

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

**Meeting: 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

**Item No: 3**

**Finglas Area Office Report**

**Housing Report (Jan-May)**

**Estate Management**

No of Anti-social complaints per 1997 Act Drug Related	60
No of Anti-social complaints per 1997 Act <u>Not</u> Drug Related	23
No of other Complaints	253
<b>Total Complaints</b>	<b>336</b>

No of Anti-Social Interviews per 1997 Act	31
No of Other Interviews	146
<b>Total Interviews</b>	<b>177</b>

No of Requests for mediation	0
No of Complaints referred to central unit for Action	40
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

<b>Housing &amp; Apartments</b>			
<b>Category</b>	<b>Housing</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Choice Base Letting</b>
Bands 2 & 3	4	7	7
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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>

<b>Senior Citizens</b>			
<b>Category</b>	<b>Housing</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Choice Base Letting</b>
Bands 2 & 3	0	2	
Medical	0	2	
Welfare	0	0	
Homeless	2	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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>

Voids Report

<b>Vacant Housing Units (27)</b>			
<b>Address</b>	<b>Type of unit</b>	<b>Date of vacancy</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Berryfield Road	3 bed house	09/05/2021	Works in progress
Cappagh Road	3 bed house	09/02/2021	Works in progress/On offer
Casement Drive	3 bed house	21/04/2021	Works in progress
Casement Drive	3 bed house	06/05/2021	Works in progress
Casement Grove	3 bed house	05/05/2021	Works in progress
Cloonlara Road	3 bed house	21/04/2021	Works in progress
7 Collins Place	2 bed maisonette	10/05/2021	Works in progress
Finglaswood Road	2 bed maisonette	29/04/2021	Works in progress
Finglaswood Road	2 bed maisonette	10/05/2021	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
Finn Eber Square	2 bed house	10/05/2021	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 Green	3 bed house	23/03/2021	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
Premier Square	1 bed Apt	12/05/2021	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
Valley Park Drive	2 bed house	07/04/2021	Works in progress
Tolka Vale	2 bed Apt	12/05/2021	Works in progress
West Park Drive	3 bed house	03/02/2021	Works in progress

<b>Vacant Senior Citizens Units (10)</b>			
<b>Address</b>	<b>Type of Unit</b>	<b>Date of vacancy</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Brookville Court	1 bed	20/04/2021	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	12/05/2021	Works in progress
Mellowes Court	Bedsit	07/12/2020	Being used by Maintenance
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.

<b>Address</b>	<b>No. Eligible Applicants</b>	<b>No. Non Eligible Applicants</b>
62 Fairlawn Road	23	25
170 Kippure Park	39	35

### Scribblestown P.P.P Development

To date 58 tenancies have been signed.

### Ashgrove House

Dublin City Council has signed an agreement for the lease of 5 units in Ashgrove House with an expected completion date in Q3 2021.

### Prospect Hill

Dublin City Council is working on the tender documents for the required refurbishment works on Block 2/2A Prospect Hill with a view to commencing some of the external works over the summer months. The legal process is expected to be completed in the next few weeks.

## **GENERAL MATTERS**

### DCC Burial Places Strategy

A draft report of the proposed strategy was presented for noting by the Arts, Culture, Leisure & Recreation SPC in May. A key aim of the Conservation Project is to ensure the safeguarding of the High Cross (Nethercross) in St. Canice's Church Graveyard, Finglas. Other targets for St Canice's Graveyard include improved access to the site; survey and repair of the church, memorials and boundary; and improved public realm environs. Staff from the Finglas Area Office had an initial site inspection recently with the City Archaeologist and Parks staff.

### Griffith Hall Pre-School

Both the Finglas Pre-School Playgroup Association and Griffith Pre-School Management are awaiting formal Túsla approval to move into the recently completed new facility at the junction of Glasanaon / Griffith Road, Finglas East.

Both Griffith pre-school and Butterflies Pre-School are due to close for their summer break on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June. It is now hoped to demolish the old facility (at the side of Griffith Hall) during the summer holidays as this would avoid disrupting users.

Finglas Pre-School Playgroup Association's Board of Management will also be relocating their office from Mellows Court to the new pre-school facility.

### Kildonan Park Upgrade

The online public consultation had a very good response. Sixty comments were received with the majority favourable to the park proposals. However, a joint written submission with 74 signatures opposed to the proposals was delivered to the Finglas Area Office. In the opinion of Eddie O'Gara, the Landscape Architect leading the project, an element of misunderstanding has led to this negative response. Therefore, he held a public consultation on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June at the WFTRA Hall to explain the plans and proposals. There was a high level of interest with a good deal of quality suggestions. Eddie will give feedback on the consultation at the July NWAC meeting.

## **COMMUNITY & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

### Access to School Facilities

Schools in the Finglas area have indicated that they are available to community groups outside normal school working hours. The Boards of Management of each school have in place an application process for booking their facility. They retain the right to accept or refuse an application.

Boards of Management require that groups requesting use of a facility have public liability insurance and that the school is indemnified against any claims.

The main issues of concern to School Boards are as follows:

- Damage to school property by user groups.
- Vandalism to school property while user groups are on the premises.
- Claims by individuals for falls/trips etc. entering/leaving the school while attending the group.
- Damage to property belonging to individuals attending a group.
- Non-payment of rental charges, which are by and large quiet reasonable.

Schools have said that school halls have remained shut during the Covid-19 restrictions. However, they hope to reopen their doors in September.

### Arts Office Engagement

Following on from meetings between the Arts Officer, Ray Yeates, and the Finglas Community Social and Development Section (CSDS), the Arts Office invited relevant local groups from both Ballymun and Finglas to attend a Zoom meeting to discuss Arts opportunities and funding which the groups could be eligible to apply for going forward. Both an afternoon and evening Zoom meetings were held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

The purpose of the Zoom meetings was for the DCC Arts Office to get to know local groups and to talk through how the Arts might be relevant to their work, organisation and/or area. Ray also discussed how annual Arts Funding works and how to apply. CSDS and the Arts Office will meet with the groups / organisations again next month.

### Plant Distribution 2021

The CSDS and Public Domain Teams organised Plant Distribution Days on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of May. A variety of plants were made available to 82 Community Groups in the Finglas area. The plants are for the containers and flower beds in Community Spaces that the groups maintain, including those in Senior Citizens Complexes. Because of Covid-19 restrictions, interested groups were invited to collect the plants from the Civic Office carpark with allocated time slots. Plants were also delivered by staff to those who were not in the position to collect them.

The number of Community Groups requesting plants and assistance with environmental improvements has grown over the past 2 years and while this is a welcome development it means that fewer plants per group have to be shared out. The feedback from the groups was very positive and they were very happy with the selection. Some groups felt they could use more.

Thankfully the sun was shining on both days and it was a fantastic way to reconnect with local groups especially after the lockdowns over the last year.





Flowers planted on Grove Park Crescent Finglas East.

### Odin's Wood Day Care Centre

Paula Birmingham, the Manager of Odin's Wood Day Care Centre, recently moved from the centre to take up a new role within the HSE. Paula was one of the drivers behind the setting up of the "Raising Voices Choir" that operated from the centre. She encouraged staff and residents to participate in local events and assisted participation in Dublin City Council Events. We would like to wish Paula every success in her new role.

### Summer Projects

Two Summer Projects will go ahead this year - "Sun Shiny Days", and St. "Kevins & St Josephs". CSDS have met with the leaders and Crosscare and have gone through their Programme of Activities as well as Covid regulations.

CSDS will maintain contact with the Projects over the summer offering support and assistance in relation to funding and other available resources. Both Projects will run in July. Unfortunately the other Summer Projects feel that they cannot go ahead this year due to Covid restrictions.

### Sensory Gardens

Fairlawn/Prospect Hill Community Garden in conjunction with the Meeting Place Club and the Finglas National Parochial School have requested assistance to support the development of sensory gardens within their respective facilities.

Site meetings have been arranged with Sharon Harvey, a horticulturalist from Global Action Plan (GAP). The ideas for the gardens are broader than the horticultural element. The groups will work on the long-term plans and will research other projects and funding opportunities. In the short term, Sharon is drawing up a plan for planting up the gardens and installing some practical sensory items so they can make a start. DCC engaged Sharon, provided some plants and will continue to support both groups to develop their projects.

### Get Active June

**FREE outdoor Classes!**  
Dublin City Council presents

## GET ACTIVE JUNE

This is a 3 week programme focused on older adults!  
Get motivated, feel good and improve your fitness.  
The classes are free, run for 30 minutes and all levels of fitness are welcome!

**MONDAY - Chair Fitness with Colm - Class 1 - 11am  
Class 2 - 11.45am - Starting Monday 14th of June**

**THURSDAY - Yoga with Liah (Chair based, standing or bring your own mat) - Class 1 - 1.00pm -  
Class 2 - 1.45pm, Starting Thursday 17th of June**

**LOCATION : DCC FINGLAS LEISURE CENTRE,  
MELLOWES ROAD.**

14 people per class, spaces are limited and are aimed for people over 55; you must register in advance!  
To register call Róisín: 2226421, Caroline: 2226414  
email : [finglascommunity@dublincity.ie](mailto:finglascommunity@dublincity.ie)

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The CSDS Team in conjunction with John Mc Donald, DCC Sports Officer, will coordinate a three week programme to encourage older adults to "Get Active" in June. The purpose of the programme is to encourage older adults to get out, get motivated and feel good by participating in outdoor classes. The programme entails the holding of 4 outdoor classes per week running for 3 weeks in June. Classes will include Chair Aerobics and Yoga. Classes commenced on the 14<sup>th</sup> June in the Finglas Leisure Centre.



## Healthy Ireland Packs



The Area Office will be delivering packs to Older People in the Finglas area over the coming months. The packs are designed to give those that were isolated over the past year a boost and to engage them in easy mental and physical challenges. The Packs contain a jigsaw, book of puzzles, cards, a stress ball activity booklet and a plant.

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