



Minutes

Meeting	Community Liaison Committee
Date-Time-Location	Wednesday 15 November 2023, GDA Board Room/Hybrid
Members present	Jason Aughney, Cllr Deborah Byrne, Paul Coleman, Brian Gormley, Lori Keeve (Chair), Fiona Kelly, Cllr Ray McAdam, Eamonn McCluskey, Fionnuala McHugh, Luke McManus
By invitation	Michelle Collins, Billy O’Riordan (Workday)
Apologies	Brendan Doggett, Brian Gormley, Neasa Hourigan TD, Brian Jordan, Eugene Kelly, Kathleen McCann, Garda Shauna Naughton, Cllr Nial Ring, Victoria MacKechnie, Neil O’Riordan

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1. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising		
1.1. LK initiated the meeting and introduced BOR from Workday, stepping in for VMK for this meeting. VMK sent apologies. EMC and DB were also introduced and welcomed to the CLC.		
1.2. The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.	NOTE	
2. Matters Arising		
2.1. JA conveyed that there is no Students Union update; BJ sends apologies and asked to defer this until the next meeting. This was agreed.	NOTE	
2.2. RMA addressed anti-social incidents at Broadstone Plaza, leading to engagement with the policing committee. The Garda Superintendent expressed readiness for him or his Deputy to meet the Committee before Christmas. It was agreed to follow up on this post CLC.	RMA/LK JA/BJ	
2.3. LK noted an update from BD that 2 new bins have been installed at Broadstone Plaza. LMM inquired about progress on Grangegorman Lower bins, emphasising the need due to increased foot traffic. It was agreed to follow up with BD .	DCC	
2.4. RMA and LMM sought updates on the Junction Works. LK noted ongoing engagement with DCC and stated that GDA is currently working through procurement options to carry out the permanent works next year.		
2.5. FMH noted requests for additional outside space within the school and requested that the possibility of relocating the bike parking to the junction be explored. LK clarified that this would be a decision for DCC as the space proposed is outside GDA remit. There was further discussion around this covering security, planning and fire assembly. RMA noted that the Active Travel Unit could potentially look at this if planning is not required. He		



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agreed to follow up with DCC Planning on whether the proposal would require planning permission and revert to the group.	DCC	

3. **Project Updates**

- 3.1. **LK** provided an update on all live projects starting with Academic Hub & Library: It was noted that mechanical and electrical installation are well underway throughout the development with façade and steel installation progressing well on the north and south blocks. North House roofworks and window repairs are also ongoing.
- 3.2. Clock Tower: A first phase of window restoration is now complete with works on phase 2 just commenced. Additional funding was granted through the Historic Structures fund to refurbish a further 15 windows and 3 doors.
- 3.3. Planning: Two applications are currently with DCC related to the Grangegorman site and a third is due to be submitted for a refresh planning application shortly.
- RCN – Working through request for Further Information which is due to be submitted shortly. It is expected that a decision will be made in the New Year.
 - Workday – Observation period closed with six observations. DCC decision expected imminently. Concerns around St Brendan’s Way access and how plans for temporarily rerouting the access would be communicated were discussed. There is ongoing engagement with Workday team on the detailed design process. This includes further coordination and consultation as needed.
 - West Quad: Original planning application submitted in 2018 and has now lapsed. A planning refresh application is due to be submitted this week.
- 3.4. Indoor Sports: Phase 1 of this project is in early design stage with further progress expected next year.
- 3.5. Grangegorman Histories: A number of key updates were noted including:
- Public Call: Evaluation of submissions completed and now in alcatel period. Anticipating project announcements in the coming months.
 - PhD Student Appointed: Fully funded PhD position on Grangegorman’s architectural and societal histories from the 1700s onward has been filled. Contracts assigned, with the official announcement expected in the next week or two.
 - Arts and Humanities Research and Innovation Showcase: Grangegorman Histories invited to present at the Irish Humanities Alliance (IHA) Arts and Humanities Research



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<p>and Innovation Showcase, expanding the platform for Grangegorman's history beyond its immediate context.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brendan Kelly's book, "Asylum: Inside Grangegorman", published in early October. The book is now publicly available, and copies can be obtained upon request. 		
<p>3.6. <u>Public Art</u>: An update was provided on 'THE GOLDEN BANDSTAND – Sculpture' noting that final painting was in progress following completion of ironworks. It is expected that the installation will be completed in December. An official launch of the artwork will be planned for the first half of 2024.</p>		
<p>4. Community Matters</p>		
<p>4.1. RMA highlighted concerns about the playground surfacing, urging action as soon as possible due to increasing complaints from regular users. LK agreed to raise the issue as a priority and to revert with an update as soon as possible.</p>	<p>LK/ TU Dublin</p>	
<p>4.2. DB raised issues of antisocial behaviour around the playground, including unleashed dogs and older children entering. Noting ongoing challenges, LK highlighted efforts to collaborate with Community Garda for a continuous campus presence. There was further discussion around creative signage for dog owners and reporting anti-social behaviour. It was agreed to explore this further with TU Dublin.</p>		
<p>4.3. LMM raised the issue of limit toilet access highlighting the importance of seven-day access to the community. He requested that options are explored and brought to the next meeting.</p>		
<p>4.4. JA informed the committee that the new Kennedy's Coffee Dock operates from Monday to Saturday, 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM. The CLC was in favour of all using their networks to help promote the facility.</p>		
<p>4.5. LK gave a short update on 'The Spark' project noting a planned launch before the end of the year [since moved to 2024] and a schools engagement programme to begin roll-out in spring next year.</p>		
<p>4.6. LMM expressed disappointment that the GDA was unable to support the Stoneybatter Christmas lights this year due to policy restrictions. LK noted that Stoneybatter had received €5k from the GDA for the summer festival, and while supportive of the initiative, were unable to provide additional funding to a community group twice in the same year. She added that the community sponsorship policy is currently under review.</p>		
<p>4.7. LMM noted ongoing talks between TU Dublin Sport and St Brendan's GAA around pitch access and emphasising the need for clearer contacts. FMH added that the school also uses the pitches</p>		



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in return for TU Dublin use of the school hall in the evening. It was suggested that it would be good to have TU Dublin Sports represented on the CLC.		
4.8. VMK informed the CLC that Workday volunteers were looking to put together a group to clean-up Broadstone Plaza and was provided with a DCC contact to arrange. FK noted that the Plaza is supposed to be cleared every evening however this seems to have dropped recently. This will be raised with DCC.	DCC	
4.9. JA raised the issue of lights not working in Broadstone Plaza. RMA and DB to action with DCC.	DCC	
5. Any Other Business		
5.1. LK noted that we were unable to resource a networking event this year however suggested that the CLC collaborate on plans for one in the first half of 2024. It was agreed to include on the agenda for the next meeting.		
5.2. LMM noted the GDA Board Community and Culture Committee for further discussion on relevant issues raised at the CLC.		
6. Date of Next Meeting		
6.1. Meeting dates for 2024 will be circulated to the group before the end of the year. It was agreed to maintain current format with mostly online meetings and in-person sessions in April and November.		