

Minutes

Meeting	Community Liaison Committee
Date-Time-Location	Wednesday 15 October 2025 / Online via Microsoft Teams
Members present	Lori Kieve (LK) Chair GDA; Derval Concannon (DC) GDA Project Comms; Mina Eusebio (ME) TU Dublin SU; Cllr Janet Horner (JH) DCC; Eugene Kelly (EK) Community; Joanne Kearney (JK) TU Dublin Estates; Fionnuala McHugh (FMH) D7ET; Kathleen McCann (KMC) BTLF; Brian Murphy (BM) TU Dublin; Seaneen Sullivan (SS) Community
By invitation	Padraic Ballantyne (PB) GDA; Gretta NashCadden (GNC) GDA; Desiree O'Hanlon (DOH) GDA; Stephen Kenny (SK) D7ET, Flynn Connor (FC) Garda, Grainne Gannon (GG) D7ET
Apologies	Jason Aughney (JA) TU Dublin SU; Paul Coleman (PC) TU Estates; Debbie Clarke (DC) DCC; Jenny Donohoe (JD) GDA; Sharon Griffin (SG) DCC; Eamon McCluskey (EMC) HSE; Luke McManus (LMM) Community; Garda Amy Murtagh (AM); Naomi Sebastine (NS) TU Dublin SU President; Cllr John Stephens (JS); Cllr Ray McAdam (RMA)

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1.	Welcome and Introductions		
1.1.	The Chair opened the meeting by introducing herself and giving a brief overview of the meeting agenda. The Chair also extended a warm welcome to Gretta NashCadden, the newly appointed GDA Head of People Engagement and Gretta briefly introduced herself.		
2.	Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising		
2.1.	Amendment was requested to the previous minutes of the meeting to update item _____ The Committee agreed to all other items in the minutes.		
3.	Project Update and Discussion: Ivy Avenue and Green Finger Play Area		

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3.1.	PB delivered a presentation on the Green Finger, Playscape & Ivy Avenue project-planning. These works will deliver a co-ordinated public realm, including natural play space adjacent D7ET, additional cycle facilities and improved access to the Campus for pedestrians and cyclists and managed vehicular access. This project is located at a part of the site where all 3 stakeholders (HSE, D7ET and TU Dublin) meet. The presentation showed the site location using proposed site plan, boundary maps, aerial photos and CGI imagery showing 2 views – the playscape as seen from above from the D7ET School and the viewpoint looking down Ivy Avenue showing the 2 gates that will open out on to the junction at Grangegorman upper. For more details on this project please see the Appendix.		
3.2.	Clarifications were sought and concerns were raised by the Committee as follows: • EK inquired whether the other play area (Fingal Place) would be closed to the public during school hours. PB responded that it would remain accessible to the public. DC noted that signages would be installed at the gates of the Playscape to inform the public of the designated access hours. • SK raised concerns regarding the fencing and hedging around the play area. PB clarified that a complete physical barrier would be in place when the gates are closed and added that there are no plans to provide hedging along the avenue. • JH asked whether information on the project would be shared with the Committee and DC confirmed that it would be shared in due course and would be on the website once all feedback from stakeholders was gathered and digested. • SS inquired whether information would also be circulated to the wider community. DC stated that all project details would need to		

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	be finalised and Committee feedback received before any wider circulation. The Chair added that information will be shared through the GDA's digital communication channels. • FMH commented that the CGI images of the project were impressive. • GG raised concerns on the safety and security of the school children and expressed a strong preference for the gates connecting the school to the play area to remain locked, highlighting significant concerns about public access to the play area from a child safeguarding perspective. PB acknowledged these concerns and expressed optimism that the area could still be effectively used by school children during school hours. He clarified that the responsibility for opening and closing the gates would rest with the school. He also noted that discussions will continue as the project progresses to address these concerns. • BM thanked the presenter and expressed confidence that the project will serve as an excellent asset for the school and the community. He further noted that it will bring life to the area and likely reduce unwanted behavior. • JK commended the approach taken to ensure access is provided to both the school and the public, and emphasised security will be a key area of focus by ensuring integration with the wider campus security measures.		
4.	Project Updates		
4.1.	DC provided an overview of the project updates below: Academic Hub & Library: Substantial completion expected in Q4 with the commission of electrical and mechanical systems and safety files to follow before hand over to TU Dublin. Awaiting B-car certificate.		

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	ME sought clarification regarding the completion date of the Academic Hub, asking what was meant by "Q4." DC explained that Q4 refers to the final quarter of the year, and optimistically, the project is expected to be completed within this period, after which the building will be ready for use. GSQ / Grangegorman Junction: Planning is currently in the 8-week notice of decision timeframe with Dublin City Council. PP decision is due by 22nd October 2025. 2NC1 / Grangegorman Green Finger and Ivy Avenue: This project sits within the SDZ. Planning is currently in the 8-week notice of decision timeframe with Dublin City Council. PP decision is due by: 30th of October 2025. (1 Observation submitted) Plot 14 / St Brendan's Way / Area D: Hoarding scheduled to come down from October 8th to 17th October (this Friday) and be replaced by high steel fencing. The temporary Heras fencing will be erected as close as possible to the existing hoarding to ensure public safety and a secure working zone. HSE Residential Care Neighbourhood: Detailed Business case in progress. Tender for construction expected later this year or early 2026. Prussia Street Gate: Final Planning Permission Granted on the 9th September. Planning Permission Compliance to be submitted. Options on Procurement for both Detail Design and Construction being investigated. West Quad: GDA are working towards Stage 2 of the works tender process for the West Quad Property Exchange, involving the construction of the new West Quad building at Grangegorman in exchange for title to the Aungier St campus. Three developer teams have been shortlisted as part of a prior Stage 1 pre-qualification process. Timeline for going out to tender for stage 2 will be Q1 in 2026. Grangegorman Playground at Fingal Place: Playground resurfacing works and installation of the		

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	ability swing have an amended timeline works that were originally planned in September. These will now commence in early November and finish in late December 2025. During this timeframe the playground will be closed to facilitate these works.		
5.	Community Updates		
5.1.	KMC delivered an overview of updates on the Build to Last Forum below: Build to Last Forum: The formal launch of the Build to Last Forum by the Lord Mayor of Dublin Councillor Ray McAdam place at The Richmond Centre on 25th September and was well attended. The Forum was now fully populated with sixteen community/voluntary, public/statutory and business/enterprise organisations working in the area. An inaugural meeting had taken place in late April, followed by the Forum's first regular meeting on 7th October with a subsequent meeting scheduled for 2nd December. It was envisaged that the Forum would have a more strategic oversight role than its predecessor Grangegorman Labour & Learning Forum and it was planned to establish a number of thematic working groups, membership of which would be open to anyone in the area with an interest in their specific area(s) of focus. The Forum was currently in the early stages of work around establishing initial priorities for the coming year, setting up working groups, and planning a community-wide event for the first quarter of 2026. Grangegorman Employment Charter: The only current active site on the development was the Academic Hub. OHLA-Townlink as the main contractor had provided monthly reports on their implementation of the Charter up to June 2025 when local employment levels were around 10%. There were no further reports post-June as the site was in the process of winding down and there were few personnel present. Grangegorman ABC: The transition from TU Dublin who had stepped down in January after ten years to the Early Learning Initiative/National College of Ireland as Lead Agency of the Grangegorman ABC Consortium had been very smooth to date. Grangegorman ABC had retained its own identity, governance, programmes and		

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	staffing within the new arrangement while benefiting from the experience of ELI/NCI who had also been running their own ABC programmes for the past decade. The collaboration now provided ABC coverage for the whole of the North Inner City. There were eleven Grangegorman ABC programmes currently running addressing topics such as infant mental health, parenting training and supports, literacy, transitions from early years services to primary schools, and a multi-disciplinary team offering play/art therapy and family supports. A range of CPD programmes were also being made available to early years services' staff in the area.		
5.2.	CF provided an overview of current and planned measures to address anti-social behaviour around the area: Halloween celebrations: A designated patrol van will be deployed to specifically target anticipated Halloween-related anti-social behaviour. Prussia Street: An operation is actively in place to address activities related to drug dealing. Additionally, a community support vehicle is patrolling the area. West Quad Scooters/Motorcycles: CF highlighted the need for more than one patrol vehicle and suggested blocking off certain areas to control entry and exit points.		
5.3.	ME reported a scooter theft incident that occurred on Monday between the Lower House and East Quad. JK confirmed that the incident has been logged with TU Dublin security and emphasized the importance of reporting such matters to both the Guards and campus security. The Chair proposed including a discussion on raising student awareness in the next agenda. ME agreed, underscoring the importance of ongoing dialogue and establishing clear protocols to guide student responses.	LK	To include in the next CLC Meeting

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5.4.	The Chair provided an update on DCC activities, noting that a Halloween event will take place at Broadstone Market(?) on 31st October. An invitation will be circulated once it becomes available.		
6.	AOB		
6.1.	The Chair highlighted a number of recent and upcoming events taking place in Grangegorman: • A Genealogy Workshop held in the former St Brendan's Psychiatric Hospital that saw 60 participants • Open House Dublin events (fully booked to date) • KMC also noted that several Royal Irish Academy (RIA) events took place between late September and mid-October		
7.	Date of next meeting		
7.1.	The next CLC meeting is on 		

Appendix 1 – Project Background

Background to 2NC1 presentation : Green Finger, Playscape & Ivy Avenue

- This site is adjacent to the Dublin 7 Educate Together Primary School, HSE Primary Care Centre and TU Dublin Central Quad and located in the Grangegorman site and Strategic Development Zone (SDZ).
- These works will deliver a co-ordinated public realm, including natural play space adjacent D7E7, additional cycle facilities and improved access to the Campus for pedestrians and cyclists and managed vehicular access.
- The Intention is for the D7ET school to use and manage part of the playscape during school hours. During school hours this part of the playscape will be accessible directly from the school and will bound by a mix of low height fencing / natural barriers (hedging) 1.2mtrs high and a gate into the rest of the playscape that can be closed by the school during school hours.
- Playscape will be publicly accessible outside these hours – including weekends – and managed as part of the campus by TU Dublin
- The design concept centres on a natural playground scheme with different zones for formal and informal play spaces and may use natural repurposed materials from the larger site.
- The playscape will operate under a shared ownership model. It will be supervised by school staff and secured by a locked gate when the D7ET school children are the sole occupants of the space during school hours. Outside of school hours it will be accessible to the public and the gate will be open.
- A HSE primary care facility is located adjacent to the west side of the playscape site and will be a public footpath between the HSE facility and the playscape area.