



Grangegorman
Development Agency
Gníomhaireacht Forbartha
Ghráinseach Ghormáin

Draft Minutes of Consultative Group Meeting held on Thursday 12th July, 2012 at 2.30pm in the GDA's offices

Present: Ms. Kaethe Burt O'Dea, Mr. Eoin Farrell, Mr. Ken McCue, Cllr. Padraig McLoughlin, , Dr. Noel O' Connor, Ms. Melda Slattery, Mr. Sean Tone.

Apologies: Mr. Derek Dockrell, Mr. Joe Costello T.D, Mr. Eamonn Cusack, Mr. Barry Hurley, Mr. Barry Kearney, Mr. Pat Kearney, Mr. David Keegan, Ms. Marylou McDonald T.D., Ms. Gabrielle McKeown, Mr. Andrew Myler, Cllr. Ray McAdam, Mr. Raymond Turner.

In Attendance: Mr. Ronan Doyle, Mr. Michael Hand (GDA).

Mr. Doyle started the meeting by welcoming Cllr. Padraig McLoughlin, who joins the group in place of Cllr. Claire O' Regan. Mr. Doyle recognized that contribution of Cllr. O' Regan to the group and added recognition of Mr. Ciaran Nevin, who had recently ended his term as DIT Student Union President.

1. Minutes of meeting held on 14th September, 2012

Agreed.

2. Project update

Michael gave his update and conversation followed. Ms. Burt O' Dea asked for clarification on the new entrances that an Bord Pleanala insisted on. Michael said that we have to move this on. Dr. O' Connor said that the fact we were nearly ready to submit our planning application on the Public Realm was great news.

Mr. McCue asked if the adverts for the Board and Consultative Group elections could be put on activelink. Mr. Doyle said that would be done.

Mr. McCue asked if there had been any development on the per cent for art on the temporary primary school. Mr. Doyle said that the Department informed him that there was no per cent for Art for temporary buildings. There would be for the new permanent building when it happened. Mr. Hand added that the Agency has been in discussions with the Department on advancing this.

Mr. McCue asked if there had been any movement on the joint use library. Mr. Hand said that there had not. The library will be funded through the sale of DIT properties but for now the Top House will be used for short term relocations. Mr. McCue asked about the possibility of patronage. Dr. O' Connor responded that the overall cost could not be met by philanthropy; however there was some interest in the library by potential funders. He added that once the overall project began to move it was likely there would be more interest in the library.

Mr. McCue asked if there was any further consideration of using the old Richmond Hospital building on Brunswick Street. Mr. Hand said that we were focusing on buildings on the Grangegorman site. Dr. O' Connor said that it would likely be a leasing scenario if we were to use the Richmond and at the moment DIT were looking to exit leases.

Cllr. McLoughlin asked whether the opening up of a pedestrian link from Grangegorman to the Park Shopping Centre would become an off licence link. Mr. Hand responded that the opening up of the whole site was very desirable in terms of the project and this link would give access to a major supermarket. Dr. O' Connor added that DIT is currently located in various locations around the city and they did not have negative experiences of students drinking too much and causing trouble. In addition many new facilities are being provided onsite such as sports and library facilities. It is the aim of DIT to ensure that students have other outlets to avail of other than alcohol.

Ms. Burt O' Dea asked about the Bannow Road development. Dr. O' Connor responded that it was in the planning process and hopefully there will be a decision in September.

3. Any other business

None

Next meeting to be confirmed.