

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

Meeting: 21st February 2017

Item No: 6

Finglas Area Office Report

Update on Tolka Valley Park Sports Changing Building

Construction work commenced last August and is due to be completed by the end of April. Access to the new Sports Building will be via the existing pathways, and a new pedestrian entrance in the fence onto Tolka Valley Road, adjacent to the pedestrian road crossing. A new tarmac pedestrian path links to the new pavilion enclosure. The building will have 24 hour CCTV monitoring. The facilities will be available from 8am to 6pm Monday-Friday, and 9am-1pm Saturday.

The lettings for the pitches are being arranged at the moment. Any clubs that are interested in the changing rooms can go through the same channels (as the lettings) to organise booking of changing rooms. However, bookings for the changing rooms will not be possible until the building is completed.

Update on Kildonan Lands Project

A meeting, chaired by the Independent Facilitator, was held on the 2nd February in the Finglas Office. Attendees included representatives from WFTRA, the two Councillors who are members of the Development Group, and myself. Items discussed included amended brief for the Planners (BSM); feedback on draft BSM report before publication; BSM presentation to NWAC; and type of consultation after publication of the BSM report. The next Meeting of this group is scheduled for the 15th March.

Prospect Hill Update

The Receiver for McCabe Builders Limited (In Statutory Receivership) has confirmed that the Fire Brigade has approved the proposed remediation works at the Prospect Hill apartment complex and that the tender process to appoint a contractor is underway. The tender process is due to be concluded in March and it is anticipated that the appointed contractor will commence on site in April. The timescale for the completion of all works will be finalised as part of the tender process.

I understand that work on Block 2 will be prioritised.

Task Force Meetings Schedule 2017

The Finglas-Cabra Local Drug & Alcohol Task Force will meet on the following dates at 10.30 am:

23 February; 23 March; 27 April; 25 May; 22 June; 27 July; 28 September; 26 October; and 23 November.

The Supply Reduction & Estate Management sub-committee will meet on the following dates at 2.30 pm:

9 February; 6 April; 6 July; and 7 September.

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Finglas Arts Forum

Dublin City Council invited local arts groups to a meeting on Monday 6th February. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss whether the arts organisations in the Finglas Area wish to set up a local arts forum for networking and sharing of ideas. The forum will hopefully result in less separation and more collaboration between local arts groups. The group could be a collective voice for the performing arts, to represent the many disparate views of the members including theatre, dance, music, choirs, writers groups, venues, festivals and individual artists. Our hope is that the forum will be driven by its members.

The meeting attracted 11 different groups from the area.

The next meeting with the local groups will be on Monday 6th March at 6.30pm in Finglas Civic Offices.

Environmental Projects

Finglas Community Development team in association with Global Action Plan will be hosting two gardening workshops for all resident and environmental groups in the Finglas area. Dates to be fixed for workshops on a) container planting and hanging basket, and b) greening neighbourhood (rejuvenation of communal open space).

International Women's Day

International Women's Day is on Wednesday 8th March. Finglas Community Development team are linking in with local groups to organise events to mark the day.

Older Persons Expo

The Older Persons Expo will take place on the 25th May in the WFTRA Hall from 12.00pm to 3.00pm. The aim of this event is to promote social cohesion and share information with older people as regards to community groups and services that are available in Finglas. The Expo will also give local groups an opportunity to recruit new members and share information.

Finglas Men's Sheds

The Finglas Community Development team continue to meet and support the Finglas Men's Sheds.

Over the past number of months Dublin City Council has funded the development of the space and has managed to secure two allotments for the men to work on.

Summer Projects

In the coming weeks the Finglas Community Development team will be meeting with the local summer projects committee members to initiate the planning stage for the Summer Project Programme.

The Finglas area currently supports 9 summer projects, the summer projects are supported through funding and resources.

Positive Ageing Week

The Finglas Positive Ageing Committee met on Wednesday 8th February, and discussed a programme of events for this year.

Positive Ageing Week will run from the 24th to 30th of September.

The Annual Senior Citizens dance will take place on Wednesday 27th September in Erin's Isle GAA Club.

Community and Council LAMA Awards 2017:

Sandra Dillon from the Meeting Place Club was nominated by Dublin City Council Finglas Area Office for an IPB LAMA award at the recent awards ceremony that took place on Saturday 4th February in the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Ballymun.



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