

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

**Meeting: 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**Item No: 3**

**Finglas Area Office Report**

**Housing (1<sup>st</sup> March– 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024)**

Estate Management

<b>Statistics 2024 - Finglas Area Office</b>	
<b>Complaints</b>	<b>YTD 2024</b>
No. Anti-Social Complaints per 1997 Act - drug related	8
No. Anti-Social Complaints per 1997 Act - not drug related	9
No. Other Complaints (nuisance)	73
No. Racial Harassment Complaints	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>90</b>

<b>Interviews</b>	
No. Anti-Social Interviews per 1997 Act (Formal)	50
No. Other Interviews (Informal)	23
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>73</b>

<b>No. Complaints Referred to Central Est. Mgt. Unit for Action</b>	<b>8</b>
No. Section 20 Evictions	0
No. Excluding Orders	0
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applied for by Tenant</li> </ul>	0
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applied for by DCC</li> </ul>	0
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Granted in Court</li> </ul>	0
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refused / Failed in court</li> </ul>	0
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Withdrawn</li> </ul>	0
No. Surrender of Tenancy due to Anti-Social Behaviour	0
No. Tenancy Warnings served	<b>2</b>
No. Abandonment Notice Served	0
No. Possession Orders requested	0
No. Possession Orders granted	0
No. Appeals / Judicial Reviews / Challenges	0
No. Warrants Executed (Evictions)	0
No. H/A of refusal / deferral to let due to Anti-Social Behaviour	0

<b>No. Requests for Mediation</b>	<b>0</b>
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## Allocations

<b>Housing &amp; Apartments</b>			
<b>Category</b>	<b>Housing</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Choice Base Letting (other)</b>
Bands 2 & 3	4	2	5
De-tenanting	N/A	0	0
Estate Management	N/A	0	0
Homeless	4	N/A	2
Homeless HAP	N/A	0	0
Maintenance Grounds	N/A	1	0
Medical	0	0	0
Surrendering Larger	N/A	0	0
Succession	0	0	0
Travellers	0	0	0
Welfare	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>

## **Prospect Hill**

- 52 out of 58 units have signed Tenancy agreements. In the process of allocating the remaining 6 dwellings.

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

## Voids Report

<b>Vacant Housing Units (22 in total)</b>				
Address	Type of unit	Date of vacancy	Status	Estimated Completion Date
Ballygall Crescent	3 bed house	15/02/24	Appointed to contractor	T.B.C
Barnamore Park	3 bed house	18/12/23	Appointed to contractor	April 24
Barry Avenue	3 bed house	18/12/23	Appointed to contractor	April 24
Berryfield Road	3 bed house	15/01/24	Appointed to contractor	April 24
Cappagh Road	3 bed house	03/02/24	Appointed to contractor	June 24
Cappagh Road	3 bed house	21/12/23	Appointed to contractor	April 24
Casement Drive	3 bed house	19/03/24	Awaiting contractor	T.B.C
Casement Grove	3 bed house	13/03/24	Awaiting contractor	T.B.C
Collins Place	2 bed maisonette	01/02/24	Appointed to contractor	May 24
Dunsink Green	3 bed house	20/02/24	Awaiting contractor	June 24
Fairlawn Road	3 bed house	22/01/24	Awaiting contractor	Issues
Ferndale Ave	4 bed house	27/03/24	Awaiting contractor	July 24
Finglaswood Road	2 bed maisonette	21/12/23	Appointed to contractor	April 24
Glenties Park	3 bed house	29/01/24	Appointed to contractor, Delay on this, due to break in	May 24
Griffith Close	3 bed house	03/04/24	Awaiting contractor	T.B.C
Virginia Drive	3 bed house	20/02/24	Awaiting contractor	June 24
Woodbank Avenue	2 bed house	28/02/24	Awaiting contractor	June 24

<b>Vacant Housing Units (more than 4 months)</b>				
Address	Type of unit	Date of vacancy	Status	Estimated Completion Date
Glasnevin Ave	3 bed house	29/04/23	Issue with the wrap around	T.B.C
Glasnevin Ave	3 bed house	21/11/23	Appointed to contractor	April 24
Heath Square	3 bed duplex	10/06/23	Issue with Insurance	T.B.C
Kilshane Road	3 bed house	25/10/23	Appointed to contractor	R.T.L
Wellmount Ave	4 bed house	07/09/23	Appointed to contractor	R.T.L

<b>Vacant Senior Citizens Units (13 in total)</b>				
Address	Type of unit	Date of vacancy	Status	Estimated Completion Date
Glasanaon Court	1 bed	01/03/24	Direct Labour	July 24
Glasanaon Court	bedsit	14/02/24	Direct Labour	June 24
Glasanaon Court	1 bed	06/02/24	Direct Labour	June 24
Griffith Cres	1 bed	07/03/24	Direct Labour	July 24
Kildonan Court	1 bed	07/02/24	Direct Labour	July 24
Kilshane Court	2 bed	22/03/24	Direct Labour	Aug 24
Mellowes Court	1 bed (bungalow)	19/02/24	Direct Labour	R.T.L
Merville Court	1 bed	28/02/24	Direct Labour	June 24

<b>Vacant Senior Citizens Units (more than 4 months)</b>				
Griffith Cres	1 bed	05/12/23	Direct Labour	R.T.L
Kildonan Court	1 bed	23/11/23	Direct Labour	March 24
Kilshane Court	2 bed	11/10/23	Direct Labour	R.T.L
Mellowes Court	bedsit	28/09/23	Direct Labour	Feb 24
Mellowes Court	bedsit	16/10/23	Direct Labour	March 24

## Choice Based Lettings

- The following dwellings were advertised through the above scheme.

Type of Dwelling	Location	Closing Date	No of applicants eligible
3 Bedroom House	61 Barry Avenue	22/03/2024	142 Applicants
3 Bedroom House	24 Cloonlara Drive	22/03/2024	142 Applicants
3 Bedroom House	22 Barnamore Park	22/03/2024	179 Applicants
2 Bedroom Maisonette	19 + 27 Finglaswood Road	29/03/2024	183 Applicants for both dwelling
3 Bedroom House	67 Kilshane Road	29/03/2024	218
Senior Citizen Bedsit	14 + 28 Mellowes Court	26/04/2024	N/A
Senior Citizen Bedsit	40 + 45 Glasanaon Court	26/04/2024	N/A

## Rents Update

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

Assessments	820
Applications for Permission to Reside	12
Refunds	9

## General Matters

### Kildonan Housing Project

The project is to be delivered in two phases. The first phase will see the construction of mixed tenure housing of approx. 136 housing units. The project team is currently working towards a Stage 2 Funding Approval application, which is expected in Q4 2024. Site Surveys are ongoing.

The provision of affordable homes in Phase 2 is also under consideration.

### Finglas Employment & Training Working Group

The next meeting of the group is due to take place on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

The Finglas Area Office is continuing to publicise the group within the local area. Work is ongoing to finalise an event which aims to promote the supports and opportunities that will be available to potential employers and employees.

A sub group is being formed in order to prioritise activities and to formalise short, medium and long term goals for the group.

### Finglas Business Group

The Finglas Business Breakfast on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024 went well and provided opportunities for networking. There were approximately 40 attendees and David Weldon from Transport Infrastructure Ireland delivered a presentation on the Finglas LUAS project and the economic benefits for the area.

The Finglas Village Improvement Scheme has been requested as the subject of the next presentation.

### Finglas Village Improvement Scheme

A non-statutory public consultation was held from the 12/02/2024 to the 15/03/2024 (5 week period), with a public information evening held on the 29/02/2024. A total of 70 submissions were received via the online consultation hub by the closing date. Other submissions were made via email and at the Public Information Event on 29th February 2024. In order to inform of this consultation a total of 9,300 leaflets were distributed. There was also promotion through social media and DCC Alerts. A total of 24 residents attended the information evening.



A Public Consultation Report will be produced in Q2 2024. Subject to the NTA's approval, the scheme will proceed to Detailed Design and Procurement Phase. The scheme is expected to commence construction in Q1 2025.

### Finglas Area Roundabouts Scheme

The Preliminary Design for the Jamestown Road Roundabout has been completed. The Project Appraisal and Business Case have been submitted to the NTA for approval to proceed to detailed design. The AA and EIA screening reports have been completed. We are also coordinating with Fingal County Council on the requirement for a Section 85 agreement (one LA performing for another). It is expected that detailed design will be completed by Q2 2024, followed by the preparation of tender documents for the appointment of a contractor. Approval to proceed is awaited from the NTA to proceed to detailed design/tender for McKee Avenue/St Margaret's Road/Lidl junction. Construction is to commence in 2024 subject to NTA approval and funding availability.

### Finglas LUAS Project

A full update will be presented to the Area Committee at the April Area Committee Meeting.

### Bus Connects

The NTA currently expects to introduce new routes E1, E2, N2 and 19 in Q2 of this year. Routes 4, 11, 13, 145 and 155 would be replaced by the new services. During Q2 of 2025 we would introduce new routes F1, F2, F3, L89 23 and 24. Routes 9, 40, 40b, 83, 83a and 140 would be replaced.

New routes N4 and N6 were introduced in the Finglas area during 2022.

All dates are subject to detailed review of operational readiness prior to introduction and to the overall level of funding available.

A response to the Oireachtas Liaison Officer has been received by email and sent to all Councillors. Further clarification has been sought regarding the issues raised.

#### Scribblestown

Final documentation has been sent to Procurement for evaluation prior to publishing on etenders. Dates have had to be extended to facilitate. Clarification on Taking in Charge application forms has been completed and accepted. The forms have been passed on to the Taking in Charge Section for processing. The next phase of the Taking in Charge Process has begun.

#### Barry Avenue

As requested, a meeting has been organised between local representatives, TD's, the Local Area Office and the Housing Delivery Section with a view to addressing concerns. The meeting will take place in the Finglas Area Office on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

#### Church of the Annunciation

DCC Report: Work continues to progress plans to Part VIII application status.

HSE Report: All land transfers have been completed. DCC and HSE legal departments currently progressing conveyance, contracts have been issued and pre-contract queries are being addressed. Plans are currently being finalised and are to be submitted to the Board for approval before publication.

Diocesan Report: Revised plans for reduced sized church that fits the local need is currently being finalised.

#### Teen Spaces

The Area Office is currently working with Parks and Sláintecare to co fund and provide a full size Teen Space MUGA in Johnstown Park. Estimated costs are €150,000

### **Finglas Library – General Information**

#### Opening Hours:

Monday and Wednesday 1pm to 8pm

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday: 10am to 5pm

#### **Did you know...?**

- You can use your Finglas Library card to borrow items from every public library in Ireland.
- You can order an item from any public library in Ireland and it will be delivered to the library of your choice free of charge.
- Fines are a thing of the past, so if your items are overdue, don't be afraid to return them – there are no penalties for being late



## Finglas Events Notification (EN1) April 2024

<u>Non Regular or Regular Events</u>	<u>Event Category</u>	<u>Event Title</u>	<u>Audience</u>	<u>Date and Time</u>
Regular	Inclusion and Diversity	Autism-Friendly Library with Sensory Room	All Ages	Saturdays from 10am – 11.30am
Regular	Inclusion and Diversity	<b>Tofertafl (magic table)</b> is available for groups to book. Please contact Finglas library for further information. Children must be accompanied by an adult.	All Ages	Please contact library to book a session for your group.
Regular	Book Club	<b>Book Ends</b> Adult Book Club – open to all who live or work in the Finglas area	Adults	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month @ 2pm
Regular	Book Club	Adult Book Club (contact library for waiting list)	Adults	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month (fully subscribed but contact library)
Regular	Book Club	<b>D11 Readers</b> Children's Book Club	Children	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month @ 3.30pm
Regular	Crafts	Knitting and Craft Group – all welcome	Adults	Fridays at 11am
Regular	Book Club / Crafts	Toddler Book & Craft Group with Barnardos – two sessions per week. (contact library for waiting list for September.)	Children (Toddlers)	Restarts after Easter Break – the groups are currently full but contact the library if you would like to be added to the waiting list for September.
Free event	Local History	An Introduction to Local History with Historian-in-Residence Mary Muldowney.	All welcome	Wednesday 24th April at 6.30pm

## Community & Social Development

### Chair Exercise Classes

The Finglas Community and Development Section are currently running a five week programme of chair aerobics in the Finglas Youth Resource Centre on Mondays at 9.30am, it started on the 8th of April and will run until the 13th of May. This has become very popular with the over 55's in the community.



### Environmental Project in the Plunkett Area

Dublin City Council, Finglas Community and Social Development & Public Domain Sections in conjunction with the Finglas West Family Resource Centre and local community members worked together to do some planting and a community clean-up of the Plunkett Area Finglas on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024

It was a great success with children and parents from the area getting involved and taking pride in their area.



### Easter Eggs 2024:

Dublin City Council, Finglas Community & Social Development Section supported the following groups with their Easter celebrations:

Finglas West Family Resource Centre, the Meeting Place Club and Valley Park Group. Over 500 Easter eggs were distributed to young people in the area.

Many thanks to the community groups for their hard work in delivering the eggs.





### Seamus Ennis Events 2024:

Dublin City Council, Finglas Area Office in conjunction with the Seamus Ennis Centre, Finglas Comhaltas Ceoltóirí, Finglas Music Shed & the NWA Historian in residence have arranged a number of events to celebrate the contribution Seamus Ennis has made to the cultural life of the country.

Seisiún Mór at the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre is a vibrant celebration of Irish Music and Culture. The event is an open invitation for musicians of all levels to come together to play traditional tunes in a relaxed environment

The event will be led by Paudie O Connor and will give Finglas Comhaltas Ceoltóirí members the opportunity to play alongside some of the country's leading musicians. The event will take place on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April from 2.00pm in the Seamus Ennis Centre, The Naul Co. Dublin.

Finglas Community & Social Development Section has arranged transport to and from the venue.



### Seamus Ennis a life in Words & Music.

Mary Muldowney the Northwest Area Historian in residence will deliver a presentation on the life & work of Seamus Ennis in the Mansion House on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm.

The Finglas Branch of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Eireann will provide the music on the night.

Dublin City Council will provide transport to and from the Mansion House for those wishing to attend. Attendance at the event will be by invitation in the first instance, however a small number of tickets will be available to the public

### Seamus Ennis Schools Programme:

Dublin City Council, Community & Social Development Section has contacted local schools with a view to Historian in Residence Mary Muldowney bringing the life of Seamus Ennis to a new generation.

Mary will focus on Seamus's life but will also relate some of the stories Seamus collected on his travels.

The programme is open to all schools in the Finglas area.

## **Community Recognition Fund**

### Dublin City Council Allocates €2m to Support Local Communities

Dublin City Council would like to announce the allocation of €2,140,584 in funding under the Community Recognition Fund.

The Community Recognition Fund (CRF), established to acknowledge the invaluable contributions made by communities across Ireland in welcoming and hosting arrivals from Ukraine and other countries, aims to bolster community resilience and cohesion.

The funding will be directed towards projects located in Dublin City, towns and villages hosting Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection and/or International Protection Applicants, including those identified for the Rapid Build Homes Programme. These projects are intended to benefit the entire community, aligning with the fund's objective to develop facilities for future use by all members of society.

Dublin City Council emphasises the importance of community engagement in shaping the allocation of funds. Proposals submitted by the local authority will be developed in consultation with impacted communities, Local Community Development Committees (LCDC) and elected representatives. These proposals must align with Local Economic and Community Plans and demonstrate targeted investment in areas with the highest concentration of new arrivals.

Eligible projects for funding must be capital in nature, delivering medium to long-term benefits for the community. They should be capable of implementation between 2025 and 2026, with a minimum expenditure of 50% of the allocation required in 2025. While the focus is on larger-scale projects, with individual funding ranging from €50,000 to €500,000, smaller initiatives will be considered provided they meet the minimum threshold.

Projects eligible for funding include the development, enhancement or refurbishment of community and cultural facilities, sports facilities, school facilities open for community use, equipment purchases for local clubs and organisations, transport infrastructure, initiatives addressing dereliction and refurbishment of vacant buildings for community use.

In a departure from previous approaches, Dublin City Council will reserve a portion of its allocation for proposals submitted under the third application window, ensuring flexibility to address evolving community needs.

For more information on project proposals or queries regarding the Community Recognition Fund, please contact Dublin City Council by email at [CRF@dublincity.ie](mailto:CRF@dublincity.ie)  
Link to the CRF website on dublincity.ie: [Community Recognition Fund 2024](#)

#### Afternoon Tea Dance:

Dublin City Council, Community & Social Development Section arranged a Tea Dance in the Council Chambers, Ballymun Civic Centre on Wednesday 17th April 2024.

The Finglas Area Office arranged transport to and from the event for the following groups, the Forever Young Choir, Grannie's & Granda's and the Wonderful Women's Group all of whom are based in Brookville Court, Community Room.

The event was by invitation only, another event will take place later in the year and invites will be issued to groups that have yet not had the chance to attend a Tea Dance.

Pat Teehan

**Finglas Area Manager**