



## Minutes

Meeting	Community Liaison Committee
Date-Time-Location	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February – 10.00am – 11.30am – Online (MS Teams)
Members present	Jason Aughney (JA) SU; Brian Gormley (BG) TU Dublin; Neasa Hourigan TD (NH) Public Rep; Lori Keeve (LK) Chair GDA; Fiona Kelly (FK) Community; Victoria MacKechnie (VMK) Workday; Kathleen McCann (KMC) GLLF; Peter McCann (PMC) SU; Eamonn McCluskey (EMC) HSE; Luke McManus (LMM) Community; Garda Shauna Naughton (GSN) Community Garda;
By invitation	Michelle Collins (MC) GDA
Apologies	Cllr Deborah Byrne (DB) DCC; Paul Coleman (PC) TU Dublin Estates; Brendan Doggett (BD) DCC Central Area Office; Brian Jordan (BJ) SU President; Eugene Kelly (EK) Community; Cllr Ray McAdam (RMA) DCC; Fionnuala McHugh (FMH) D7ET; Neil O'Riordan (NOR) D7ET; Cllr Nial Ring (NR) DCC;

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1.	<b>Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising</b>	
1.1.	The minutes of the meeting were agreed.	
1.2.	LK welcomed everyone and noted that the meeting would be focused around two discussions following on from matters arising at previous meetings: Community policing in the area and proposed plans for junction of Rathdown Road/Grangegorman Upper.	
1.3.	The following additional matters arising were noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Temporary signage:</b> initial internal discussion to consider creative temporary signage. Noted needs to be considered with Grangegorman signage guidelines. No update available with regards to DCC signage for Broadstone. Remains an ongoing matter.</li> <li>• <b>Playground works:</b> Update noted on behalf of Estates that they are currently awaiting a quotation for the works. Remains an ongoing matter.</li> <li>• <b>Coffee Kiosk at Broadstone:</b> It was noted that last update from DCC had suggested it would be in place at the end of February. It was agreed to request an update from DCC.</li> </ul>	<p><b>GDA/TU Dublin/ DCC</b></p> <p><b>TU Dublin Estates</b></p> <p><b>DCC</b></p>
2.	<b>Community Garda Update</b>	
2.1.	GSN thanked the CLC for inviting her to provide an update on community policing efforts in the Grangegorman and Broadstone areas. She highlighted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plans to increase Garda numbers in the area, with an additional 2 Sergeants and 14 Community Garda added to the 3 currently allocated to the area.</li> </ul>	



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased patrols currently in action around Grangegorman and Broadstone.</li> <li>• Joint policing efforts with Bridewell, Mountjoy and Cabra Garda stations to tackle issues in the area.</li> <li>• Ongoing concerns about scramblers, stating that they are challenging issues to address. It was noted that the issue is part of ongoing talks city wide to combat.</li> <li>• Efforts to tackle drugs related issues and displacement from other areas citing increased patrols to enhance visibility and deter intimidating behaviour.</li> <li>• Patrols targeting peak activity times identified through community engagement.</li> <li>• District Drug Unit also involved in local operations.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>GSN</b> invited feedback and assured attendees of their commitment to addressing community concerns, promising to relay any input to superiors for consideration in policing priorities.</p>		
<p>2.2. <b>FK</b> acknowledged the positive news of increased community Garda numbers, noting that would help enormously with coverage in the area. It was noted that the numbers stated would bring local Gardaí numbers back up to what they had been. She noted that DCC's efforts in Broadstone with additional lighting and CCTV, residents have noticed a drop in some anti-social issues there. Additional Garda resources will help this further.</p>		
<p>2.3. <b>GSN</b> highlighted the importance of preventing the area from being used as an escape route noting a recent incident of a car break-in near Royal Canal Terrace. <b>FK</b> noted additional resident security cameras here that may provide footage of the incident if needed.</p>		
<p>2.4. Ongoing concerns about rubbish accumulation under the bridge at Broadstone were noted as adding to anti-social issues. <b>FK</b> stated that this continues to be part of discussions with DCC and mentioned recent meeting with <b>LMM</b> and <b>BD</b> to review the issue.</p>		
<p>2.5. <b>BG</b> welcomed the increased resources and improved lighting in the area however highlighted that the scramblers were a growing concern on campus. Further updates on this issue were requested when available.</p>		
<p>2.6. The proposed DCC coffee kiosk at Broadstone was also highlighted as a valuable means of passive surveillance for the area. The CLC expressed keen interest in an update on when this would be available as soon as possible.</p>		
<p>2.7. <b>LK</b> noted these ongoing efforts to address antisocial behaviour in the area and emphasised the importance of everyone reporting incidents to the Gardaí. <b>GSN</b> added to this explaining the implementation of a new Garda model allowing for flexible resource deployment in response to reported incidents. She</p>		



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noted that all suspicious activity should be logged with the Gardaí.		
2.8. <b>LMM</b> suggested ideas for signage publicising the Gardaí contact number in a creative and welcoming manner, such as through artwork on the plaza. The electricity boxes were suggested as a potential location. <b>LK</b> noted that while GDA would support the idea, this is a DCC managed space and would require approval from them. <b>PB</b> added that he can provide a contact within DCC for this space if needed. <b>GSN</b> noted that it was disappointing that this kind of signage would be necessary.		
2.9. There was further discussion around ideas to publicise Garda actions and contacts. It was acknowledged that people can be reluctant to call emergency numbers for non-life-threatening situations. <b>GSN</b> mentioned the possibility of a Garda community action day on campus with increased visibility and engagement to inform people about reporting options. <b>BG</b> highlighted TU Dublin's encouragement of reporting incidents through campus security and utilising panic buttons. <b>GSN</b> noted highly positive engagement with <b>PC</b> and TU Dublin Estates but noted that the Gardaí are open to other ways to encourage students to approach them.		
<b>GSN</b> then left the meeting.		
<b>3. Junction Works Update</b>		
3.1. <b>LK</b> introduced <b>PB</b> as the GDA Project Coordinator working on plans for the Junction outside D7ET. <b>PB</b> thanked the CLC for the invitation. He informed the CLC of the reasoning behind the works and gave an overview of engagement and progress to date. He presented a drawing of the latest plan for the area to the group and noted:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lots of conversation and feedback with various DCC departments over the last couple of years as the works are outside the SDZ.</li> <li>• It has recently been agreed that the DCC works framework would not be suitable for the project and the GDA are now working on procuring the works on behalf of DCC.</li> <li>• The integration of more soft landscaping and sustainability considerations, including the incorporation of sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) in the current plan.</li> <li>• SuDS are drainage systems designed to manage rainfall by storing, filtering, and delaying runoff.</li> <li>• The addition of planting beds to break up the bollards along the curb edge, creating a more attractive and pedestrian-friendly environment.</li> <li>• The pavement materials and design, disabled drop-off zone specifically for the school, street lighting, and bicycle stands.</li> </ul>		



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current status is that the project is working through procurement with the aim of starting on site in early 2025.</li> </ul>		
<p>3.2. <b>LMM</b> queried if more bike stands were considered instead of using any bollards. <b>PB</b> acknowledged the consideration but expressed concerns about safety with bicycle parking close to the curb. <b>BG</b> noted that curb edged bike parking can pose difficulties for mobility impaired and may not be good practice. <b>NH</b> agreed there is push and pull with how accessible the design can be. She noted that bollards can be difficult for people with visual impairments. She queried if additional planters could be added, or something that wasn't the same height as bollards. She offered to share a contact with Visual Ireland. <b>PB</b> agreed to bring the matter to the Design Team to explore alternatives to the bollards.</p>	<b>GDA</b>	
<p>3.3. <b>LMM</b> suggested re-examining traffic flows in this area during school opening time as it seems to be getting more hectic there since the school moved. <b>PB</b> acknowledged the change and noted that it wouldn't be unusual for further traffic schemes to be considered once a project has been embedded into an area. This would have to be driven by DCC in this instance.</p>		
<p>3.4. <b>BG</b> welcomed the proposed designs noting that the plan gives more pedestrian space to the community and will hopefully help remove more cars from the area. He cited that Faussagh Road recently had to turn down the offer of bike library due to safety concerns on the road there. He suggested using native planting as part of this project if possible.</p>		
<p>3.5. <b>LK</b> noted that regular updates would be provided as the project progresses through procurement stage and highlighted that there will be a public information session before construction starts.</p>		
<p>4. <b>Project Updates</b></p>		
<p>4.1. <b>LK</b> provided an update on all live projects starting with <u>Academic Hub &amp; Library</u> – Construction continuing to progress towards completion end of the year. Glazing to the north block should be completed at the end of the month. Mechanical and electrical fit-out is on-going internally and the feature stairs are now both installed. KMC noted that as of December 13.5% of workers on site are from the local area.</p>		
<p>4.2. <u>Residential Care Neighbourhood</u> – Planning permission was granted at the end of January. Currently working through the Stage 2 detailed design with HSE and Design Team, aiming to go to tender for construction later this year.</p>		
<p>4.3. <u>West Quad</u> – The refresh planning application received an additional information request from DCC at the end of January. Working through the request at the moment. by DCC.</p>		



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4.4. <u>Demolition Works</u> – A new planning application for demolition of single-storey structures behind the Clock Tower building has been submitted to DCC. This project will clear the way for future development of the site for Workday. A letter was distributed to residents of Marne Villas and shared with TU Dublin.		
4.5. <u>Workday Development</u> – Workday are hosting a public information session tomorrow in the East Quad foyer to provide updates on their planned development in Grangegorman. The CLC was encouraged to share information on the event throughout their networks.		
4.6. <u>Special School</u> – The temporary school will be located where the D7 Educate Together school was previously situated. The Department of Education is currently undertaking external works, including realigning fencing and making changes to the public realm there. The school is expected to open in the coming months. All queries are directed through the Department of Education – LK to share contact with the group.		
4.7. <u>Grangegorman Histories:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set to announce five projects selected under the public call in the next week.</li> <li>• Acknowledgment of the passing of Ivor Browne, who had a significant connection to the Grangegorman site and psychiatry in general.</li> </ul>		
<b>5. Community Matters</b>		
5.1. <b>LMM</b> raised concerns about gravel in the drainage channels at the school causing safety issues for children. He stated that there had been an event with parents this morning to remove the gravel themselves. <b>PB</b> noted that the GDA is aware of the issue and working with the Department of Education to address the issue. He explained the lengthy process for addressing changes and noted that he is in regular contact with the Principal on the matter.		
5.2. <b>NH</b> raised queries about the fencing under the stone arch entrance on Grangegorman Lower. and metal hoarding near the main entrance. <b>LK</b> noted that the fencing was installed temporarily as a safety measure for the shared crossing point there for cars, pedestrians and cyclists. She agreed to follow up on the issue and get an update regarding the safety audit being carried out.		
5.3. <b>LK</b> noted that TU Dublin and Estates were informed of the CLC's issues regarding the ongoing changes to some of the access opening hours. She noted that Estates had informed her that the gates in question are open from 8am – 5pm and expect to be further extended later this month. The CLC letter will be issued following the meeting.		



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5.4. <b>LMM</b> queried on the situation on campus in regard to antisocial behaviour. <b>JA</b> reported that there hadn't been any severe incidents of antisocial behaviour on site since the last meeting. However the scramblers passing through at high speeds as already noted have been causing more issues and concern.		
5.5. <b>JA</b> noted that the Students' Union are planning Relay for Life event in April on the Grangegorman campus for cancer awareness. The event is open to everyone, not only university staff and students. It was agreed to share information with the CLC and for the CLC to help distribute notice throughout their networks. <b>LMM</b> also brought up the idea of having a community outreach document.	<b>All</b>	
6. <b>AOB</b>		
6.1. <b>LMM</b> noted that he had met with Bus Éireann and proposed inviting them to the next CLC meeting, highlighting their relevance as a significant stakeholder. The CLC was open to the idea and it was agreed to approach Bus Éireann for the next meeting.	<b>GDA</b>	
6.2. <b>KMC</b> provided an update on the ABC Programme. The programme is now in its 10th year. It received a grant of €870,000 from Tusla for the current year. The programme involves collaboration among a consortium of 30 organisations. Planning for the upcoming year is underway with a significant focus on a review of the current consortium agreement and governance structures. It was agreed to include a more in-depth discussion of this programme as an agenda item for a later meeting.		
7. <b>Next Meeting</b>		
7.1. The next meeting is due to take place in-person on 17 April.		