

Minutes

Meeting Community Liaison Committee

Date-Time-Location Wednesday 16 April 2025 / In Person / Online

Members present Jenny Donohoe (**JD**) GDA Comms; Grainne O'Leary (**GOL**) GDA Comms; Derval Concannon (**DC**) GDA Comms; Nigel Thompson (**NT**) Acting Chair; Luke McManus (**LMM**) Community; Jason Aughney (**JA**) TU Dublin SU; Garda Amy Murtagh (**GCF**) Community Garda; Seaneen Sullivan (**SS**) Community; Paul Coleman (**PC**) TU Estates; Cllr Janet Horner (**JH**) DCC;

Apologies Eamon McCluskey (**EMC**) HSE; Cllr John Stephens (**JS**); Deborah Clarke (**DC**) DCC; Brian Gormley (**BG**) TU Dublin; Ronan Whelan (**RW**) D7ET; Eugene Kelly (**EK**) Community; Kathleen McCann (**KMC**) GLLF; Cllr Ray McAdam (**RMA**); Joanne Kearney (**JK**) TU Dublin Estates; Peter McCann (**PMC**) TU Dublin SU; Fionnuala McHugh (**FMH**) D7ET; Brendan Doggett (**BD**) DCC Central Area Office;

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1. Welcome, minutes and matters arising

1.1 **JD** welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced new Communication team members, Derval Concannon and Grainne O' Leary. The minutes from the last meeting were agreed.

2. Project Updates

2.1. **JD** noted the following updates in relation to projects starting with the Bleachers & Gabions: Project Completed.

2.2. Playground Resurfacing: Project will be completed by a single contractor under a single contract. Tenders are due back on 30th April. Timeframes not to impact the community during the peak summer months. **LMM** queried completion date and proposed a survey be conducted to determine who uses the park and when. **NT** noted that the disruption period could be 6 to 8 weeks, update to follow in next CLC.

2.3. Academic Hub: Preparing to open for the start of the next academic year 2025/2026

2.4. Bindweed at Rear of Villas: SAP has been appointed contractor for removal with dates to be decided. **SS** expressed concern if a chemical applicator would be used in the removal.

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2.5.	<u>Area D Area</u> : Demolition work is completed. Archaeology work will remain for 2-3 month. Action required in addressing the loose gravel, which will require resurfacing ground.		
2.6.	<u>Prussia Street Gate</u> : Action is required on gathering further information for DCC planning application request. SS requested if there could be an update from the Communication Team on the project. JD noted request and would review with team.	JD	
2.7.	<u>Geothermal (Gemini Projects)</u> : Status of project is at first stage of decarbonisation. Stakeholders include Designer, Codema, GSI and TU Dublin. Action required is the reviewing of current proposals from Designer.		
2.8.	<u>Long-Term Planning – DCC Planning Application Renewal</u> : 5 year plan with temporary facilities; focus areas will be Sports Changing and the Print Making Workshop.		
2.9.	<u>Joining Up the Dots 4 / Build to Last</u> : Local employment on site under the Grangegorman Employment Charter was 8% for February, March figures will be included in next meeting. There is only one main contractor currently on site – OHLA Townlink on the Academic Hub project.		

The new Grangegorman Build to Last Community Forum (aka the Build to Last Forum) will have its inaugural meeting on 28th April. The BTL Forum replaces the Grangegorman Labour & Learning Forum (GLLF) and is an important component of the GDA's Build to Last Community Engagement Strategy. The Forum consists of 15 members and an external Chairperson with the GDA's Community Engagement Manager acting as its Secretary. Members organisations have been drawn from the public/statutory, community/voluntary and business enterprise sectors and the Forum includes representatives from the following organisations:

- Public/statutory : GDA, TU Dublin, HSE, Dublin City Council, CDETB, Department of Social Protection/Intreo, St Paul's CBS Secondary School ('the Brunner')
- Community/voluntary: Daughters of Charity Community Services, Dublin Northwest Partnership, Bohemians FC, Aosóg Child & Family Project, An Síol Community Development Programme

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- Business/Enterprise: Inner City Enterprise (ICE), Smithfield & Stoneybatter Business Association, Dublin Chamber of Commerce

Joining Up the Dots 4 (JUTD4) –widely distributed electronically, and printed copies of this latest socio-economic and demographic report of the Grangegorman area. **KMC** is planning to formally launch the report, along with the new Build to Last Forum at an event in Grangegorman in early Summer and CLC members will be invited to attend. There will also be themed snapshots of the report published on the GDA’s social media over coming weeks.

Grangegorman ABC (Area Based Childhood) Project – The National College of Ireland (NCI) and **GDA** have held a number of productive Steering Group meetings and a well-attended Consortium. While Grangegorman ABC retains its own management structures, budgets, programmes and has its own allocated core staff, both ABCs can now benefit from each other’s experience, knowledge, and practice to continue to develop and deliver high quality provision right which meets identified needs right across the north inner city area.

3. Community Matters

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| 3.1. | <p>LMM raised complaint by residents from Grangegorman Villas of light pollution from the Lower House and East Quad. LMM requested a meeting with TU Estates team. PC informed the group that the light timers were recently switched from analogue to digital. LMM will update residents and provide feedback to PC. PC to provide updates on timer switch times to group.</p> | PC/LMM |
| 3.2. | <p>NT noted that the Vibrant Community Fund process has concluded and that he is finalising the report. LMM requested if GDA Comms could liaise with successful applicants around the time of their events for social promotion.</p> | |
| 3.3. | <p>Concern expressed over recent refusal for usage of the Golden Band Stand on the TU campus. D7ET were not provided reason. LML requested that transparency needed on insurance and liability required to use space. Stoneybatter festival is taking place a week earlier this year due to concerts in the Phoenix Park, Úlla Orchard possible venue.</p> | |
| 3.4. | <p>LMM informed group of bike robberies at Centra, Broadstone Hall apartments, he is liaising with apartment residents, Tuath Housing and Management. GCF noted that there were no other reports of stolen bikes. LMM raised concern of complaints of a vehicle on the road. GCF noted that patrols have been increases</p> | LMM/
GCF |

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on weekends and an email will be recirculated to patrols on the incidents.		
3.5. PC noted that campus incidents have settled down in comparison to previous year. GCF echoed that there has been a increase in patrols and Garda clinics, two incidents were reported in last two weeks. Due to recent good weather there was a slight increase in activity and disruptive behaviour.		
3.6. LMM asked if there was any update on the Bring Centre status. NT noted that there is an extension to stay for another two years.		
3.7. GCF and JH raised a complaint about the Heavy Goods vehicles from the Bring Centre blocking cycle lanes on Upper Grangegorman and reversing onto North Circular Road. Residents have complained about Adhoc coaches parking at Bring Centre. PC to speak with TU sports and request communication be sent to teams on parking. GCF noted that residents should call Garda station and the patrols will request vehicles move.	PC/ GCF	
3.8. GDA noted that the new Wednesday markets at Broadstone are doing well. SS queried who the administrator is and LMM noted it was Deirdre Prince. SS also raised request if GDA Comms could promote market and generate engagement.	GDA	

4. Next Meeting

The next CLC meeting is due to take place online on 21 May.