

Minutes

Meeting	Community Liaison Committee
Date-Time-Location	Wednesday 22 January 2025 / Online via Microsoft Teams
Members present	Jenny Donohoe (JD) GDA; Garda Connor Flynn (GCF) Community Garda; Cllr Janet Horner (JH) DCC; Joanne Kearney (JK) TU Dublin Estates; Lori Keeve (LK) GDA (Chair); Eugene Kelly (EK) Community; Cllr Ray McAdam (RMA) DCC; Kathleen McCann (KMC) GLLF; Peter McCann (PMC) TU Dublin SU; Luke McManus (LMM) Community; Garda Amy Murtagh (GAM) Community Garda; Ronán Whelan (RW) D7ET,
Apologies	Jason Aughney (JA); Brendan Doggett (BD) DCC Central Area Office; Brian Gormley (BG) TU Dublin; Cllr John Stephens (JS); Eamon McCluskey (EMC) HSE, Seáneen Sullivan (SS) Community;

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1. Welcome, minutes and matters arising		
1.1. LK welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that this is her last meeting before taking maternity leave. She informed that CLC that the GDA is currently recruiting for her cover and that Acting Director for Corporate Services and Community Nigel Thompson will be available to support the CLC until she returns.		
1.2. The minutes of the last meeting (October) were agreed.		
1.3. LK noted that the meeting dates and times had been issued for 2025 and requested that members make it known in advance if there are any issues with the times proposed.		
1.4. LK invited the Community Gardaí to provide an update as part of matters arising. The following points were noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased presence – garda patrols on campus and surrounding area are happening frequently and appear to be having a positive effect. It was highlighted that scrambler bikes however remain an issue. Garda clinics – following the success of clinics held in late 2024, the intention is to build up to monthly clinics/mini events on campus on a variety of topics this year. These are likely to be a mix of public v student-centred clinics. It was noted that the bike marking clinic was particularly popular and had great engagement with local as well as students. It was agreed to keep the CLC updated on clinics going forward. 	Community Gardaí	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community engagement – it was noted that there has been a lot of disquiet and anti-social behaviour including bike theft in the neighbourhood recently and the Community Garda unit is meeting with local resident groups next week to discuss these issues. 		
1.5.	The following matters arising were also noted:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadstone Market – update to be requested from DCC. It was noted that the markets were widely welcomed by the CLC and wider networks. 	DCC	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus events - the CLC requested additional advance notice of upcoming events to the group suggesting a monthly notice of upcoming public dates where possible. 	GDA	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance – Estates agreed to follow up on a number of issues raised including the repair of the zipline and gravelling of desire-line or 'elephant' paths to prevent slips in wet/icy weather. It was also agreed to raise the issue with the HSE for the upkeep of the paths around the Primary Care Centre, and the contractor in relation to the ponding outside the construction compound. 	Estates HSE GDA	
2.	Project Updates	
2.1.	Academic Hub	
The hoarding has started to come down around the site as landscaping progresses. It was noted that Grangegorman Histories intend to keep and reuse some of the hoarding artwork that had been in place. Internally, works continue to focus on fitout, painting and decorating along with final mechanical and electrical installation works. Testing and commissioning of the building has commenced. Construction handover is expected before the summer.		
2.2.	Demolition Works	
Works commenced on site last week and are expected to take approximately 6 weeks for the demolition phase. This will be followed by phase 2 – archaeological investigative works which are currently programmed to start from late March. Further information will be circulated about this once available.		
A public information session was held on 13 January and was attended by a mix of local residents and TU Dublin staff. Main queries were about general updates and no major issues were raised.		GDA

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2.3.	Repair Works - Bleachers and Gabions	
	<p>Contractor due to start repair works around each of the four pitches from 27 January. There will be temporary pedestrian diversions while the works take place, and these will happen in stages over the course of approximately 4 weeks. Works are due to start at the rugby pitch so initial diversions will be close to Fingal Place and the playground – both of which will remain open for the duration of the works.</p> <p>LMM raised a query about the upkeep of the playground and asked if this works contractor could also undertake the necessary repairs there. LK stated that these are different service requirements and noted that a specialist contractor is currently being procured to carry out a full resurfacing of the playground and installation of an ability swing. JK noted that she would follow up with the Estates team on the maintenance and repair of equipment in the playground.</p>	
2.4.	Junction Works	
	<p>It was noted that the GDA is currently procuring a traffic consultant and there is no confirmed date to lodge the new planning application for these works yet.</p>	
	<p>EK noted issues with recent works to the footpaths here making it difficult for cyclist drop-off to the school. LK noted that these works were completely separate to the GDA junction proposals and undertaken directly by DCC. FMH added that she has sent images of the issues to DCC and agreed to also send to JH. JH agreed to follow up on the matter with DCC.</p>	JH
	<p>LMM noted requests made during public consultation for EV charging points to be integrated as part of the permanent junction works. LK stated this had been included in the feedback but had no confirmation on whether it would be feasible. She agreed to keep the CLC informed as information becomes available. RMA stated that there is now an EV Strategy for infrastructure in the public realm which has involved a lot of engagement with the ESB and noted an upcoming DCC meeting on this strategy at the end of the month. He also highlighted that there are a number of restrictions under the old planning regulations that directly affect installation of EV points, including for individual housing and noted that the planning department is looking at a new protocol that could be include in the planning framework long-term. He agreed to keep the CLC updated on this as detail becomes available.</p>	RMA

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2.5.	<p>Prussia Street Gateway</p> <p>DCC has requested further information on the planning application. The GDA is meeting with DCC Traffic Planners next week to progress the submission. RMA requested an update of when the updated submission will be lodged when confirmed.</p>		
2.6.	<p>Residential Care Neighbourhood</p> <p>It was noted that the GDA is currently evaluating the first stage tender process for the construction contractor for this project with the aim of shortlisting ahead of launching the stage two tender process in the coming months.</p>		
2.7.	<p>Grangegorman Histories</p> <p>LK provided a brief summary of Grangegorman Histories activity and upcoming events noting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nationwide episode focused on Grangegorman confirmed to air 7pm on 7 February 2025 on RTE 1. • Monthly historical walking tours starting next Wednesday at 3pm outside the Clock Tower. • Grangegorman Histories are working hard to develop their exhibition plans for the inaugural exhibition in Academic Hub. Further details will be shared with the CLC as they are confirmed. • 'Flighty Creatures' podcast launch from writer Sylvia Cullen coming up on 26 February. Launch details to be circulated once available. 		
3.	<p>Community Matters</p>		
3.1.	<p>LK invited KMC to provide an update on Grangegorman local employment, the Build to Last strategy and ABC programme. KMC informed the CLC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local employment is currently around 9%. • Joining up the Dots 4 is in the final stage of edits and will be circulated as soon as available with a formal launch to follow. • The National College of Ireland has been appointed as the new lead agency for the ABC programme, taking over from TU Dublin. <p>The CLC noted that this news was hugely positive and to be welcomed. Further updates on the ABC programme will be part of regular updates to the group.</p>		

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3.2.	LMM queried if there was a delay in getting the new play space in place adjacent to the school. LK noted that remains a live project however there have been ongoing discussions with the various stakeholders to finalise plans and a works contractor has yet to be appointed. She added that there should be progress on this later this year.		
3.3.	LMM noted that the GDA Vibrant Community Fund is expected to be announced by March It builds on the pre-existing community contribution fund and hopefully will attract good engagement.		
3.4.	EK raised the issue of the ‘antennae forest’ recently installed on the roof of the Central Quad stating it was an eyesore and would be shame if left that way given the high-quality design that has gone into the site to date. He queried if they could be shrouded in some way. LK noted that this would be a matter for TU Dublin. JK agreed to follow up and report back.	TU Dublin	
4.	Estates Update		
4.1.	LK invited JK to give an update on Estate matters to the CLC. JK informed the CLC of increasing complaints about dogs and the need to remind campus users to keep dogs on leads. She asked that the CLC help spread this message across their networks.		
	<p>The CLC acknowledged that the majority of dog owners were very conscious of being in a shared space and there was further discussion on this topic. The group suggested different ideas for possible consideration including providing a daily slot for dogs off leads at specific times and having a dedicated area for dogs. LK noted that the latter point has been raised numerous times and unfortunately there is no room on campus long-term for a dedicated dog park as part of the development. Many of the favoured spots currently used will have future buildings in those spaces. JK stated that it was unlikely that a daily slot would be possible as it would difficult to set up and enforce. RW noted that similar slots seem to be operating effectively in Kings Inns and Mount Bernard Park JK agreed to look into the matter further. GAM noted that the Community Gardaí would be happy to help enforce rules if needed.</p>		
4.2.	JK informed the CLC that TU Dublin is prioritising security across the University and has recently appointed a new Estates Security Supervisor.		

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5.	AOB		
5.1.	<p>There was a brief discussion about Broadstone Plaza with GAM noting that Bua Coffee are reporting a reduction in general loitering in the area. JH stated that it was great to see the coffee stand having a positive impact there. PMC stated that there have been no recent concerns raised by students for this area. He noted that students prefer this Luas stop to the Grangegorman one as it's generally viewed as safer and less remote.</p> <p>It was noted that there are a couple of rough sleepers currently under the bridge at Broadstone. GCF noted that they are keeping an eye on them and they have been offered supports.</p>		
5.2.	<p>LK stated the Agency has been going through a rebrand process which is due to be rolled out in the coming weeks. She noted that this will bring a new look to CLC minutes and documentation as well as an overall new look to the GDA. She welcomed any feedback from the group once launched.</p>		
5.3.	<p>The CLC congratulated LK on her expected new arrival and wished her well on her maternity leave. LK thanked the CLC for their support and noted her intended return at the end of September.</p>		
6.	Next Meeting		
6.1.	<p>The next CLC meeting is due to take place online on 19 February.</p>		