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EDITORIAL

Well. A belated Happy New Year and pandemicsary to all of our readers. As we enter year two of lockdown and approach year five of Little Village we have managed to put together a fairly interesting opening salvo for 2021.

We have a very interesting piece on the Royal Canal with particular emphasis on the Deep Sinking area of the Canal in our own Dublin 15 which was put together by one of our readers.

We also have an interesting piece on

our Islands own peace prize hat trick hero, John Hume which chronicles the life and times of the great man

On a local level, headway has finally been made in terms of the operations of our dog pound and warden services.

Also, a local representative has blasted the Office of Public Works (OPW) for failing to properly engage with the public on the Phoenix Park Strategy.

We wish to offer our condolences to all who have lost loved ones over the past year. Hopefully 2021 will see an end to the current crisis

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LOST LOVED ONES COMMEMORATED DURING NATIONAL TREE WEEK 2021

To celebrate National Tree Week Fingal County Council have planted native specimen oak trees as a commemoration to lost loved ones during this challenging year. We were also delighted to launch the Bremore Park Tree Trail in Balbriggan.

With level 5 restrictions remaining in place during National Tree Week 2021, it was not possible to have associated public events or tree giveaways to celebrate the week. However it was important to the Council that this annual celebration of trees was marked in an appropriate manner.

In each of the following Fingal Parks: Ardgillan Demesne, Newbridge Demesne, Santry Demesne, Malahide Demesne, St. Catherine's Park in Lucan, Millenium Park and Ward



Rivervalley Park native specimen oak trees were planted as a commemoration to lost loved ones during this challenging year.

A new tree trail was also introduced into Bremeore Regional Park and it was fantastic to have this self-guided tree walk in place for people to enjoy during National Tree Week. This project was the collaborative work of Balbriggan Tidy Towns, St Molaga's National School and Operations Department Fingal County Council.

We are now looking forward to National Tree Week 2022 where we will have more interesting projects and initiatives planned.

Monuments Fund

The Community Monuments Fund for 2021 is now open for applications. Building on the inaugural 2020 fund, the 2021 fund will help the owners and the guardians of archaeological monuments to safeguard them in to the future for the benefit of communities and the public.

The Community Monuments Fund was first established in 2020 to provide investment in Ireland's archaeological heritage. Part of this funding is prioritised for local authorities, private owners and custodians and community groups for the care, conservation, maintenance, protection and promotion of archaeological monuments. The core aims of this Fund are the conservation, maintenance, protection and presentation of archaeological monuments. It will:

- enable conservation works to be carried out on monuments which are deemed to be significant and in need of urgent support;
- encourage access to monuments and improve their presentation;
- build resilience in our monuments to enable them to withstand the effects of climate change.

The Department encourages project promoters to incorporate a traditional skills training element in projects.

The Community Monuments Fund has 3 Streams:

1. Stream 1 will offer grants up to €85,000 aimed at essential repairs and capital works for the conservation and repair of archaeological monuments
2. Stream 2 will offer grants of up to €30,000 for development of Conservation Management Plans/Reports that are aimed at identifying measures for conservation of archaeological monuments and improving public access.
3. Stream 3 will offer grants of up to €30,000 for enhancement of access infrastructure and interpretation (including virtual/

online) at archaeological monuments (including COVID 19 public health measures)

Private applicants or community groups who are the owners or custodians of monuments should:

1. complete Form CMF-A below (relevant sections only)
2. attach a comprehensive Method Statement
3. submit to Fingal County Council before the 12 April 2021

Please note: parts of Form A must be completed by the Local Authority before submission to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Community groups or private owners should complete only the relevant sections and submit to Christine.Baker@fingal.ie by 12 April 2021.



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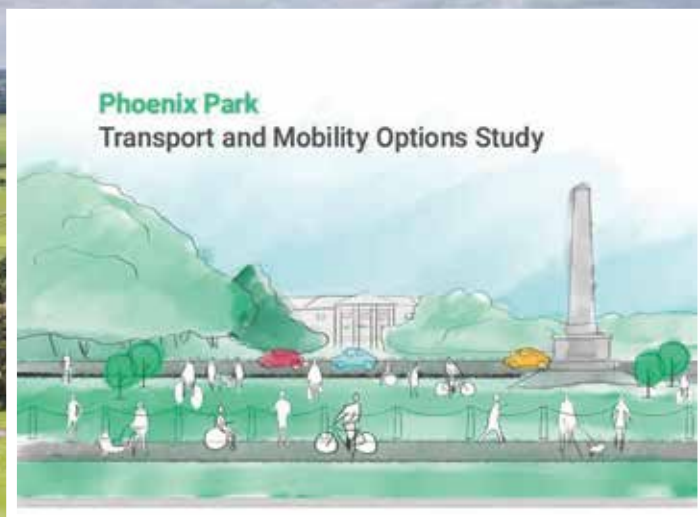
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WALSH CONDEMNS FAILURE TO EXTEND CONSULTATION ON PHOENIX PARK

Consultation by OPW was inadequate and disrespectful

Cllr John Walsh (Labour, Dublin West) criticised the decision by the Office of Public Works and Minister Patrick O'Donovan TD not to extend the consultation on the Phoenix Park Transport and Mobility Options Study despite a request by local Councillors.

The Phoenix Park Transport and Mobility Options Study was published on 11th January and sets out a series of options for how park visitors will access, experience and move within the Phoenix Park while protecting the park environments. It makes a number of recommendations to reduce commuter traffic, increase the cycling and pedestrian opportunities and provide for limited public transport as well as taking account of the complex issues the Park presents given the multiple and competing users of the space.

'An eight week consultation which is fully online and allows for no live interaction between the public and the statutory body in

charge of the study is hopelessly inadequate and disrespectful to local communities in Dublin 15 and the Navan Road which have a passionate interest in the Phoenix Park. It is deeply disappointing that the OPW conducted business as usual in the middle of a pandemic and has made no concessions to older residents who may struggle with online consultation rooms or residents who are less socially advantaged and may not have easy access to broadband. The Phoenix Park is a priceless national and European treasure and everyone deserves their right to have their say on its future.'

Cllr Walsh also said: 'It is simply farcical that the OPW offered no public information events of any kind during this short, time limited consultation. The reality is that the OPW and Minister O'Donovan are hiding behind the pandemic to drive forward this report.'

A motion proposed by Cllr Walsh, jointly with Cllr Pamela Conroy, was unanimously approved last week by Councillors at the Local Area Committee for Blanchardstown, Castleknock and Ongar:

'This Committee calls upon the CEO to seek an extension in the consultation period for the Phoenix Park Transport and Mobility Options Study due to the impact of COVID-19 and calls on the Office of Public Works to hold a public information session regarding the Mobility Study as a matter of urgency.'

Walsh added: 'It is baffling that such a reasonable request supported on a cross party basis by all local Councillors was categorically dismissed by the OPW. Even at this late stage, I am calling on Minister O'Donovan and the OPW to reconsider and extend the deadline for submissions to this consultation at least to the end of March. It is simply not acceptable to hold such a limited and inadequate consultation which does not treat everyone equally.'

At the time of print, the OPW had failed to respond to requests for comment on the issue.



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Major Initiatives Launched for Dublin 11 & Dublin 15

As we approach the Easter period, I am sure like me all of us are eagerly waiting for restrictions to ease and to go meet family, friends and loved ones. With the vaccine rollout underway we are all hoping that it would be soon.

I wish to provide updates on the following initiatives and programmes underway in our local area. The pandemic may have slowed things down but works at Fingal County Council continue at a rapid pace.



NTA Programme

A report based on the National Transport Authority's Five-Year Walking and Cycling Delivery Plan, supported by Fingal County Council's Capital Programme has been carried out. The programmes combined form the Fingal County Council's Active Travel Programme and will implement and develop active travel and sustainable transport across Fingal from 2021-2025. The Fingal Capital Programme already sets aside €126 million which includes major funding from the NTA. Major road schemes such as the Church Fields link road and the Snugborough Interchange, both of which involve cycle facilities, will have the accompaniment of walking and cycling routes constructed under this programme. The Royal Canal Greenway is due to commence construction of its cycling and walking infrastructure in 2023, alongside the Royal Canal -Grand Canal Greenway Link and Kellystown road.

Cycling infrastructure will be further supported under the NTA's Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan, which will provide for areas with little or no cycling infrastructure, such as Hollystown.

Town and Village Renewal Scheme

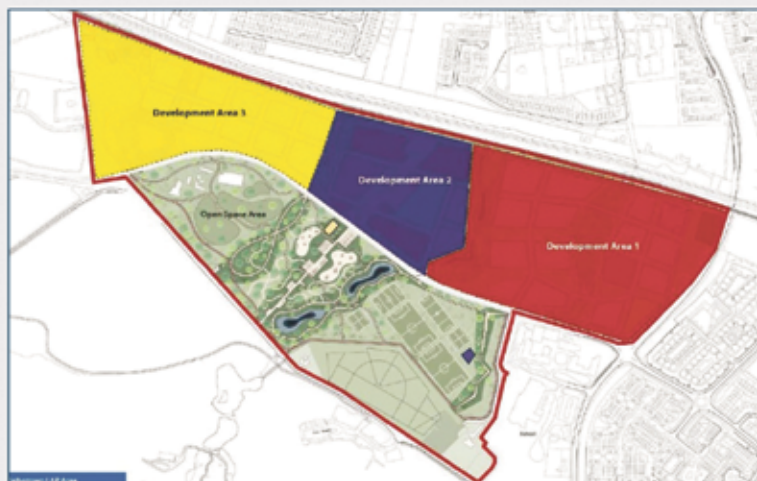
Under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme, €69,525 has been allocated to St. Margaret's for the development of a new green area with improvements to heritage assets and access in the village. The funding is aimed at helping communities respond to COVID-19 through the development of outdoor amenities and the enhancement of public spaces together with an emphasis on supporting remote working in rural communities. This will allow more communities to cope with the increased pressure on communal facilities and higher footfall in public spaces.

Sports Funding

As part of the Council's Community Funding Scheme, announced on the 4th of March, €2,000 has been awarded to Corduff Football Club for the purchase of sports equipment. Clubs are invited to apply for funding under the new scheme which will be accepting applications up until the end of July.

National Broadband Plan

The National Broadband Plan has promised that high speed internet connection will be made available for 544,000 premises across the country. Surveying and design works ran until the 25th of January to begin the implementation of this initiative across Fingal with inspectors on the ground to identify key locations for connection points. Surveys will be taking place in Blanchardstown, Castleknock and Clonsilla in the coming weeks.



Kellystown

The Kellystown Draft Local Area Plan was passed as per the Fingal County Council meeting held on the 11th of January. The subject lands are situated directly south of the Royal Canal and the Dublin-Maynooth Railway Line and between Porterstown Road and Diswellstown Road to the east and Clonsilla Road (R121) to the west. This LAP will provide a sustainable residential community, comprising of approximately 1,055 – 1,582 additional residential units that aims to phase in infrastructural development alongside population growth. A new civic square will serve as a focal point and will incorporate local services with new schools, public open space, and access to high-capacity public transport links. The LAP proposes the provision of a new primary school and secondary school in the heart of the Central Development Area. The plan will also provide for the relocation of St. Mochta's Football Club with new full sized soccer pitches along with new sports facilities in the form of a multi-use games areas.

Pre-draft public consultation, which included a Strategic Issues Paper, was held in 2019 and formed the Draft LAP. The draft plan took into account the 21 submissions received as part of the 6-week public consultation period in June 2019.

The Kellystown plan also places strong emphasis on green and blue infrastructure, universal design, and best practice in promoting active travel, street design and permeability. In particular, the LAP seeks to deliver an exemplar in sustainable transport that provides future residents with a range of choices, including an extensive network of pedestrian and cyclist routes and links. Additionally, the LAP proposes a series of proactive measures to assist in addressing climate change. This includes promotion of electric vehicle charging points and e-bike infrastructure, reduced energy consumption in the design, construction and operation of new developments and provision of Sustainable Development Systems to reflect natural surface water systems - an important element of climate change mitigation.

Social Housing

Additional social housing is set to be completed by the 28th of February 2021. These new residential units will reside in a number of new locations, including Riverside Court, old Corduff Road; Riverwood square and Bellingsmore, Kilmartin. Charlestown Centre and several additional locations are set to be included in the next phase of social housing construction of which planning is underway.

Enterprise Office

Beat Centre has been allocated a €250,000 total budget for renovation works. This generous budget has been fuelled by the Dublin Rural LEADER programme which hopes the renovations will empower remote working and create space for flexible start-ups.

Lanesborough Park Development Project Consultation

Fingal County council will be progressing with the park development project for Lanesborough Park, Meakstown and have kicked off the consultation process. Submissions can be made by using the portal or by post. The aim of this process is to get consensus from all stakeholders and to create a plan that has the best interests of the community at heart. The last date for submissions is the 31st of March 2021.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all an incredibly Happy Easter.

Before I conclude, I would ask you for your continued support of the government's public health actions.

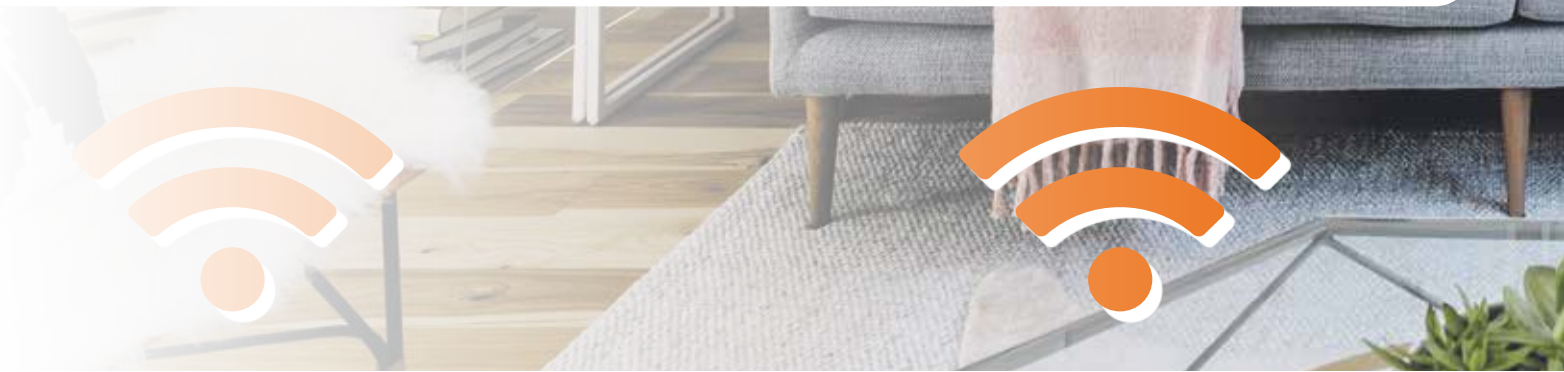
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Campaign Success for Dublin Zoo



Under the adjustments to Level 5 announced, from 26th April Dublin Zoo will open to people within the new travel restrictions. This is something I have been campaigning for in the Seanad, Fine Gael Parliamentary Party and media.

Our public parks and outdoor spaces have been under severe pressure with both Millennium Park and St Catherine's Park on either side of the constituency turning people away. Dublin Zoo is a controlled environment where numbers can be restricted. Admission is pre-booked online,



they run a one-way system and indoor facilities are closed. I'm grateful to everyone who supported my call. I hope it will give families and Zoo fans a bit of a lift.



Phoenix Park - OPW Transport & Mobility Study

Thank you to everyone who took part in my Zoom meetings, reached out by email and phone to go through OPW's proposals. While parts and principles of the plan are positive, I believe the proposals are flawed. Major concerns include congestion, accessibility for all, parking issues and a lack of joined-up transport planning.

The OPW received over 2,200 submissions which they told me is more than the 'Draft Visitor Experience Strategy Review' in 2019 and the majority of submissions came from D15.



Safe Routes to School

Is your school interested?

The Government has launched an initiative called 'Safe Routes to School', with funding of 15 million in 2021 to support walking, scooting and cycling to primary and post-primary schools. 100 schools around the country will be selected during this first phase and I want to see Dublin West avail of this opportunity.

You may know this is something I have campaigned on since I became a Cllr and then a Senator.



Fingal County Council - Motion Passed Dec 2019

The scale of these projects will vary depending on the school but the benefits are wide – less reliance on cars, more sustainable, safe and active travel, increased exercise and less congestion on our roads in our communities.

All schools are eligible to apply and information is going to be circulated from the Departments of Education and Transport to schools nationwide.

For more information contact greenschoolsireland.org/, [saferoutestoschool](http://saferoutestoschool.org/) or my office so I can support you.

Paid Leave after Miscarriage

Recently New Zealand approved legislation to give couples who suffer a miscarriage or stillbirth three days' paid leave from work. At present in Ireland, if a person has a stillbirth or miscarriage after 24 weeks they are entitled to full maternity leave, but nothing before that. Approximately 14,000 women a year in Ireland suffer a miscarriage. They shouldn't have to rely on the compassion of their employer, their sick leave, or worse, have to return to work in such difficult circumstances.

I fully support statutory paid leave for couples when they experience a miscarriage and will advocate for it in the Seanad and Fine Gael.

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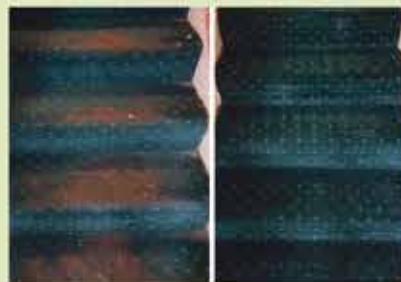
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Kellystown Local Area Plan adopted by Council

Amendment by Cllr John Walsh to ensure schools provided in tandem with housing development gets unanimous backing

Cllr John Walsh (Labour, Dublin West) welcomed the adoption by Fingal Council of the Local Area Plan for the Kellystown lands on 11 January 2021: 'The new Local Area Plan offers a road map for sustainable development of the Kellystown area in three stages, which will provide 1,000-1500 new homes – this is a very welcome contribution to addressing the housing crisis. Just as important there will be a mix of housing types and housing tenure, including social and affordable housing and green infrastructure is a central element of the new plan.

The new plan also gives the Council the ability to make the case to An Bord Pleanála against poorly thought out strategic housing development on this land.'

Cllr Walsh proposed two amendments to the draft plan which were agreed unanimously by Councillors.

Ensure the timely roll-out of permanent school facilities by the Department of Education and Skills in line with the principles of proper planning and sustainable development **by providing for the development of a new primary school and a new second-level school on the Local Area Plan lands in tandem with housing development and population growth in the Kellystown lands.**

To facilitate a publicly run Community Centre on the Kellystown lands, which could be co-located with a school.

John Walsh welcomed the decision to agree stronger commitments on schools and community facilities: 'I want to thank my fellow Councillors for supporting my two proposed changes to the plan which were agreed. It is absolutely crucial that we avoid the mistakes of the past, when new housing estates were built without adequate infrastructure, particularly schools, childcare facilities and public transport and even now in many areas of Dublin 15 people can't access childcare or school places. We had to get commitments within the plan that a new primary and second-level school would be provided in conjunction with the new housing. Both primary and post-primary schools in many parts of Dublin 15 are over subscribed and there is once again a crisis in school places in Castleknock, Carpenterstown and Blanchardstown. We had to ensure that the local objectives clearly stated that school sites would be reserved on the Kellystown lands and that a new primary and second-level school would be provided in Kellystown.'

Cllr Walsh also noted that: 'The new communities in Kellystown will need a community centre of their own within walking or cycling distance and this should be provided by

Fingal County Council. Community facilities that give space for a wide variety of community organisations, including youth clubs, residents' associations and support groups for the elderly or vulnerable adults are essential in any new community.'

Walsh added: 'It's also very positive that the chief executive's report makes clear that the Local Area Plan is not dependent on nor does it endorse specific proposals by Irish Rail regarding replacement of level crossings, especially the proposals for an overbridge from Stationcourt to Riverwood or other options for Coolmine which are unacceptable to the local community'.

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FINGAL TO BE PART OF DUBLIN-BELFAST ECONOMIC CORRIDOR



Fingal County Council is one of eight local authorities from either side of the border which came together today to launch the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor in response to challenges facing the region, which have been identified by a joint report from Dublin City University and Ulster University.

The Executive Summary of the report on the project states: "We believe that the time has come for fresh impetus to be given to the development of the Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor. There have been successes along the Corridor since the 1990s, particularly in terms of employment opportunities, peace-building and the removal of barriers, and the rolling out of new transport infrastructure.

As we launch this report the COVID-19 pandemic has given a severe shock to economies and communities across the globe. The role of local government in providing key frontline services and offering an important point of contact between central

government and citizens has never been more obvious. The need for greater collaboration has also been highlighted. There is also the out-workings of Brexit, which highlight the need for the Corridor and the island as a whole to remain competitive in a changing world. The climate emergency is another factor which must shape our thinking about the future development of a region, almost all of which bounds the East coast.

Our immediate objective, as members of a local government and higher education network, will be to leverage the network's resources in areas which we believe can have a positive impact and add significant value to the economic development of the Corridor at a time of great economic and social uncertainty. To this end, we have already established a partnership steering group of the Chief Executives and heads of the two universities committed to meet quarterly and a working group of local government and university staff tasked with developing a series of cooperative initiatives and projects which can begin to realise this objective."

The eight local authorities are:

- Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council
- Belfast City Council
- Dublin City Council
- Fingal County Council
- Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council
- Louth County Council
- Meath County Council
- Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

The Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor: Current Profile, Potential for Recovery & Opportunities for Cooperation, states that this is an opportune time to create a north-south Economic Corridor given the challenges the region faces as it comes to terms with the impact of the United Kingdom's exit from the European Union and the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Mayor of Fingal, Cllr David Healy, said: "Opportunities exist to grow indigenous business, establish clusters of key sectors, leverage the appetite for collaboration and use the Corridor as the driving force for economic development in the region and nationally."

In 2018, the eight Councils located along the Corridor and the two Universities came together to work collectively to find ways of realising the potential benefits of further development of the Corridor. This led to the establishment of a Partnership Steering Group made up of the eight Council Chief Executives and the Presidents of the two universities who committed to meeting quarterly. The Steering Group's immediate objective is to leverage the network's resources in areas which can have a positive impact and add significant value to the economic development of the region at a time of great economic and social uncertainty.

A working group of local government and university staff was subsequently formed and tasked with developing a series of cooperative initiatives and projects to begin to realise this objective. The report published today is the first output of their collective work over the past three years.

A website, www.dbec.info, has been established as has a presence on social media with the creation of a Twitter account, [@DBECIreland](https://twitter.com/DBECIreland), and a LinkedIn account.

Following the launch and the publication of the Report, the next step will be establishing working governance structures which will balance oversight and day to day activity. Oversight will be provided by an Oversight and Governance Board. This will comprise of 24 councillors, three from each Council, and they will shortly hold their first meeting to elect a Chair and develop a programme of works. Fingal County Council will be represented

on the Board by Cllr David Healy, Cllr Tony Murphy and Cllr Howard Mahony.

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The region has a population in excess of 2million people and is younger and more diverse than any other part of Ireland with 15% born off the island. It also has the best educated workforce with 34% of the population holding Third Level qualifications thereby creating an excellent pipeline for concentrations of jobs requiring graduates.

In 2019, there were 125,000 firms located along the Corridor with entrepreneurship and survival rates higher than elsewhere in Ireland and more people employed in mid-sized and large businesses than anywhere else. Key sectors along the Corridor include Advanced Manufacturing, ICT, Agri-Food, Professional Services, Financial Services, Constructions and Tourism while among the challenges facing the region in the coming years are adapting to Brexit, Climate Change and transformation to a low carbon economy, low population density and an ageing population.

The launch event, which was hosted by economist David McWilliams, featured interviews with Northern Ireland's Minister for Finance, Conor Murphy MLA; Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Leo Varadkar TD; Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien TD, and Robin Walker MP, Minister of State for Northern Ireland.

Dr Eoin Magennis of University of Ulster and Professor Deiric Ó Broin of Dublin City University who, along with Neale Blair and Jordana Corrigan, researched the subject and developed the report, outlined the strategic vision for what is possible along the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor while Owen Keegan, Chief Executive of Dublin City Council, and Suzanne Wylie, Chief Executive of Belfast City Council addressed the online audience which was drawn from the political, business and education spheres in both jurisdictions.

A video about the long-standing co-operation between Louth County Council and Newry, Mourne and Down District Council was also shown and featured interviews with Joan Martin, Chief Executive, Louth County Council; Marie Ward, Chief Executive Officer, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council; Sean O'Connor, Chief Operations Officer, STATSports; and Eamon McKey, Chief Operations Officer, Deli Lites.

A moderated panel discussion featuring themes of business, agencies and politics set out the vision for what's happening and what's possible and featured AnnMarie Farrelly, Chief Executive, Fingal County Council; Niall McEntegart, Director, Data Center Site Operation (EMEA & APAC), Facebook; Margaret Hearty, Designated Accounting Officer & Director of Business Services, InterTradelreland; Trevor Lockhart, Chief Executive, Fane Valley Group; and Professor Daire Keogh, President, Dublin City University; Among the online attendance were the eight leaders of each Council, councillors from across the region and the eight Council Chief Executives as well as members of their senior management teams.



John Hume

Continuing in the vein of celebrating the lives and achievements of Nobel Laureates from our little island we have decided on the only man in history to score the most important hat-trick in Irish history the peacekeeping hat-trick (Gandhi Peace Prize, Martin Luther King Award, co-recipient of the 1998 Nobel Peace Prize with David Trimble; John Hume.

John Hume KCSG (Order of St. Gregory the Great Ordo Sancti Gregorii Magni (Latin) , born 18 January 1937 and sadly passed on 3 August 2020) was an Irish nationalist politician from Northern Ireland, widely regarded as one of the most important figures in the recent political history of Ireland, as one of the architects of the Northern Ireland peace process.

Native of Derry, he was a founding member of the Social Democratic and Labour Party (SDLP), and served as its second leader from 1979 to 2001. He also served as a Member of the European Parliament, and a Member of the UK Parliament, as well as a member of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Hume was co-recipient of the 1998 Nobel Peace Prize with David Trimble, and also received both the Gandhi Peace Prize and the Martin Luther King Award. He is the only person to receive the three major peace awards.

In 2012, Pope Benedict XVI made Hume a Knight Commander of the Papal Order of St. Gregory the Great. He was named "Ireland's Greatest" in a 2010 public poll by

Irish national broadcaster RTÉ to find the greatest person in Ireland's history.

Early life and education

He had a mostly Irish Catholic background; though his great-grandfather was a Presbyterian immigrant into County Donegal from Scotland. Hume was a student at St Columb's College and at St Patrick's College, Maynooth, the leading Catholic seminary in Ireland and a recognised college of the National University of Ireland, where he intended to study for the priesthood. Among his teachers was the future Tomás Cardinal Ó Fiaich, a future Primate of All Ireland.

Hume did not complete his clerical studies but did obtain an M.A. degree in French and history from the college in 1958, and then returned home to his native Derry, where he became a teacher. He was a founding member of the Credit Union movement in the city and was chair of the University for Derry Committee in 1965.

Hume became a leading figure in the civil rights movement in the late 1960s along with people such as Hugh Logue.

Hume was prominent in the unsuccessful fight to have Northern Ireland's second university established in Derry in the mid-sixties. After this campaign, John Hume went on to be a prominent figure in the Derry Citizens' Action Committee. The DCAC was set up in the wake of 5 October march through Derry which had caused much attention to be drawn towards the situation in Northern Ireland. The purpose of the DCAC was to make use of the publicity surrounding recent events to bring to light grievances in Derry that had been suppressed by the Unionist Government for years. The DCAC, unlike Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association (NICRA), was aimed specifically at a local campaign, improving the situation in Derry for everyone, and maintaining a peaceful stance. The committee also had a Stewards Association that was there to prevent any violence at marches or sit-downs.

Involvement in the Credit Union movement

Hume, a founder member of Derry Credit Union, became the youngest ever President of the Irish League of Credit Unions at age 27. He served in the role from 1964 to 1968. He once said that "all the things I've been doing, it's the thing I'm proudest of because no movement has done more good for the people of Ireland, north and south, than the credit union movement."

Political career

Hume became an Independent Nationalist member of the Parliament of Northern Ireland in 1969 at the height of the civil rights campaign. He was elected to the Northern Ireland Assembly in 1973, and served as Minister of Commerce in the short-lived power-sharing Executive in 1974. He stood unsuccessfully for the Westminster Parliament for the Londonderry constituency in October

1974, and was elected for Foyle in 1983.

In October 1971 he joined four Westminster MPs in a 48-hour hunger strike to protest at the internment without trial of hundreds of suspected Irish republicans. State papers that have been released under the 30 year rule that an Irish diplomat eight years later in 1979 believed Hume supported the return of internment, however the SDLP have strenuously denied this.

In 1977, Hume challenged a regulation under the Civil Authorities (Special Powers) Act (Northern Ireland) 1922 which allowed any soldier to disperse an assembly of three or more people. The Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland, Lord Lowry, held that the regulation was ultra vires under Section 4 of the Government of Ireland Act 1920 which forbade the Parliament of Northern Ireland to make laws in respect of the army. A founding member of the Social Democratic and Labour Party (SDLP), he succeeded Gerry Fitt as its leader in 1979. He also served as one of Northern Ireland's three Members of the European Parliament and served on the faculty of Boston College, from which he received an honorary degree in 1995.

Hume was directly involved in 'secret talks' with the British government and Sinn Féin, in an effort to bring Sinn Féin to the discussion table openly. The talks are speculated to have led directly to the Anglo-Irish Agreement in 1985.

The vast majority of unionists rejected the agreement and staged a massive and peaceful public rally in Belfast City Centre to demonstrate their distaste. Many Republicans and nationalists also rejected it, as they had seen it as not going far enough. Hume, however, continued dialogue with both governments and Sinn Féin. The "Hume-Adams process" eventually delivered the 1994 IRA ceasefire





which ultimately provided the relatively peaceful backdrop against which the Good Friday agreement was brokered.

Reputation

Hume is credited as being the thinker behind many political developments in Northern Ireland, from the power-sharing Sunningdale Agreement to the Anglo-Irish Agreement and the Belfast Agreement. He won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1998 alongside the then-leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, David Trimble.[23] When David Trimble became First Minister, it was expected that Hume would take the role of Deputy First Minister, being the leader of the second largest party, the SDLP. Instead, this role was handed to Séamus Mallon, also of the SDLP. Some political journalists cited a bad working relationship between Hume and Trimble, despite the two men collecting the Nobel Prize together. On his retirement from the SDLP leadership in 2001, Hume was praised across the political divide, Hume held the Tip O'Neill Chair in Peace Studies at the University of Ulster, currently funded by The Ireland Funds.

Retirement

On 4 February 2004, Hume announced his complete retirement from politics and was succeeded by Mark Durkan as SDLP leader. He did not contest the 2004 European election (when his seat was won by Bairbre de Brún of Sinn Féin), nor did he run in the 2005 general election, in which Mark Durkan retained the Foyle constituency for the SDLP.

Hume and his wife, Pat, continued to be active in promoting European integration, issues around global poverty and the Credit Union movement. He was also a supporter of

the Campaign for the Establishment of a United Nations Parliamentary Assembly, an organisation which campaigns for democratic reformation of the United Nations. In retirement, he continued to speak publicly, including a visit to Seton Hall University in New Jersey in 2005, the first Summer University of Democracy of the Council of Europe (Strasbourg, 10–14 July 2006), and at St Thomas University, Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada, on 18 July 2007. A building added to the National University of Ireland, Maynooth, was named after him. Hume held the position of Club President of his local football team, Derry City F.C., which he supported all his life. He was a patron of the children's charity Plan International Ireland. During his final years Hume suffered from dementia, which first started displaying symptoms in the late 1990s.

Death

John Hume died in the early hours of 3 August 2020 at a nursing home in Derry, at the age of 83. On his death, former Labour leader and Prime Minister Tony Blair said: "John Hume was a political titan; a visionary who refused to believe the future had to be the same as the past." The Dalai Lama said on Twitter: "John Hume's deep conviction in the power of dialogue and negotiations to resolve conflict was unwavering... It was his leadership and his faith in the power of negotiations that enabled the 1998 Good Friday Agreement to be reached. His steady persistence set an example for us all to follow."

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Fingal County Council host virtual celebration of International Women's Day 2021

Fingal County Council held a virtual celebration of International Women's Day on Monday, March 8, 2021. As physical events were not possible under current government restrictions, virtual celebrations featuring contributions from Community, Sports, Local Enterprise Office and Communications were held this year.

International Women's Day celebrates the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. To mark the occasion, the Fingal County Council Communications Unit posted short videos throughout the day on its social media channels with contributions from female Fingal County Councillors, Fingal County Council Chief Executive AnnMarie Farrelly and female members of the Fingal County Council Executive Management Team.

The participants were asked to give an insight into why they decided to pursue their chosen career, what achievements they are most proud of and what women inspire them. It is part of a Fingal County Council initiative to build awareness of Local Government among women.

Mayor of Fingal, David Healy, said: "It is important that we mark International Women's Day and I hope that hearing from councillors and executives will inspire more women, no matter what their background, to get involved in local government by choosing it as a career path or getting politically active."

Fingal County Council Chief Executive AnnMarie Farrelly said: "International Women's Day is a great opportunity to celebrate the achievements of women and encourage women to embrace their part in leadership and change. It is important to celebrate the occasion even though we cannot do so in a physical capacity under current restrictions. I am delighted to be part of this virtual event which gives people an insight into the invaluable role of women in politics, sport, the public and voluntary sector and all aspects of life."

The Council's Sports Office devised a series of events to mark International Women's Day, including holding female-only FAI Player Development Plan and Safeguarding workshops, and will be focussed on various projects and initiatives taking place under the pillars of the Women in Sport Policy.

Well-known TV personality and business woman Gráinne Seoige was the keynote speaker at the Fingal Enterprising Women Network event which took place online on March 5. This online event, hosted by LEO Fingal, was opened by Fingal County Council Chief Executive AnnMarie Farrelly and proved an excellent opportunity

for women in business to share insights and lessons learned in their chosen fields. Fingal County Council's Community Development Office celebrated International Women's Day with a series of online conversations with women active in leadership in Fingal. A Conversation on Women's Leadership in the Community was held to celebrate women's achievements and recognise challenges and opportunities that women experience when involved in community action.

Dr Lucy Michael was joined in conversation by Geraldine Rooney, of the Fingal Public Participation Network and Centre for Independent Living Blanchardstown, Ayodele Yusuf, of Balbriggan Integration Forum, Bridie O'Reilly of the Fingal Older People's Council, Shelly Gaynor, of the Independent Living Movement Ireland, Catherine Joyce of Blanchardstown Traveller Development Group and AnnMarie Farrelly, Chief Executive of Fingal County Council.

"Fingal County Council are delighted to facilitate these conversations. Women have played a significant role in influencing change, contributing to decision making and affecting policy in Fingal. We look forward to learning from these women, to build on their experiences and to further develop the platforms for Women's Leadership in Community," said Margaret Geraghty, Fingal County Council's Director of Housing and Community Development.

For more information on the Fingal County Council Community Development Office's celebrations of International Women's Day on March 8 please contact community@fingal.ie or visit www.fingal.ie/IWD2021communityleadership

March 8 as a special day for women began as a labour movement. International Women's Day (IWD) has been observed since the early 1900's - a time of great expansion and turbulence in the industrialised world that saw booming population growth and the rise of radical ideologies.

1910

In 1910 a second International Conference of Working Women was held in Copenhagen. A woman named Clara Zetkin (Leader of the 'Women's Office' for the Social Democratic Party in Germany) tabled the idea of an International Women's Day. She proposed that every year in every country there should be a celebration on the same day - a Women's Day - to press for their demands. The conference of over 100 women from 17 countries, representing unions, socialist parties, working women's clubs - and including the first three women elected to the Finnish parliament - greeted Zetkin's suggestion with unanimous approval and thus International Women's Day was the result.

1911

Following the decision agreed at Copenhagen in Denmark in 1911, International Women's Day was honoured the first time in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland on 19 March. More than one million women and men attended IWD rallies campaigning for women's rights to work, vote, be trained, to hold public office and end discrimination. However less than a week later on March 25, the tragic 'Triangle Fire' in New York City took the lives of more than 140 working women, most of them Italian and Jewish immigrants. This disastrous event drew significant attention to working conditions and labour legislation in the United States that became a focus of subsequent International Women's Day events. 1911 also saw women's Bread and Roses campaign.

1913-1914

On the eve of World War I campaigning for peace, Russian women observed their first International Women's Day on February 23, the last Sunday in February. Following discussions, International Women's Day was agreed to be marked annually on March 8 that translated in the widely adopted Gregorian calendar from February 23 - and this day has remained the global date for International Women's Day ever since. In 1914, further women across Europe held rallies to campaign against the war and to express women's

solidarity. For example, in London in the United Kingdom there was a march from Bow to Trafalgar Square in support of women's suffrage on March 8, 1914. Sylvia Pankhurst was arrested in front of Charing Cross station on her way to speak in Trafalgar Square.

1917

On the last Sunday of February, Russian women began a strike for "bread and peace" in response to the death of over 2 million Russian soldiers in World War 1. Opposed by political leaders, the women continued to strike until four days later the Czar was forced to abdicate and the provisional Government granted women the right to vote. The date the women's strike commenced was Sunday February 23 on the Julian calendar then in use in Russia. This day on the Gregorian calendar in use elsewhere was March 8.

1975

International Women's Day was celebrated for the first time by the United Nations in 1975. Then in December 1977, the General Assembly adopted a resolution proclaiming a United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace to be observed on any day of the year by Member States, in accordance with their historical and national traditions.

1996

The UN announced their first annual theme "Celebrating the past, Planning for the Future" which was followed in 1997 with "Women at the Peace table", in 1998 with "Women and Human Rights", in 1999 with "World Free of Violence Against Women", and so on each year until the current.

2000

By the new millennium, there was little activity occurring for International Women's Day in most countries. The world had moved on and, in many spheres, feminism wasn't a popular topic. Something was needed to re-ignite International Women's Day giving it the respect it deserves and to raise awareness amongst the masses. There was urgent work to do - battles had not been won and gender parity still had not been achieved.

2001

The internationalwomensday.com platform was launched with the specific purpose of re-energizing the day - a focus which continues to this day - celebrating and making visible the achievements of women while continuing the call for accelerating gender parity. The website, which provides useful guidance and resources, adopts an annual campaign theme that is globally relevant for groups and organizations. The campaign theme, one of many around the world, provides a framework and direction for annual IWD activity and takes into account the wider agenda of both celebration as well as the call to action for gender parity. Campaign themes over the years have included: #ChooseToChallenge, #EachforEqual, #BalanceforBetter, #PressforProgress, #BeBoldforChange, #PledgeforParity, #MakeItHappen, #TheGenderAgenda and more. Campaign themes for the global IWD website are collaboratively developed each year with a range of stakeholders and widely adopted worldwide. The IWD website also serves as a significant vehicle for charities and in 2020 a hefty six figure sum was fundraised with 100% of donations going to charity. The IWD website's Charities of Choice are the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) since 2007, and Catalyst Inc., the global working women's organization, since 2017. 2021 sees IWD's charitable fundraising opened up more widely to further registered charities around the world.

2011

2011 saw the 100 year centenary of International Women's Day - with the first IWD event held exactly 100 years ago in 1911 in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland. In the United States, President Barack Obama proclaimed March 2011 to be "Women's History Month", calling Americans to mark IWD by reflecting

on “the extraordinary accomplishments of women” in shaping the country’s history. The then Secretary of State Hillary Clinton launched the “100 Women Initiative: Empowering Women and Girls through International Exchanges”. In the United Kingdom, celebrity activist Annie Lennox lead a march across one of London’s iconic bridges raising awareness in support for global charity Women for Women International. Further charities such as Oxfam have run extensive IWD activity. Many celebrities and business leaders actively support the day.

2021 and beyond

The world has witnessed a significant change and attitudinal shift in both women’s and society’s thoughts about women’s equality and emancipation. Many from a younger generation may feel that ‘all the battles have been won for women’ while many feminists from the 1970’s know only too well the longevity and ingrained complexity of patriarchy. With more women in the boardroom, greater equality in legislative rights, and an increased critical mass of women’s visibility as impressive role models in every aspect of life, one could think that women have gained true equality. The unfortunate fact is that women are still not paid equally to that of their male counterparts, women still are not present in equal numbers in business or politics, and globally women’s education, health and the violence against them is worse than that of men. However, great improvements have been made. We do have female astronauts and prime ministers, school girls

are welcomed into university, women can work and have a family, women have real choices. And so each year the world inspires women and celebrates their achievements. IWD is an official holiday in many countries including Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, China (for women only), Cuba, Georgia, Guinea-Bissau, Eritrea, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Madagascar (for women only), Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Nepal (for women only), Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Vietnam and Zambia. The tradition sees men honouring their mothers, wives, girlfriends, colleagues, etc with flowers and small gifts. In some countries IWD has the equivalent

status of Mother’s Day where children give small presents to their mothers and grandmothers. A global web of rich and diverse local activity connects women from all around the world ranging from political rallies, business conferences, government activities and networking events through to local women’s craft markets, theatrical performances, fashion parades and more. Many global corporations actively support IWD by running their own events and campaigns. For example, on March 8 search engine and media giant Google often changes its Google Doodle on its global search pages to honour IWD. Year on year IWD is certainly a powerful moment increasing in status.



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with tofu & vegetables 1065 cals 13.50

VEGAN PAD PRIK HAENG

spring onion, chilli & cashew stir-fry. Choose your protein- tofu or vegan chicken pieces. 551/505 cals 13.50

VEGAN PAD KING STIR FRY

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2021 PROGRAM OF WORKS

The 2021 Program of Works has been approved by the council. Fingal will be carrying out the works listed below during the year. A supplementary works program will be announced in late summer. Please get in touch if you have an issue that you believe should be included



SUMMARY		
CASTLEKNOCK/MULHUDDART DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORKS 2021		
Ite m	Description	Total
1	Surface Restoration Improvement Works & Maintenance Works	€840,000
2	Minor Works Improvement Programme	€300,000
3	Traffic Management	€250,000
4	Parks Improvement Works	€135,000
5	Public Lighting	€34,000
	TOTAL	€1,559,000

Parks Programme				
Ite m	Location	Description of Works	Amount	Total
			€	€
1	Blanchardstown Village	Landscape project - Pollinator planting. Location = raised bed at junction of Navan road and Main street (adjacent to the Bell Bar & restaurant)	€7,000	
2	Woodpark Open Space	Benches	€2,500	
3	Clonsilla Road to Coolmine Road	Installation of footpath over desire line on open space	€4,000	
4	Glenville Court	Footpath repair / resurface on openspace	€1,500	
5	Glenville Lawn	Footpath repair / resurface on openspace	€3,500	
6	Park Drive / Castelnock road Junction	Landscape project - Pollinator planting scheme to further enhance a main route to Castelnock Village	€12,000	
7	Luttrel Park view	Installation of footpath over desire line on open space	€2,000	
8	College Grove	Installation of footpath over desire line on open space	€5,000	
9	Clonsilla road & Clonsilla train station island.	Landscape project - Tree, bulbs, pollinator planting on Clonsilla road.	€7,500	
10	Willow Wood Grove	Installation of footpath over existing desire line from Willow Wood Grove east to the pedestrian access route onto the Ongar Distributor road	€6,000	
11	Manorfields footpath links	Footpath infills	€3,000	
12	Roundabout leading to Clonee (Opposite Linnetsfields Park)	Landscape proposals including tree planting	€7,500	
13	Dromheath Park	Landscape project to include Tree & pollinator planting.	€6,500	
14	Tyrellstown - Entrances to estate, adjacent to roundabouts	Landscape project to include Trees & pollinator planting to further enhance the two maintain entrance routes into the estate	€5,000	
15	Castlecurragh Heath	Footpath repairs to existing path network on open space	€4,000	
16	Tyrellstown, Bealing to Currgh Hall	8 metres of pathway, to formalise desire line	€1,000	
17	St Margarets road - Phase 2	Landscape project - Continuation of Bulb planting and enhancements works to include sown Wildflower area	€10,000	
18	Dublin 15 - Bulb planting	Annual Bulb planting across Dublin 15	€16,000	
19		Incorporation of Hanging baskets in village centres and on main access points. Locations are Mulhuddart, Clonsilla, Blanchardstown and Castelnock.	€20,000	
	D15 - Floral Display			
20	Village centres: Blanchardstown, Castelnock community centre, Mulhuddart, Clonsilla & Coolmine	Construction of bug hotels to increase insect population.	€6,000	
21	Fortlawn/Sheepmoor Interchange	Landscaping proposals	€5,000	
Total			€135,000	

Minor Works/Footpath Improvements				
Ite m	Location	Description of Works	Amount	Total
			€	€
1	Melville Road	Footpath Improvement Works		
2	Lanesborough Road	Footpath Improvement Works		
3	Corduff Park/Warrenstown	Footpath Improvement Works		
4	Glenville	Footpath Improvement Works		
5	Castelnock Walk/Close	Footpath Improvement Works		
6	Woodvale & Castlewood/Beechwood Cl Link Path	Footpath Improvement Works		
7	Lohunda	Footpath Improvement Works		
8	Parslickstown	Footpath Improvement Works		
9	St. Patrick's Park & Springlawn	Footpath Improvement Works		
10	Sycamore	Footpath Improvement Works		
11	Georgian Village/Deerpark	Footpath Improvement Works		
12	Porter's Gate & Castlefield	Footpath Improvement Works		
Total			€300,000	

Surface Restoration Improvement & Maintenance Works			
Item	Location	Description of Works	Total
			€
1	Bay Lane	Surface Restoration	150,000
2	R843 Ballycoolin road (1 Lane)	Surface Restoration	90,000
3	Lohunda	Surface Restoration	110,000
4	Ashfield	Surface Restoration	80,000
5	Castelnock Way	Surface Restoration	70,000
6	Hansfield Road	Surface Restoration	70,000
7	Carpenterstown Park East Road	Surface Restoration	140,000
8	R149 Confey Road & Lucan Road	Surface Restoration	65,000
9	Castelnock Downs, Close & Walk	Surface Restoration	65,000
Total			840,000

Public Lighting				
Ite m	Location	Description of Works	Amount	Total
			€	€
1	Beechpark Lawn to Auburn Avenue	Install new lighting	€8,000	
2	Old Navan Road Blanchardstown	Install new lighting	€3,000	
3	R122 Dubber Cross	Install new lighting	€9,000	
4	Castelnock road at Deerpark	Replace columns	€8,000	
5	Belgree to Tyrellstown Community Centre	Install new lighting	€6,000	
Total			€34,000	

Traffic				
Ite m	Location	Description of Works	Amount	Subtotal
			€	€
Traffic Signals				
1	Tyrellstown	Roundabout Zebra upgrade - upgrade 4 arms	€130,000	
2	Outside St. Patrick's National School, Carpenterstown.	Raised Zebra crossing	€40,000	
			€170,000	
Traffic Calming				
1	Charlestown	Footpath Build Out	€32,000	
2	St. Mochtas - Blanchardstown	Footpath Build Out	€10,000	
			€42,000	
Traffic Calming Replacements				
1	Tyrellstown	Cushion replacements - replace modular with insitu cushions	€6,000	
2	Fortlawn Park	Replace old ramps	€10,000	
3	Somerton Road	Installation of new ramp	€3,000	
4	Lanesborough	Replace old ramps	€5,000	
			€24,000	
Vehicle Activated Signs				
1	Westmanstown Road	Remove and replace 2 number VAS	€8,000	
2	Cappagh Road outside Heathfield Estate	2 new VAS	€6,000	
			€14,000	
				€250,000



APPOINTMENT TO THE FINGAL JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE

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Fingal Sports Office presents free online Fingal HomeFit Pilates Course

Fingal County Council Sports Office is hosting a free online Pilates course in another addition to the Fingal Homefit live series.

Jayne from Corehealth will teach the 4-week course starting from Wednesday 7 April at 1pm.

This follows the highly popular Fingal HomeFit live series yoga programme which took place throughout March. Erica from Yoga Sanctuary taught a 4-week online yoga course aimed at beginners, which guided users through a 1-hour class each week aimed at introducing you to the benefits of yoga through breathwork, yoga postures and relaxation. Pilates is a non-impact form of exercise using controlled movements to improve posture, strength and flexibility. No prior experience is necessary for these classes which are suitable for people of all ages and fitness levels.

For more information contact Noel McManus, Fingal County Council Community Sports Development Officer at Noel.McManus@fcrs.ie and if you wish to register you can do so at

<http://bit.ly/HomeFit-Pilates>.

Mayor of Fingal, Cllr David Healy said: "It's fantastic to see that Fingal County Council Sports Office are offering another online exercise programme for the community of Fingal.

"These online programmes have been essential over the past couple of months and have been so important in the daily routine of many."

Margaret Geraghty, FCC Director of Housing and Community Development said: "The Fingal Sports Office HomeFit live sessions have been extremely popular during the lockdown.

"The new Pilates programme will give members of the community another excellent physical activity to participate in from home."



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CASTLEKNOCK TIDY TOWNS - VERY TOGETHER, EVEN WHILE STAYING APART!

In recent months, due to the latest Government restrictions, Castleknock Tidy Towns (CTT) has been unable to meet as a group or do any work together as a physical team. Weekly and monthly Saturday morning clean-ups were suspended since last September. But the team spirit remains intact and work behind the scenes has continued apace regardless.

Volunteers (individually, or in their household or support bubbles) have been out clearing leaves, litter-picking, weeding and planting. The Steering Committee has been meeting monthly on Zoom to keep the various initiatives and projects moving along. And there is lots of progress to report.

- Bulbs and pollinator-friendly flowers planted over the past two years have been coming into bloom in recent weeks. The work undertaken removing overgrown grass verges and widening paths continues to pay dividends with pedestrians being able to socially distance more easily.

- CTT have recently been formulating two submissions as part of local public consultations and encouraging as many people as possible to have their say on these local strategies under development. The first submission is regarding transport options within the Phoenix Park, as part of the OPW Phoenix Park Transport and Mobility Options study. For more information, check out <http://phoenixpark.ie/commencement-of-the-public-.../>

- The second submission is regarding trees in Castleknock, as part of Fingal County Council's Forest of Fingal Tree Strategy. For more information, check out <https://consult.fingal.ie/.../forest-fingal-tree-strategy>

- Swift conservation project - Fingal County Council just recently funded an exciting project for Castleknock Tidy Towns. A colony of swifts was discovered last year in St Brigid's National School during the Biodiversity Place Mapping project. Now all of the local village schools will be getting new nesting boxes and 'swift call' equipment. This will encourage the swift colony size in Castleknock to grow and thrive over time. Swifts are amazing migratory birds that can spend 10 months on the wing at a time. Lovely to think some of them have chosen Castleknock as their home.

- Last year's national SuperValu Tidy Towns competition was cancelled due to Covid-19 related restrictions. The 2021 competition is set to go ahead in May and Castleknock will be entering once more. Wishing all neighbouring Tidy Towns groups success in the competition too, especially closest neighbours, Blanchardstown Tidy Towns.

- The CTT Annual General Meeting scheduled for April 2020 was also cancelled due to the lockdown. This year the AGM will be held on Zoom on 12 April at 8pm. Please register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/joining/register/tZlpf-CorjkrGdBnEBJ8qD3fTWcRvb1r71vA>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

For more information on all of these items, check out the CTT website.

In these straightened times, many of the group's benefactors are unable to help financially. With this in mind CTT have added a DONATE button to their website, so it is now possible to make a donation using a credit or debit card.

With over 60 regular volunteers now (and a steering committee of 10 people) the group is in very good shape. There are exciting plans in the hopper including planned art installations, partnerships with schools and a number of new biodiversity initiatives.

Despite what has been a difficult year for everyone, the Castleknock Tidy Towns team is still powering ahead and expecting to deliver even greater things in 2021.

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Councillor John Walsh

SCHOOLS

- Castleknock Community College and the ERST secondary school at the Institute of Horology are taking an additional class this year to meet huge demand for school places in the area.
- Students should not be left indefinitely in temporary accommodation. I have written to the Minister for Education and Skills to highlight the urgent need for the tender for the ERST school to be granted and a permanent building provided by September 2022 at the latest – otherwise the crisis in school places will simply recur next year.

KELLYSTOWN SHD REJECTED

The proposed strategic housing development for 360 units on the Kellystown lands was rejected by An Bord Pleanála. The Board rejected the development because 1) the access and vehicular layout arrangements to Block A were inadequate and in breach of the new Kellystown Local Area Plan and 2) the proposed development would result in a substandard form of development and be 'seriously injurious' to the residential amenities of future residents.

PROGRAMME OF WORKS

Fingal Council recently approved the Programme of Works for 2021 and some of the main elements are included here.

Planting/Biodiversity

- Blanchardstown Village Landscape project - Pollinator planting at raised bed at junction of Navan road and Main street (adjacent to the Bell Bar & restaurant).
- St Margaret's road - Phase 2: Landscape project - Continuation of Bulb planting and enhancements works to include sown Wildflower area.
- Floral Display - Incorporation of Hanging baskets in village centres and main access points in Mulhuddart, Clonsilla, Blanchardstown and Castleknock.
- Blanchardstown, Castleknock community centre, Mulhuddart, Clonsilla & Coolmine: Construction of bug hotels to increase insect population.
- Park Drive / Castleknock road Junction Landscape project - Pollinator planting scheme to further enhance a main route to Castleknock Village.
- Dromheath Park - Landscape project to include Tree & pollinator planting.

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Traffic Calming

- St. Mochta's Avenue/Green – Footpath Build Out.
- Tyrellstown - Cushion replacements, replacing modular with insitu cushions.
- Fortlawn Park – Replacement of old ramps.
- Somerton Road - Installation of second new ramp originally planned for 2020.
- Westmanstown Road - removal and replacement of 2 Vehicle Activated Signs.
- Tyrellstown - Roundabout Zebra upgrade of 4 arms.
- Outside St. Patrick's National School, Carpenterstown - Raised Zebra crossing.

Surface Restoration

- Surface restoration or road maintenance works will be carried out on Bay Lane, Ballycoolin road (1Lane), Lohunda, Ashfield, Castleknock Way, Hansfield Road, Carpenterstown Park East Road, Castleknock Downs, Close & Walk and R149 Confey Road & Lucan Road.

Parks (Castleknock electoral area)

- Clonsilla Road to Coolmine Road: Installation of footpath over desire line on open space.
- Glenville Court and Glenville Lawn: Footpath repair / resurface on open space.
- Luttrell Park View: installation of footpath over desire line on open space.
- College Grove: installation of footpath over desire line on open space.
- Clonsilla road & Clonsilla train station island: Landscape project - tree, bulbs, pollinator planting on Clonsilla road.
- New benches on Woodpark Open Space.
- Fortlawn/Sheepmoor Interchange: Landscaping proposals.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like any more information on the Programme of Works or if I can be of any assistance.

Working with Cllr Mary McCamley



Further Education not just an alternative, but the ideal choice

In all the talk of the type of Leaving Cert we are going to foist on the class of 2021 there has been a serious alternative missing from the discussion.

Further education and particularly PLC courses are a great option to try a course and learn new skills while in a college environment. It is a real bridge to the next stage of your educational journey be it be that higher education or employment. There are always many pathways to get to where you want to go, and it doesn't matter how you get there, if it's what you really want, Further education provides that clarity and that opportunity.

Students who complete a Further Education and Training course can use their points from the FET course instead of their Leaving

Certificate to gain entry to a Level 7 or 8 course. Since 2001 the rate of CAO applications from those with a FET QQI award has increased significantly, from under 3,000 to over 16,600 by 2020. There are in excess of 1,300 entry links to HEIs in Ireland, the UK and Europe, with over 200 advanced entry routes.

Dunboyne College sends more students to universities and institutes of technology than most secondary schools in the country. The flexible options in Dunboyne allow students to sample various modules in September to make sure they are pursuing the correct course choice. Dropout rates for students who do a level

5 QQI course and then progress to third level are less than 3% compared to up to over 10% in universities and up to 33% on some I.T. courses for leaving cert entrants. The dropout rates there have been even higher in third level this year with online learning. As students also learn referencing, research and self-directed learning they tend to stay the full third level course afterwards, unlike many who go straight from leaving cert who are often not very sure of their options. At the end of the year our student's continually state: "it has been the best choice that I made."

The study skills you learn in Dunboyne College and other further education providers equip students for third level/further education.

Skills include:

- how to reference and do a bibliography;
- how to put together an assignment on time and presenting your work in the required format;
- how to navigate and how to submit to a platform like Moodle (a commonly used 3rd level system);
- how to do research and to apply theory and practice in their assignments;
- how to take responsibility for your work, for your time management and your learning

Very few of these skills and learning or perfected at second level. A PLC course is the bridge that takes a lot of the potential stress out of being a first year in a new environment.

Dunboyne College provides :

- Good learning environment and family atmosphere
- Student supported from experienced teaching their field of expertise. Teachers both on and off campus, in person or remote.
- A college with a great track record since 2003 and an outstanding reputation among third level institutions and employers.
- Over 50 courses accredited by QQI, All courses offered at NFQ Level 5 with Level 6 offered in certain disciplines.
- Every course leads to further progression at University or IT's (levels 6, 7 & 8) with direct links to Universities and Colleges regardless of Leaving Cert points. Statistically QQI students are more focused, have excellent retention at third level and perform extremely well academically.
- All courses have a mandatory work experience module and many students progress direct links to Industry and Employment;
- DCFE also run a huge range of extracurricular activities from sports to theme weeks to trips to Fundraisers. The college have a very active student council.
- The college also has an Erasmus+ programme where students across disciplines such as Nursing, Business, Tourism, Creative Media and many others have carried out work experience placements in Exeter, Barcelona and Tenerife.
- There is even a scholarship programme where students have the opportunity to receive sponsorship from a local business and have their fees for the year re-imbursed.

Third level offers for 2020:

Three hundred and seventy-four (374) students received honours degree Level 8 offers and two hundred and forty-eight 248 received a Level 7 ordinary degree offers. These figures do not include the many mature students who received early offers and those who took up offers in the UK for nursing, law or sports degrees. In addition to these students the majority of the students who studied on the vocational skills courses obtained employment, this is particularly relevant in the service and leisure courses.

Distance proved no barrier to Dunboyne College students. From Nursing and Midwifery in Dundalk, to Sports Science in Carlow, to Bio-Veterinary Science in Athlone, to Sports Management in Waterford, to Environmental or Marine Science in Galway, to Arts in Cork or Forensic Investigation in Sligo, students travelled to access the exact course they wanted.

As usual some of our local universities had the bulk of the offers. In total there were 130 offers for Maynooth University with 75 students receiving offers for First Arts, while 10 were offered Social Science, 13 received offers of place for Science and 7 for computer science with 14 offers across a range of business course. The growing link between our pre-university law courses

saw 3 students receiving offers for law, with some students also offered places in psychology and Early Childhood Studies.

32 students were offered places in DCU with 5 of these receiving offers for Nursing and 3 for Law. This is a remarkable achievement given the limited number of places available in Nursing according to the Dunboyne Principal.

28 students from Dunboyne College progressed to UCD (including nine into various science courses), while there are 14 students studying in Trinity College on courses ranging from Law to Dental Nursing.

There were 92 offers of Level 8 places and 166 at Level 7 places to Dunboyne graduates by the new TUD Dublin which comprises of DIT, IT Blanchardstown and Tallaght IT. The bulk of these were in Social Care, Business, Computer/IT courses, Pharmacy, Tourism, or Sports Management and Coaching,

After two years of uncertainty in going to third level maybe now is the time to take the time to focus on the area students really want to develop for their career regardless of whether they have the points or not. They can use the full award from further education to progress to most third level course in the country. They spend a year exploring that area in depth and are college-ready when they do progress. Come May of next year they are in a great place to embrace the next step of their educational journey with a diverse set of skills in their arsenal.

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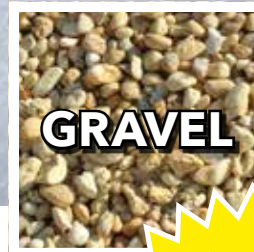
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Fingal County Council Seeks Marketing soundings for Dog Warden and Dog Shelter services

Fingal County Council has completed a market soundings process which has led to the drawing up of a tender to provide Dog Warden and Dog Shelter services for the county from September 2021 for a four-year period.

Fingal County Council has sought marketing soundings for Dog Warden and Dog Shelter services. The welfare and care of all animals is my priority, I've never hidden that and have been strongly advocating away from public view for the revision of how we approach the control and welfare of dogs. I made a submission to the Sub-Committee, a Sub-Committee which was formed further to my Motion in September 2020, who now have worked with Vets and others to draw up a robust set of dog welfare requirements and these will be a key part of any contract to provide Dog Warden and Dog Shelter services. We have now reached a point where Fingal needs to provide these important services itself as it will lead to

greater oversight and better outcomes.”

This was warmly welcomed by Cllr Tania Doyle (Ind), who has been lobbying the Council to carry out a review of its Dog Warden and Dog Shelter services for some time now. “Fingal County Council has sought marketing soundings for Dog Warden and Dog Shelter services. The welfare and care of all animals is my priority, I’ve never hidden that and have been strongly advocating away from public view for the revision of how we approach the control and welfare of dogs. I made a submission to the Sub-Committee, a Sub-Committee which was formed further to my Motion in September 2020, who now have worked with Vets and others to draw up a robust set of dog welfare requirements and these will be a key part of any contract to provide Dog Warden and Dog Shelter services. We have now reached a point where Fingal needs to provide these important services itself as it will lead to greater oversight and better outcomes,” she said.

A Request for Information (RFI) was published on eTenders. The eTenders portal is a central facility for all public sector contracting authorities to advertise procurement opportunities and is a key reference point for potential suppliers and services providers.

The RFI has been issued to alert service providers that a Market Sounding exercise is now underway to seek the views of market operators on possible approaches that may be taken by Fingal County Council in a tender process for the delivery of a Dog Warden and Dog Shelter service across Fingal. This exercise will seek to assess the ability of the market to deliver the two services either separately or as an all-inclusive service.

At present Fingal’s Dog Warden and Dog Shelter services are operated under a regional arrangement with the other three Dublin Local Authorities and the current contracts are due to expire at the end of August.

Having carried out a review of its Dog Warden and Dog Shelter arrangements, Fingal County Council has decided to establish its

own independent arrangement for the provision of these services.

The Council’s Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee set up a sub-committee to examine welfare requirements within the new tender. The Mayor of Fingal, Cllr David Healy, who chairs this SPC, said their work influenced the decision to opt out of the regional contract.

“The Sub-Committee has worked with Vets and others to draw up a robust set of dog welfare requirements and these will be a key part of any contract to provide Dog Warden and Dog Shelter services. We have now reached a point where Fingal needs to provide these important services itself as it will lead to greater oversight and better outcomes,” said Cllr Healy.

Fingal County Council’s Director of Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel, David Storey, said: “We hope there will be good engagement with our market sounding exercise as it will give us an indication of the ability of providers to supply the services we are seeking.”

Another update for the community from Cllr Doyle, is the council’s plan to introduce “Dutch Style” roundabouts in Dublin 15.

“We’ve seen how important cycling and walking have become as a means to exercise and travel around our communities. I’ve recently raised the matter of roundabout upgrades here in Dublin 15. As part of the Fingal County Council’s program of works the review of roundabouts will be considered in accordance with current design standards and in consultation with the National Transport Authority (NTA). Ensuring public safety is a key underpinning of how we all travel and I include not only pedestrian and cycle traffic but motorised traffic also. I also received confirmation that further to engagements I have had with the authorities the National Transport Authority (NTA) have agreed to fund the appointment of a consultant to also design a cycle link as part of a wider cycle route for the area. So I believe it was a right time to consider where the Dutch Style, as it’s refereed to, can be introduced going forward,” said Cllr Doyle.





FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL'S ALTERNATIVE ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

It's that time of year again where we proudly celebrate Irish culture and heritage and spread a virtual blanket of green across the globe. Although St. Patrick's Day 2021 may feel very different to festivities held in Fingal in previous years, the global pandemic provided the ideal opportunity to showcase our alternative celebrations which captured the imagination and awakened the creativity of Fingal.

Also in celebration of March 17th, the Council's Events Unit arranged for 12 Fingal buildings to be illuminated in green in what was an incredible visual display. The participating buildings were Swords Castle, Rush Library, Balbriggan Court House, Lusk Round Tower, Balrothery Church, Draíocht/ Blanchardstown Library, Civic Offices - Blanchardstown, County Hall - Swords, Malahide Castle, Howth Martello Tower, Bremore Castle - Balbriggan and Malahide Casino. In addition, Swords Castle, Rush Library, Balbriggan Court House and Lusk Round Tower will be illuminated with the Irish message, 'Dúisigh Éire' meaning 'Awaken Ireland'.

There was something for everyone with the Fingal Libraries virtual events marking St. Patrick's Day. For those interested in craft videos,

the Fingal Libraries YouTube channel is the place for you! Users learned how to make a leprechaun with Yvonne, following a step by step guide to knitting your own St. Patrick's Day bookmark and also joined Laura as she demonstrated how to make a colourful pot of gold. After all those creative endeavours, why not join Renowned storyteller Niall de Búrca who will enthral viewers with a storytelling video entitled 'Myths & Legends'.

Speaking on the celebrations, Mayor of Fingal Cllr David Healy said: "St. Patrick's Day marks a significant date in the calendar each year as we focus on Irish culture and heritage on our patron saint's day. This year, although we will not be attending parades or other events, it is more important than ever to celebrate our National holiday in alternative ways. I am delighted that this year, there will be a unique opportunity for Fingal residents to host their own virtual parades and to witness a spectacular illumination of Fingal buildings around the county. I would encourage everyone to get involved in the celebration and to enjoy the day. Ba mhaith liom Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig a ghui oraibh go léir"

Chief Executive, AnnMarie Farrelly added: "Through the #HomemadeParade competition and the remarkable 'greening' of buildings at 12 locations in the County, Fingal County Council's Event Unit has ensured that this St. Patrick's Day will be an exciting virtual celebration of creativity which will no doubt capture the imagination of all our Fingal residents. With storytelling and craft videos, Fingal Libraries will be curating an entertaining online St. Patrick's Day programme for all ages to enjoy. I hope you will join us for our celebrations and I wish you all a Happy St. Patrick's Day."

What better way to finish off a St. Patrick's Day festival feeling than to head virtually to one of our stunning heritage properties for a celebration of traditional Irish music and poetry. TradFest Temple Bar @ Home takes place from March 18th to 21st. One of the participants at the event will be Stephen Rea, TradFest patron, and one of the most remarkable Irish actors of all time, as he leads a very special tribute to his late friend and renowned poet Derek Mahon with music from Matt Molloy, Neil Martin, Paddy Glackin and Felispeaks. Musicians including Phelim Drew, Frankie Gavin and Sibéal Ní Chasaide will ensure this is a memorable and enjoyable event.

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Council wants public to get involved as new Development Plan process commences

Fingal County Council has commenced work on the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 and is looking for the public to take an active part in the process which take place over the next two years.



An eight-week public consultation on the Strategic Issues Paper, which sets out some of the key topics that may need to be addressed in the new Development Plan, is currently taking place. The Council is seeking to encourage public debate among citizens, businesses, community groups and other interested parties on what broad issues should be considered in the new Plan. Online submission can made by citizens and organisations between now and May 12 on Fingal County Council's Consultation Portal, www.consult.fingal.ie. An Information Booklet, summarising the seven themes



contained in the Strategic Issues Paper, is being distributed to households across Fingal but both can now be viewed at www.fingal.ie/developmentplan.

The seven themes are: People and Place, Climate Action, Connectivity and Movement, Employment, Economy & Dublin Airport, Cultural Heritage, Green Infrastructure & Natural Heritage and Infrastructure & Utilities.

Four online consultation seminars featuring a total of eight presentations on topics raised in the Strategic Issues Paper will be held in April and links to these will be available in due course on the Development Plan website and the Council's social media channels.

The Development Plan process is scheduled to run for the next two years and will involve three public consultation stages before the final plan is adopted by Councillors in February 2023.

According to the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr David Healy, the process of reviewing and adopting a development plan is one of the most important functions of the elected members as it acts as the blueprint for the development of Fingal from a physical, economic, social and environmental viewpoint.

"How we use our land, where we put housing, employment, and community facilities, is of relevance to us all. It will impact on how we respond to climate change, how we protect and restore Nature, how we move around, where we live and work, our health and the quality of our lives as individuals, families and communities. Policies and objectives within the plan will form the basis for decisions on planning applications

and many other aspects of the Council's work," said Mayor Healy.

The Development Plan review has come at a challenging and unprecedented time arising from the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic, climate change and Brexit but, according to AnnMarie Farrelly, Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, these challenges also present opportunities.

"This first phase of consultation will play a very important role in the preparation and drafting of the Development Plan and we are inviting citizens, communities, organisations, businesses and stakeholders to become involved and to make their views known on the future development of our county. This will ensure that the next Development Plan responds to people's aspirations for the county while also addressing any concerns that they may have," said Ms Farrelly.

Submissions

Submissions on the Strategic Issues Paper must be received by 11.59pm on May 12 and these can be made at:

www.consult.fingal.ie or by post:

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