



Minutes / Action List

- Meeting:** Community Liaison Committee
- Date / Time / Location:** 20th February 2019
- Present:** Mr Ronan Doyle, Garda Seamus Fogarty, Mr Brian Gormley, Ms Louise Keegan, Ms Lori Keeve, Ms Kathleen McCann, Mr Neil O’Riordan, Ms Claire Owens, Mr Kevin Sheridan
- Ms Sinead McNulty (left after presentation to the group)
- Apologies:** Mr Jason Aughney, Ms Maureen O’Sullivan TD, Cllr Nial Ring, Cllr Aine Clancy, Cllr Janice Boylan, Mr Luke McManus, Ms Fionnuala McHugh

Item	General Discussion / Action	Owner	Deadline
1.	TU Dublin Sports Presentation		
1.1.	SMN, Head of Sports for TU Dublin introduced herself to the group. She gave a presentation on TU Dublin Sports and the facilities available and yet to be developed at Grangegorman. It was highlighted that Grangegorman currently has a small gym, 2 grass pitches, an all-weather pitch and an area for 5-aside/tennis.		

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1.2.	<p>Points noted were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The upcoming works to the Lower House at Grangegorman will include some indoor sports use for clubs • Kevin St currently offers the largest sports facilities for TU Dublin however this will close when the students move to Grangegorman in September 2020 • With further facilities to come at both Grangegorman and Broombridge, the team will be developing a Masterplan for Sports to be delivered in phases • 55% use of Grangegorman sports facilities is currently by community however this number is expected to change as students number increase • TU Dublin is keen to continue supporting community sporting in Grangegorman for local clubs, schools and groups • Highlighted capacity issues with the pitches and explained how overuse can shorten the lifespan of both grass and all-weather surfaces • Peak use is mid-week from 6pm onwards • Sports are working with Estates around increasing the hours of use • There is a dedicated email for booking sports facilities: fieldsportbookings@dit.ie • Once Kevin St closes, Sports will have to rent space across the city for indoor facilities such as badminton and basketball until Grangegorman can be developed <p>It was noted that if anyone has any queries relating to TU Dublin sports they can email SMN at sinead.mcnuilty@dit.ie</p>		
1.3.	<p>There was a discussion around the use of sports facilities at Grangegorman with LoK querying if priority will be given to students in two years when 10,000 students are based in Grangegorman. SMN noted that Sports has typically given access priority to students during the academic year but stated that there has always been space within that for community use. She highlighted that TU Dublin Sports' community commitment has been built into the Grangegorman Masterplan and added that all other TU Dublin sports facilities also have community links. It was noted that this model is used all over Ireland and internationally.</p>		

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2.	Minutes and Matters Arising		
2.1.	The minutes of the last meeting were agreed. It was noted that the link to these minutes can now be shared outside the group.		
2.2.	In LMM's absence, RD read out an issue brought to him in relation to St Brendan's GAA Club and use of the Grangegorman sports facilities. LMM called for the CLC to recommend a swift resolution on the matter and to offer support to opening negotiations between St Brendan's and TU Dublin. BG noted his agreement to the tenor of this request. CO as representative for the club noted that a speedy resolution would be welcomed as soon as possible. SMN stated that TU Dublin is in ongoing negotiations with the club to resolve this matter. She added that she is confident it will be resolved soon and TU Dublin looks forward to working with St Brendan's and all other local clubs in the future. The group thanked SMN for her time and she left the meeting.		
2.3.	KMC gave an overview on the upcoming 'Meet the Contractor' event on 27 th February, noting that there will be nine contractors/sub-contractors present as well as groups such as Construction Ireland Federation, TU Dublin Access to Apprenticeship and the North West Area Partnership. She emphasised that it will be an informal event and everyone is encouraged to attend whether in or out of employment. It was agreed that a reminder would be posted online for people to share to their networks.	GDA	
2.4.	KMC informed the group of the TU Dublin Access to Apprenticeship programme, circulating information posters to the group. She noted its success its last year and explained how they are trying to encourage more young women to apply this year. The main contact is Therese Fitzgerald who will provide the application forms. The deadline for the April programme is 8 th March. KMC also noted that there will be a separate Apprenticeship event in Grangegorman in May and agreed to circulate the date once confirmed.	KMC	

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3.	Community Matters		
3.1.	LoK raised the matter of the campus access on Grangegorman Lower north of Grangegorman Villas west. She stated that there are concerns on the impact opening this gate could have on the residents' parking there, particularly during sports matches in the evenings. She queried if there could be restricted opening times on this access. RD noted that there is ongoing work around the opening of campus accesses and that this gate will open in the next few months. He highlighted that the GDA has a commitment to open up the site and there are planning conditions around the opening hours of these accesses. He stated that further information would be circulated once confirmed and that the GDA will be talking to the residents prior to any changes. Lok suggested that having more accesses open will hopefully help to disperse parking around the campus.	RD	
3.2.	CO queried the landscaping plans for Grangegorman Lower and whether there are plans for on street parking to be removed. RD informed the CLC that the GDA has planning permission to undertake works on Grangegorman Lower in relation to traffic calming, including planting to narrow the road at the Clock Tower. He noted that the plans are currently being drawn up and are only in draft stage at present. He acknowledged that some parking on Grangegorman Lower will likely be removed around the Clock Tower area and stressed that he will keep everyone informed as the plans are clarified. SF stated that traffic calming measures that naturally slow people down are welcomed by the Gardaí.	RD	
3.3.	LoK raised the issue of litter in the area around Grangegorman Lower and queried if bins could be put in place along the street. RD agreed to follow up with Dublin City Council. He informed the group that CLC member Brian O'Connell has recently retired from DCC and noted that he will also request a new representative to the CLC.	RD RD/DCC	
3.4.	LoK informed the CLC that the first preparatory meeting for this year's Stoneybatter Summer Festival is taking place later tonight. LoK and RD agreed to arrange a meeting around GDA's involvement with the festival.	RD/LoK	

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4.	Project Update		
4.1.	RD gave an update on all live projects on the Grangegorman site beginning with planning news . He noted that TU Dublin received planning permission for Park House and informed the CLC that there will be an information evening next Monday for the Lower House which is due to be submitted for planning to DCC shortly. It was noted that the details for the information evening would be posted online.		
4.2.	TU Dublin Central and East Quads: It was noted that work is continuing to progress on the structure of both quads with construction having recently commenced on the steelworks for the performance hall on the East Quad.		
4.3.	HSE Residential Care Neighbourhood: It was noted that this project is being reviewed by the HSE with the Design Team working towards the planning stage.		
4.4.	TU Dublin Programme III: This encompasses a number of projects including the Academic Hub and Library, the West Quad and Energy Centre with the Lower House now also included. The CLC was informed that due to the first application being deemed invalid, the planning submission for the Academic Hub will be resubmitted at the end of the week. It was noted that the GDA is working towards the planning stage for the West Quad and is aiming to break ground on the Energy Centre shortly.		
4.5.	D7 Educate Together School: It was noted that construction is due to start on site this summer and that An Bord Pleanála has approved the GDA plans for the junction of Rathdown Road and Grangegorman Upper.		
4.6.	Link to Constitution Hill: The CLC was informed that the current opening hours are 7am – 6pm weekdays, 7am – 2pm Saturdays and closed on Sundays. RD noted that the GDA hopes to extend these hours further and include Sundays next month.		

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4.7.	Broadstone Plaza: LK noted that a contractor has just been appointed to construct the plaza. It was also noted that the works are being managed by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and are not part of GDA works. This will form a major entrance to Grangegorman and connect the Broadstone Luas stop with the site once completed.		
4.8.	Public Art: RD gave an overview of the project <i>Confinement</i> which is being shown as part of the Dublin International Film Festival this year. He noted that the GDA is going to the Q&A screening and informed the group where to get tickets.		
5.	Any Other Business		
5.1.	CO queried what will happen on the existing school site when it moves to its new facility. RD stated that the pre-fab structures will remain in-situ and will be used as an interim space, probably by TU Dublin. He added that the long-term Masterplan use places Student Accommodation in this area.		
5.2.	LK highlighted the policy for dogs on campus, noting that they should be kept on leads at all times. She referenced that there have been some issues with certain dogs. SF informed the CLC that the Gardaí can enforce measures in relation to dangerous breeds and noted that they are keeping a look out for this and other types of anti-social behaviour when on their beat on campus. He also noted that if they meet serial offenders in relation to the dangerous dogs, they can bring the offenders to court.		
6.	Next Meeting		
6.1.	LK reminded the group that there is no meeting next month due to the clash with the Consultative Group. The next meeting of the CLC will take place on 17 th April.		