



Minutes

Meeting	Community Liaison Committee
Date-Time-Location	Wednesday 18 May via MS Teams
Members present	Brian Gormley, Fionnuala McHugh, Grainne O'Grady (rep Brendan Doggett), Kathleen McCann, Liam McDonagh, Lori Keeve, Luke McManus, Neill O'Riordan, Cllr Nial Ring, Cllr Ray McAdam
By invitation	Padraic Ballantyne, Aideen Lowery, Kilien O'Donnell
Apologies	Brendan Doggett, Eugene Kelly, Jason Aughney, Cllr Joe Costello, Mark O'Neill, Neasa Hourigan TD, Shauna Naughton,

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1. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising		
1.1. The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.		
1.2. LK noted the following matters arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public bins at Grangegorman Lower and Broadstone: CAC report circulated to the group. NR/BD to report back to the group once installed. Public water fountain: Estates currently working towards installation in Q3. Milestone event: no update to report. Prussia Street Gate: decision from An Bord Pleanála is delayed. CLC to be kept updated. RCN Consultation: See Project update item 3.3 below. 	DCC	TBC
1.3. BG agreed to confirm when Rathdown House facilities reopen for public use. LK noted other options to provide 7-day access to toilet facilities are currently being explored.	BG GDA/TU Dublin	
1.4. With regards to the installation of public bins in the area, GOG noted that a big belly bin has been ordered for the Broadstone Plaza.		
2. New Playground Design – presentation		
2.1. LK introduced PB and AL to the group and invited them to present on the design intent for a new playground on site.		
2.2. PB and AL gave a presentation to the group outlining the background and context informing the playground's design noting the following key points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Location will be on the green finger between the new school, Primary Care Centre and Ivy Avenue. It has planning permission through the existing SIPR and D7ET permissions. Intention is for the D7ET school to use and manage part of the space during school hours. 		



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground will be publicly accessible outside these hours – including weekends – and managed as part of the campus. • Dermot Foley Landscape Architects is the designer and recently completed a similar scheme in Bridgefoot Street. • Design concept centres on a natural playground scheme with different zones for formal and informal play spaces. • Intent is to create natural boundaries and light fencing between zones and utilise waste materials as done in Bridgefoot Street. • Design is in very early stages – a detailed design will be developed following feedback from stakeholders. • Aim to open the playground by this time next year. 		
<p>PB and AL then thanked the group and opened the floor to questions.</p>		
<p>2.3. BG noted he is in favour of the design concept and suggested that the natural planting focus on Irish biodiversity. He queried the impact of the Bradogue River to which PB noted none as it has been diverted away from this location.</p>		
<p>2.4. There were concerns from a number of the CLC around the proposed light fencing in terms of child security and anti-social behaviour. PB noted that safety is core to all discussions with the school and stated that while the intention is to start softer, the fencing could be made more robust if needed. FMH noted that she is confident children would be secure within the boundaries presented. She stated that the school is prepared to carry out a morning check before opening the space to the children and noted that the school already does this – including needle clean-up – at their current location. NOR added that the fencing design is very similar to the playground in Mount Bernard Park which does not appear to have been vandalised to date. AL noted that the GDA can also learn from Bridgefoot Street as any issues arise there.</p>		
<p>2.5. FMH highlighted that the key point for the school would be to have exclusive access to a closed off zone within school hours. She noted that if this cannot be facilitated then the school won't use the space. It was noted that the playground would be publicly accessible from 2:10pm onwards during the week and all-day weekends.</p>		
<p>There were a number of concerns raised with regards to the school having 'exclusive' access. It was noted that intention is that one zone will be closed off by the school during school hours only. This zone will be public outside of school hours and the rest of the playground will remain open for public use during campus hours (same as the existing playground). It was noted that careful communication is needed around this.</p>	NOTE	



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2.6. LMD queried the access to the playground as the closest gate currently has restricted opening times. LK agreed to follow up on this and report back to the group.	LK	TBC
2.7. LK noted that the GDA is working to balance the needs of all stakeholders and highlighted the importance of having these discussions at the CLC. She thanked everyone for their input and requested that any further comments on the new playground design are emailed to her. PB and AL then left the meeting.	All	
3. Project Updates		
3.1. <u>Academic Hub</u> : Demolition of the North House Annex is now under way. The contractor aims to start foundation works on the new building in early June. The piling rig is scheduled to arrive by the end of this month. The contractor is issuing letters to residents informing them of the rig's delivery.		
3.2. <u>Clock Tower stabilisation works</u> : Internal essential repair works are ongoing. The main focus is on the roof, with stripping of degraded material in progress in advance of repairs. Works to the feature chapel windows are also ongoing. The project is expected to be completed in mid-October.		
3.3. <u>Residential Care Neighbourhood</u> : Consultation meeting with residents of Grangegorman Upper was held on 4 May. Residents were very positive about the RCN design. There will be a wider public information evening prior to the project being submitted for planning permission. LK will circulate the date to the group once confirmed.	LK	
3.4. <u>D7ETNS</u> : Works currently on programme for completion in February 2023. Internal and external blockwork is well advanced on the Teaching Block and the GP Block structure is complete. Internal services installation is ongoing.		
3.5. <u>Prussia Street Gateway</u> : Currently awaiting An Bord Pleanála decision which was due on 22 April.		
3.6. <u>Grangegorman Histories</u> : Lots going on in the programme. Two current updates of note are; the Stages of Memory historical talks from which TU Dublin drama students will develop a play to be performed in December; and the schools engagement programme which includes projects by the D7ET and St Mary's Primary Dorset St, the former exploring Grangegorman military history and the latter looking at Grangegorman during the famine years.		
3.7. <u>Public Art</u> : Landscaping and lighting works around THE GOLDEN BANDSTAND – sculpture are due for completion this month. The sculpture will then be fenced off while the artist carries out works offsite before final installation works in autumn.		



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4. Labour & Learning Forum Update		
4.1. KMC provided an update on the latest work of the GLLF. She noted that local employment is currently at 12% and informed the CLC of a recent meeting with Minister of State for Procurement Ossian Smyth promoting the GLLF's work in terms of socially responsible procurement.		
5. Community Matters		
5.1. BG noted that Cabra Cycling Day took place on 17 th May and was very successful. The aim was to highlight safe segregating routes on the Navan Road and Rathdown Road.		
5.2. The Stoneybatter Festival is taking place from the 17 th -19 th June, with the GDA hosting a climate action event on Saturday 18 th June. LK noted that she has invited a number of local sustainability groups to take part.		
5.3. TU Dublin Sports are offering community gym memberships over the summer. LK to circulate details to the CLC.		
6. Date of next meeting		
6.1. There will be no meeting in June. The next meeting will take place online on 20 July.		