

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

**Meeting: 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017**

**Item No: 5**

## **Finglas Area Office Report**

### Update on Kildonan Lands Project

A meeting chaired by Rita Burtenshaw, the Independent Facilitator, was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> March in the Finglas Office. Attendees included representatives from WFTRA, Councillors Connaghan and Costello who are members of the Development Group, and staff from the Area Office. The next Meeting of this group is scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> May: BSM will present their draft report to this meeting. Their report will then be amended before they make a presentation to the May meeting of the NWAC.

Subsequent consultation will include some or all of the following steps:

- Put the plan on public display in the area office / local library / some community facilities;
- Put the plan on consultation for a minimum period of one month;
- Give notice of the consultation in a local paper / on the DCC website;
- Ensure the draft masterplan is available to view online;
- All comments will be collated / responded to in an Area Manager's report;
- Make any changes to the draft masterplan as deemed appropriate;
- Send Area Managers report to the NWAC Members seeking their approval for the Masterplan.

## **COMMUNITY & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

### Finglas Arts Forum

Dublin City Council invited local arts groups to a follow-up meeting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March. The purpose of this meeting was to further discuss the Area Office proposal that arts organisations in the Finglas Area set-up a local arts forum. The purpose of the forum will be for networking and sharing of ideas. The forum will hopefully result in less separation 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, choirs, writers groups, venues, festivals and individual artists. It is envisaged that the Forum will be driven by its members. A working group has been formed who will work with Dublin City Council's Community Development Section, Finglas on developing an arts exhibition for this year's Bealtaine festival.

## Celebrations to mark International Women's Day and Seachtain Na Gaeilge



The Finglas Community Development Team hosted a Céilí to mark Seachtain Na Gaeilge and International Women's Day on Wednesday March 8<sup>th</sup> in the Finglas Youth Resource Centre.



Over seventy ladies attended the event. Anne, our Céilí dance instructor, taught the group some Irish dance and three local musicians - Mick, Toddy and Aidan - played traditional Irish music. The event came to a close with a sing-a-long. Dublin City Council received very positive feedback from all in attendance and overall this was a very successful and enjoyable event.



### Environmental Projects

The 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. A greening neighbourhood workshop (rejuvenation of communal open space) will take place on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April. There will also be a workshop as part of the Older Person Expo on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May. All local environmental groups and residents groups in the Finglas Area will be invited to attend.

### Community Gathering

A series of meetings with community and voluntary groups in Finglas will take place over the coming months. The purpose of the meetings is to invite groups to celebrate and share information about their organisations and to network informally with each other. All groups from the area will be invited.

The meetings will take place in Finglas South, Finglas West and Finglas East, with the first meeting taking place in Finglas East on the following date:

Venue: Fr Maloney Hall, Ballygall, Finglas East, Dublin 11

Date: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Time: 7.00p.m.-9.00p.m.

### Finglas Mens Sheds

The Finglas Community Development Team continues to meet and support the Finglas Men's Sheds programme which is based in the Abigail Centre on Kildonan Road. New members are welcome.

### Positive Ageing Committee

The Finglas Positive Ageing Committee will meet in the next few weeks to discuss a programme of events. We are currently in the process of recruiting new members to join the committee.

The Committee are working on a series of events to be held in September.

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