



**Grangegorman
Development Agency**
Gníomhaireacht Forbartha
Ghráinseach Ghormáin

Minutes / Action List

Meeting: Consultative Group

Date / Time / Location: 22nd March 2018

Present: Cllr Aine Clancy (AC) DCC, Mr Ronan Doyle (RD) GDA, Mr Noel Gallagher (NG) DIT Staff, Dr Paul Horan (PH) DIT, Ms Sharon Hughes (SH) DIT Students, Ms Lori Keeve (LK) GDA, Mr Stewart Logan (SL) DECG, Ms Lorna Maguire (LM) Local Community Rep, Mr Boni Odoemene (BO) DITSU, Ms Maureen O’Sullivan TD (MOS) Elected Rep, Cllr Nial Ring (NIR) DCC, Ms Leslie Shoemaker (LS) DIT Staff, Ms Melda Slattery (MS) DIT, Mr Stephen Toomey (ST) HSE

Mr Padraic Ballantyne (PB) GDA – present for school overview

Apologies: Ms Sorcha Carthy (SC) HEA, Mr Donal Cassidy (DC) HSE, Ms Angela Connolly (ACo) Patients’ Advocate, Mr Derek Dockrell (DD) HSE, Mr Eoin Farrell (EF) NTA, Mr Barry Hurley (BH) Patients’ Advocate

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1.	Minutes		
1.1.	The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.		

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2.	Project Update		
2.1.	<p>RD gave a project update on all live projects on site, starting with healthcare. He informed the group that the Primary Care Centre is open with audiology and ophthalmology services operational and GP services to open in late April/May. ST added that Children and Adult Mental Health Services (CAMHS) will start moving shortly. RD noted that the GDA is working with the HSE on the issue of signage, and have provided maps of the location to staff for users when making appointments. MS queried if users had access and signage from North Circular Road car park. RD noted that there will be limited parking for users from this car park and agreed to check if this is open to the public yet and revert back.</p>	RD	
2.2.	<p>Residential Care Neighbourhood RD noted that the GDA is hoping to announce the Design Team shortly. ST added that the decision is awaiting final signature from the HSE National Capital Committee and that the design process will commence swiftly following this.</p>		
2.3.	<p>PPPs – Central and East Quads It was noted that financial close is nearly signed off and that SISK FCC has begun bringing site equipment to Grangegorman. RD clarified that they have not begun construction, but are carrying out enabling works such as setting up electricity, site offices and monitoring. LS enquired about the provision of classrooms in the Quads as she'd heard there would be less than is currently available and that there is a lot of concern about this. PH noted that this is not true and that a thorough analysis of this has been carried out and will be presented within DIT this afternoon that should clarify this issue.</p>		

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2.4.	<p>DIT Programme III</p> <p>RD informed the group that the GDA is in discussions with DIT and the Dept. of Education & Skills around the most practical way to fund this tranche of works which will include the Academic Hub, Energy Centre and West Quad.</p> <p>PH added that the first phase of onsite Student Accommodation is part of this package too and that it is all heavily reliant on the sale of DIT properties. It was noted that there is a lot of work to do to get this ready for procurement in the months following the PPPs. SH enquired if this would include the student centre. PH explained how the ground floor uses of the Student Accommodation buildings would include the student centre, dining facilities and sports.</p> <p>He gave an overview of the current status of this project, highlighting a requirement from Eurostat for nomination rights which underwrite the demand of DIT to fill the rooms. The question for DIT is whether to accept the risk if it can't guarantee the rooms. BO queried this stating that it sounds very odd to set up the Grangegorman Student Accommodation this way with DIT students not knowing if they get first priority on the DIT campus. PH noted his agreement noting this is why the process has currently stalled. He suggested that there might be a clause added to the effect that other students could only get DIT campus accommodation if no DIT student wants it. It was noted that there will be 1100 – 1200 bed-spaces going to market in this phase.</p> <p>SH noted that this is all new information to students. She informed the group that the ground floor space allocated in the original plans for the student centre is not enough space for what the students currently have. PH noted that he would brief DITSU more on the plans for this project. RD noted that GDA CEO received the letter from DITSU and would like to sit down and meet them.</p>		
2.5.	<p>Communications</p> <p>RD informed the group that GDA Communications is preparing for the announcement of the PPPs and working on a new newsletter.</p> <p>He also noted that he met with Stoneybatter Pride of Place and the GDA is delighted to be able to support their Summer Festival as sponsors again this year.</p>		

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2.6.	<p>Public Art</p> <p>RD informed the group of a number of works by different artists now in place on loan to the Grangegorman Primary Care Centre and suggested that the group go take a look if they can.</p> <p>RD gave an overview of the Cultural Agents Initiative ahead of new workshops to take place at the end of May around creative learning through texts. He requested that the group distribute the brochure to anyone who might be interested. LM agreed to share it on her community forum.</p>		
3.	Plans for New Dublin 7 Educate Together		
3.1.	<p>RD introduced GDA Project Coordinator for the new school, Padraic Ballantyne, to the group. PB gave an overview of the school project, noting that the GDA is due to go for planning at the beginning of April for 2 separate applications: one for the school within the SDZ; and the second for works to the junction of Rathdown Road and Grangegorman Upper to provide safe access/egress to the school. PB noted that the designs were presented to the school community and received positive feedback.</p>		
3.2.	<p>It was noted that GDA Communications facilitated consultation with local residents taking on board the local comments and concerns to inform the process. RD outlined the consultation process undertaken, noting historical feedback from consultation 2 years ago as well as the recent door-to-door with residents in the vicinity of the school and junction. He highlighted their main concerns around the junction: anti-social behaviour, seating, planting and parking. PB noted that in terms of parking, the design has to be aligned with city policy, which is against providing for car users outside schools. It was noted that traffic surveys, including bike/scooter use, have fed into the design.</p>		
3.3.	<p>RD noted that the GDA will announce when the planning has been submitted to DCC. PB noted that the current timeline for opening is September 2020. PB then left the meeting.</p>		

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4.	Any Other Business		
4.1.	<p>BO raised a number of concerns from DITSU in relation to current and future student services at Grangegorman, noting that the community will also be affected by what is put in place. He noted that with it being part of student accommodation, the big move and T4U, students are concerned the student centre will fall through the cracks. SH and BO emphasised that the current plans do not include enough space for what DITSU already has. BO proposed that a set committee, similar to that of Sports, to deal with the Student Services Centre at Grangegorman is established to meet with the GDA. RD agreed to feed this back to the GDA and noted that he will set up an introduction meeting between DITSU and the GDA CEO. PH noted that a group could be created and that the committee of student facilities could be broadened. SH also highlighted that there is a lack of integration and facilities plan for the campus once the PPPs are completed. PH noted that temporary facilities for this, such as dining, will form part of DIT Programme III. RD agreed that student facilities will be included as part of regular conversations going forward.</p>	RD	
4.2.	<p>ST raised a concern around the issue of signage in the area for the HSE Primary Care Centre and queried if any actions had been taken since the previous meeting. RD noted that a few signs have been installed and that he will talk to Maire Mellerick on this further. ST requested that signage is considered before the junction proposal is submitted for planning. RD agreed to bring this to PB. It was noted that it has proven difficult to get the city signage on campus extended. NiR informed the group that the Central Area Committee has discretionary funds for matters such as this. RD agreed to talk to Karl Mitchell in DCC.</p>	RD RD	
4.3.	<p>PH noted that the Dublin Bikes works on Grangegorman Lower include widening the footpath at the crossing point making the road narrower just outside the Clock Tower as a safety measure against speeding there.</p>		
5.	Next Meeting		
5.1.	The next meeting will take place on 21st June.		