

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

Meeting: 21st September 2021

Item No: 3

Finglas Area Office Report

Housing (Jan-Aug)

Estate Management

No of Anti-social complaints per 1997 Act Drug Related	93
No of Anti-social complaints per 1997 Act <u>Not</u> Drug Related	27
No of other Complaints	424
Total Complaints	544

No of Anti-Social Interviews per 1997 Act	76
No of Other Interviews	202
Total Interviews	278

No of Requests for mediation	2
No of Complaints referred to central unit for Action	52
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	8	7 (2 HAP / 2 RAS)	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	4	
Maintenance Grounds	0	5	
Surrendering Larger	0	0	
Unable to afford	0	0	
Succession	0	0	
Total	10	21	10

Senior Citizens			
Category	Housing	Transfers	Choice Base Letting
Bands 2 & 3	3	2	
Medical	1	2	
Welfare	0	0	
Homeless	3	0	
Homeless HAP	0	1	
Travellers	0	0	
Estate Management	0	1	
De-tenanting	0	0	
Maintenance Grounds	0	2	
Surrendering Larger	0	2	
Unable to afford	0	0	
Financial Contribution	1	0	
Total	8	10	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
Ballygall Parade	3 bed house	23/08/21	Work in progress
Barnamore Park	3 bed house	06/07/2021	Works in progress
Barry Drive	3 bed house	01/09/2021	wo Works in progress
Berryfield Drive	3 bed house	09/05/2021	Works in progress
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 / On offer
Cloonlara Road	3 bed house	21/04/2021	Works in progress
Collins Place	2 bed maisonette	12/07/2021	Works in progress
Collins Place	2 bed maisonette	10/05/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Finglaswood Road	2 bed maisonette	18/08/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Finglaswood Road	3 bed house	20/05/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Glasnamana Place	3 bed house	01/07/2021	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 / On offer
Kildonan Drive	2 bed house	26/08/2021	Works in progress / On offer
McKelvey Avenue	3 bed house	28/06/2021	Works in progress
Mellowes Avenue	3 bed house	09/04/2021	Works in progress

Plunkett Green	3 bed house	25/03/2021	Works in progress
Plunkett Grove	3 bed house	11/03/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Premier Square	1 bed Apt	12/05/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Ratoath Avenue	3 bed house	05/03/2021	Works in progress
St. Canice's 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	07/04/2021	Work in progress
Wellmount Green	3 bed house	21/06/2021	Works in progress / On offer
45a Wellmount Road	2 bed house	29/05/2021	Work in progress

Vacant Senior Citizens Units (10)			
Address	Type of Unit	Date of vacancy	Remarks
Deanstown Court	2 bed	31/05/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Glasanaon Court	Bedsit	11/08/2021	Works in progress
Glasaree Court	1 bed	26/03/2021	Works in progress
Kilshane Court	2 bed	31/08/2021	Works in progress
Kilshane Court	2 bed	09/07/2021	Works in progress
Mellowes Court	Bedsit	21/06/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Mellowes Court	Bedsit	15/06/2021	Works in progress
Mellowes Court	Bedsit	20/08/2021	Work in progress
Merville Court	1 bed	14/05/2021	Works in progress
Merville Court	1 bed	18/08/2021	Works in progress

Choice Based Lettings

Three dwellings in Finglaswood Road were allocated through the above scheme. The closing date for applicants was Thursday 15th July.

No. Eligible Applicants	No. Non Eligible Applicants
53	13

Scribblestown Public Private Partnership (PPP) Development

A total of 68 units have been allocated. The remaining 2 units will be allocated on medical grounds. The reason for the delay in filling these units is due to refusals - applicants seeking houses rather than apartments.

St Canice's Hall

It's anticipated that this complex (16 X 1beds and 16 X 2 beds units) will be ready for tenants at the start of October. At present the Area Office is organising Section 15 Reports on potential applicants. The complex will be managed by Co-Operative Housing Ireland.

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	761
Permission to Resides	25
Refunds	21

GENERAL MATTERS

Library timeline update

Publish tender	-	End September 2021
Commence Construction	-	November 2021
Complete Construction	-	mid-March 2022
Library Move-in	-	Plus 2 months

Design has taken slightly longer than anticipated due to site investigation report delays having a knock-on effect as well as bringing the landscaping and universally accessible car-parking space into the overall design. However, project still on track to have the new library open early summer next year.

Finglas LUAS

Second round of non-statutory public consultation will commence around mid-October. Consultation Plan is being prepared. Public reps will be briefed in advance.

Griffith Hall Pre-School

The new preschool is now open. It caters for around 22 children per session and is fully booked.

Kildonan Park

Design work on the upgrade of Kildonan Park is progressing. As part of the planning process an updated plan is out for internal review by DCC departments. The review will take two weeks. The Environmental Screening report is ongoing but the initial feedback is that there should be no problems which would cause a change to the plans.

All Weather Pitch Tolka Valley Park

To bring the project to Part 8 a number of surveys will be undertaken this year e.g. a bat survey with regard to potential impacts of the proposed floodlighting is required and, as the park has been previously identified as an important feeding site for Brent geese, a survey will have to be carried out as to how the geese use this section of the park. Once these surveys are completed - and providing any impacts are minimal and can be mitigated against - Parks should be in a position to proceed to Part 8 later this year. Once Part 8 is secured the project will go to tender on a 'design and build' basis. A contractor could be appointed as early as Q3 2022 with works commencing on site later in 2022 and probably brought to completion early in 2023.

Finglas Cricket Club

Congratulations to the Finglas Minors who won the Minors B League title for 2021.



COMMUNITY & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Tolka Valley Park walking activities

Following on from the pedometer walking challenge, the Finglas Community & Social Development Section (CSDS) organised a 5km community walk in Tolka Valley Park for all abilities in July. Scribblestown Rise kindly facilitated the use of their courtyard for refreshments after the walk.

CSDS linked in with Dublin City Council's Biodiversity Officer and organised a biodiversity walk in Tolka Valley Park on Wednesday 15th September.



Summer Projects 2021

Unfortunately, Covid-19 impacted on the delivery of Summer Projects in Finglas this year with a number of groups opting not to participate.

A total of 3 Summer Projects did take place and provided much needed activity for 6 to 12 year olds. The activities were a mixture of days out and home based fun and games. Dublin City Council's Play Development Section provided much needed equipment to allow home based activities to take place. In addition, each Summer Project received extra funding to hire entertainers for their home based day. CSDS supports and funds Summer Projects.

Northwest area Halloween plan, "Finglas Fright Night & Otherworld's Ballymun monster mash up"

Both Northwest CSDS Teams are currently working together on a plan for Halloween 2021. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions there will be no large events. However, we have collaborated with Axis Theatre to host joint community activities, online performances, and a travelling light show for Halloween night. Currently we are advertising "*my area has talent*" competition. There will be spooky garden competitions, Halloween book clubs, flash dances for schools and groups, scary stories competitions, and much more. The location of the travelling light show will be announced closer to Halloween. Both sections will engage with local youth and community groups on targeted Halloween events.



Finglas Family Fun Day

Finglas Family Fun Day took place on 20th August. Due to Covid, the event was online again this year. DCC supports this annual event providing funding and participating in the planning and organising of the programme of activities for the day.

The programme of activities included Art Classes, Healthy Eating Workshops, Dance and Movement Sessions for all the family, Magic Show, Story Time, a Virtual Tour & Fun with Dogs Trust and a virtual Bear Hunt. Take up on the various activities during the day was very good.

A full review of the day will take place to assess ways of improving the Finglas Family Fun Day for participants. The Finglas Area Office promoted the programme through its community groups database and social media page.

Positive Ageing Day 2021

The CSDS has organised a day of events for Positive Ageing Day 2021. A Table Quiz followed by a sing-a-long took place on Thursday 16th of September in the open space at our Finglas Leisure Centre. Participants at the event received light refreshments. Chair Yoga and Chair Fitness taster sessions for the over 55's took place on the morning of Thursday 16th in Finglas Leisure Centre. Weekly classes will follow on for those interested. Details of the events will be circulated to Community Groups and Elected Representatives.

DMR West Garda Youth Awards

The Finglas Area Office would like to congratulate Niamh Murphy, a former 6th Year student from St. Michael's Girls Secondary School, who recently received a DMR West Garda Youth Award.

Niamh coordinated the "Christmas Box of Cheer" on behalf of St. Michael's. The initiative entailed the filling of over 50 shoeboxes of Christmas essentials for older, vulnerable people in the Finglas Area. The project was a joint initiative between Dublin City Council and St. Michael's School.



Finglas West Family Resource Centre (FWFRC)

The FWFRC project has progressed slowly. The main obstacle is the purchase of the lands from the Diocesan Trust. However, this seems to be in hand and the purchase of the land is likely to be finalised within the next couple of weeks.

Discussions on the final layout and finish have taken place and agreed with the supplier.

The FWFRC will now work with the Principal, the Board of Management of St. Kevin's School, and the local community around a timeframe for the delivery of the facility.

The delivery of the facility will have to fit in with St. Kevin's timetable to minimise disruption to the school.

Fairlawn Prospect Hill Community Garden

Prospect Hill Community Garden has operated at the rear of the Ardmore Nursing Home for a number of years. The facility accommodates a number of individuals who have an interest in allotments. The Garden has also seen substantial use by the Meeting Place Arch Club. Recently a Northside Care Company contacted the Meeting Place Club to look at ways to improve access and facilities.

Both the Fairlawn Prospect Hill Community Garden and the Meeting Place Club welcomed the opportunity to develop facilities at the site. However, the issue of a licence was a concern to all parties. Fairlawn Prospect Hill Community Garden are the current licensees. The CSDS has spoken to Fairlawn Prospect Hill Community Garden and the Meeting Place Club with a view to regularise the licence at the earliest opportunity by including both groups. In addition the CSDS recommended that the groups agree to develop a Memorandum of Understanding so both parties are clear about their respective roles and responsibilities.

Teen Space Survey, Finglas area:



The CSDS has been meeting with local youth organisation with the objective of developing a survey for young people (10-24yrs). The survey will seek to capture young peoples valued opinions and ideas on the development of outdoor teen spaces in the Finglas area. A survey is also included for Parents / Guardians to complete if they wish to give their input.

All relevant groups, schools and organisations have received the poster advertising the survey. The survey will be promoted on Dublin City Social Media pages. To date, 145 community groups, organisations and youth groups have received the survey. CSDS staff will follow up over the next few weeks with groups to encourage participation in the survey.

This survey went live on Dublin City Council's consultation hub on 8th September and will

continue until the 22nd September. The link to this survey is <https://bit.ly/teenspacedcc>

Decade of Commemorations

Under its Commemorations Programme the Council has established a Community Grants Scheme to support community-based groups and community organisations and partnerships who want to organise dignified and appropriate commemorative events.

Schools, community groups and community organisations with an interest in history may submit a proposal for a project to commemorate an event/person.

Requirements:

Certain criteria are required for projects to proceed to the assessment process. To be eligible for funding the event/project **must**:

- Take place in the Dublin City Council administrative area
- Be organised at community level and encourage participation from the community
- Enhance the knowledge of the history of the event in question
- Be respectful and appropriate

- Be a quality event based on sound historical basis
- Be a feasible project with a historical dimension, designed on a realistic financial basis
- Provide good value-for-money
- Be accessible to diverse audiences and participants
- Adhere to legal requirements e.g. planning laws, health and safety requirements
- Be inclusive in theme and approach

The following criteria are **highly desirable** for events/projects:

- An event/project organised in partnership with another community/history group
- Be aimed at a particular demographic group (e.g. young people, senior citizens),
- Involve an historian
- Involve an artist or have an artistic dimension

What items and expenses are excluded from the fund?

- Capital projects and infrastructural projects e.g. plaques, building restoration, monuments
- Spend on alcoholic beverages, fines, legal costs, penalty payments
- In general, the cost of items for resale are ineligible

For more information please contact: commemorations@dublincity.ie

Diversity Mural at Mellow Spring Childcare Development Centre.

The Finglas Area Office in conjunction with Mellow Spring and Healthy Ireland received funding to design and paint a Mural at the side of the Childcare Centre.

Children from the centre helped design and paint the mural. The theme of the project is diversity.



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