

## **Draft Minutes / Action List**

Meeting: Consultative Group

Date: 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015

Present: Ms Maureen O'Sullivan (MOS) Public Representative, Mr Joe Costello (JC)

Public Representative, Cllr Áine Clancy (AC) DCC, Mr Paul Horan (PH) DIT, Ms Melda Slattery (MS) DIT, Mr Nigel Orr (NO) DIT, Mr Derek Dockrell (DD)

HSE, Mr Donal Keys (DK) DIT Staff, Mr Seamus Harrington (SH) Local Community, Mr Michael Hand (MH) GDA, Ms Lori Keeve (LK) GDA, Mr

Kieran Kennedy (KK) RPS

**Apologies:** Mr Eoin Farrell (EF) NTA, Ms Louise Sherry (LS) HEA, Cllr Nial Ring (NiR)

DCC, , Mr Pat Kearney (PK) DIT Student Union, Mr Sean Tone (ST) HSE , Ms Nora Rahill (NR) GDA, Mr Fiachrá Duffy (FD) DIT Student Union, Ms Karen Taylor (KT) Irish Advocacy Network, Mr Barry Hurley (BH) Irish Advocacy

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Item	General Discussion / Action	Owner	Deadline
1.	Welcome		
1.1.	MH welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced KK from RPS to the group.		

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2.	Studentification Report		
2.1.	KK gave a presentation on a report commissioned by the GDA on Studentification in the Grangegorman area. It was noted that the report was commissioned on the back of requests from the Community Liaison Committee.  The presentation noted the challenges of the area, positives and negatives of student impact on other areas and outlined a number of recommendations for the Grangegorman area.		
2.2.	The report was discussed in detail with the group noting approval of the inclusion of positive impacts of studentification and not just the negative side.  MOS noted that the gradual move of DIT students to the Grangegorman area is a very positive step in the prevention of studentification here but that the surrounding area has a major problem of landlords not looking after property. She also noted that there is a huge rubbish issue in this area. KK noted that a key recommendation in preventing this is a landlord accreditation scheme. The group expressed interest in this idea.		
2.3.	The group noted that all rented accommodation matters seem to be in favour of the landlords, including services within Third Level Institutions to provide students with suitable accommodation. Any negative feedback results in students being removed from the accommodation lists while effectively providing free advertising for landlords. It was noted that the group is in favour of more purpose built accommodation being available in the city.		
2.4.	AC noted the role of a community liaison officer as recommended in the report as being crucial for good communication between DIT and the local community. She noted that informing people of DIT events such as graduation days and exhibition well in advance is vital as is organisation around traffic and parking in the area.		

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2.5.	AC noted her interest in campus life and inquired if accommodation on campus will be segregated, include a bar and address the issue of smoking areas. PH informed the group that there are plans to have a bar on site but it will be a small venue bar with a club license. He also noted that DIT Campus Life is looking at providing a 'dry' accommodation which will have a mix of accommodation types and noted that a large mitigating factor against studentification of the area is that the majority of DIT students are living at home and that there are good transport links in the area. The group thanked KK for the presentation and agreed to revert back to the GDA with any further comments.	ALL	
3.	Minutes		
3.1.	The minutes from the last meeting were agreed.		
4.	Project Update		
4.1.	MH gave a project update on all live projects on site.		
4.2.	HSE Projects: The letter of intent has been issued to L & M Keating Ltd for the Primary Care Centre build with the contractor expected to commence on site shortly. A Public Information Evening will be held with local residents. It is a 60 week programme with HSE fit-out to take place afterwards.  The GDA has received the draft feasibility report for the Community Nursing Unit for comment before it can be finalised and circulated.		

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4.3.	<ul> <li>SIPR:</li> <li>The grass pitches are due to be planted within the next few weeks with sports lighting and CCTV also being installed in the area.</li> <li>The Bradogue culvert and DCC truck watermain will be completed by Easter.</li> <li>Access via Fingal Place will be open to coincide with the playground and walking track after DCC and GDA works to the old gateway.</li> <li>Gate controls have all been agreed and finalised.</li> <li>The Santry Gates have undergone repair works and are now reinstalled on campus.</li> </ul>		
4.4.	Park Shopping Centre Link: The pedestrian access connecting the Grangegorman site with Park Shopping Centre is nearing completion. An opening date will be issued shortly.		
4.5.	<ul> <li>The Greenway Hub:</li> <li>BAM are on programme for completion in October.</li> <li>Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation Richard Bruton TD, laid the final brick of the building in a Topping Off ceremony on 13<sup>th</sup> March.</li> </ul>		
4.6.	<b>Dublin 7 Educate Together Primary School:</b> It was noted that there is a requirement for the D7 Educate Together to go from a $16-24$ classroom school and this will require an amendment to the SDZ Planning Scheme. There will be more information on this for September's meeting.		
4.7.	Further updates were given on the following;  PPPs  Bus Park Stabilisation Works Student Accommodation  It was noted that Bourke Builders are reemploying local people from earlier contracts on site and have also hired a local steelworks company for the Stabilisation contract.		

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5.	Any Other Business		
5.1.	The group recorded the passing of Anne Casey, Employment and Training Coordinator, and noted the great work she did for the GLLF.		
5.2.	It was noted that the term of the group comes to an end in May.		