

## Minutes

Meeting Consultative Group

Date-Time-Location 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021 online via Microsoft Teams

Members present Cllr Joe Costello (JC) DCC Public Rep; Eoin Farrell (EF) NTA; Noel

Gallagher (NG) TU Dublin Staff; Paul Horan (PH) TU Dublin; Sharon Hughes (SH) TU Dublin SU; Luke McManus (LMM) Community Rep; Tara Mulvany (TM) GDA; Melda Slattery (MS) TU Dublin Staff; Andrea

Valova (AV) HEA; Finola Kane, GDA; Ger Casey, GDA; Rachel

Fitzgerald, HSE.

Apologies Cllr Anthony Flynn (AF) DCC Public Rep; Rebecca Gorman (RG) TU

Dublin SU; Carmel Kitching (CK) HSE; Stewart Logan (SL) DHLGH; Annette Murphy (AM) HSE; Kevin Sheridan (KS) HSE; Angela Walsh (AW) HSE Service Users Rep; Leslie Shoemaker (LS) TU Dublin; Anne-

Marie Donoghue (AMD) HSE Service Users; Eugene Kelly (EK)

Community Rep; Roisin Cahill, GDA.

Item Action Date

- 1. Welcome and Minutes of the last meeting
- 1.1. TM welcomed everyone and gave brief rundown of agenda. She noted that Ger Casey was present and would provide project update from GDA.
- 1.2. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

## 2. **Project Update**

- 2.1. Ger Casey provided an update on behalf of GDA and noted the following:
- 2.2. Residential Care Neighbourhood project at Stage 2a. Planning drawings being prepared. Planning application expected to be made early Summer. Local consultation will take place in advance.

Works on D7ETNS deemed essential and continuing at pace.

East Quad handed over to TU Dublin on 21<sup>st</sup> Dec and was visited by Ministers Harris and O'Donohoe. Building now fully decanted and operational.

Lower House handed over in January 2021. Very successful project. Will be student centre for TU Dublin.

Central Quad handed over to TU Dublin last week. Very sophisticated building that will be occupied by over 7,000 students. Area and public realm will become accessible to public when hoarding gets taken down.



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Tenders are out for specialist contractors on Academic Hub & Library. Hope to be on site by end Summer. Completion date 2023. This will provide main library space for TU Dublin and will be heart of campus for teaching & learning.

Tender process for FOCAS Research Institute going well. This is being funded through the sale of Camden Row. Expected to be on site within 1.5-2 years.

6-8 weeks remaining for completion of Print Making Workshop which has been temporarily suspended due to Level 5 restrictions. This will complete East side campus.

Works on Clock Tower being carried out that involve salvaging and protecting fabric of the building. It will take approx. 6-9 months and will hopefully begin over the Summer.

GDA, along with all SDZs, obliged to carry out a Strategic Height Review. GDA has engaged specialist consultants who have met with TU Dublin & HSE in first instance and will review with the public in May/June.

GDA & TU Dublin Estates team looking at extending opening hours of access to campus but need to consider security and people living in immediate vicinity.

Agency is progressing access on Prussia Street Gateway. However, 3<sup>rd</sup> party landlord is re-submitting planning permission for residential development in this area due to change of regulations. This planning is likely to be closer to the end of this year 2021.

Work on Broadstone Gate has been temporarily suspended due to level 5 restrictions but only a few weeks of work remaining until that is open.

Filtered permeability measures on GG Lower have been made permanent. DCC working on plans to improve layout in that area and will have drawing in about 2/3 weeks.

TM noted that an online version of '...the lives we live' Grangegorman Public Art Book was launched to coincide with World Book Day and is available on GDA website.

RIA has launched Dictionary of Biographies online and Grangegorman Histories will be publishing biographies connected to Grangegorman shortly.

LMM asked if access to Central Quad will be linked to Primary Care Centre. GC noted it would be at least another year before this would happen.



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LMM also referenced brick archway that has appeared during construction of D7ETNS. GC confirmed this was originally part of Bradóg.

LMM said feedback from residents regarding the contractors Ganson was positive.

JC requested further details on SDZ height review planning process. GC said that the process will be determined by what, if any, changes are required.

LMM suggested cameras be placed on the bollards at GG lower to provide evidence for Gardai regarding dangerous driving in the area. PH noted that it was currently not legal to prosecute on photo evidence. JC confirmed that DCC will have a report on plans for the filtered permeability measure in the area in approx. 3 weeks' time.

## 2.3. TU Dublin Update

PH provided an update on behalf of TU Dublin and noted the following:

- EQ currently being commissioned. 150 staff and equipment being moved in. Very little student use currently. Some limited activity after Easter.
- Service commencement received on CQ which allows TU
  Dublin to move in. Construction staff still on site completing
  snagging. Staff moving in throughout April & May in
  controlled manner. Contractors decommissioning by end of
  April.
- PH provided timelines for exiting of Kevin St (March), Chatham Row & Rathmines (already out) Cathal Brugha St & Sackville Place (end April) and Mountjoy Sq (May).
- Café in Rathdown House has been significantly enlarged.
- Works on Park House include improved access pedestrian crossing. Library is open for study and click and collect service.
- Lower House works ended in January. Now operated by TU
  Dublin Estates. Public realm has been finished off. Team
  have done great job of preserving look and feel of building.
- PH shared video of LH.



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 JC asked what the plans were for Cathal Brugha St. and Aungier St. PH clarified that the building at Cathal Brugha St. was now in the hands of the Department of Education and that he was not aware of their plans for it. The sale of Aungier St. was currently on hold until the property market improves.

- LMM asked what plans were for the grass area outside of Park House. PH said there was a reluctance to open the area to the public due to public order issues.
- LMM queried whether the playground on campus would be opened up now that schools were back and that public playgrounds have reopened. PH clarified that the playground at Grangegorman was on private grounds so the situation was different.
- LMM asked if access at the Church of Ireland would be opened soon. PH said that TU Dublin was not keen to open additional gates at the moment due to anti-social behaviour.
- LMM said there had been a number of incidents of antisocial behaviour on campus and asked if there was anything to be learned in terms of best practice from the Phoenix Park. PH responded that the TU Estates team were in daily contact with Gardaí and were doing their best to keep the campus open.
- JC said that he had not received any complaints regarding anti-social behaviour but that he would raise the issue at the next CAC to see if other counsellors had.
- JC noted his concern that student accommodation on campus would not be prioritised by GDA/TU Dublin because of the considerable number of student accommodation developments off campus. He said that on campus student accommodation should continue to be a priority and that he had raised this on numerous occasions. PH assured him that on campus student accommodation is still planned and that they continue to explore routes with the Dept. that will allow student accommodation to proceed.

## 3. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on June 17<sup>th</sup>.