



Minutes

Meeting	Community Liaison Committee
Date-Time-Location	Wednesday 16 October 2024 @ 10.00 via Microsoft Teams
Members present	Jason Aughney (JA) SU; Paul Coleman (PC) TU Dublin Estates; Brendan Doggett (BD) DCC Central Area Office; Jenny Donohoe (JD) GDA; Brian Gormley (BG) TU Dublin; Cllr Janet Horner (JH) DCC; Neasa Hourigan TD (NH); Inspector Bryan Hunt (BH) Garda; Joanne Kearney (JK) TU Dublin Estates; Lori Keeve (LK) Chair GDA; Eugene Kelly (EK) Community; Cllr Ray McAdam (RMA) DCC; Kathleen McCann (KMC) GLLF; Fionnuala McHugh (FMH) D7ET; Luke McManus (LMM) Community; Public Rep; Seáneen Sullivan (SS) Community; Ronan Whelan (RW) D7ET;
By invitation	Robert Kiernan (RK) TU Dublin Events;
Apologies	Peter McCann (PMC) SU; Eamonn McCluskey (EMC) HSE; Cllr John Stephens (JS) DCC;

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1. Welcome, minutes and matters arising		
1.1. LK welcomed everyone to the CLC and introduced new members including Cllr Janet Horner and new local community rep Seaneen Sullivan and congratulated returning community reps LMM , EK following the outcome of the recent GDA elections process. She also welcomed back JK to the group and thanked Garda Inspector Bryan Hunt and TU Dublin Events Manager Robert Kiernan for joining the meeting to provide updates on Garda anti-social measures in the area and events on campus respectively.		
1.2. The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.		
1.3. The following matters arising were noted from BD in relation to Broadstone Plaza:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Litter – It was noted that ongoing complaints about litter and dog waste in the plaza are causing local frustration. BD noted maintaining cleanliness is a challenge however daily litter picking and waste crew is in place. He suggested issues are flagged to him or via the DCC website. 	NOTE	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee Kiosk – Bua Coffee are in situ and now operating as part of a pilot project for 18 months. The current opening hours are 8am-2.30pm weekdays. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Lighting Ceremony - Plans for a Christmas tree and lighting ceremony at the plaza are underway. This was welcomed by the CLC who expressed interest in being involved in the event. BD to keep the group informed of updates. 	BD	



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- **Public lighting** - Additional lighting projects are ongoing, including under the bridge as well as new uplighting being installed in conjunction with Bus Eireann to allow for changing colours for events such as St Patrick's Day.
- **Broken Bollards** – noted as possible technical issue and awaiting feedback with regards to a timeline to rectify the issue.
- **Halloween Bonfire Prevention** – Request to CLC to raise awareness and alert DCC to bonfire gathering in the lead-up to Halloween. DCC have regular crews collecting materials to help prevent fires as well as supporting a range of Halloween events across the city as alternative, safer ways to celebrate the season. A dedicated number is also available for reporting bonfire material gatherings: 01 2225302.

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1.4. **LK** noted that other matters arising would be acknowledged in the various updates provided throughout the meeting.

2. Garda Update

2.1. **LK** invited Garda Inspector **BH** to provide an update to the CLC on various measures to help tackle ongoing anti-social behaviour in the area. **BH** thanked the group for the opportunity and noted the following:

- A new community response team has been established which aims to provide more proactive action in the area.
- There is regular engagement with Grangegorman campus on issues such as scrambler bikes which remains a constant battle however it was noted that a number of these bikes were seized in Stoneybatter last week.
- Operation Tombola started 7 October to tackle Halloween related anti-social behaviour. Measures include a driver and two Gardaí patrolling from 4pm-2am on the lookout for bonfire and fireworks material. Its making good progress and is linked in with DCC.
- A rise in car break-ins throughout the area – many cars left unlocked and encouraged residents to share evidence with community response team.
- Meetings with resident and community groups in the area and noted contacts for emergency and non-emergency issues, including sharing video footage which can be helpful for intelligence gathering.



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active initiative on the Luas between Broombridge and Dominick Street is going well and has been well received. The group causing issues here has moved away from this spot. 		
<p>2.2. LMM queried the process for contacting the Gardaí on various issues. BH noted that there are dedicated email addresses and a non-emergency WhatsApp number in addition to the Community Garda number. It was agreed to share these contacts with the group following the meeting so they could also be circulated to local groups.</p>	Garda/All	
<p>2.3. LMM requested an update on the level of assaults being reported on campus, including a recent one that took place by the Church of Ireland gate. PC informed the CLC that this incident involved two teenage groups attempting to steal a campus buggy – one group as a distraction and the other to carry out the theft. It resulted in one of the campus security guards being injured and the gate in that location now being closed at 7pm. He added that the teens have not been seen in the area since the incident. BH noted that he is unaware of any other assaults and requested that anyone with any information of such should get in contact.</p>	NOTE	
<p>2.4. LMM stated that the level of drug dealing around Broadstone appears to have decreased in the last few months and requested an update. BH give a brief overview of a Garda operation to tackle this at Broadstone and surrounding areas noting that most of this group are now in custody. He added that drug-dealing remains an ongoing issue however it's much smaller and less visible than what had been happening at Broadstone. He encouraged the CLC to alert the Gardaí should they notice any suspect behaviour in the area.</p>	NOTE	
<p>2.5. FMH raised the issue of bike and scooter theft from within the school grounds highlighting it as an ongoing issue.</p>		
3. TU Dublin Events Update		
<p>3.1. LK invited RK to provide an overview of public events on campus and the process for local community to propose events. RK informed the CLC of the plans to explore hosting more outdoor events in Grangegorman, noting that TU Dublin is interested in collaborating with community groups and welcomes proposals. He noted highly positive feedback from events such as Focus Ireland's Longest Day festival and previous local community events such as Rathdown Road &</p>		



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<p>District Residents Association Community Day, Phizzfest and Stoneybatter Pride of Place. He added that 'THE GOLDEN BANDSTAND – Sculpture' has had a couple of small performance events and yoga since its opening and it would be great to see more events happening in this space. He asked the CLC to send requests to eventinquiries@tudublin.ie.</p> <p>He outlined key requirements for making proposals including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic event schedule • List of suppliers • Risk assessment • Insurance & indemnity <p>It was noted that formal requests for birthday party events cannot be facilitated at this time.</p>		
<p>3.2. LMM welcomed the engagement and suggested reaching out to local schools to encourage further events. He enquired how insurance requirements could be simplified for schools and other community groups. RK noted that many events can be covered under one main organisers' insurance but that a letter of indemnity would be required for all suppliers. He added that for schools regularly using the campus for events, one letter of indemnity would suffice for the year.</p>		
<p>3.3. BD noted that DCC have the means to cover event insurance for local community events under the Community Development Team if this is an issue for groups.</p>	NOTE	
<p>4. Introducing Build to Last</p>		
<p>4.1. KMC introduced the process to develop the Build to Last community engagement strategy, noting that the aim is to develop the strategy and roadmap for March 2027. She outlined the objective and focus of this new strategy noting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The intention to map community engagement arising from Grangegorman development to support sustainable, resilient communities post-GDA. • The formation of a successor group to the GLLF to oversee the strategy's development is a key immediate focus. • It will include a broad focus on underserved, marginalised communities fostering an inclusive approach to find out what is needed within the area. 		



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An external, independent Chair will be appointed to help drive the strategy, enhance community impact, and lead responses. • A new 'Joining up the Dots' report – 4 – has been commissioned and will incorporate Census 2022 and Pobal data along with data comparison from the North East Inner City. This is expected to be completed by the end of November. • There will be a launch for the new Build to Last Forum and Joining up the Dots 4 report once available. 		

4.2. **LK** thanked **KMC** for the overview and opened the floor to discussion. **BG** noted that it was great to see the new report commissioned as the previous Joining up the Dots report was such an important document. He queried if the partners involved in the original work would be part of the new research and forum. **KMC** stated that the new forum would absolutely include all stakeholders, transitioning GLLF members who wish to continue to be involved and balancing this with other state, community and business organisations. She added that this may also include representatives from different areas within TU Dublin. **BG** noted that the partnership approach is crucial for this work.

5. Community Matters

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<p>LK welcomed the group for updates on community matters.</p>		
<p>5.1. LMM noted he has been in communication with invasive plant species at Grangegorman Lower East. Residents have been complaining about plants coming over their back wall, I know TU Dublin have done a bit on it. Cathal Rigney in GDA is taking a lead on it. I believe the agency is engaging with a horticulturist on this. We hope to meet with residents, the agency, and the horticulturists. LK confirmed this is the intention. Before this meeting started, we got a date is the morning of the 25th of October. We may need to see more date options, which will be communicated through CR. LK noted the buffer zone piece, that was deliberately put in there by residents by request at the time. There is a fence against the boundary wall, a smaller fence and planting, by request of the residents to deter people from coming in there. Bindweed is a plant that is everywhere at the moment and there are two main ways of treating it which is chemically which is very damaging or cutting it back until it weakens the plant and this will be a long process. The horticulturist will go into more detail on this.</p>	GDA	
<p>5.2 FMH noted concern is working with TU Dublin on getting access to our sports hall in the evening, ongoing issue with college and have paid 600 euro to use the sports grounds. We insist on security when it is using the site, we are paying €160 every time we need to use the pitches. PC noted he has asked if BG could come back into the meeting. BG noted discussions are going on for a while with Sports, at the moment is there access to the sports hall? There was heated discussion which was agreed to be taken up again due to time constraints in the current meeting. The ongoing action is there will be a meeting between sports, the school, and in the meantime that will be between the school and college.</p>	PC	
6. AOB		
<p>6.1 KMC noted the Area Based Childhood programme – TU Dublin have announced they are stepping down as main org behind this. We are asking people if they are aware of community organisations who will take this on. Might be a place you volunteer with or connect with, they have to be substantial to carry this. The tender is on Activelink, the closing date is 24th October. Replacement lead agency. Will send a link to LK and we can share it across our social media channels.</p>	LK	
<p>The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 12 November and will be in person, but the hybrid option will be available if needed.</p>		