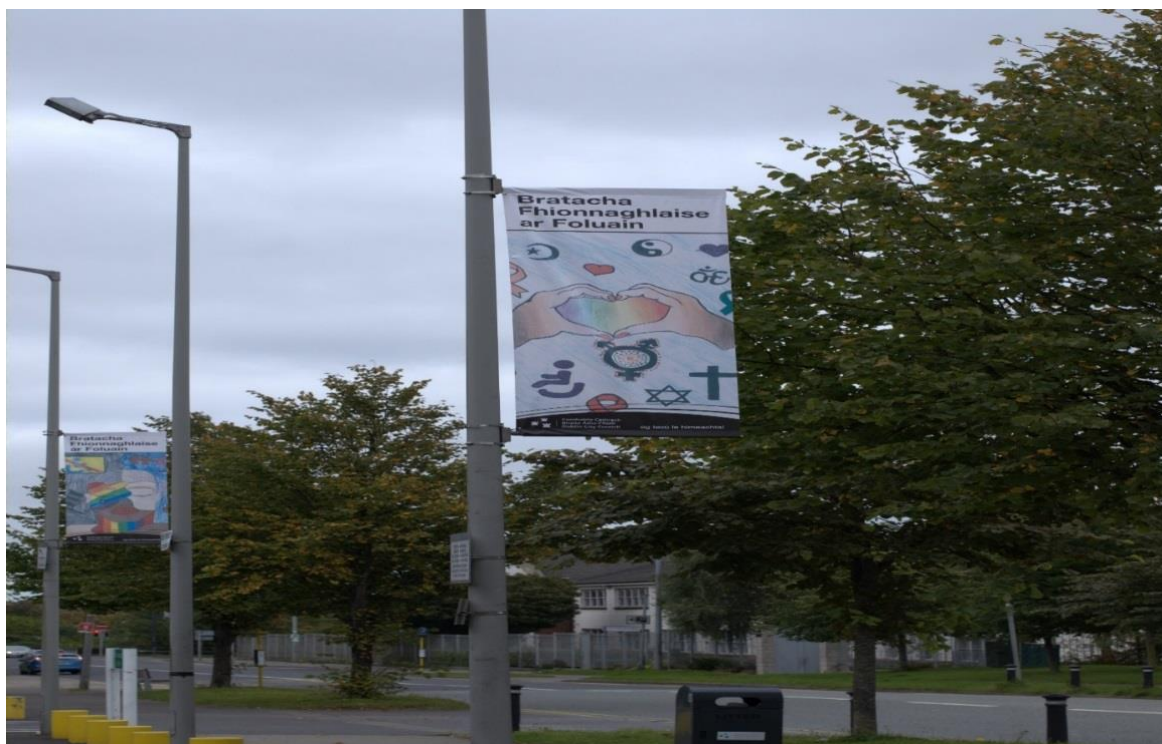


#### Dublin City Council Social Inclusion Week 2020

Social Inclusion Week took place from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September until Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October. A variety of live and online events was organised across the city by Dublin City Council Local Area Offices and Social Inclusion Unit.

#### Flag for Finglas Project

Dublin City Council's Finglas Area Office organised the Flag for Finglas project. Local schools and Community Groups received an invitation to design a future flag for Finglas, under the theme of diversity. A number of the designs submitted are now on display on Mellowes Road, Finglas. The purpose of the event is to celebrate diversity within the community and to create awareness of that diversity. We are indebted to local community artist Antoinette Milne for leading the project.





### Rising Voices Dementia Choir

Dublin City Council Finglas Area Office, Odenswood Day Care Centre and the Rising Voices Dementia Choir collaborated to record a song *Whispering Hope* for Social Inclusion Week. The group faced many challenges brought about by Covid-19 but somehow they managed to record their song via Zoom. The Rising Voices Dementia Choir is for people affected by dementia and memory loss, their families, friends and careers. For more information on the choir, please contact Odinswood Day Centre (Finglas) on (01) 814 2505.

To view the Rising Voices Choir sing *Whispering Hope* please click on the link below

<https://youtu.be/N8aP2YsQRyY>

### Contacts with Community Groups

CSDS continue to engage with Community Groups/organisations during the pandemic, even though most Community Groups are not operating at present. However, Community Staff are encouraging members to keep in contact via phone, WhatsApp etc.

Unfortunately a small number of groups, specifically those associated with activities for older people, have decided that they can no longer operate due to Covid-19, reduced numbers and illness.

Community Development Staff have contacted these groups to consider what can be done to support the continuation of their activities at this difficult time, including merging groups.

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