

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

Meeting: 20th April 2021

Item No: 3

Finglas Area Office Report

Housing Report (March)

Estate Management

No of Anti-social complaints per 1997 Act Drug Related	41
No of Anti-social complaints per 1997 Act <u>Not</u> Drug Related	17
No of other Complaints	104
Total Complaints	162

No of Anti-Social Interviews per 1997 Act	25
No of Other Interviews	68
Total Interviews	93

No of Requests for mediation	0
No of Complaints referred to central unit for Action	22
No of Section 20 referrals	0
No of excluding Orders applied for by Tenant	0

No of Excluding orders applied for by DCC	0
No of surrender of Tenancies due to Anti-Social Behaviour	3
No of possession application sent to Central Unit	1
No of Court Orders Granted	0
No of Appeals / Judicial Reviews / Challenges	0
No of Warrants executed (Evictions)	0

Housing Allocations

Housing & Apartments			
Category	Housing	Transfers	Choice Base Letting
Bands 2 & 3	2	3	2
Medical	0	0	
Welfare	0	1	1
Homeless	1	0	
Travellers	0	0	
Transfer HAP	0	2	1
De-tenanting	0	0	
Estate Management	0	2	
Maintenance Grounds	0	3	
Surrendering Larger	0	0	
Unable to afford	0	0	

Succession	0	0	
Total	3	11	4

Senior Citizens			
Category	Housing	Transfers	Choice Base Letting
Bands 2 & 3	0	1	
Medical	0	2	
Welfare	0	0	
Homeless	0	0	
Transfer HAP	0	0	
Travellers	0	0	
Estate Management	0	0	
De-tenanting	0	0	
Maintenance Grounds	0	1	
Surrendering Larger	0	0	
Unable to afford	0	0	
Financial Contribution	0	0	
Total	0	4	

Voids Report

Vacant Housing Units (24)			
Address	Type of unit	Date of vacancy	Remarks
Barnamore Park	3 bed house	20/10/2020	Works in progress
Barry Close	3 bed house	08/01/2021	Works in progress/On offer
Barry Close	3 bed house	03/12/2020	Works in progress/On offer
Berryfield Road	3 bed house	14/01/2021	Works in progress
Cappagh Road	3 bed house	09/02/2021	Works in progress
Cloonlara Road	2 bed house	28/09/2020	Works in progress/On offer
Deanstown Avenue	2 bed house	09/11/2020	Works in progress/On offer
Fairlawn Road	3 bed house	24/09/2020	Works in progress/On offer
Finglaswood Road	2 bed maisonette	28/01/2021	Works in progress
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Glसानاون Road	2 bed house	23/12/2020	Works in progress
Griffith Road	2 bed house	12/11/2020	Works in progress
Hazelcroft Gardens	3 bed house	17/06/2019	Works in progress
Heath Square	3 bed house	01/02/2021	Works in progress
Kildonan Drive	2 bed house	04/02/2021	Works in progress
Mellowes Avenue	3 bed house	22/03/2021	Works in progress
Plunkett Grove	3 bed house	11/03/2021	Works in progress/On offer
Premier Square	2 bed Apt	21/01/2021	Works in progress
Ratoath Avenue	3 bed house	05/03/2021	Works in progress
St. Canice's Square	1 bed Apt	12/11/2020	Works in Progress

The Botanic	2 bed Apt	22/11/2019	Issue with the building
The Tolka	2 bed Apt	21/03/2019	Issue with the building
Wellmount Cres	3 bed house	15/10/2020	Works in progress/On offer
West Park Drive	3 bed house	03/02/2021	Works in progress

Vacant Senior Citizens Units (10)			
Address	Type of Unit	Date of vacancy	Remarks
Deanstown Court	2 bed	26/03/2021	Works in progress
Glasanaon Court	Bedsit	22/07/2020	Works in progress/On offer
Glasaree Court	1 bed	16/10/2020	Works in progress/On offer
Glasaree Court	1 bed	26/03/2021	Works in progress
Griffith Crescent	1 bed	16/11/2020	Works in progress/On offer
Mellowes Court	Bedsit	13/05/2019	Works in progress/On offer
Mellowes Court	Bedsit	07/12/2020	Being used by Maintenance
Mellowes Court	Bedsit	25/06/2019	Works in progress/On offer
Mellowes Court	1 bed	27/01/2021	Works in progress/On offer
Mellowes Court	Bedsit	07/05/2020	Works in progress/On offer

Choice Based Lettings

The following properties were advertised under the Choice Based Letting scheme;

Address	No. Eligible Applicants	No. Non Eligible Applicants
21 Barnamore Park	54	24
18 Berryfield Road	32	18
10 Hazelcroft Gardens	25	15

A number of applicants were not eligible due to various reasons e.g. not entitled to the size property, do not have Area E as a preference, do not have a housing application, etc.

Retrofitting Programme

Dublin City Council is currently awaiting Departmental approval on the works programme recently submitted for 2021. As soon as an update is given I will report back to the Members.

Scribblestown P.P.P Development

To date, 45 tenancies have signed up to a tenancy.

Rents Update

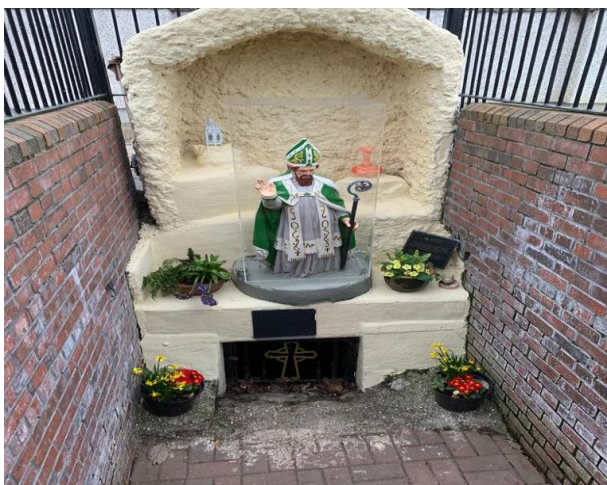
The Finglas Area Office continues to provide a rent assessment service for tenants living in the Finglas area.

Finglas Rent Assessment Update 1st Jan- 31st March 2021	
Assessments	288
Permission to Resides	7
Refunds	5

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

St Patrick's Day Celebrations 2021

The statue at Patrickswell, Mellows Court was cleaned and re-painted in time for St. Patrick's Day. A plastic cover was put in place to preserve the statue and protect it from the elements. Local residents expressed their thanks for the upgrade.



Dublin Canvas Projects

Finglas Area Office commissioned Dublin Canvas Project to design and paint a selected traffic signal box on Séamus Ennis Road. The design reflects the memories that local people have of Séamus in times gone by.

Dermot Bolger kindly has given permission for Dublin City Council to use words from a poem he has written about Séamus for the sides of the traffic signal box. The signal box faces the junction of Séamus Ennis Road / N2 slip / North Road. Dublin Canvas will have the art work completed for the anniversary on Wednesday 5th May.

Séamus Ennis Talk

In conjunction with Dublin City Council's Community & Social Development Section, (CSDS) Dr. James Curry - our Northwest Area Historian in Residence - will host a zoom talk on the

topic of Séamus Ennis. The talk will take place on Wednesday 5th May at 1pm. The event will be advertised locally and citywide through the Libraries Section and Finglas Area Office.

The Séamus Ennis Arts Centre Activities

Over the last number of years, Finglas Area Office has developed a strong working relationship with The Séamus Ennis Arts Centre in the Naul. During the week of Séamus' anniversary the Finglas Area Office will promote the centre's events and encourage people to sign up to the centre's online performances and YouTube productions.

Finglas Heritage Trail

The updated Finglas Heritage Trail has been emailed to all local primary and secondary schools to use as a digital learning tool. The trail has also been uploaded onto Dublin City Council's website and social media pages. The Heritage Trail was included in the Dublin City of Learning Festival and received a good level of attention from this.

How to Catch a Leprechaun

The above book and activity pack was made available to 50 disadvantaged families in the Finglas area as part of the City of Learning Programme 2021. The disadvantaged families were identified by Better Finglas, who also delivered the books.

A reading of the book took place on Wednesday 24th March at 6.00pm via Facebook. Dublin City Council Libraries also made copies of the book available to families in Cabra. The reading programme made a distinct impression on the Dublin City of Learning Project so much so that they have agreed to fund the programme for the next 4 months. The funding amounts to approximately €1,000.

Community Easter Gift Packs

The CSDS continued to work on community projects to maintain contact with our residents who are suffering from loneliness/depression as a result of Covid-19.

This Easter the CSDS worked with St. Michael's Girls and Beneavin College Boys Secondary Schools to produce Easter gift bags.

The girls and boys produced 30 gift bags containing handmade cards, painted pots and plants, treats, handmade decorations, puzzles and Easter Eggs.

The Finglas Community Team delivered these to the Finglas residents a few days before Easter. The residents were very appreciative and thanked the schools for all their hard work and kindness.



Spirit of Finglas Sculpture

The Spirit of Finglas Sculpture is located in front of Supervalu on Seamus Ennis Road. The Sculpture designed by Leo Higgins features the hands of local people. Initially the plinth of the sculpture was to contain the following poem by Dermot Bolger:

**“These were not twigs from which I built my nest
But the knuckles and joints of a thousand hands:
Nails whitened by flour, blackened by coal dust,
Fingers of schoolgirls, grandparents, husbands,
Caught in a bronze fist and then cast into flight.
My ribcage was the rafters of a thousand homes
Where I nestled in the eaves amid a maze of lights:
Each life beating like a secret in my breast.”**

Dublin City Council’s Finglas Area and Arts Offices have arranged for a plaque containing Dermot Bolger’s poem to be added to the plinth in late April and for the sculpture to be cleaned. In many respects the timing of this project is apt as the Spirit of Finglas was evident over the last year.



Community Grants 2021

The CSDS will be launching a Community Grants process in early May 2021. Community grants provide a lifeline to many local voluntary community groups. The Community Grants process will be online and while this will provide challenges to some groups in the area, the Community Development staff will be available to assist groups in making an application.

Sport for Young People Small Grant Scheme 2021

Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership have announced a grants scheme for sports clubs entitled “Sport For Young People Small Grants Scheme.”

Grants will be provided to clubs affiliated to a National Governing Body of Sport with members aged between 4 and 21, the aim of which is to increase participation in sport by young people.

https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/sports-and-leisure/dublin-city-sport-wellbeing-partnership?fbclid=IwAR1JUDxo7YZkUM1DM20NDKj6_WQZ9Vh1fNagS5qcbU-Em7cUiLrFSbzwLv8

Closing dates for applications is 23rd April.

Community Projects Village Enhancement:

To brighten up Finglas Village for Easter, Finglas Tidy Towns in conjunction with local arts and crafts groups and Dublin City Council devised a project to decorate bollards in the village with brightly coloured covers. The project brought a splash of colour to the village and drew positive comments from residents. Many thanks to all involved and hopefully such projects can be replicated throughout the year.



FitLine Age & Opportunity

FitLine is a mentoring service for older people who wish to get physically active. Volunteer mentors understand the challenges to older people getting active and will offer information, advice and gentle encouragement to get moving.

Older people can improve their physical and mental health by engaging in regular activity. FitLine is open to anyone over the age of 55 that wishes to get physically active but could do with a little assistance and support.

FitLine can be contacted on 1800 303 545

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