

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

**Meeting: 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

**Item No: 3**

**Finglas Area Office Report**

**Housing (Jan-Nov)**

No of Anti-social complaints per 1997 Act Drug Related	127
No of Anti-social complaints per 1997 Act <u>Not</u> Drug Related	31
No of other Complaints	498
<b>Total Complaints</b>	<b>656</b>

No of Anti-Social Interviews per 1997 Act	77
No of Other Interviews	280
<b>Total Interviews</b>	<b>357</b>

No of Requests for mediation	2
No of Complaints referred to central unit for Action	56
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	10

No of possession application sent to Central Unit	3
No of Court Orders Granted	0
No of Appeals / Judicial Reviews / Challenges	0
No of Warrants executed (Evictions)	0

### Housing Allocations

<b>Housing &amp; Apartments</b>			
<b>Category</b>	<b>Housing</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Choice Base Letting</b>
Bands 2 & 3	12	8 (2 HAP / 2 RAS)	10
Medical	1	1	
Welfare	0	2	1
Homeless	1	0	
Travellers	0	0	
Homeless HAP	0	4	2
De-tenanting	0	0	
Estate Management	0	6	
Maintenance Grounds	0	7	
Surrendering Larger	0	0	
Unable to afford	0	0	
Succession	0	2	
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>13</b>

<b>Senior Citizens</b>			
<b>Category</b>	<b>Housing</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Choice Base Letting</b>
Bands 2 & 3	3	2	
Medical	1	3	
Welfare	0	0	
Homeless	4	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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	

## Voids Report

<b>Vacant Housing Units (34)</b>			
<b>Address</b>	<b>Type of unit</b>	<b>Date of vacancy</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Abbotstown Avenue	3 bed house	22/06/2021	Works in progress
Abbotstown Drive	3 bed house	29/11/2021	Works in progress
Ballygall Parade	3 bed house	22/09/2021	Work in progress
Ballygall Parade	3 bed house	22/07/2021	Work in progress
Ballygall Parade	3 bed house	23/08/2021	Work in progress
Ballygall Parade	2 bed maisonette	26/10/2021	Work in progress
Barnamore Park	3 bed house	06/07/2021	Works in progress
Barry Drive	3 bed house	02/09/2021	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
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	22/07/2021	Works in progress
Cloonlara Road	3 bed house	21/04/2021	Works in progress
Collins Place	2 bed maisonette	12/07/2021	Works in progress
Fairlawn Road	3 bed house	14/10/2021	Work in progress
Finglaswood Road	2 bed maisonette	18/08/2021	Works in progress
Finglaswood Road	2 bed maisonette	05/09/2021	Works in progress
Finglaswood Road	3 bed house	20/05/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Gortbeg Road	3 bed house	26/05/2021	Works in progress / On Offer

Kildonan Drive	3 bed house	29/09/2021	Works in progress
McKelvey Avenue	3 bed house	28/06/2021	Works in progress
Mellowes Avenue	3 bed house	09/04/2021	Works in progress
Mellowes Avenue	4 bed house	30/11/2021	Works in progress
Plunkett Green	2 bed house	25/03/2021	Works in progress
Premier Square	1 bed Apt	12/05/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Ratoath Avenue	3 bed house	05/03/2021	Works in progress
Ratoath Avenue	4 bed house	10/05/2021	Works in progress
The Botanic	2 bed Apt	22/11/2019	Issue with the building
The Tolka	2 bed Apt	30/03/2019	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 Park	3 bed house	06/10/2021	Work in progress

<b>Vacant Senior Citizens Units (13)</b>			
<b>Address</b>	<b>Type of Unit</b>	<b>Date of vacancy</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Deanstown Court	1 bed	12/10/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Deanstown Court	2 bed	31/05/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Deanstown Court	1 bed	15/10/2021	Works in progress
Glasanaon Court	Bedsit	11/08/2021	Works in progress
Glasanaon Court	1 bed	13/10/2021	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 / On offer
Mellowes Court	Bedsit	27/09/2021	Works in progress
Mellowes Court	1 bed	09/11/2021	Works in progress

Mellowes Court	Bedsit	21/06/2021	Works in progress
Mellowes Court	Bedsit	15/06/2021	Works in progress
Mellowes Court	Bedsit	20/08/2021	Work in progress

### Choice Based Lettings

78 Ratoath Avenue was advertised through this scheme. The closing date for applicants was 17<sup>th</sup> Nov.

No. Eligible Applicants	No. Non Eligible Applicants
17	37

### 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	1269
Permission to Resides	36
Refunds	43

## **GENERAL MATTERS**

### TII Public Consultation on LUAS Finglas

The **Preferred Route** for Luas Finglas was published on the 7<sup>th</sup> December, following a very positive reaction to the *Emerging Preferred Route* which was published in July 2020. Over 700 submissions were received and these were taken into account by the Luas Finglas Design Team in consultation with the local communities, local representatives, business interests and stakeholders generally.

Luas Finglas is the extension of the Luas Green Line from Broombridge to Charlestown via Finglas. It will add four new stops to the line and create a key public transport connection between the communities of Charlestown, Finglas Village, Finglas West, St Helena's and Tolka Valley to the city centre. The tram journey time from Charlestown to Broombridge will be 13 minutes and approximately 30 minutes from Charlestown to Trinity College in the city centre. Luas Finglas will make Luas available to 30,000 people who live within 1km of the new Luas stops.

The National Transport Authority (NTA) and Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) have developed this Preferred Route for Luas Finglas and are inviting comments from all stakeholders and members of the public on the proposed route.

These proposals are subject to further statutory public consultation and to a planning application for a Railway Order in 2023.

*How to take part in the Public Consultation:*

Due to social distancing requirements, physical events are very limited due to public health considerations and an online consultation process has been established at [www.luasfinglas.ie](http://www.luasfinglas.ie). All details of the proposed route, including drawings, maps, key facts and a virtual exhibition room are provided at this site.

Members of the public can give their views at [www.luasfinglas.ie](http://www.luasfinglas.ie), via email to [info@luasfinglas.ie](mailto:info@luasfinglas.ie), or call 1800 666 888.

### Making Sense of Finglas



We recently heard that our wonderful book of poetry, published last year, is preserved for posterity in the Archive of Irish Working Class Poetry. It's on the Poetry Ireland Website at: <https://www.poetryireland.ie/writers/opportunities/working-class-writing-archive>

Hopefully the current pandemic will allow us to fully celebrate this excellent demonstration of local talent at some stage next year.

## **COMMUNITY & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

### Social Inclusion Week

The Area Office's Community & Social Development Section (CSDS) worked with a number of local groups and schools on events that celebrated positive social inclusion activities and programmes within the Finglas area. Social Inclusion Week took place between the 8<sup>th</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup> November.

Update on some of the events and programmes which took place:

#### *Sister Sheds*

CSDS supported an open day for Sister Sheds in the Finglas area. Sister Sheds is a social activity and support group for women who are feeling isolated, vulnerable or lonely resulting from domestic violence, death of a partner or separation.

The "Open Day" took place on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> of November in Finglas Youth Resource Centre, Mellows Road, Finglas.



### *Meeting Place Arch Club*

CSDS in conjunction with the Meeting Place Arch Club worked on an arts programme which included Drama, Painting and Singing. A celebration of the groups work was held in St. Canice's Parochial Hall on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November for family and friends.

The participants work was moved to Finglas Library in late November for viewing by the wider public.



### *Primary Schools Inclusion Programme*

The Primary Schools Programme focused on tackling bullying, exclusion and shyness through sport in St. Kevin's and St. Joseph's schools in Finglas West.

The programme focused on working together and supporting each other through a series of participation team games. The programme ran on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> November and engaged over 200 pupils.

M/s Áine Fitzgerald, Principal said

*"We had a fantastic day with Paul here last Thursday! The children really enjoyed it and the teachers could see the huge benefit they got out of the sessions. Paul has great class management and rapport and kept every child involved throughout. We can really see how they will benefit from the programme over the course of a number of weeks".*

### Finglas Knitting Programme

The Finglas Knitting Programme commenced in November 2020 under Covid restrictions with individuals knitting squares to make a community quilt and lap blankets for older vulnerable people in the local community.



Covid restrictions prevented people involved in the project from meeting up. CSDS have now brought participants together along with Transition Year Students from St. Michaels Secondary school to complete the project.

The group met on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> November from 10.00am -12.00pm in Finglas Youth Resource Centre to complete the Project. Participants have expressed a wish to continue to meet. CSDS will work to ensure this will happen.

In addition, students from St. Michaels Secondary school will work with Finglas Tidy Towns to knit festive covers for the bollards in the village.



### Diversity Art Programme

St.Malachy's and Oliver Plunkett's school designed and painted a "Rainbow Diversity Mural" that celebrates the wide variety of pupils that attend both schools. The schools enlisted the assistance of an artist to work with the children from 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> class on the design and delivery of the project.



### Football for All

CSDS engaged with Finglas United to support the Football for All programme in the Finglas area.

In 2010 the FAI Football for All programme established a network of Football for All Clubs through existing community clubs across Ireland. These clubs provide opportunities for children with specific needs who may struggle to excel in the competitive environment of underage football or who need additional supports to develop as footballers to join the club, train and compete at FAI FFA club festivals.

The programme focused on bringing participants together for fun and games and to develop their motor skills. The group hope to arrange games against other clubs in early 2022.

### Friends of Finglas

The group supports those who have had or continue to have mental health issues. Members suffered badly during the past 20 months due to lockdown.

The group held a get together on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November to reconnect with existing members and to introduce new members to the group. The Friends of Finglas meet in Merville Court on Wednesdays at 6.30pm. Meetings may change to Fridays in 2022.

### Finglas West Family Resource Centre

The Finglas West Family Resource Centre has agreed a timeline with Cabinpac for the development of the new FRC building. All going to plan the handover for the keys will be **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022**. Summary of timeline stages between now and then:

- Stage 1 Site set up/ground work - 15<sup>th</sup> November to 29<sup>th</sup> November
- Stage 2 In house Manufacturing - 6<sup>th</sup> December to 14<sup>th</sup> January
- Stage 3 Delivery and Installation on Site - 17<sup>th</sup> January to 28<sup>th</sup> January
- Stage 4 Internal fit out of Building and Completion of Civils - 31<sup>st</sup> January to 12<sup>th</sup> February
- Stage 5 External Works (in line with Stage 4) - 24<sup>th</sup> January to 4<sup>th</sup> February
- Stage 6 - BCMS Approval - 14<sup>th</sup> February to 18<sup>th</sup> February

Please note the timeline is subject to change.

### Richard McKee Commemoration

CSDS hosted an online talk about the history of Richard McKee. Dr. James Curry, the Northwest Area's Historian in Residence facilitated the talk on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

The Annual Richard McKee commemoration held on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November was supported by Dublin City Council. Many thanks to all those who participated in the event.

### Community Rooms/Buildings

CSDS have contributed €5,000 to Saint Canice's Church of Ireland Select Vestry Committee so that they can replace the emergency exit door in the main hall and upgrade the emergency exit signage. Work on the emergency doors will commence in January/February 2022.

Ballygall Community Council Fr. Maloney Hall is in need of rewiring and electrical upgrading work. The hall is widely used by the local community. Dublin City Council has contributed €3,000 to assist with the necessary works.

Griffith Community Hall is in need of repairs to the roof and guttering. A contribution of €1,500 to assist with the work is available to the group.

### Teen Space update

CSDS is investigating the feasibility of placing a smart bench in a suitable location in Finglas Village. The smart bench will have WIFI access and charging points for electronic devices. Sites identified are the green area on Ballygall Road West and the Main Street beside DCC's

car park. Finglas Tidy Towns assisted in identifying sites. Access to electricity will be needed.

Ballygall Parade green space is a possible site for a quarter size Basketball/MUGA Court. The green identified is a safe space, it is surrounded by railings and has passive surveillance from nearby houses. CSDS will consult with local residents over the coming weeks to seek their views on the proposal.

#### Farewell

This is my last report to the North West Area Committee. I retire this month and Friday is my last work day in DCC. I would like to take this opportunity to thank current and former Councillors I have worked with over the last seven years. I have always been impressed by the spirit of collegiality the Councillors have demonstrated in their onerous work of representing the community. Party differences are frequently put aside in the best interests of the community. My concerns were area wide but I think it's no secret that I had a particular affection for Finglas.

I also wish to thank my staff for their commitment, loyalty and team spirit. Particular thanks to my administration team who do so much to ensure our statutory meetings run smoothly.

**Aidan Maher**  
**Area Manager-Finglas**