

# The Chairman and Members of North West Area Committee.

Meeting: 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Item No: 3

# Finglas Area Office Report

## Housing (1<sup>st</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> May)

No. Warrants Executed (Evictions)

Estate Management

Statistics 2023 - Finglas Area Office				
Complaints	May	YTD		
No. Anti-Social Complaints per 1997 Act - drug related	2	11		
No. Anti-Social Complaints per 1997 Act - not drug related	4	11		
No. Other Complaints (nuisance)	6	89		
No. Racial Harassment Complaints	0	0		
TOTAL	12	111		
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Interviews				
No. Anti-Social Interviews per 1997 Act(Formal)	2	19		
No. Other Interviews(Informal)	5	29		
TOTAL	7	48		
No. Complaints Referred to Central Est. Mgt. Unit for Action	6	8		
No. Section 20 Evictions	0	1		
No. Excluding Orders	0	0		
Applied for by Tenant	0	0		
Applied for by DCC	0	0		
Granted in Court	0	0		
Refused / Failed in court	0	0		
Withdrawn	0	0		
No. Surrender of Tenancy due to Anti-Social Behaviour	0	0		
No. Tenancy Warnings served	0	0		
No. Abandonment Notice Served	0	0		
No. Possession Orders requested	0	0		
No. Possession Orders granted	0	0		
No. Appeals / Judicial Reviews / Challenges	0	0		
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No. H/A of refusal / deferral to let due to Anti-Social Behaviour	0	2

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No. Requests for Mediation	0	0

Allocations

Housing & Apartments				
Category	Housing	Transfers	Choice Base Letting	
Bands 2 & 3	10	6	8	
Medical	1	4		
Welfare				
Homeless	1			
Travellers	2			
Homeless HAP		4	2	
De-tenanting				
Estate Management				
Maintenance Grounds				
Surrendering Larger				
Succession				
Total	14	14	10	

Senior Citizens			
Category	Housing	Transfers	Choice Base Letting
Bands 2 & 3	3	1	
Medical			
Welfare			
Homeless	5		
Homeless HAP		1	
Travellers			
Estate Management		1	
De-tenanting			
Maintenance Grounds			
Surrendering Larger			
Financial Contribution			
Succession			
Total	8	3	0

# Voids Report

Vacant Housing Units (23 in total)					
Address	Type of unit	Date of vacancy	Status	Estimated Completion Date	
Barnamore Grove	3 bed house	18/04/23	CBL Closing Date 16/06/23	Aug 23	
Barry Park	3 bed house	01/02/23	Assigned to applicant	July 23	
Cappagh Avenue	3 bed house	13/04/23	CBL Closing Date 09/06/23	June 23	
Cappagh Drive	2 bed maisonette	14/03/23	CBL Closing Date 16/06/23	July 23	
Cappagh Road	3 bed house	30/03/23	Structural issues	July 23	
Casement Drive	3 bed house	03/04/23	To be appointed to contractor	T.B.C	
Casement Drive	2 bed house	13/03/23	CBL Closing Date 09/06/23	Ready	
Glasnevin Ave	3 bed house	24/04/23	To be appointed to contractor	T.B.C	
Hazelcroft Gardens	3 bed house	23/05/23	Appointed to contractor	T.B.C	
Mellowes Road	3 bed house	17/05/23	Appointed to contractor	T.B.C	
Ratoath Road	3 bed house	23/06/23	Legal Issues, needs to be addressed	Ready	
Westwood Road	3 bed house	20/02/23	CBL Closing Date 16/06/23	June 23	

	Vacant Housing Units (more than 4 months)				
Address	Type of unit	Date of vacancy	Status	Estimated Completion Date	
Abbotstown Drive	3 bed house	16/12/22	On offer	June 23	
Ballygall Parade	2 bed maisonette	09/01/23	Applicant Refused	Ready	
Barry Drive	3 bed house	27/06/22	Assigned to applicant	June 23	
Casement Green	3 bed house	14/07/22	Assigned to applicant	Awaiting E.S.B	
Dunsink Drive	3 bed house	13/12/22	On offer	June 23	

Fairlawn Road	3 bed house	10/11/22	Assigned to applicant	June 23
Finglas Park	3 bed house	23/08/22	Assigned to applicant	Awaiting E.S.B
Glasanaon Road	2 bed house	12/10/22	Assigned to applicant	Ready
McKelvey Ave	3 bed house	09/09/22	Assigned to applicant	June 23
McKelvey Ave	2 bed house	06/12/22	CBL Closing Date 9/6/23	June 23
St Pappins Road	3 bed house	19/01/23	Assigned to applicant	June 23

	Vacant Senior Citizens Units (10 in total)				
Address	Type of unit	Date of vacancy	Status	Estimated Completion Date	
Brookville Court	1 bed unit	22/02/23	Assigned to applicant	June 23	
Glasanaon Court	1 bed unit	12/01/23	Assigned to applicant	June 23	
Glasaree Court	1 bed unit	14/03/23	Direct Labour	T.B.C	
Glasaree Court	1 bed unit	19/05/23	Direct Labour	T.B.C	
Griffith Crescent	1 bed unit	02/05/23	Direct Labour	T.B.C	
Mellowes Court	1 bed unit	24/03/23	Assigned to contractor	July 23	
Mellowes Court	1 bed unit	09/01/23	Assigned to applicant	Aug 23	
Merville Court	1 bed unit	30/03/23	Assigned to contractor	June 23	

Vacant Senior Citizen Units (more than 4 months)				
Address	Type of unit	Date of vacancy	Status	Estimated Completion Date
Mellowes Court	Bedsit	04/07/22	Assigned to applicant	Ready
Merville Court	1 bed unit	21/10/22	Assigned to applicant	Ready

#### Choice Based Lettings

• The following dwellings were advertised through the above scheme.

Type of Dwelling	Location	Closing Date	No of applicants eligible	No of applicants not eligible
2 bed house	68 Cappagh Drive	12/05/2023	53	11
3 bed house	70 Fairlawn Road	12/05/2023	38	19
2 bed maisonette	79 Ballygall Parade	12/05/2023	51	11
3 bed house	46 Casement Drive	09/06/2023	N/A	N/A
2 bed house	55 Casement Drive	09/06/2023	N/A	N/A
3 bed house	72 Casement Drive	09/06/2023	N/A	N/A
2 bed house	4 McKelvey Road	09/06/2023	N/A	N/A
2 bed maisonette	58 Cappagh Drive	16/06/2023	N/A	N/A
3 bed house	52 Westwood Road	16/06/2023	N/A	N/A
3 bed house	41 Barnamore Grove	16/06/2023	N/A	N/A

#### Rents Update

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

Assessments	860
Applications for Permission to Reside	18
Refunds	9

### **General Matters**

#### New Finglas Library:

Dublin City Libraries will open a new branch library in Finglas on the Seamus Ennis Road this summer. The library in Finglas Village Centre has served the community well over the last few decades and will close its doors on Saturday the 24th June at 5:00pm in preparation for the move to the new building. The opening date of the new library will be advertised widely on social media in July, date to be confirmed.

#### Finglas Employment Initiative:

The Local Area Office has initiated contact with all the major infrastructural investors in the Finglas Area with a view to providing employment opportunities to local people with regards to the LUAS and various other projects happening in the area.

This is in the initial stages and plans to develop courses for locals that are based on what potential employers require. It is anticipated that training will be funded by the CDETB as part of an Access to Work programme.

Project Managers and leaders from other local projects such as the local Partnership, Finglas Development Scheme, Jamestown Redevelopment, LUAS, CDETB and the Department of Social Protection will be invited to the next meeting to further the project. The next meeting of this group will take place on the 30<sup>th</sup> June in the Finglas Area Office.

#### Update on PPP Projects

A briefing has been organised with the Area Committee prior to the July meeting regarding the projects named below.

- Church of Annunciation
- Wellmount Road
- Barry Avenue/Road

The Area Office has also requested that the plans for the Kildonan Area be included if possible.

#### Green Waste

A leaflet drop and social media campaign will begin shortly to update the community of the new procedures for green waste collection. It is the Area Offices intention to continue to support community, Tidy Towns and environmental groups in the Finglas Area.

#### **Scribblestown**

An order of magnitude costing for the drainage and surface water issues in Scribblestown will be completed this week. It is the Area Offices intention to seek tenders for this work with a view to completing by end Q3 2023.

The Area Office will also seek to engage a suitably qualified consultant to complete the survey of roads and footpaths in the estate and produce order of magnitude costs. Once complete the Area Office will seek tender to complete this work.

Public Lighting are currently surveying the public lighting in the area and a report with costing will be completed shortly.

#### **Community and Social Development**

#### From the Tenements to Finglas:

Dublin City Council in conjunction with Dublin Culture Company hosted an event entitled "From the Tenements to Finglas" on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May from 11.00am to 12.30pm in the Finglas Youth Resource Centre, Mellowes Road.

As part of the Bealtaine Festival Dublin City Council invited the older residents to hear their stories, songs and rhymes.

The event was well attended with older people from Nursing Homes, Day Care Centres and local community groups attending the event, which featured stories, songs and a little history.

Many thanks to Dublin Culture Company and to all those that worked hard to get the older citizens to the event.



A Night at the Opera, Finglas:

Dublin City Council, Finglas Area Office will host "A Night at The Opera. The event will take place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 7.30pm in St. Canice's Church, Main Street, Finglas.The event is very popular with the local Community. Tickets for the event will be €5.00 and all proceeds will go to the "Rising Voices Dementia Choir" which is based in Odens-Wood Day Care Centre.



#### Finglas Summer Project 2023

Dublin City Council Community & Social Development Section works alongside Crosscare to deliver Summer Projects in the Finglas Area

Finglas will have a total of 8 Summer Projects this year, meaning over 1,000 children age between 6 and 12 will enjoy games, sports, art and crafts and day trips. The delivery of Summer Projects is down to over 100 volunteers who give their time freely, some even taking holidays to help out.

Dublin City Council funds and resources Summer Projects, however the dedication and hard work of the volunteers involved should be acknowledged.

#### Seamus Ennis Events

To celebrate and acknowledge the life of Seamus Ennis, Dublin City Council Area Office arranged for local Uilleann Piper Niamh Longdale to visit the following school's St Brigids, St. Kevins and Gaeilscoil Ui Earcain, St Cancies Boys & Girls schools and Scoil Chiarian.

The purpose of the programme is to give pupils a history of the Uilleann Pipes, how they work and to play a number of tunes. At fifteen years of age Niamh Longdale is a great role model for local children.

Erin's Isle GAA Club hosted a night of music, song, dance and story- telling with a focus on the life and times of Seamus Ennis.

The Finglas Branch of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann were joined by musicians from the Seamus Ennis Centre in the Naul for the night.



#### Plant Distribution 2023:

Dublin City Council Community & Social Development Section distributed plants to 95 community based environmental groups in the Finglas Area on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May.

Groups received plants to enhance their estates, communal areas were, as part of programme asked to supply photos of the areas to Dublin City Council. The area that is deemed to have done the best display will receive a voucher for €200.00. Many thanks to all the Community Groups form their participation in the programme.



#### Chair Based Exercise & Tai Chi

Dublin City Council Community & Social Development Team are running the "Chair Based Exercise and Tai Chi for 5 weeks, commencing on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

The programme gives participants a taste of both chair based exercise & Tai Chi. The programme is extremely popular and will certainly be booked out quickly.



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