

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

Meeting: 18th May 2021

Item No: 3

Finglas Area Office Report

Housing Report (April)

Estate Management

No of Anti-social complaints per 1997 Act Drug Related	49
No of Anti-social complaints per 1997 Act <u>Not</u> Drug Related	21
No of other Complaints	175
Total Complaints	245

No of Anti-Social Interviews per 1997 Act	28
No of Other Interviews	104
Total Interviews	132

No of Requests for mediation	0
No of Complaints referred to central unit for Action	31
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	3
No of possession application sent to Central Unit	1
No of Court Orders Granted	0
No of Appeals / Judicial Reviews / Challenges	0
No of Warrants executed (Evictions)	0

Housing Allocations

Housing & Apartments			
Category	Housing	Transfers	Choice Base Letting
Bands 2 & 3	5	4	4
Medical	0	0	
Welfare	0	2	1
Homeless	1	0	
Travellers	0	0	
Transfer HAP	0	3	2
De-tenanting	0	0	
Estate Management	0	2	
Maintenance Grounds	0	3	
Surrendering Larger	0	0	
Unable to afford	0	0	
Succession	0	0	

Total	6	14	7
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Senior Citizens			
Category	Housing	Transfers	Choice Base Letting
Bands 2 & 3	0	1	
Medical	0	2	
Welfare	0	0	
Homeless	1	0	
Transfer HAP	0	0	
Travellers	0	0	
Estate Management	0	0	
De-tenanting	0	0	
Maintenance Grounds	0	1	
Surrendering Larger	0	0	
Unable to afford	0	0	
Financial Contribution	1	0	
Total	2	4	0

Voids Report

Vacant Housing Units (21)			
Address	Type of unit	Date of vacancy	Remarks
Berryfield Road	3 bed house	14/01/2021	Works in progress/On offer
Cappagh Road	3 bed house	09/02/2021	Works in progress/On offer
Casement Drive	3 bed house	21/04/2021	Works in progress
Cloonlara Road	3 bed house	21/04/2021	Works in progress
Finglaswood Road	2 bed maisonette	29/04/2021	Works in progress
Finglaswood Road	2 bed maisonette	28/01/2021	Works in progress/On offer
Finglaswood Road	2 bed maisonette	28/01/2021	Works in progress/On offer
Griffith Road	2 bed house	12/11/2020	Works in progress
Hazelcroft Gardens	3 bed house	17/06/2019	Works in progress
Heath Square	3 bed house	01/02/2021	Works in progress
Kildonan Drive	2 bed house	04/02/2021	Works in progress
Mellowes Avenue	3 bed house	22/03/2021	Works in progress
Mellowes Avenue	3 bed house	09/04/2021	Works in progress
Plunkett Grove	3 bed house	11/03/2021	Works in progress/On offer
Premier Square	2 bed Apt	21/01/2021	Works in progress
Ratoath Avenue	3 bed house	05/03/2021	Works in progress
St. Canices Square	1 bed Apt	12/11/2020	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
3 Valley Park Drive	2 bed house	07/04/2021	Works in progress
West Park Drive	3 bed house	03/02/2021	Works in progress

Vacant Senior Citizens Units (12)			
Address	Type of Unit	Date of vacancy	Remarks
Brookville Court	1 bed	20/04/2021	Works in progress
Brookville Court	1 bed	09/04/2021	Works in Progress
Deanstown Court	2 bed	26/03/2021	Works in progress
Glasanaon Court	Bedsit	22/07/2020	Works in progress/On offer
Glasaree Court	1 bed	16/10/2020	Works in progress/On offer
Glasaree Court	1 bed	26/03/2021	Works in progress
Griffith Crescent	1 bed	16/11/2020	Works in progress/On offer
Mellowes Court	Bedsit	13/05/2019	Works in progress/On offer
Mellowes Court	Bedsit	07/12/2020	Being used by Maintenance
Mellowes Court	Bedsit	25/06/2019	Works in progress/On offer
Mellowes Court	1 bed	27/01/2021	Works in progress/On offer
Merville Court	1 bed	30/04/2021	Works in progress

Choice Based Lettings

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

Address	No. Eligible Applicants	No. Non Eligible Applicants
12 Barnamore Crescent	27	18
62 Fairlawn Road	Closing date 14/05/2021	Update at NWAC meeting
170 Kippure Park	Closing date 14/05/2021	Update at NWAC meeting

Scribblestown P.P.P Development

To date 54 tenants have signed up for tenancies.

Rents Update

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

Finglas Rent Assessment Update	
Assessments	388
Permission to Resides	8
Refunds	10

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Séamus Ennis Anniversary Events

Dublin City Council recently facilitated a number of events to mark what would have been the 102nd Birthday of Séamus Ennis.

With the support of Finglas Tidy Towns Group, the Finglas Area Office commissioned Dublin Canvas to design and paint a selected traffic signal box on Séamus Ennis Road to mark the anniversary of his birth. The design reflects the memories that local people have of Séamus playing the Uilleann Pipes and cycling his bike.

A special thank you to Dermot Bolger who kindly gave his permission for Dublin City Council to use words from his poems written about Séamus.



Lunchtime Talk

A lunchtime talk about Séamus Ennis was held on Wednesday 5th May to mark his birthday. The talk was facilitated by Dr. James Curry, the Northwest Area's Historian in residence. People from Ireland and abroad attended the very informative talk.

The Finglas Area Office collaborated with The Séamus Ennis Arts Centre to host a free online musical event. The event was an evening of celebration, songs, chat and tunes as Ronan Browne met and played with musicians Emmett Gill and Fiachra Meek. The event was hosted on multiple media channels - YouTube, Facebook and Zoom. The session was recorded and can be found on The Séamus Ennis Centre's YouTube Channel.

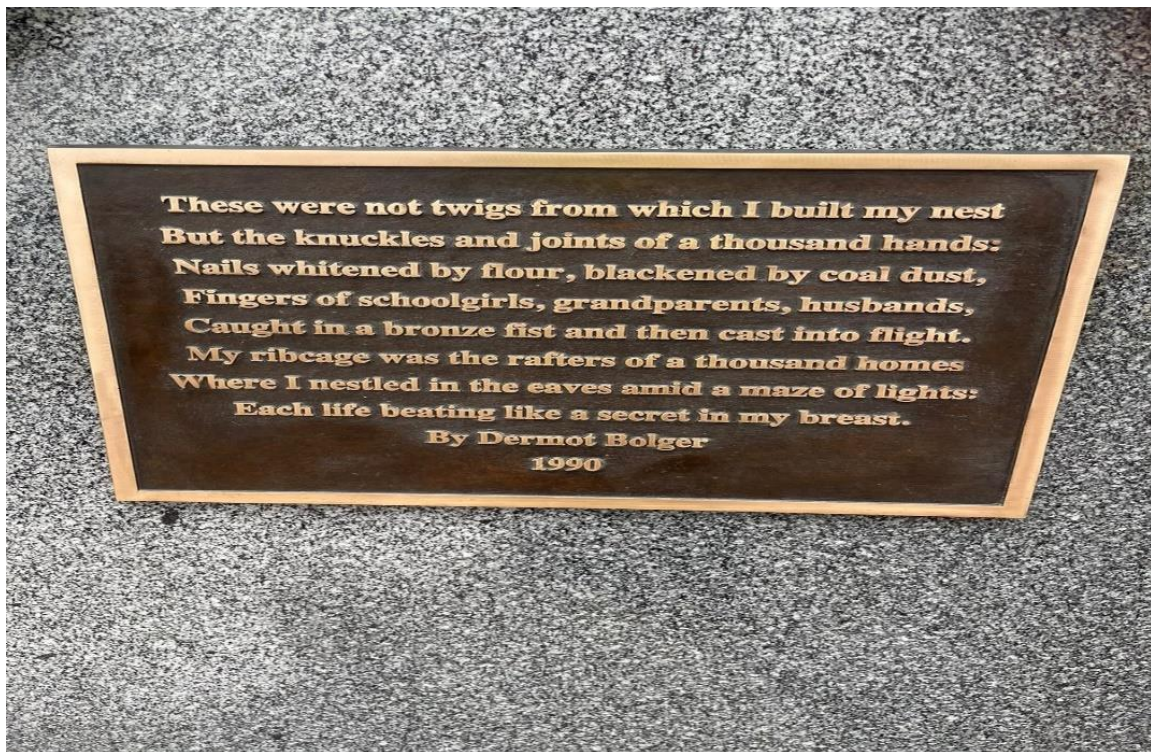
The Finglas Area Office will continue to collaborate with the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre on programmes/events around the renowned piper.

Covid 19 Helpline

Dublin City Council's Community and Social Development Section (CSDS), in partnership with the Housing Section, continue, to action all local Covid-19 related requests that are received through the community call helpline. The bulk of the actions centre around transport of vulnerable people to and from hospital appointments. Many local community groups are anxious to restart their projects/programmes when restrictions are lifted. The CSDS have advised groups to follow the most recent Government guidelines in relation to their activities. Copies of the current guidelines were sent to all local groups as a reminder of current Covid restrictions. The CSDS will continue to support any group that needs assistance with reopening.

Spirit OF Finglas Sculpture

The Spirit of Finglas Sculpture is located in front of SuperValu on the Seamus Ennis Road. The Sculpture designed by Leo Higgins features the hands of local people. The plinth now features a poem (below) by Dermot Bolger:



The Finglas Area and Arts Offices worked together to complete the project, which included cleaning of the sculpture. Once Covid restrictions allow the CSDS will arrange an event to acknowledge all those who contributed to the project over the years.

Bealtaine Festival 2021-Banner Project

As part of the Bealtaine Festival 2021, CSDS have invited students from Finglas Secondary Schools to participate in designing Banners for Finglas. The idea is that students will design their own Banner under the theme: Celebration! Celebration of older people and the celebration of people with all abilities around us!

Students will come up with designs/images/symbols/words of what comes to mind or what they visualise when they think of the theme.

A number of the designs will be chosen and these will be printed up as Banners for public display on the posts along Mellows Road, Finglas. We are aiming to have these Banners on display at the start of September to kick off and celebrate the start of Social Inclusion Week and Positive Aging Week.

So far the students from Beneavin College and St. Michaels Girls School are taking part in the Banner Project.

Community Plants 2021

The CSDS and Public Domain Sections have arranged plant distribution to active Residents Association, Environment Groups and other interested groups throughout the area, at the end of May. Expressions of interest have been sent out to over 100 groups in the Finglas area. The closing date for the return of expressions of interest is the 19th May.

The numbers of groups actively involved in enhancing their area has grown over the year, which is a very welcome development.

Plants will be distributed in line with current Covid restrictions.



The Finglas Area Office car-park pictured during last year's plant distribution. We anticipate greater numbers looking for plants to enhance their areas later this month.

Summer Projects 2021

Summer Projects have for many years run throughout Finglas during July and August. Projects give young people the opportunity to enjoy a broad range of activities for a couple of weeks during their summer holidays. Activities include day-trips, sports, arts and crafts and fun and games.

Current Covid restrictions have impacted on the delivery of Summer Projects with some projects not running again this year. The CSDS are working alongside Crosscare to ensure that any Project that takes place will be run safely and will be focused on providing a wide variety of outdoor activities for young people.

Halloween Festival 2021

Due to the continued uncertainty around large gatherings, the Finglas Area Office will work with our Ballymun counterparts to deliver a North West Area Halloween programme. The programme will be largely virtual but when and where possible community participation will be encouraged and promoted in accordance with any Covid restrictions that may exist at the time. The programme will focus on promoting the North West Area musically, culturally as well as a positive place to live, work or play.

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