

# Minutes

Meeting Community Liaison Committee

**Date-Time-Location** Wednesday 17 July 2024 @ 10.00 via Microsoft Teams

Members present Jason Aughney (JA) SU; Brian Gormley (BG) TU Dublin; Lori Keeve (LK)

> Chair GDA; Fiona Kelly (FK) Community; Cllr Ray McAdam (RMA) DCC; Kathleen McCann (KMC) GLLF; Peter McCann (PMC) SU; Eamonn McCluskey (EMC) HSE; Fionnuala McHugh (FMH) D7ET; Luke

McManus (LMM) Community; Ronan Whelan (RW) D7ET;

**Apologies** Paul Coleman (PC) TU Dublin Estates; Brendan Doggett (BD) DCC

> Central Area Office; Cllr Janet Horner (JH) DCC; Neasa Hourigan TD (NH) Public Rep; Eugene Kelly (EK) Community; Cllr Ray McAdam (RMA) DCC; Garda Áine McQuillan (AMQ) Community Garda; Cllr John

Stephens (JS) DCC,

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#### 1. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

1.1. LK welcomed everyone and highlighted imminent changes to the composition of the CLC following the recent local elections and pending the results of the GDA electoral process for community representatives which was underway.

> LK outlined the arrangements for the GDA elections process noting that the next step will be to publish the lists of registered groups. Once the lists have been published, a call for nominations will be issued to those who have registered. RMA queried the timing of the election process during August and LK confirmed that this has been the case for all of the community representative elections to date as it is tied into the term of office of the GDA Board.

- 1.2. The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.
- 1.3. There were the following matters arising:
  - Junction works LK explained that the new planning application being submitted by the GDA for the junction works was simply a refresh of the original granted permission which had expired. RMA advised the GDA to engage in door-to-door consultation with residents in the area to reduce the chance of substantive objections which would slow the planning process. LK and RMA agreed to LK/RMA discuss this further outside the meeting.

**Community Garda update** – Garda Shauna Naughton has moved to a different area and the new Community Garda Áine McQuillan will be part of the CLC going forward. LK to follow up on providing an update at the next meeting.

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- East Quad planting BG reported that there is no update yet on the East Quad planting raised at the last meeting.
- **Broadstone Plaza coffee cart** In response to a query from FK, LK reported that there is no set date for opening LK/BD from BD on this but she would follow up with him.

### 2. **Project Updates**

2.1 LK provided an update on all live projects starting with the Academic Hub & Library – Works are advancing at a slower pace than hoped but still progressing. Most of the scaffolding has been removed on the North Block, providing a clear view of the building. Installation of book casing has commenced, and the bulk of the cladding has been completed. The second crane has been removed. In the South Block, flooring and partitions are currently being installed. In the Protected Structure, installation has begun of ceilings, wall panelling and bay windows.

#### 2.2 Planning:

- Demolition works Demolition of the single storey structures behind the Clock Tower is due to start in autumn. A public information evening will take place before the work begins and notice will be given to TU Dublin staff and students of any changes to St Brendan's Way while the work is being carried out. This may involve placing some hoarding on what is currently public area but there will be no change to the route itself.
- Prussia Street Gateway A planning application is due to be submitted at end of July for this project. A temporary haul road will facilitate development on the western boundary of the site along with a new pedestrian/cyclist route. Construction traffic will be restricted to a right turn only when leaving the haul road. A public information session will take place on Tuesday 23 July in the GDA offices and members of this group are encouraged to share ALL details amongst their contacts and networks. In response to a query by RW, LK confirmed that the haul road will be separated via fencing from the public route. construction has been completed, this full route will become the permanent Prussia Street Gateway.
- West Quad This remains a live procurement process until the end of the year. Several submissions for the prequalification stage have already been received. Refreshed planning permission has been granted by DCC. After the pre-qualification stage, the project will go tender for construction which will likely be next year.

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Park House – LMM enquired about plans for Park House once the Academic Hub had been completed. LK confirmed that the library and academic support facilities currently housed in Park House will move to Academic Hub on its completion and that future use of Park House will be a decision for TU Dublin. BG reported that TU Dublin has not made a decision yet as to its future use but he will follow **Dublin** up with the relevant colleagues and will provide an update.

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- 2.3 Junction Works – As discussed under Matters Arising, the GDA will resubmit a planning application in August and will consult with affected residents in advance of this.
- 2.4 Residential Care Neighbourhood – There was no update. Work continues at the design stage along with preparations for tendering for the construction phase. This is likely to be the next project on site. EMC confirmed that from the HSE perspective everything has been very positive so far.
- 2.5 Playground- This should be going to tender soon for resurfacing works and a wheelchair swing. The GDA is currently engaging with TU Dublin Estates around general maintenance and is hoping to make progress soon.
- 2.6 Public Art - The launch of 'THE GOLDEN BANDSTAND -Sculpture' took place in June and despite the miserable weather. it was a well-attended event. Paul's third class from D7 Educate Together School were the first group to perform in the space, and were followed by two local groups- Frankly Sinatra, and Crash, Bang, Wallop. Bookings for the space can be made through eventenguiries@tudublin.ie It is not intended that the space be constantly booked to allow for its more informal use. LMM suggested building public awareness of the bandstand as a community space and LK outlined that TU Dublin are currently looking into processes for community groups. It was noted that there have been some issues around enquiries for booking spaces generally.

#### 2.7 Grangegorman Histories -

- A number of events will take place in the coming months organised by the five groups awarded funding under the public call. LK will keep this group informed.
- Two walking tours of Grangegorman have been organised by Grangegorman Histories as part of Heritage Week. Both were booked out quickly but there is a waiting list for places and LK can arrange to add names to the waiting list

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if anyone from this group wishes to join it. The CLC expressed disappointment at how quickly many of these events are booking out and queried how they were being promoted to the local community. The Heritage Week event in particular was noted as Heritage Week events are generally not being widely advertised yet however the Grangegorman Histories event was already booked out. They suggested if there would be possibilities of additional spaces or sessions for local community for future events.

- BG enquired about specific tours for community groups and LK confirmed that Grangegorman Histories would be happy to consider any requests. KMC and LMM made suggestions for a resource pack which would allow more tours to be run locally.
- LK highlighted a recent article in the Dublin Inquirer on the transportation of women from Grangegorman, a significant part of both Grangegorman and national Irish history. Joan Kavanagh, one of the public call awardees, is working on events as part of the Dublin Histories Festival.
- The new Grangegorman Histories website is now live.
  Comments and feedback are invited, to be shared via LK.

# **3** Community Matters

- 3.1. LK congratulated the community on the recent Stoneybatter Festival which was excellent. The GDA had been delighted to both support and participate in the Festival through activities in the Stoneybatter Eco-hub and the delivery of Grangegorman Histories tours. TU Dublin had also provided support to what had been a very successful event.
- 3.2 Following the discussion around Grangegorman Histories tours, there was discussion on regular provision of public tours on campus. The group suggested a more regular and formal mechanism for tours of the site history or otherwise and was keen to see this happen. It was agreed to invite the TU Dublin Events Manager Rob Kiernan to the next meeting to discuss events, 'THE GOLDEN BANDSTAND Sculpture' and possibly tours.
- 3.3 LMM requested an update on antisocial behaviour on the TU Dublin campus and how this was being managed. It was agreed to request an update from TU Dublin Estates. RMA related reports of a number of incidents involving intimidation and mugging which had taken place either or at the entrance to the campus. He strongly recommended that a special meeting with the Garda Superintendent, TU Dublin and GDA either through the CLC or as a sub-group to discuss the issue. LK agreed to follow up with these groups to seek to set up a meeting. PMC confirmed

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that the Students' Union is also interested in attending such a meeting. LMM requested that representatives from TU Dublin Estates also be present at the meeting with Garda representatives.

3.4 The group expressed frustration at the attendance record of Estates and DCC reps at meetings. While understanding of competing priorities and unforeseen circumstances, they noted their disappointment that no update is provided in writing or an alternative rep attending instead. The CLC requested reestablishing basic expectations for representatives on the group and including a rolling attendance record for stakeholders on meeting agendas going forward. With new reps expected in the coming months, LK also agreed also poll the group for preferred meeting time as an additional measure to tackle this issue.

### 4. AOB

- 4.1 The group congratulated LMM on his recent documentary on the local elections shown on RTE.
- 4.2 The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 16 October.

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