



Minutes

Meeting	Consultative Group
Date-Time-Location	Thursday 21 March 9.30am MS Teams
Members present	Collette Burns (CB) TU Dublin, Fiona Davis (FD) HSE, Helena Fitzgerald (HF) TU Dublin, Jessica Gallagher (JG) Students Union, Lori Keeve (LK) GDA & Chair, Eugene Kelly (EK) Community Rep, Fiona Kelly (FK) Community Rep, Cllr Nial Ring (NR) Public Rep, Leslie Shoemaker (LS) TU Dublin Staff, Andrea Valova (AV) HEA
By invitation	Michelle Collins (MC) GDA
Apologies	Ronan Dunphy (RD) TU Dublin Staff, Eoin Farrell (EF) NTA, Neasa Hourigan TD (NH) Public Rep, Brian Jordan (BJ) Students Union, Cllr Ray McAdam (RMA) Public Rep

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1.	Welcome		
1.1.	LK introduced JG as the new General Manager for the Students' Union, succeeding Mary Scally who has retired, and welcomed her to the group. She explained the Consultative Group function and membership, noting that the term of the group comes to an end later this year prompting fresh call for nominations. She will write to everyone on this in June.	NOTE	
2.	Minutes and Matters Arising		
2.1.	LK addressed points raised by multiple representatives regarding antisocial behaviour and scramblers and agreed to add further clarification to the previous minutes. The minutes of the last meeting were agreed subject to further clarification regarding points raised around antisocial behaviour. There were no further matters arising.		
3.	Campus and Community Discussion		
3.1.	LK invited the local community reps to present to the group on community needs and issues following discussions at the last meeting in December.		
3.2.	EK give a presentation to the group on the activities and interests of St Brendan's GAA in Grangegorman. He mentioned the club's community involvement and expressed interest in starting a litter picking event, hoping to collaborate with TU Dublin. CB noted that similar initiatives have been organised on and around campus and suggested that there may be a number of groups interested. LK added that TU Dublin Volunteering Society is one such group and have been building ties with local community groups. EK requested a list of potentially interested groups and suggested it would be worth considering building a shared		



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contact list and coordinator for this type of initiative. LK agreed to share the groups she's aware of, noting that there may be others to link in with through TU Dublin.		
3.3.	<p>EK shared a number of suggestions from the Club that would make a difference for the community. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing campus security • More weekend amenities, such as opening up the coffee stall. • Allow public use of the bandstand • More bins and picnic benches • Public toilets • Increased lighting along the Tesco access • Enforce dogs on leads policy • Improve campus signage particularly around opening times • Reopen all access gates • Asphalt the desire-line paths to prevent slips and fall in wet weather. 	
3.4.	LK thanked EK for his presentation and agreed to link him with Kennedys who operate the coffee stall, noting they have been actively seeking ways to link in with the community. She also noted that 'THE GOLDEN BANDSTAND – Sculpture (TGBS) is now complete and a booking system is due to go live in the coming weeks.	
3.5.	There was further discussion around the other points raised and it was noted that some of these are part of ongoing efforts to find solutions as the campus develops. It was suggested that it could be worthwhile engaging again with the local dog wardens through Estates to reenergise the dogs-on-leads policy on campus.	NOTE
3.6.	It was noted that all gates have been reopened. HF informed the group that new editable signage for the access gates was being procured that would allow easy updates to opening times as required. It was noted that simple temporary signage with the current times would still be of value for the community until this signage could be installed.	NOTE NOTE
3.7.	The role of TU Dublin Security was discussed, noting their main focus as a visual presence and deterrent. It was also noted that TU Dublin have a strong ongoing engagement with the local Gardaí and there has been an increased community garda presence on campus.	
3.8.	FK discussed community engagement from the resident groups, emphasising the benefits of the open space and accesses through the site. She also highlighted Grangegorman events as a real positive in the community and the importance of disseminating information to community members via newsletters and social media. She noted the communities' current key	



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issues/interests included security around Broadstone, cleanliness, and access to amenities.		
3.9.	NR informed the group of upgrades to lighting and CCTV in the Broadstone area through the Central Area discretionary fund. He noted that a CCTV Oversight Board is being formed to establish a template for how to tackle litter issues and fine individuals caught by CCTV dumping. He added that groups should continue to get in touch on these issues.	
4.	Project Updates	
4.1.	LK provided an update on project statuses, covering live projects. Those in planning stages, along with updates on cultural events.	
4.2.	<u>Academic Hub</u> – Construction is ongoing, with significant advancements in the roof and external façade works. Scaffolding removal has commenced at the north-east corner while internally works to partition walls and ceilings are advancing, along with the ongoing installation of mechanical and electrical services.	
4.3.	<u>Planning:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>HSE Residential Care Neighbourhood</u> – Planning permission was granted at the end of January 2024. Phase 2 design is currently underway. The tender process is ongoing. The team has also reengaged with artist Fergus Martin to develop an artwork for the building. • <u>Workday</u> – A public information session was held on February 15th, with a good turnout from the community, staff, and students. Further information responses are set to be submitted to DCC shortly. • <u>Demolition Works</u> – Planning decision is anticipated by the end of March. During routine site investigations, a small number of historical human remains believed to date from the late 1700s to early 1800s were discovered. These remains are believed to be associated with the early workhouse on the site, and may form part of an undocumented burial ground. The GDA is working closely with all involved, including the National Monuments Service to establish a detailed plan around this discovery. • <u>West Quad</u> – Refresh planning application has been submitted. A response to DCC's request for further information is currently being prepared and due to be submitted shortly. The West Quad Property Exchange Project was launched at the end of February, with a deadline for submissions set for April 5, 2024. All queries related to the project are being managed through the e-tender system. 	
4.4.	<u>Special School</u> – Works are currently underway by the Department of Education for a temporary school on the former D7ET site. Any	



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queries regarding this project should be directed to the Department of Education.

4.5. Grangegorman Histories –

- Five new projects awarded under the public funding call.
- New Grangegorman Lives series have been published.
- History tours are ongoing, with recent engagements including a meeting with the 'Roses of the Heart' group from Waterford.
- Exploration of collaboration with Tasmania on shared transportation history is underway.
- Efforts are being made in collaboration with HSE to finalise the transfer of archives and artifacts to the Royal College of Physicians Ireland and the National Archives.

4.6. 'THE GOLDEN BANDSTAND – Sculpture' – A launch for the sculpture is currently being planned. The bandstand will be a publicly bookable space managed by TU Dublin and be open for casual use when not booked for events. The group will be kept informed as launch plans develop. NOTE

4.7. Further updates were provided on:

- 'Held' exhibition from Ciara Fitzpatrick on site.
- The launch of 'The Spark' project

4.8. There has been significant interest in addressing sustainability and climate action, therefore it was agreed to theme the next meeting in June on this topic.

5. **TU Dublin Update**

5.1. **CB** provided a number of TU Dublin updates to the group, including:

- Relay for Life initiative, in conjunction with the Irish Cancer Society and TU Dublin SU will be taking place April 25th. The Student's Union has raised nearly 10k towards their goal of 25k.
- The Holi festival event is scheduled for today at 4:30 pm at St. Laurence's Church in Grangegorman.
- Daffodil Day - there will be a coffee morning and bake sale at St. Laurence's Church.
- EDTIPS program was launched at Stanhope Street Primary School and subsequently brought to TU Dublin, aimed at enabling digital technology in primary schools.
- RTÉ MyUniLife series, depicting the lives of university students, features TU Dublin students is currently available to watch.
- Green Flag was raised on the Tallaght campus, symbolising the institution's commitment to sustainability.



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6.	AOB		
6.1.	LK noted the sad passing of Ivor Browne and acknowledged his huge influence on the Grangegorman site and his involvement with Grangegorman Histories.		
6.2.	NR noted that local elections will take place before the next meeting and extended his and RMA 's thanks and good wishes to the group should they not return in June.		
6.3.	AV noted the closure of the National Concert Hall for 5 years and the impact this will have. She queried if there would be additional use of performance spaces in Grangegorman. CB noted this would be a ongoing role within the Conservatoire and agreed to discuss with the Dean of Faculty of Arts & Humanities.	NOTE	
6.4.	LK noted that Grangegorman elections would take place soon.	NOTE	
7.	Date of Next Meeting		
7.1.	The next meeting will take place on 20 th June 2024 at 9.30am online via MS Teams.		