

Minutes

Meeting Community Liaison Committee

Date-Time-Location Wednesday 16th November, Park House Board Room

Members present Cllr Joe Costello, Jenny Donohoe, Brian Gormley, Lori Keeve (Chair),

Fionnuala McHugh, Cllr Ray McAdam, Paul McDunphy, Mark O'Neill

Apologies Jason Aughney, Brendan Doggett, Neasa Hourigan TD, Kathleen

McCann, Luke McManus, Garda Shauna Naughton, Neill O'Riordan, Cllr

Nial Ring, Liam McDonagh

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- 1. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising
- 1.1. The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.
- 1.2. **LK** noted the following matters arising:
 - Networking event taking place today in the East Quad, the first such networking event.
- 1.3. **RMA** requested an update from the Garda on their measures to tackle the issues at Broadstone Plaza. **LK** agreed to follow up with **SN**.
- 1.4. Following the meeting it was noted that LMM attempted to join the meeting via Microsoft Teams and unfortunately was unable to join due to a technical malfunction.

2. **Project Updates**

2.1. **LK** gave an update on all live projects starting with the active construction sites.

<u>D7ET</u>: Services connections now underway. Construction is approx. 75-80% complete with mechanical and electrical works ongoing internally. On schedule for Spring 2023 completion.

LK noted that engagement with DCC is ongoing to progress works to the junction at Rathdown Road and Grangegorman Upper. She added that detailed design is ongoing for the playscape adjacent to the school.

- 2.2. <u>Academic Hub</u>: Walls and columns for the new builds currently being constructed, strip out of the North House well underway, works expected to ramp up between now and after Christmas.
- 2.3. <u>Local Employment;</u> Two active construction sites. Local employment is at 12% on each project.

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- 2.4. <u>Area D;</u> Site investigations are due to commence in the coming weeks. Public access will not be affected. Further information will be shared once available.
- 2.5. These projects were noted as having no further update since the last meeting:
 - Residential Care Neighbourhood
 - West Quad
 - FOCAS Research Institute
- 2.6. <u>Grangegorman Histories:</u> Recently published the next in the Exploring Grangegorman Histories Eamon Delaney piece on Armistice Day Grangegorman and the Treatment of Soldiers' Trauma. The next event will be a play from TU Dublin Conservatoire, supported by Grangegorman Histories called "The Asylum Workshop". Invites will be circulated to the group.
- 3. **Community Matters**
- 3.1. **JC** raised the issue of the Bring Centre being moved and queried if another location is being considered on the Grangegorman site. **LK** noted that the scale of the current centre is unable to be accommodated on site. The GDA is undertaking a feasibility study to relocate as much of the current facilities as possible and consider where best this could be located. This will be brought to the GDA Board early next year, after which it will be brought to the CLC.

RMA queried the urgency around relocating the Bring Centre and the impact on preventing stabilisation works to the Clock Tower. **LK** noted that further stabilisation works can't be carried out while the Bring Centre remains in operation at its current location.

There was further discussion around this topic, with **LK** noting there are several restrictions as to where a bring centre can be located including general access, truck accessibility, and distance from residential property – noting future residential properties to be developed across the site. All of this will be included as part of the feasibility study.

- 3.2. **JC** queried if Alan Phelan's 'RGB Sconce Hold Your Nose' artwork outside city hall is to be moved to Grangegorman. **PMD** noted that Paul Horan, Chair of the TU Dublin Arts Committee, has been engaging with DCC and considering potential locations in Grangegorman.
- 3.3. **RMA** raised the issue of several incidences of intimidation from groups of teens towards campus users, including underage sports teams with their parents. He queried if these issues have been raised with the Campus Security and the Gardaí and requested an update on how this is being managed. **PMD** noted this is an ongoing issue, including recent assaults on security personnel as

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well. Estates are looking at the possibility of having a constant Garda presence on site and establishing a base office.

PMD also noted that previous issues at the playground have settled recently. **RMA** noted that he has experienced a great improvement in atmosphere for parents and children using the playground.

- 3.4. **PMD** noted that the cost of utility resources is increasing, and TU Dublin will need to look at the cost of running the lights at night in 2023. He also noted there is a mandate to reduce energy usage by 15% over winter. **RMA** suggested applying for government funding with regards to supports for sports lighting. **BG** agreed to follow up with the sports club on applications for the new grant fund.
- 3.5. **BG** noted there have been issues raised on the type of leaf blower currently in use on site, it will be discussed at the next green campus meeting. **PMD** noted that battery alternatives are bring looked at.
- 3.6. It was agreed to request an update on the installation of bins at Broadstone and Grangegorman Lower by DCC for the next meeting.
- 4. Any Other Business
- 4.1. **LK** noted the community liaison networking event will be taking place directly after this meeting.
- 5. Date of next meeting
- 5.1. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 18th January 2023.

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Addendum

Community Matters circulated to the CLC post-meeting.

- There has been a further query from residents of Grangegorman Lower about problematic street parking, particularly on Saturday mornings when parents are waiting for music lessons to finish. They request if the car park between East Quad and Lower House could be made available to the public on Saturdays to alleviate this ongoing issue.
- 2. The issue of the Bring Centre's future is a cause of growing concern in the community. A decision has been made to close down the facility without replacing it in the Grangegorman area and the community would like further information on the process and why it cannot be accommodated within the SDZ.

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