

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

Meeting: 15th November 2016

Item No: 6

Finglas Area Office Report

Update on Kildonan Lands Project

Ed Flanagan's interim report on the public consultation process is being examined. No decision has been taken yet on whether any additional surveys are required to capture the views of additional residents in the adjoining streets.

Due to the lengthy period required by the consultation process the timetable for completion of the Brady Shipman Martin (BSM) masterplan report has been extended.

Arising from a recent incident WFTRA have decided to withdraw from all engagement with Dublin City Council, the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive and the various statutory agencies and service providers in the Abigail Centre. Pending resolution of this hiatus no date has been fixed yet for the next meeting of the Development Group. However, a meeting with WFTRA and the Deputy Chief Executive will be held soon. It will be an open Agenda. I will be in attendance.

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Community Grants Scheme 2017

Applications under Dublin City Council Community Grant Scheme closed on Friday 28th October. Community and Social Development Staff assisted a number of groups with completing their applications and will begin processing grants shortly with a view to presenting a draft list of recommendations to Councillors in early January 2017.

Finglas Halloween Festival 2016

The Finglas Halloween Festival "Finglas Fright Night," took place in the Finglas Civic Centre on Monday 31st October from 6.00pm to 9.00pm. The numbers attending continues to grow each year. People travelled from many parts of the city to attend the event.

There was a wide variety of entertainment for families to enjoy on the night, from carnival rides, bouncy castles, old fashioned game stalls, maze of misery, a spooky graveyard, magician, face painting, fancy dress competition, food stalls, fireworks display and the main music stage.

The event was advertised with flyers, and advertising boards were posted throughout the Finglas area. We decided not to use the festival website: instead, we focused on social media to help with the promotion of the festival. The festival now has a Facebook page and a Twitter account. Both accounts were very active with over 7,000 hits on the Facebook page alone. The main Dublin City Council social networking pages, including our Fire Brigade pages, also promoted the festival.

The event is managed by the Community and Social Development team with the assistance of staff in the area office, leisure centre and parks department. The event management, including health and safety was contracted to Cuckoo Event Management. The construction and derig of the site was also contracted out. Civil Defence and Order of Malta attended the event. An Garda Síochána attended and, with the assistance of the security company, monitored the crowds throughout the festival site.

The Finglas Youth Resource Centre hosted the refreshment area for volunteers. They also hosted the maze of misery, which included some of their young people performing in the maze. The Centre had a six week arts programme leading up to the festival which culminated in their interactive graveyard on the night itself. The youth centre also managed the stage entertainment. The majority of entertainment on the night was performed by local young people. It is very encouraging that the youth centre reported an increase in young people wanting to be involved in the festival.

Each year Dublin City Council invites local community groups to help with ticket sales for all the attractions. Ticket sales go towards the groups fund raising efforts. It should be noted that the success of the Halloween Festival would not happen without the input of so many dedicated volunteers.

Community / Voluntary Groups and Organisations:

- Ballygall Order Of Malta
- Finglas Suicide Network
- Meeting Place Club
- Erin's Isle GAA Club
- Over 55's Happy Ramblers Group
- Finglas Concert and Marching Band
- Finglas Tidy Towns
- Rivermount Summer Project
- Finglas West Summer Project
- Lakeglen Residents Association
- The Finglas Centre
- Citizens Information Centre
- Finglas No Name Club



Dublin City Comhairle na nÓg AGM

The Dublin City Comhairle na nÓg AGM has been rescheduled and will now take place on Friday 18th November in Croke Park from 9.30am – 2.30pm.

Schools and Youth Services in the area were invited to nominate two young people to attend the AGM - ideally young people from 6th Class to 5th year.

Young people in attendance who wish to can run for election can do so at the AGM. Successful candidates are elected for a 2 year term.

The AGM will also involve discussion on the three most popular topics identified by young people, with a final vote on the topic which attendees feel the Comhairle should work on during the year ahead.

Age Friendly Cities Older Person's Council

North West Area Older Person's Council continue to meet on a regular basis. A number of council members have attended the following conventions:

- 25th and 26th October- Increasing Capacity for Age Friendly Environments in Europe in the Grand Hotel.
- 3rd and 4th November- the National Convention for Older People's Councils in the Cavan Crystal Hotel.

The next meeting of the council will take place on Wednesday 23rd November 2016 in The Conference Room, Finglas Area Office.

Finglas Older Persons Expo

We are organising a Finglas Older Persons Expo. This event will take place on Monday 28th November from 2p.m - 5p.m. in WFTRA Hall Mellows 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.

Community Groups in the area have been contacted and must register by 5p.m.on Monday 14th November 2016 to take part in this event. A minimum number of groups must register in order for this event to take place.

The event will then be advertised in the Finglas area for the wider community to attend.

Christmas Remembrance/Celebration 2016

We are in the process of organising this year's Christmas remembrance in conjunction with the Positive Wellness Group.

The event will again take place in the Finglas Civic Complex beside the Finglas Sport and Fitness Centre. Members of the public will have an opportunity to remember loved ones who have passed away. Event details will be made available in the coming weeks.

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