

Minutes

Meeting Consultative Group Meeting

Date-Time-Location Thursday 7th December 2022 – 9.30am – 11.30am – Online (MS Teams)

Members present Collette Burns (CB) TU Dublin; Fiona Davis (FD) HSE; Jenny Donohoe

(JD) GDA; Ronan Dunphy (RD) TU Dublin Staff; Lori Keeve (LK) Chair

GDA; Mark O'Neill (MON) Community; Leslie Shoemaker (LS) TU Dublin

Staff; Andrea Valova (AV) HEA

Apologies Kathleen Eccles (KE) HSE; Eoin Farrell (EF) NTA; Neasa Hourigan TD

(NH) Public Rep; Eugene Kelly (EK) Community; Ray McAdam (RMA) DCC Councillor; Cllr Nial Ring (NR) DCC; Rachel Simons (RS) HSE;

Thomas Stone (TS) TU Dublin;

Item Action Date

1. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

- 1.1. The minutes of the meeting were approved.
- 1.2. LK welcomed FK to the group, who is taking over from MON as one of the Community Representatives on the group.
- 1.3. LK noted the following matters arising and invited others from the group. She noted:
 - She has been engaging with David O'Connor to present a follow-up transportation presentation to the group. This will remain as an action for 2023.
 - Broadstone: the cleaning and maintenance schedule of the plaza has been requested from DCC. FK noted that her latest information is that the Plaza is cleaned once a week.

2. TU Dublin Presentation

- 2.1. CB gave an overview of activities for TU Dublin over 2022. Key points of note were:
 - Substantial increase of footfall in East and Central Quads over the year.



- Highlighted the community use of sports facilities noting c.
 30 different user groups, including local schools and Bridewell Garda Station.
- Multi-purpose play space (MUPS) won a county award for community play space.
- Lower House seeing an increase in users.
- Events almost 100 events booked in TU Dublin in 2022.
 A wide range of the schools in the university as well as external organisers. Some notable events included: Cop On festival, D7 Educate Together graduation, Culture Night and Open House tours, along with ongoing recitals in the East Quad.
- Sustainability TU Dublin is working to embed sustainability across the core curriculum and has established a Sustainability Vice President and directorate.
- A transport survey was done, which resulted in replacing the buggies with Electric Vehicle Buggies.
- Students There are about 10,000 students and 350 staff on campus, operating on a blended working model.

CB then invited questions from the group

2.2. LS queried about large spaces for events in TU Dublin. CB noted the Academic Hub will have a large space, it will not be suitable for large scale events. The West Quad will have a very large space for conferrings and other events. LS queried the date for the West Quad to progress. LK noted that the project has planning permission however it is not yet progressed to tender for construction stage. CB noted that it is expected to progress next year but could be subject to change.

3. **Project Updates**

3.1. LK provided a presentation on the status of all live projects on the Grangegorman site.



3.2. D7 Educate Together School – works are well advanced, with site works ongoing and most network connections completed.

Handover date is expected to be next April. Plans for works to the junction outside the school are being progressed with DCC. New access points are currently being constructed and are visible if passing the site along Grangegorman Upper. There will also be a crossing point from the school into the wider campus by the Central Quad.

- 3.3. TU Dublin Academic Hub and Library Now about 30% through the overall programme, and on programme for completion in May 2024. Current focus is around the North House where strip-out of added features is ongoing along with repair works to the windows. On the new build elements, the foundations and retaining walls to the north and south of the building are now up.
- 3.4. <u>Clock Tower Stabilisation Works –</u> This essential works programme is now complete. There will be more work needed to bring it back to full usage as part of a future project.
- 3.5. <u>Indoor Sports</u> We have gone out to tender for Phase 1 for Indoor Sports for TU Dublin. The GDA hopes to appoint the design team in the first half of 2023.
- 3.6. Residential Care Neighbourhood GDA are working towards lodging the project for planning permission and are actively engaging with the HSE and design team to finalise the plans.
- 3.7. <u>Area D/Workday Workday will establish their European HQ</u> over 2 plots in Grangegorman. They are currently finalising the tender process for the design team. Some initial site investigations took place in November. We'll keep everyone informed as plans and programme progresses over 2023.
- 3.8. <u>Grangegorman Histories -</u> Two new research pieces that have gone live, a new podcast and the next essay in the 'Exploring Grangegorman Histories' series. "The Asylum Workshop" is a



play developed with the Conservatoire and final year drama students on some of the site's history due to launch in December. Tickets are due to go live soon.

- 3.9. <u>Events Culture Night and Open House tours, completely booked</u> out and a lot of past hospital staff attended. In terms of Open House, there were 13 events happening across the Grangegorman site and the feedback has been hugely positive.
- 3.10. CLC Networking Event The GDA organised an event for community representatives to meet and engage with the HSE and TU Dublin people who work with or provide community facilities/events. It was well attended and provided an opportunity for potential collaborations in future.
- 3.11. <u>Public Art</u> Artist Brian Cregan took part in 'Arts in Education Day' in November to discuss 'The Glass Garden'.
- 3.12. <u>Local Employment Remains steady at 12% local employment</u> on the two active construction sites.
- 3.13. New Staff 2 new directors have joined GDA and hoping to see further new staff in 2023.
 - LK welcomed questions/comments from the group.
- 3.14. MON queried if there is a community membership scheme in place for the gym facilities on site. LK noted that the gym is accessible for community and there is an email contact if you need to get in touch with the gym directly.
- 3.15. LS queried if Workday will be using the car park by the East Quad. LK stated that this would not be the case.



4. Year in Review 2022

LK gave a brief overview of the main activities over 2022, noting the Topping Out Ceremony for D7ET, construction commencement of the Academic Hub, Clock Tower Stabilisation Works, announcement of Workday HQ and a number of events for Grangegorman Histories and the Climate Action Day in June as part of the Stoneybatter Festival.

- 5. **AOB**
- 5.1. No further matters were raised.
- 6. **Date of Next Meeting**
- 6.1. The next meeting will take place on Thursday 16th March 2023 at 9.30am online via MS Teams.