

Minutes

Meeting	Community Liaison Committee (CLC)
Date-Time-Location	Wednesday 21 January 2026 via Microsoft Teams
Members present	Jason Aughney (JA) TU Dublin SU; Eugene Kelly (EK) Community; Lori Keeve (LK) Chair, GDA; Kathleen McCann (KMC) Build to Last Forum; Luke McManus (LMM) Community; Mina Eusebio (ME) TU Dublin SU; Fionnuala McHugh (FMH) D7ET; Brian Murphy (BM) TU Dublin; Paul Coleman (PC) TU Dublin Estates; Sharon Griffin (SG).
By invitation	Gretta NashCadden (GNC) GDA;
Apologies	Derval Concannon (DC) GDA; Joanne Kearney (JK) TU Dublin Estates; Naomi Sebastine (NS) TU Dublin SU; Cllr John Stephens (JS).

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1.	Welcome and Minutes		
1.1.	LK opened the first CLC meeting of the new year and welcomed members.		
1.2.	Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. The minutes of the last meeting were agreed with one minor amendment to item 5.3.		
2.	Matters Arising		
2.1.	Security Awareness and Community Garda Engagement		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">D7ET and Community Gardaí have established an ongoing programme of safety engagement and events. There have been 2 bike marking events for the school community thus far with over 400 bikes marked. More events are planned.Gardaí are also planning several events with the University, many of which will also be open to the wider community. Details to be shared as they become available.JA advised that current SU campaigns are focused on Veganuary, Sexual Health & Guidance Week (February), and fundraising activity, with Saoirse Refuge as the main charity partner. He agreed to	Gardaí	

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<p>share list of events where the security awareness campaign can be highlighted.</p>		
<p>2.2. Academic Hub – Security and Exhibition Management</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ME noted university concerns regarding the absence of a clearly identifiable security presence in the Academic Hub, particularly in relation to the Grangegorman Histories exhibition and potentially valuable items displayed. • Discussion noted that the space is a civic building and open to the public on the ground floor, similar to the East Quad. It was confirmed that there will be a presence at the reception desk however it was agreed to revery with further details regarding specific arrangements for the exhibition. BM confirmed he would also liaise with Estates regarding insurance and security considerations. 	LK/BM	
<p>2.3. Academic Hub – Tours and Opening</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JH requested a tour of the Academic Hub and clarification on the opening timeline. • LK advised that tours would be arranged following substantial completion. It was noted that the building is expected to be handed over imminently. 	GDA	
<p>3. Project Updates</p>		
<p>3.1. Playground Resurfacing & Accessibility Swing</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground resurfacing works and installation of the accessible swing commenced this week. • The playground will be closed for approximately 6–8 weeks. • A scavenger hunt has been introduced to support families during the closure. • A reopening event is being planned once works are complete. 		
<p>3.2. Hoarding and Parking Issues</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GDA are procuring a contractor to replace the damaged hoarding between Primary Care Centre and the North Circular Road car park. • Bollards will also be installed to prevent illegal parking on pedestrian walkways. 		

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- Advance notice will be issued around these works as timelines are confirmed.

3.3. Junction Works

- GDA has submitted a response to DCC's Request for Further Information.
- Subject to approval, works will still need to go to tender for construction before any works can take place. It was agreed to provide an updated expected programme for these works at the next meeting.

GDA

3.4. Playscape/Ivy Avenue

- Planning permission granted with conditions which are currently being reviewed by the GDA.
- Currently focusing on securing further funding and approval to go to tender for construction.

3.5. Other Projects

- No new material updates were reported for the RCN, West Quad, or PSG. Work continues in the background.

4. Build to Last Forum / ABC Programme

4.1. KMC gave an update on the following:

- the Build to Last Forum will next meet on 21 February and noted that planning for a community event will be a key item on the agenda.
- No local employment noted due to wind down of Academic Hub construction and no new projects currently on site.
- The ABC programme continues to expand, with 11 initiatives now supporting children aged 0–6 in the Grangegorman area.
- A regular ABC newsletter is in circulation and it was agreed to share this with the CLC going forward.

5. Estates Update

- PC confirmed engagement with Community Gardaí to establish a Garda clinic on campus in February.

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- Increased campus activity is expected with the return of classes.
- LMM raised an issue of broken vent covers near the pitches and agreed to discuss with PC separately.

LMM

6. Community Matters

6.1. Community Access

There was discussion around lack of clarity for requests and process for community to use spaces on campus, particularly 'THE GOLDEN BANDSTAND – Sculpture'. It noted that some community groups feel they are not welcome to use these spaces and are unclear of what and what isn't allowed. BM agreed to follow up on the process and requests and revert next meeting with clarity around requirements.

BM

7. Governance

7.1. Terms of Reference

- LK advised that the current CLC Terms of Reference are outdated and will be revised to reflect clearer governance and reporting structures.
- It was agreed to include a detailed discussion at the next meeting.
- Members were asked to review the existing TOR in advance.

8. Any Other Business

8.1. GNC noted that a new Chair of the GDA Board will be appointed this year and the process is underway.

8.2. LK informed the CLC that the monthly historical walking tours are currently paused.

8.3. LK encouraged members to promote the Vibrant Community Fund which is currently live for 2026 and advised that a Q&A session is taking place on 22 January.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next CLC meeting will take place on **18 February 2026**.