

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

Meeting: 18th October 2016

Item No: 6

Finglas Area Office Report

Update on Kildonan Lands Project

Ed Flanagan has submitted an interim report on the public consultation process and results to date. The completion of this process has been extended to ensure that all relevant stakeholders, particularly residents in the adjoining streets, are given sufficient opportunities to have an input.

Brady Shipman Martin (BSM) continues to progress the masterplan options using the criteria listed in the September update. They will submit their draft report to the Development Group (DG) after analysis of the final consultation report.

The next meeting of the DG is provisionally fixed for the 27th October.

Finglas Safety Forum

The interviews for a new Coordinator for Finglas Safety Forum have been successful. Ms. Jackie Phelan has accepted the job and she is due to start on the 17th October.

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Finglas Social Inclusion/Positive Ageing Week 2016

The Dublin City Council Community Team in conjunction with Finglas Positive Ageing Committee organised a number of events for Positive Ageing Week/Social Inclusion Week. The activities took place from Monday 26th September to Saturday 8th October this year.

Tai Chi

Over 20 people attended the Tai Chi session in the Finglas Leisure Centre, on Monday 26th September. Groups have since signed up to 10 sessions of tai chi over the coming months.

Over 55's Table Quiz

The Table Quiz was held on Wednesday 28th September in Erin's Isle GAA Club. Thirteen teams of five people per team took part. The winning team was presented with a trophy and vouchers. A great night was had by all.



Chair Aerobic

Chair Aerobics were held on Thursday 29th September at Odinswood Day Care Centre. Over 20 people participated in this event.

Finglas Senior Citizens Ball

Up to 300 people attended our annual senior citizens ball, Wednesday 5th October. It was a great night and enjoyed by all in attendance.



Afternoon Tea Dance

The Finglas Afternoon Tea dance group hosted a tea dance in WFTRA Hall on Thursday 6th October. The event was free of charge and open to the general public. Over fifty people attended this event.

Over 55's Pool Tournament.

An over 55's pool tournament took place in Merville Court Senior Citizens Complex on Friday 7th October. Over thirty people took part from the North side of the city.

Variety and Talent Show

Rivermount Drama and Variety Group presented A Variety and Talent Show In Erin's Isle GAA Club on Friday 7th October and Saturday 8th October. Our Community and Social Development section supported the group with this event.

North West Area LECP Consultations

North West Area Community Consultations for the new statutory Dublin City Local Economic and Community Plan 2016 – 2021 took place on the following dates.

- 14th September: Finglas Youth Resource Centre
- 19th September: Ballymun Civic Offices
- 26th September: Deaf Village Ireland

In addition to the above public events, community groups in the area were invited to participate and give their views as part of an on-line survey.

The consultation gave communities an opportunity to drop in and give their views on what should be included in the 2017 Action Plan.

Dublin City Council Community Grants Scheme:

Dublin City Council Community Grants Scheme is now accepting applications. Closing date for applications is Friday 28th October 2016 at 5.00pm. All grants should be returned to Dublin City Council, Community & Social Development, Block 3, Floor 1, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8.

Application forms are available from Community Development Staff in all NWA offices.

The Community Grants Scheme encourages community participation and assists local community groups in the delivery of their programmes:

Dublin City Council-Arts Grants 2017:

Dublin City Council – Art Grants are now available. Closing date for the receipt of completed applications is Tuesday 1st November 2016.

All applications should be sent to: Arts Grants Applications, Dublin City Arts Office, The Lab, Foley Street, Dublin 1. Telephone: 2225455

Halloween

Plans for this year's Finglas Halloween Festival are well underway. The event will commence at 6.00pm and run until 9.00pm on Monday 31st October.

Community participation is key to the success to the Halloween Festival. Dublin City Council will meet with volunteers on Monday 17th October at 6:30pm to allocate stalls and to brief volunteers on health and safety procedures.

Barnardos/Springboard Barry Close:

Barnardos Family Support Project offers information, help and support to children, young people and their parents/carers. The Centre has an 'open door' policy meaning that it is available to any parent, carer or child in the West Finglas area.

Unfortunately due to the high level of anti-social behaviour the Barnardos/Springboard is no longer operating from Barry Close. Dublin City Council is working with the Manager of the Springboard project to identify appropriate premises in the Finglas West area to enable this essential service be maintained.

Older Persons Expo 2016:

Dublin City Council Community and Social Development Team will invite groups working with Older People to attend an Older Persons Expo. This event will take place on Wednesday 30th November in WFTRA Hall, Mellowes Road, Finglas, Dublin 11.

The Expo will be an opportunity for groups in attendance to promote themselves, encourage new membership and share information with people who attend from the community.

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