



## Minutes

Meeting	Community Liaison Committee
Date-Time-Location	17 November 2021 via Microsoft Teams
Members present	Lori Keeve (LK); Catherine Stapleton (CS); Cllr Joe Costello (JC); Eugene Kelly (EK); Liam McDonagh (LMD); Luke McManus (LMM); Neil O'Riordan (NOR); Cllr Nial Ring (NR)
By invitation	Claire Flannery (CF); Finn O'Neill (FON); Mark Keegan (MK)
Apologies	Jason Aughney (JA); Shane Boyne (SB); Neasa Hourigan TD (NH); Cllr Ray McAdam (RMA); Kathleen McCann (KMC); Fionnuala McHugh (FMH); Shauna Naughton (SN); Mark O'Neill (MON)

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<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome</b>		
1.1.	LK welcomed everyone and gave a brief rundown of the Agenda. She introduced Claire, Mark and Finn from TU Dublin's Student Volunteering Society.		
<b>2.</b>	<b>Student Volunteering Presentation</b>		
2.1.	CF, FON and MK gave a presentation to the CLC providing an overview of the role of the student volunteer and the different programmes they engage in. Points of note included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is student-led and supported by TU Dublin staff.</li> <li>• Established numerous local partnerships and constantly seeking new partnerships within the Grangegorman area.</li> <li>• Benefits include strengthening students' ties with the community and contributing to student life skills and developments.</li> <li>• Recent projects include tree planting for Pieta House, monthly clean-ups at Grangegorman, assisting the elderly and gardening projects.</li> <li>• FON explained ways of how the group seeks to more awareness for their projects in the area, personally visiting businesses and charities in the Grangegorman area.</li> <li>• MK noted his aim in developing and enhancing skills through the volunteering network and sharing these skills with new students.</li> <li>• The group is hoping to create more links within the Grangegorman neighbourhood and welcome opportunities that may arise through the CLC.</li> <li>• Contact details: <a href="http://www.studentvolunteer.ie">www.studentvolunteer.ie</a></li> </ul>		
2.2.	There was a discussion following the presentation which can be summarised as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LK noted that part of the purpose of the CLC is to create links between Grangegorman students and community and</li> </ul>		



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<p>hopes the CLC can collaborate with the volunteering network on this going forward. It was agreed that updates on the work of the network would be shared with the CLC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NR queried engagement to date with local schools suggesting a grinds project would be great to see in the area. CF noted this is a priority for the network and they plan to connect with Stanhope Street shortly. LK noted that there are 9 schools in the Grangegorman area and suggested liaising with Kathleen McCann for contacts.</li> <li>• LMM suggested that Stoneybatter Pride of Place, Phibsborough community and Bohemians would be good groups to get in contact with and offered to assist in linking the network with these groups.</li> <li>• NOR provided a contact for Bohemians.</li> </ul> <p>LK thanked CF, FON and MK for attending and providing valuable insight into the work of the volunteering network. CF, FON and MK left the meeting.</p>	CF/LK	Ongoing
<b>3. Minutes and matters arising</b>		
3.1. The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.		
3.2. LK noted the following matters arising from the previous meeting.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DCC rep Shane Boyne has resigned from the CLC. It is hoped that a new representative will be put forward in time for the next meeting.</li> </ul>	DCC	Jan 22
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following the parking issues noted on Grangegorman Lower, DCC has informed the GDA that enforcement will commence now that the works to the road have been completed.</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TU Dublin Estates have agreed to permit bus coaches to use the East Quad temporary car park to turn and reorient the buses off the public road.</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A solution to the safety issue raised regarding steel lip in the paving at An Croí is currently being investigated. Its cause is suspected to be due to paving stone resettling.</li> </ul>	TU Dublin	Ongoing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TU Dublin Estates are progressing the request for public water taps on campus. The next stage is to agree their locations. Further updates will be provided once available.</li> </ul>	TU Dublin	Ongoing
3.3. LK asked the CLC if there were any further matters arising. LMM noted that there was also a request that East Quad car park be available on weekends for use by the public. It was noted that this is unlikely as these spaces are permit only. DK agreed to raise with Estates and revert.	DK	Jan 22
3.4. JC noted his continuing concern around car parking on Grangegorman Lower and feels it is unacceptable that a busy location such as the Bring Centre has very limited parking	CLC	



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available. He asked that the issue of enforcement remain on the agenda.		
3.5. LMM requested that the CLC webpage be updated to include the agreed minutes for 2021. LK stated this would be done as soon as possible.	LK	
<b>4. Project Update</b>		
4.1. LK provided an update on all live projects on the Grangegorman site, starting with the <u>D7 Educate Together National School</u> . She noted that construction has reached the top floor of the Teaching Block and windows installation will commence shortly. The General Purpose block is now beginning to take shape as well.		
The GDA is engaging with DCC to progress plans for Grangegorman Square. This will be presented to the CLC once available.	Note	TBC
4.2. <u>Prussia Street Gate</u> – The GDA continues to work with the third party developer to progress the gateway. The developer aims to lodge the planning application shortly. The CLC will be kept informed on this.	Note	
4.3. <u>Academic Hub &amp; Library</u> – The next TU Dublin project due to commence construction on site. Still closing out the tender process. The CLC will be kept informed of further updates.	Note	
4.4. <u>FOCAS Research Institute</u> – Carr Cotter Naessens have been appointed to lead the design team following an international architectural competition.		
4.5. <u>Clock Tower</u> – Currently out to tender for a contractor to undertake priority works to the building. Aim to start on site in February 2022.		
4.6. <u>Access</u> – All secondary gates are now open from 7am-9pm daily. It was noted that there has been no negative feedback to date in relation to the increased hours. DK informed the CLC that Estates are rectifying the lighting issue at the western boundary near the Fingal Place Gate.		
4.7. Further updates were provided on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SDZ Heights Review – to be presented to the CLC date to be confirmed</li> <li>• Grangegorman Histories - Seminar on historical language around mental health now available online.</li> <li>• No change since the last meeting regarding the Residential Care Neighbourhood, the West Quad or Public Art.</li> </ul>		
<b>5. TU Dublin Update</b>		
5.1. DK provided an update on TU Dublin matters to the group.		



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<p>He noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Temporary dressing rooms</u> - Expect handover shortly.</li> <li>• <u>Sports facilities</u> – Quieter student period Dec-Feb making the facilities more available for community use.</li> </ul>		
<p>5.2. <u>Sustainability Projects</u> - the Bore Hole project will provide geo-thermal heat and assist in reducing heating costs. Further updates will be provided to the group as it progresses.</p>	Note	
<p>Jennifer Boyer is the new VP for Sustainability. She will be looking at developing a range of sustainability initiatives across the campus and is keen to engage with the local community. There will be an opportunity to link in with the CLC next year.</p>	Note	
<p>A Climate Action Day across TU Dublin campus is earmarked in the New Year.</p>		
<p>TU Dublin are also working with sustainability groups in Stoneybatter and Cabra.</p>		
<p>6. <b>GLLF News</b></p>		
<p>6.1. No update available as KMC sent apologies.</p>		
<p>7. <b>Community Matters</b></p>		
<p>7.1. LMM raised an issue in relation to the Happy Days Coffee Van on campus. He noted it was not raised last month as there was no TU Dublin rep in attendance. He stated that the community feels that the new location of the coffee van is considerably worse than the previous location with no access to benches and bins and little shelter from winds. He noted that he feels that the relocation was handled poorly and inconsiderately. He requested on behalf of the community that the coffee van is moved back to the original location.</p>		
<p>LK explained TU Dublin's reasoning behind the relocation to keep the entrance to Rathdown House clear and noted that the coffee van remains in An Croí and is still close to both bins and benches. It was also noted that the coffee van is not a permanent fixture on the campus and the agreement between the owner and TU Dublin will come to end when the campus facilities reopen to the public. She agreed to bring this feedback to TU Dublin but added that it is unlikely that it will be moved back.</p>	LK/DK	Report back - Jan 22
<p>There was further discussion on the matter with community representatives strongly advocating for its move back citing the many positive benefits as a community amenity. It was noted that the issue also has the support of Public Representatives with NR highlighting it as a big issue within the community. JC noted that having casual traders on campus is very positive and suggested</p>		



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<p>also raising the issue at the GDA Board. He also suggested that Broadstone Plaza be considered as a space for casual traders as it would serve the campus and community and also deter anti-social behaviour there. He requested that TU Dublin approach DCC on the matter. DK agreed to take this request back to TU Dublin.</p>	DK	Jan 22
<p>7.2. LMM noted that many of issues raised at this forum are actioned for TU Dublin Estates. He suggested that it would be beneficial to have an Estates representative at the CLC.</p>		
<p>LK acknowledged this noting that the group is moving into a new phase between construction development and campus management. She agreed that campus issues would remain a key component of meetings and stated that this is something that the GDA and TU Dublin are looking at going forward.</p>	NOTE	Ongoing
<p>8. <b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p>		
<p>8.1. LK thanked the group for all their input over the year. She noted that the next meeting will take place in January 2022 and agreed to circulate the dates for all 2022 meetings before the end of the year.</p>	LK	Dec 21