



Minutes / Action List

Meeting: Consultative Group

Date / Time / Location: 18th September 2014

Present: Mr Ronan Doyle (RD) GDA, Mr Paul Horan (PH) DIT, Ms Melda Slattery (MS) DIT, Mr Eoin Farrell (EF), Mr Donal Keys (DK) DIT Staff, Mr Nigel Orr (NO) DIT, Mr Sean Tone (ST) HSE, Seamus Harrington (SH) Local Community, Ms Laura Keeve (LK) GDA

Apologies: Mr Derek Dockrell (DD) HSE, Ms Maureen O’Sullivan (MOS) Public Representative, Mr Pat Kearney (PK) DIT Student Union, Ms Louise Sherry (LS) HEA, Ms Fionna Fox (FF) Local Community, Mr Fiachrá Duffy (FD) DIT Student Union, Ms Karen Taylor (KT) Irish Advocacy Network, Mr Joe Costello (JC) Public Representative, Mr Barry Hurley (BH) Irish Advocacy Network

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1.	New Members		
1.1.	<p>Due to the local elections in May, the Consultative Group has two new councillors from Dublin City Council: Cllr Nial Ring replacing Pdraig McLoughlin, and Cllr Áine Clancy replacing Cllr Ray McAdam.</p> <p>Louise Sherry of the HEA will be attending in place of Sheena Duffy, Barry Hurley of the Irish Advocacy Network in place of Fergus Synnott, and Fiachrá Duffy is the new president of the DIT Student Union and is also a new member of this Group.</p>		

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2.	Minutes		
2.1.	The minutes from the last meeting were agreed with two minor amendments to section 10.		
3.	HSE		
3.1.	<p>RD: Planning permission for the Primary Care Centre has been granted by DCC. This includes permission to locate 45 car parking spaces behind 226/228 NCR which is within location for a long-term car park basement.</p> <p>The shortlist of contractors for the build is now under consideration with the aim of an invitation Tender in October and commencement of works in February 2015.</p>		
3.2.	<p>RD: The Feasibility Study for the Community Nursing Unit (CNU) is almost complete with the Report expected at the end of September. The timing of this potential build will be very close to the Primary Care Centre.</p>		
4.	Employment		
4.1.	<p>DK: The GDA local employment stands at 14%, does that include any young apprentices? This Project would be a great opportunity for them.</p> <p>RD: Our Employment and Training Co-ordinator Anne Casey is trying to get that side of things moving.</p> <p>PH: We are trying to implement something with apprentices for the conservation works commencing within the next few months on the Lower House and the Church of Ireland Church.</p> <p>RD explained the role of Anne Casey to the Group.</p> <p>DK requested and was given her email address.</p> <p>SH: Is the GLLF actually offering training?</p> <p>RD: So far they have organised general training such as Safe Pass courses and CV Writing workshops. The GLLF looked at the initial needs of people and have started at that level.</p>		

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5.	Project Update		
5.1.	<p>SI&PR – The overall completion date for the current SI&PR contract is mid-2015.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The pipe to Smithfield was one of the most invasive pieces of work on this project and it has been completed. -The named charities in response to a breach of working hours onsite are; the Capuchin Day Centre, An Siol After School Education Club and Bradog Regional Youth Service. -The jogging track and playground will open once the grass pitches are completed, but the pitches will not be playable for 1 year until bedded in. <p>PH: There will also be trim trail equipment around the jogging track which we are encouraging everyone to use.</p>		
5.2.	<p>Research Hub – BAM aim to have the frame of the building up before the end of the year and we’re currently looking for a location for a time-lapse camera to capture the build.</p> <p>PH: The incubation spaces for start-up businesses will be located with the Hot House team and will be generic office space. There will be some research lab facilities but they are for ESHI and not for commercial use.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -There have already been queries for commercial lab space which DIT would like to do something about if possible due to the general shortage of research labs. 		
5.3.	<p>PPPs – A preferred tenderer will be chosen in February 2015 and it will probably be October next year before the contract is signed.</p> <p>PH: The good news is the 3 shortlisted are all really strong teams and to note that they are keeping to the form of the exemplars but the plans are significantly different from the CGIs.</p> <p>MS: What is the purpose of the draft tender?</p> <p>PH: It’s a very complicated system as there is such a variety for spaces that a very detailed brief had to be submitted.</p> <p>RD: There was a huge interest shown from over 500 businesses at a Meet the Buyer event in August specifically aimed at the PPPs.</p> <p>PH explained to the Group the purpose of the event and noted the attendance of many businesses from the Grangegorman area.</p>		

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5.4.	<p>Stabilisation Works – Roof repairs on the Church of Ireland Church will commence work soon along with initial works to the Lower House. The Lower House is in a bad state of repair and the remaining roof segments will have to be removed along with work on propping the walls and stone masonry.</p>		
5.5.	<p>RD also provided updates on the following projects:</p> <p>Adaptive Reuse – There is still some snagging to be completed on all of these buildings.</p> <p>Clock Tower – The GDA and DIT Campus Planning will move into the building at the end of October.</p> <p>Bus Park – This is the permanent replacement facilities for Dublin Bus to make way for the Broadstone Gate and happening as a prerequisite to the arrival of the LUAS Cross City to Broadstone.</p>		
6.	Upcoming Projects		
6.1.	<p>RD informed the Group about upcoming projects onsite and about Programme 3.</p> <p>The upcoming developments are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Nursing Unit • NCR Car Park • Mixed Use/Science and Technology Park/ HSE HQ • D7 Educate Together Primary School. <p>RD: The next focus will be on developing the Academic Hub which includes the Library, phase 1 of onsite Student Accommodation and the West Quad, which will bring the DIT School of Business to Grangegorman. These projects are developments we really need to progress now.</p>		
6.2.	<p>PH: The Student Accommodation will be progressed in 3 phases of 600/700 bed spaces and will not be a full PPP but a joint procurement venture.</p> <p>DK: What year will Bolton St be moving to Grangegorman?</p> <p>PH: It is dependent on securing funding; the LUAS Cross City should help increase the value of DIT properties in the areas it passes and we would hope to see Bolton St move in 2022.</p>		

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7.	Local Employment		
7.1.	<p>RD: The Employment figures show generally healthy numbers; the September results once they're in will show a rise due to BAM now being on site. It was noted that the GDA are holding well with local employment on site.</p>		
7.2.	<p>SH: How do the GDA correlate the figures on a national stage? MS: There is a unique agreement here; no other project has implemented a similar model. The GDA Employment Charter is being looked at by DEPR as a good model. PH: There is a provision in the Charter for the long-term unemployed; we're looking to see if it could be local long-term unemployed. It was noted that there are outside issues such as loss of social welfare benefits to consider here as well.</p>		
8.	Local Community		
8.1.	<p>PH agreed to talk to Terry Prendergast with regards to a request from the Community Liaison Committee that the GDA make a submission on the Local Area Plan.</p>		
8.2.	<p>MS noted that the Grangegorman campus site tours were really well managed and the tour guides were very enthusiastic. She also noted that it was great to see many of the former HSE staff there as well.</p>		
9.	Any Other Business		
9.1.	<p>DK: I would like to congratulate the GDA, DIT Campus Planning and the contractors for delivering the first part of DIT Grangegorman. The facilities are top spec, light and spacious and anyone coming here will be very impressed.</p>		

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9.2.	<p>PH: The NTA are at the preliminary stages of the plan to bring a tram down Prussia St. It's great to see it progress and will benefit the local area and ease pressure points routes for local residents.</p> <p>EF: There will be public consultations at the end of October; it's been very positive so far but we are in the very early stages of the project.</p>		
9.3.	<p>It was noted that the LUAS Cross City is progressing according to plan and that the Minister for Transport would be touch for the launch of Real-Time information kiosks at DIT Grangegorman.</p> <p>PH noted that the frequency of the 46A past Parnell St has greatly improved and EF added that the more students made aware of local transport options the better.</p>		
9.4.	<p>PH noted that there is a push to get Dublin Bikes around Grangegorman.</p> <p>NO queried whether cycling was permitted on campus to which PH explained that it was part of the ethos of the Masterplan to have a shared surface. He also noted that there would be no 'cyclists dismount' signs around campus, only 'cyclists slow down' signs.</p>		
10.	Next Meeting		
10.1.	The next meeting will be held on 11 th December in the Clock Tower.		