

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

Meeting: 20th July 2021

Item No: 3

Finglas Area Office Report

Housing Report (Jan to June)

Estate Management

No of Anti-social complaints per 1997 Act Drug Related	64
No of Anti-social complaints per 1997 Act <u>Not</u> Drug Related	23
No of other Complaints	295
Total Complaints	382

No of Anti-Social Interviews per 1997 Act	31
No of Other Interviews	166
Total Interviews	197

No of Requests for mediation	0
No of Complaints referred to central unit for Action	45
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	5 (2 HAP)	7	7
Medical	1	0	
Welfare	0	2	1
Homeless	1	0	
Travellers	0	0	
Homeless HAP	0	3	2
De-tenanting	0	0	
Estate Management	0	2	
Maintenance Grounds	0	4	
Surrendering Larger	0	0	
Unable to afford	0	0	
Succession	0	0	
Total	7	18	10

Senior Citizens			
Category	Housing	Transfers	Choice Base Letting
Bands 2 & 3	0	2	
Medical	0	2	
Welfare	0	0	
Homeless	3	0	
Homeless HAP	0	0	
Travellers	0	0	
Estate Management	0	0	
De-tenanting	0	0	
Maintenance Grounds	0	1	
Surrendering Larger	0	2	
Unable to afford	0	0	
Financial Contribution	1	0	
Total	4	7	0

Voids Report

Vacant Housing Units (31)			
Address	Type of unit	Date of vacancy	Remarks
Abbotstown Avenue	3 bed house	22/06/2021	Works in progress
Berryfield Drive	3 bed house	09/05/2021	Works in progress
Berryfield Road	3 bed house	14/01/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Berryfield Road	3 bed house	21/06/2021	Works in progress
Cappagh Road	3 bed house	09/02/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Casement Drive	3 bed house	21/04/2021	Works in progress
Casement Drive	3 bed house	06/05/2021	Works in progress
Casement Grove	3 bed house	05/05/2021	Works in progress
Cloonlara Road	3 bed house	21/04/2021	Works in progress
Collins Place	2 bed maisonette	10/05/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Finglaswood Road	2 bed maisonette	29/04/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Finglaswood Road	3 bed house	20/05/2021	Works in progress
Finglaswood Road	2 bed maisonette	10/05/2021	Works in progress
Finglaswood Road	2 bed maisonette	28/01/2021	Works in progress / On offer
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Glasnamana Place	House	30/06/2021	Works in progress
Gortbeg Road	3 bed house	26/05/2021	Works in progress
Heath Square	3 bed house	01/02/2021	Works in progress
McKelvey Avenue	3 bed house	28/06/2021	Works in progress
Mellowes Avenue	3 bed house	22/03/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Mellowes Avenue	3 bed house	09/04/2021	Works in progress

Plunkett Green	3 bed house	23/03/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Plunkett Grove	3 bed house	11/03/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Premier Square	2 bed Apt	21/01/2021	Works in progress
Premier Square	1 bed Apt	12/05/2021	Works in progress
Ratoath Avenue	3 bed house	05/03/2021	Works in progress
St. Canices Square	1 bed Apt	12/11/2020	Works in progress / On offer
The Botanic	2 bed Apt	22/11/2019	Issue with the building
Tolka Vale	2 bed Apt	12/05/2021	Works in progress
Valley Park Drive	2 bed house	07/04/21	Work in progress
Wellmount Green	3 bed house	21/06/2021	Works in progress

Vacant Senior Citizens Units (12)			
Address	Type of Unit	Date of vacancy	Remarks
Brookville Court	1 bed	20/04/2021	Works in progress
Deanstown Court	2 bed	31/05/2021	Works in progress
Glasanaon Court	Bedsit	22/07/2020	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	12/05/2021	Works in progress
Mellowes Court	Bedsit	07/12/2020	Works in progress / On offer
Mellowes Court	1 bed	27/01/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Mellowes Court	Bedsit	21/06/2021	Works in progress
Mellowes Court	Bedsit	15/06/2021	Work in progress
Merville Court	1 bed	14/05/2021	Works in progress
Merville Court	1 bed	12/05/2021	Works in progress

Choice Based Lettings

On the 7th July properties on Finglaswood Road were advertised. The closing date for applicants was Thursday 15th July.

Scribblestown P.P.P. Development

As of 7th July:

- 62 tenancies have been signed.
- 1 pencilled in for signing next week.
- 3 units have applicants agreeing to accept but some works are needed before they can move in.
- 1 unit still awaiting pricing on works for a wheelchair user.
- 2 nominations still awaiting estate management checks.
- 1 outstanding nomination.

St Canice's Hall

It's anticipated that this complex will be ready mid-September.

Rents Update

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

Finglas Rent Assessment Update	
Assessments	618
Permission to Resides	8
Refunds	18

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

June Activities

Dublin City Council Community & Social Development (CSDS) and Sports Development Sections ran an activities programme in June. The programme was called "Get Active in June". The 3 week programme, which commenced on Monday 14th June, was geared towards older adults and was open to all levels of fitness.

The programme, which was free to participants, consisted of armchair aerobics and Yoga. Classes were fully booked out and a waiting list was in operation. Due to the high level of interest in the classes Dublin City Council will look to continue the programme over the summer months.



Daisy Roots Community Garden

Daisy Roots Community Garden based in St. Helena's Family Resource is looking for new members. The Group are seeking people that are interested in gardening and who wish to join their informal group. Gardening experience is not essential as the group is all about supporting one another. They meet every weekday from 1.00pm-3.00pm.

If you are interested in joining the group please contact the Finglas Area Office on 01-2225400 or email finglascommunity@dublincity.ie to register.

Working with Community Groups

Many Community Groups are slowly but surely getting back up and running after the long layoff for the past 18 months due to the Covid pandemic.

Some Community Groups have expressed the difficulties they have had over this period including the loss of members and a reduction in finances through the loss of subscriptions. Groups that manage buildings have also suffered financially due to a reduction in income from community lettings while still having to meet standing charges for utilities as well as insurance costs.

CSDS are working with groups to ensure that they can operate safely and to encourage as much community activity as possible. Part of the reopening process will be the promotion of community activity/opportunities in the area via social media.

Healthy Ireland Packs

The CSDS distributed "Healthy Ireland Goodie Bags in late June to older people living in nursing homes, sheltered housing and the general community. The bags contain puzzle books, jigsaw, stress ball, a plant, cards and activity booklet. The packs were gratefully received.



Finglas Family Fun Day

Finglas Family Fun Day has become an annual event. The event is organised by a number of organisations including Dublin City Council, An Garda Síochána, Local Youth Services, St. Helena's Resource Centre, and Better Finglas who take the leading role. Due to ongoing concerns around Covid 19 this year it will be a virtual event. The event will take place on Friday 20th August. The programme includes cookery, face painting, dance, physical fitness, Yoga, Meditation and Mindfulness'.

Packs will be provided within the area to allow people to participate fully in the programme. The Barnardos Bear will feature in a Bear Hunt in locations throughout Finglas including the Fire Station and there will be something for all ages to enjoy and have fun with. The CSDS is supporting the event by providing resources and funding.

Finglas West Family Resource Centre

The proposed development of the Finglas West Family Resource Centre, which will be based in the grounds of St. Kevin's BNS, Barry Road has moved forward in recent months. The design of the facility is well advanced, with just the final finish to be completed. A

schedule for the removal of the old building, groundworks for the new build and completion of the build will be set out shortly. All works will have to fit in with the needs of St. Kevins BNS and will have the appropriate Health & Safety plan in place.

Finglas West Family Resource Centre will inform residents of the works schedule as the project may necessitate works at the weekend. Funding for the development has been secured through a number of sources, with DCC providing a major proportion. Completion of the land transfer from the Diocesan Trust is the only paperwork remaining to ensure there is no further delay to the project.

Finglas Men's Shed/Sculpture Dublin

As part of Sculpture Dublin programme, the CSDS organised a workshop between Julia Moustacchi Sculpture Dublin, Artist Alan Mongey and Finglas Men's Shed on the 16th June 2021.

Alan Mongey gave a presentation of his work to date, while encouraging the Men's Shed Group to put forward their own ideas on what they would like to create and what materials they would like to work with.

The session on the 16th June was the first in a series of workshops that will be held with Finglas Men's Shed. A similar process is taking place with Coláiste Eoin. The programme is focusing on bringing Art and Sculpture into the Community.

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