



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

Meeting: 16th November 2021

Item No: 3

Finglas Area Office Report

Housing (Jan-Oct)

No of Anti-social complaints per 1997 Act Drug Related	121
No of Anti-social complaints per 1997 Act <u>Not</u> Drug Related	29
No of other Complaints	473
Total Complaints	623

No of Anti-Social Interviews per 1997 Act	76
No of Other Interviews	238
Total Interviews	314

No of Requests for mediation	2
No of Complaints referred to central unit for Action	56
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	8

No of possession application sent to Central Unit	
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	10	7 (2 HAP / 2 RAS)	8
Medical	1	1	
Welfare	0	2	1
Homeless	1	0	
Travellers	0	0	
Homeless HAP	0	4	2
De-tenanting	0	0	
Estate Management	0	6	
Maintenance Grounds	0	7	
Surrendering Larger	0	0	
Unable to afford	0	0	
Succession	0	1	
Total	12	28	11

Senior Citizens			
Category	Housing	Transfers	Choice Base Letting
Bands 2 & 3	3	2	
Medical	1	2	
Welfare	0	0	
Homeless	3	0	
Homeless HAP	0	1	
Travellers	0	0	
Estate Management	0	1	
De-tenanting	0	0	
Maintenance Grounds	0	2	
Surrendering Larger	0	2	
Unable to afford	0	0	
Financial Contribution	1	0	
Total	8	10	0

Voids Report

Vacant Housing Units (35)			
Address	Type of unit	Date of vacancy	Remarks
Abbotstown Avenue	3 bed house	22/06/2021	Works in progress
Ballygall Parade	3 bed house	22/09/2021	Work in progress
Ballygall Parade	3 bed house	22/07/2021	Work in progress
Ballygall Parade	3 bed house	23/08/2021	Work in progress
Barnamore Park	3 bed house	06/07/2021	Works in progress
Barry Drive	3 bed house	02/09/2021	wo Works in progress
Berryfield Drive	3 bed house	09/05/2021	Works in progress
Berryfield Road	3 bed house	21/06/2021	Works in progress
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 / On offer
Cloonlara Road	3 bed house	22/07/2021	Works in progress
Cloonlara Road	3 bed house	21/04/2021	Works in progress
Collins Place	2 bed maisonette	12/07/2021	Works in progress
Collins Place	2 bed maisonette	10/05/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Fairlawn Road	3 bed house	14/10/2021	Work in progress
Finglaswood Road	2 bed maisonette	18/08/2021	Works in progress
Finglaswood Road	2 bed maisonette	05/09/2021	Works in progress
Finglaswood Road	3 bed house	20/05/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Finglaswood Road	2 bed maisonette	10/05/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Glasnamana Place	2 bed house	01/07/2021	Works in progress

Gortbeg Road	3 bed house	26/05/2021	Works in progress / On Offer
Heath Square	3 bed house	01/02/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Kildonan Drive	3 bed house	29/09/2021	Works in progress
McKelvey Avenue	3 bed house	28/06/2021	Works in progress
Mellowes Avenue	3 bed house	09/04/2021	Works in progress
Plunkett Green	2 bed house	25/03/2021	Works in progress
Premier Square	1 bed Apt	12/05/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Ratoath Avenue	3 bed house	05/03/2021	Works in progress
Ratoath Avenue	4 bed house	10/05/2021	Works in progress
The Botanic	2 bed Apt	22/11/2019	Issue with the building
The Tolka	2 bed Apt	?/03/2019	Issue with the building
Tolka Vale	2 bed Apt	12/05/2021	Works in progress
Valley Park Drive	2 bed house	07/04/2021	Work in progress
Wellmount Park	3 bed house	06/10/2021	Work in progress

Vacant Senior Citizens Units (14)			
Address	Type of Unit	Date of vacancy	Remarks
Deanstown Court	1 bed	12/10/2021	Works in progress
Deanstown Court	2 bed	31/05/2021	Works in progress
Deanstown Court	1 bed	15/10/2021	Works in progress
Glasanaon Court	Bedsit	11/08/2021	Works in progress
Glasanaon Court	1 bed	13/10/2021	Works in progress
Glasaree Court	1 bed	26/03/2021	Works in progress
Kilshane Court	2 bed	31/08/2021	Works in progress
Kilshane Court	2 bed	09/07/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Mellowes Court	Bedsit	27/09/2021	Works in progress

Mellowes Court	Bedsit	21/06/2021	Works in progress
Mellowes Court	Bedsit	15/06/2021	Works in progress
Mellowes Court	Bedsit	20/08/2021	Work in progress
Merville Court	1 bed	14/05/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Merville Court	1 bed	18/08/2021	Works in progress

Choice Based Lettings

Dunsink Drive was advertised through this scheme. The closing date for applicants was 26th October.

No. Eligible Applicants	No. Non Eligible Applicants
47	24

Scribblestown Public Private Partnership (PPP) Development

At present, we still have 1 Disabled Unit left to be allocated.

St Canice's Hall

Viewings started on the 3rd November.

1 Bedroom units

13 applications have been cleared on Estate Management grounds.

3 applicants are still waiting Estate Management returns.

2 Bedroom units

10 applications have been cleared on Estate Management grounds.

6 applicants are still waiting on Estate Management returns.

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	1038
Permission to Resides	32
Refunds	35

GENERAL MATTERS

Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy 2022-2042

On the 9th November the National Transport Authority published the draft revised Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy 2022-2042 for public consultation. The closing date for the consultation is Friday 17th of December.

Over recent months the Area Office and Dublin City Council Departments have had considerable engagement with TII and the NTA on the Finglas LUAS extension. Our understanding was that this project had been prioritised and would be delivered before the end of this decade. However, there was widespread disappointment when it was reported that the project is not now expected to be delivered until sometime after 2031. However, the NTA have since added the following clarification on their website – “...we are not proposing any deferral of the four Luas projects provided for in our current Strategy. Luas to Finglas is still due to go planning in 2024 and constructed in the years after that.”

It is hoped that a Railway Order application will be submitted in mid-2023 and the Order obtained around 2024-25. As noted in the recently published National Development Plan 2021-30 (NDP) the Finglas LUAS extension is the most advanced of the planned light rail projects and it is hoped that funding will be provided in a later review of the NDP to move quickly to the construction phase once the Railway Order is obtained.

The second round of non-statutory public consultation will commence in early December and run until the end of January 2022.

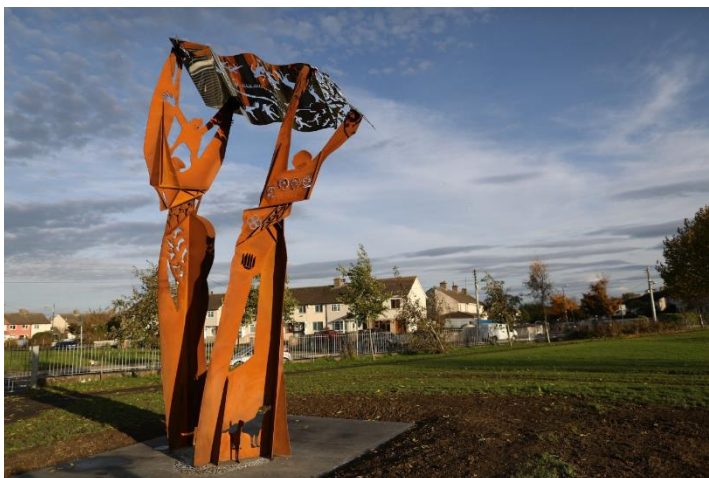
Closure of the Abigail Centre

The Abigail Centre closed on the 25th October. Residents have been transferred to other existing facilities (female only) around the city, which are managed by either Novas or another NGO or have been housed. Novas will continue to use the office in the Abigail Centre for administrative and catering purposes until alternative facilities are sourced.

St Canice's Graveyard

The Archaeology Section will be making a presentation about all 10 citywide Conservation Management Plan (CMF) projects at the Planning & Urban Form SPC on the 23rd November. Funding to commence conservation works on St. Canice's Church and mortuary monuments will be sought from Stream 1 of the Community Monuments Fund 2022.

Kildonan Sculpture installed



The magnificent new seven-metre-tall sculpture in Kildonan Park called '**THE BRIDGE: Fiacha Dhubha Fhionglaise ar Foluain**' has now been installed. The Lord Mayor, Alison Gilliland, formally unveiled the sculpture on the 8th November.

The sculpture comprises two figures with arms raised up, holding high a mirrored steel 'river rug' that is threaded through with symbols and signs of Finglas life. Inspired by the Irish translation

'Fionnghlas' clear streamlet), the sculpture draws from the depths of local history, while also reflecting present-day Finglas.

The commissioned sculpture includes a number of historical references from the 9th century Nethercross in St. Canice's Graveyard, to the 'Claíomh Solais' (Sword of Light) designed by local artist, Una Watters to mark the 50th anniversary of the Easter Rising. The new sculpture includes visual references to the artistic and sporting life of the locality; from the Uilleann Piper, Séamus Ennis and contemporary rap artist, Temper-Mental MissElayneous, to popular sports like hurling, football and boxing and park pastimes, such as running and dog-walking. The outline of faces and figures of local people have been engraved into the body of the sculpture in a gesture that celebrates the 'unsung heroes' of everyday life – wives, mothers, parents, grandparents, community activists, and care workers.

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Social Inclusion Week 8th - 15th November

The Area Office's Community & Social Development Section (CSDS) have been working with a number of local groups and schools on events that celebrate positive social inclusion activities and programmes within the Finglas area.

Events and programmes included the following:

Sister Sheds

CSDS supported an open day for Sister Sheds in the Finglas area. Sister Sheds is a social activity and support group for women who are feeling isolated, vulnerable or lonely resulting from domestic violence, death of a partner or separation.

The "Open Day" took place on Wednesday 10th of November in Finglas Youth Resource Centre, Mellowes Road.

Meeting Place Arch Club

CSDS in conjunction with the Meeting Place Arch Club worked on an arts programmes including Drama, Painting and Singing. A celebration of the participant's abilities was held in St. Canice's Parochial Hall on Friday 5th November for family and friends.

Friends of Finglas

The group supports those who have had or continue to have mental health issues. Members suffered badly during the past 20 months due to the pandemic lockdown. The group are now looking to reconnect with its members through a "reopening event". Friends of Finglas will embark on a publicity campaign targeting new members.

Primary Schools Inclusion Programme

The Primary Schools Programme focused on tackling bullying, exclusion and shyness through sport in St. Kevin's and St. Joseph's schools. The programme focused on working together and supporting each other through a series of participation team games. The programme ran on the 9th and 11th November.

Finglas Knitting Programme

The Finglas Knitting Programme commenced in November 2020 under Covid restrictions with individuals knitting squares to make lap blankets for older vulnerable people in the local community. Covid restrictions prevented people involved in the project from meeting up. CSDS have now brought participants together along with Transition Year Students from St.

Michaels Secondary School to complete the project. The group met on Tuesday 2nd and 9th and will meet again on 16th November from 10.00am -12.00pm in Finglas Youth Resource Centre.

Diversity Art Programme

St. Malachy's and Oliver Plunkett's School are designing and painting a diversity mural for both schools. The mural celebrates the wide diversity of pupils who attend the schools. Students will design and paint the mural in conjunction with an artist.

Football for All

CSDS has engaged with Finglas United to see what supports are needed to progress the Football for All programme. The programme is aimed at young people and supports them to participate in football no matter what level they are at. The programme will work with children and their families over a 10-week period to support access to football.

Fairlawn, Prospect Hill Community Garden/ Meeting Place Club

The above groups have agreed in principle to share the Community Garden at Fairlawn/Prospect Hill. To progress the sharing of the site the CSDS drew up a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with a view to meeting with both groups to amend /alter the document as necessary.

The MOU will look at the roles and responsibilities of both groups in relation to management, running and development of the Community Garden.

Enhance the Space

CSDS in conjunction with Finglas West Family Resource Centre and local residents embarked on a programme to enhance the green area at the junction of Plunkett Avenue. The programme engaged with local residents and children over a 3-week period culminating in a planting day.

In addition to the planters, wild flowers will be planted in appropriate areas of the site in spring 2022.



Richard McKee Memorial

The Annual Richard McKee memorial event will take place on Saturday 20th November at 1.00pm, Main Street, Finglas.

In addition Dublin City Council Historian in Residence Mr. James Curry will give a lunchtime talk on Richard McKee on Monday 22nd November at 1.00pm via Zoom. The CSDS will promote the talk and will advise participants on links to the event closer to the date.



Community Rooms/Buildings

Community buildings are slowly opening as Covid restrictions are lifted. The importance of community buildings cannot be overestimated as they are lifelines for the groups who use the facilities. CSDS is fully aware of the need to support the management committees of community facilities so that they remain open and fully utilised.

The Community Section is aware that the Committees of Fr. Maloney Hall and St. Canice's Parochial Hall are in need of financial assistance with repairs as they reopen.

Adieu Bridget

I wish to take this opportunity to express my thanks to Bridget Gilbert for her work in the Finglas Area Office – particularly with the NWAC - during the last six years. Bridget is moving to the Civic Offices in town.

The NWAC will continue to be well supported by Mary Bellew, who will be joined by Lisa Flanagan.

Aidan Maher

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