

Minutes

Meeting Community Liaison Committee

Date-Time-Location Wednesday, 21 October 2020 @ 5pm via Microsoft TEAMS

Members present Shane Boyne, Róisín Cahill, Cllr Joe Costello, Louise Keegan, Lori Keeve, Eugene Kelly, Luke McManus, Kathleen McCann, Tara Mulvany, Neil O'Riordan

By invitation Máire Mellerick

Apologies Jason Aughney, Dave Kilmartin, Garda Stephen Lacey, Fionnuala McHugh, Cllr Janice Boylan, Cllr Anthony Flynn

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1.	Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising		
1.1.	The minutes of the last meeting on 30 th July were approved.		
1.2.	JC requested an update regarding the development of student accommodation on site. LK/TM agreed to provide a further update on this for the next meeting.	LK/TM	18 th Nov
1.3.	TM gave an update on Matters Arising from the previous meeting noting the following:		
	 TU Dublin Rep – Dave Kilmartin, Head of Career Development at TU Dublin, will replace Brian Gormley as the university's new representative on the CLC. Sustainability – A number of swift boxes will be installed as part of the West Quad project. Plans to progress sustainability links remain an ongoing action. Student Volunteering – Claire Flannery is the new TU Dublin Volunteer Coordinator and has agreed to link-in with residents regarding voluntary clean-ups. It was noted that this is difficult at the moment due to low student numbers 		Ongoing
	 and COVID-19 restrictions. Fingal Place – extending the gate hours has been 		Ongoing
	postponed for the moment due to the current COVID-19 restrictions.		On hold

2. **Project Update**

2.1. LK provided an update on all live projects on site, beginning with the Central and East Quads.

It was noted that:

- TU Dublin East Quad works are currently being finished out and that the aim is for TU Dublin to begin moving in at the end of November/beginning of December.
- Student numbers will be very limited until Semester 2 at the earliest.



Item Action **Date** TU Dublin Central Quad handover is not expected until after Christmas. 2.2. Lower House It was noted that this project is still estimated to be delivered before the end of the year. Along with the East Quad, the completion of this building will open up the east side of Grangegorman to the public. 2.3. TU Dublin Printmaking Workshop & Field Sport Changing **Facilities** Both of these projects are now on site and under construction. They are expected to be completed in early 2021. 2.4. **Dublin 7 Educate Together National School** It was noted that the GDA is working on closing out the construction tender process with the aim of mobilising on site LK/TM before Christmas. **TBC** GDA will inform stakeholders when dates have been confirmed. GDA will also contact principal (FMcH) to circulate information in the school newsletter. 2.5. TU Dublin Academic Hub The CLC was informed that tender for construction has been issued. The current programme aims to start on-site before summer next year. The interim library at Park House is due to be completed before Christmas. 2.6. Broadstone Plaza It is noted that the completion date for the Plaza is expected to be mid-November. LK/TM to confirm when it's due to open. LK/TM **TBC** 2.7. Further updates were provided on the following: **HSE Residential Care Neighbourhood** TU Dublin West Quad Conservation of the carriageway gates Grangegorman Histories recent online events both of which are available on YouTube Public Art International Conference dates rescheduled until June 2021 3. **GLLF Update** 3.1. KMC gave an update on the activities of the GLLF and the breakdown of local employment figures on site. She noted that the June, July and August figures were between 7 – 9.5 %. A breakdown of types of jobs is available if required. 3.2. The Business and Enterprise Group is organising a lunchtime LK/TM When

webinar on Social Enterprise on 17th November. Further

information will be circulated to the CLC when available.

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3.3.	A new report, 'Social Clauses in Public Procurement: The Irish Experience' was recently launched at a conference of the same name by Minister Ossian Smyth, Minister of State for Public Procurement. KMC spoke at the event and the report featured the work of the GLLF.		
3.4.	KMC also informed the group of the current focus of the GLLF to address a digital-skills divide in the area, and also updated on Grangegorman ABC.		
3.5.	There was a discussion around the value of local enterprises on campus with LMM stating that the coffee truck has contributed to social engagement on campus. He noted that it would be great to see similar initiatives encouraged.		
	The group acknowledged the challenges around this for small local businesses, particularly in relation to procurement agreements with big providers. KMC noted that this is something GLLF and TU Dublin are trying to work on. It was agreed that local businesses would appreciate further clarity on how they can engage with the campus.	TM/TU Dublin	18 th Nov
	KMC also noted that the GDA keeps a Local Business Register and that registration forms can be accessed by emailing her directly. LoK stated that this would be good to push out to the local community. LK suggested that the GDA could promote the local register on an ongoing basis, perhaps quarterly, via the	LK/TM	Quarterly

4. Community Matters

GDA's social media channels.

4.1. LMM raised the issue of construction works on the East Quad continuing outside of the permitted hours last Saturday evening, stating that the residents of Grangegorman Lower were not notified about it.

MM acknowledged the incident, informing the group that the GDA does not support working beyond the planning hours and that the matter was raised with the NDFA and the contractor. If there is planned work that may impact on working hours, the contractor must apply to Dublin City Council.

MM explained that according to the contractor, this was not a planned occurrence (a delayed tar delivery resulted in the contractors continuing to work until resurfacing had been completed.) and noted that a contractor rep was due to get in touch with residents again about the incident.

TM noted that contractors' contact numbers are available to residents, so that they can get in touch with site management directly. It was also noted that the contractor has a duty to inform residents if an incident like this is to occur and unfortunately in this case this was not followed up on.



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There was a discussion around ways to communicate more efficiently with residents in the event of any future unexpected works such as through a contractor WhatsApp group with residents or through community reps. The group agreed that a direct contact would be best and can be followed up by the GDA afterwards if needed. TM/LK agreed to look into this.

TM/LK Ongoing

5. Discussion around Public Realm on Grangegorman Lower

5.1. MM presented the plans for the traffic calming measures on Grangegorman Lower to the group. The works are being carried out by Dublin City Council and have just commenced. They were originally planned before the Covid-19 outbreak.

She noted that:

- Two pedestrian crossings are being installed; one joining the Broadstone link to the main campus entrance and the other at the Grangegorman Luas entrance.
- Both crossings will be paved with a red-coloured tar and will be raised slightly above road level.
- A 'toucan' crossing about 4m wide will join the Broadstone link to the main campus entrance, meaning two different types of transport can cross at the same time – cyclists and pedestrians.
- The light will default to green for cyclists/pedestrians and red for cars and other vehicles, only turning green once activated by a sensor on the road indicating that traffic is waiting and the crossing is clear.
- The default green-light for pedestrians/cyclists provides a safe crossing for all users of the campus, particularly people with disabilities, without a restrictive time-limit.
- A similar version of this crossing is being installed at the Grangegorman Luas entrance, facilitating safer access to the HSE services and the future school there.
- The two consecutive, default red-lights for traffic will be a deterrent for cars in the area, further contributing to the safety of those travelling on foot/bike.
- Works will take from now until the end of the year due to significant drainage work that must be carried out before the crossings can be installed.

DCC has advised these works should complement the filtered permeability measures should these become permanent.

5.2. The group noted that these traffic calming plans look well and would be an improvement for Grangegorman Lower. JC queried the timing and notice of the works with MM noting that the plans were developed with DCC Roads and Traffic and were always due to be in place for the opening of the East Quad. LK added that these works have been mentioned at previous meetings as



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	forthcoming and would have happened sooner if not for the pandemic.		
5.3.	JC stated that the filtered permeability trial still has a long way to go if it is to be made permanent and noted that the City Councillors had expressed their unhappiness with how initial consultation was carried out. The trial will remain until 31 st January while information is circulated and further input is invited from the wider area. The Councillors will vote on the trial again in January.		
	MM agreed to come back and update the group if the trial is made permanent to show options for the best location of the bollards alongside the traffic calming measures.	ММ	TBC
5.4.	LMM observed that there is a sense of neglect around the public realm near the Grangegorman Luas entrance and noted the issues with Walls Construction there.		
	MM noted that this is a DCC public road and they are responsible for the road surface and pavement. She added that Walls are due to finish up this weekend. It was noted that a double-yellow line is needed along the road at Marne Villas to prevent the need for cones. JC offered to raise the issue of the road condition with DCC.	JC	
5.5.	TM stated that all feedback from this discussion would be brought to the GAWG when they have their next meeting and reported back to the CLC.	GDA	TBC
6.	Any Other Business		
6.1.	LMM requested that Marne Villas be kept informed and consulted of any works happening near them. LK noted that this will be case but that there are no immediate GDA works happening there. MM added that conservation works are due to take place on the boundary wall facing Marne Villas early in the new year and stated that Marne Villas would be notified in advance.	мм/тм	TBC
6.2.	JC informed the group that refurbishment is due to commence at Constitution Hill shortly and that an information leaflet is due to be issued next month. He agreed to a request that the leaflet be sent to GDA as well.		
6.3.	LMM queried if the campus would be impacted by the level 5 restrictions. LK informed the CLC that there would be no change to campus access under the government's latest guidelines and that the playground would remain open.		
6.4.	LMM noted that a basketball hoop needs replacing again in the multi-purpose playing court. LK noted that TU Dublin has plans to	TU Dublin	2021



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renovate this area and that this will be included as part of the works. She added that this is likely to happen early next year.

7. Next Meeting

7.1. The next meeting will take place on 18th November at 5pm online via MS Teams.