



Minutes / Action List

Meeting: Consultative Group

Date / Time / Location: 16th March 2016

Present: Mr Eoin Farrell (**EF**) NTA, Ms Leslie Shoemaker (**LS**) DIT, Mr Stewart Logan (**SL**) DECG, Dr Paul Horan (**PH**) DIT, Mr Declan McGregor (**DMG**) Local Community, Ms Maureen O’Sullivan TD (**MOS**) Public Representative, Cllr Nial Ring (**NR**), Cllr Áine Clancy (**AC**) DCC, Ms Angela Connolly (**ACo**) Patient Advocate, Mr Noel Gallagher (**NG**) DIT, Mr Barry Hurley (**BH**) Patient Advocate, Ms Louise Sherry (**LoS**) HEA, Mr Ronan Doyle (**RD**) GDA, Ms Lori Keeve (**LK**) GDA, Ms Kathleen McCann (**KMcC**) GDA.

Apologies: Mr Donal Cassidy (**DC**) HSE, Ms Melda Slattery (**MS**) DIT, Mr Derek Dockrell (**DD**) HSE, Mr Pat Kearney (**PK**) CEO DITSU, Mr Graham Higginbotham (**GH**) DITSU, Mr Tommie Hodnett (**TH**) Local Community

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1.	Minutes		
1.1.	The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.		
2.	Presentation on the Grangegorman Labour and Learning Forum (GLLF)		
2.1.	RD noted that as this is a new group, there will be different presentations on various aspects of the Grangegorman Project over the year. He introduced Kathleen McCann as the GDA Employment and Training Coordinator and invited her to give a presentation on the work of the GLLF.		

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2.2.	<p>KMcC thanked the group for inviting her to the meeting and gave a brief overview of the GLLF and the three primary strands – Employment, Education & Training, and Business & Enterprise. She also noted the development of further work with schools through DIT Access and Civic Engagement (ACE). She also shared her contact details with the group.</p>		
2.3.	<p>KMcC discussed the Employment Charter and noted that it is a strong voluntary commitment taken on by all contractors on the Grangegorman site. She noted that the Charter includes both Dublin 7 and Dublin 1 as the local area. She informed the group that the PPP project does include a statutory social clause in the contract which stipulates that a minimum of 10% of employees are from long-term unemployment. She noted that this will not be specifically from the local area but the GLLF is working to try to ensure this works alongside the Charter.</p>		
2.4.	<p>KMcC described the ABC Child Poverty programme, noting the recently completed Referral Pathways that looks at ways to work at upskilling child workers and develop assistance for children with medical needs in the area.</p>		
2.5.	<p>MOS inquired about what progress has been made around developing apprenticeships with the contractors on site. KMcC noted that this is a huge piece and that she aims to discuss this with each new contractor on site. She informed the group of the plan to set up Learning and Training Initiatives (LTIs) on site to feed into existing LTIs in the wider area.</p>		
2.6.	<p>AC queried if anything was being done about targets for addressing high level female workers. KMcC noted that the GLLF plans to engage in strategic planning with the stakeholders on how they might respond to the Charter in relation to this and develop a programme around steps into caring roles. She also noted that most of the focus thus far has been around construction and this is something to look at going forward.</p>		

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2.7.	There was further discussion around apprenticeships and how they could be mentored. KMcC noted that as the contracts have been short-term, there is an issue with people afraid of losing benefits if they take up the role. She added that through the GLLF organisations they aim to provide good quality advice to keep the process as transparent as possible.		
2.8.	NR queried the catchment area of the work of the GLLF. KMcC reiterated that the Employment Charter includes all of Dublin 7 and Dublin 1 and noted that the ABC programme works off the Grangegorman electoral district. RD added that these programmes have to start somewhere but noted that the GDA has always gone beyond the line. KMcC noted that the GLLF ensures that the contacts are available to everyone. KMcC then left the meeting.		
3.	Project Update		
3.1.	RD gave a project update on all live and upcoming projects on site.		
3.2.	HSE Primary Care Centre: This is the only contract currently on site and is expected to be completed in August 2016. Brickwork and window installation is under way on the new build with the pods in the protected structure 70% constructed. Overall there are 40 workers with 7 of these from the local area. It was noted that the main vehicular access will be off North Circular Road with pedestrian and emergency access off Grangegorman Upper.		
3.3.	DIT Programme 1: This is essentially complete with staff moving into the Greenway Hub. PH noted that the start-up spaces on the lower floors are available to rent if the group wishes to pass on this information. There was some discussion around the necessity of stabilising neglected structures on site with RD noting that they are protected and of extreme historic importance. PH added that many are back in use signifying a major turnaround after years of neglect. It was noted that the canteen in Rathdown House can be used by the community and extensive public realm is open for the public to walk around.		

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3.4.	DIT Programme 2: The court decision on the PPP Central and East Quads substantive case is due after Easter. Work on this major project is not progressing at the moment as all involved are awaiting the outcome from the courts.		
3.5.	DIT Programme 3: PH gave an overview of Phase 1 Student Accommodation and the mix of uses on the ground floors of each. It was noted that the procurement process is ongoing with a very actively engaged design and legal team. There was some discussion on the number of bed spaces to be provided and the reasons for this with NiR making reference to the ' <i>Student Integration in the Grangegorman Area</i> ' Report. Brief updates were also given on the Academic Hub and the Energy Centre. LS enquired if there will be an opportunity for students to input into these projects. PH noted that it is part of the overall ethos of the development to do so.		
3.6.	Sale of DIT Cathal Brugha St: It was noted that the sale process is expected to last until June. PH noted that it is a good time to sell as the Gresham Hotel is also for sale and DIT Cathal Brugha St is connected to this building. PH clarified that there is a condition in the sale documents for DIT to rent back the building if the PPPs are delayed further.		
3.7.	RD provided further updates on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D7 Educate Together Primary School • Car Parking Strategy at North Circular Road • Public Art Pathways 1 – 3 		

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4.	Any Other Business		
4.1.	<p>NiR queried what is being done at Grangegorman for the 1916 Commemorations. RD informed the group that funding has been allocated to Pathway 3 of the Public Art programme for something on 1916 but noted that a timeline has not yet been confirmed. PH noted that DIT have an active engagement around 1916 at Linenhall and that the main focus is at Aungier St – formerly the Jacob’s Factory. A music piece as part of the programme of events there is to be shown on TG4 on Good Friday. NiR noted that local history groups in the area such as Stoneybatter and North King St are doing a lot for the centenary and it would be good if they linked up with Grangegorman. He suggested that the GDA reach out to local groups to offer space, a talk or an event around Grangegorman and 1916.</p>		
4.2.	<p>RD raised the matter of Community Representatives to the group noting that Tommie Hodnett has had to resign his position due to illness. He added that the GDA is examining ways to replace Mr Hodnett with someone who was part of the election process which will circumvent having to carry out a lengthy new election procedure.</p>		
4.3.	<p>The Consultative Group thanked former Public Representative Joe Costello for all his work and involvement in the Grangegorman Project.</p>		
4.4.	<p>It was noted that all Consultative Group members can arrange to talk with RD or LK about the Grangegorman Project if they have any queries. RD noted that all information on the group, including minutes and presentations are available on the GDA website.</p>		
5.	Next Meeting		
5.1.	<p>The next meeting will take place on Thursday, 16th June at 9.30am.</p>		