

Minutes

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Meeting Community Liaison Committee

Date-Time-Location Wednesday 18 October via MS Teams

Members present Jason Aughney, Brendan Doggett, Jenny Donohoe, Brian Gormley, Lori

Keeve (Chair), Luke McManus, Garda Shauna Naughton, Eugene Kelly, Cllr Ray McAdam, Liam McDonagh, Paul McDunphy, Cllr Nial Ring

By Invitation Adam O'Halloran

Apologies Cllr Joe Costello, Neasa Hourigan TD, Kathleen McCann, Fionnuala

McHugh, Mark O'Neill, Neill O'Riordan

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Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

- 1.1. The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.
- 1.2. **LK** noted the following matters arising:
 - KMC on extended sick leave; group notes their well wishes for her full recovery.
 - Welcome PMD from TU Dublin Estates as a new member to the group.
 - Public Water Fountain; now installed and in situ.
 - Community Garda Presentation; SN to provide overview (item 3.0)
 - Hoarding Strategy; Community rep confirmed as part of approvals committee.
 - Networking Event; Date confirmed for mid-November.
 - Bring Centre; Further information on why this cannot be accommodated onsite to be presented at November meeting.

2. **Project Updates**

2.1. **LK** gave an update on all live projects starting with the active construction sites.

<u>D7ET</u>: Services connections now underway. Construction is approx. 75% complete with mechanical and electrical works ongoing internally.

Engagement ongoing with DCC regarding works to the junction. Notice and information packs to be issued to the CLC and local residents in advance of works.

2.2. <u>Academic Hub</u>: Strip out and erection of scaffolding around North House commenced. Two cranes now onsite and foundation works underway on new build elements to north and south of Protected Structure.

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- 2.3. <u>Local Employment;</u> Two active construction sites. Local employment is at 12% on each project.
- 2.4. <u>Clock Tower Stabilisation Works:</u> now completed with the contractor currently demobilising. Further works will be necessary to fully restore the building at a later stage of development.
- 2.5. <u>Area D;</u> Site investigations are due to commence in the coming months. Public access will not be affected. Further information will be circulated once confirmed.
- 2.6. These projects were noted as having no further update since the last meeting:
 - Residential Care Neighbourhood
 - West Quad
 - FOCAS Research Institute
- 2.7. <u>Grangegorman Histories:</u> Lots happening; recent and upcoming activities include:
 - 70-metre artwork representing the past histories of the site installed on the Academic Hub hoarding at the end of August. Mack Signs hand painted Fidelma Slattery's design.
 - Culture Night tours; Local historian Ciaran Wallace led 3 historical walking tours. Great feedback overall with many attendees also former staff of the hospital.
 - 'Instituting Grangegorman' podcast; released last week on the history of the Lower House to coincide with World Mental Health Day and Dublin Festival of History.
 - Oral Histories Coffee Morning took place 3 Oct for retired staff of the hospital with TU Dublin Chaplaincy
- 2.8. Other Active Projects:
 - Open House Festival; successful weekend TU Dublin Campus Planning ran building tours and GDA ran six campus tours across the weekend. A one-off school construction site tour also took place and was well received.
 - The latest newsletter is currently being delivered to the local area. Contact <u>communications@ggda.ie</u> if anyone would like to receive a copy.
- 3. Community Garda Update
- 3.1. **LK** thanked **SN** for attending to update the CLC on the Community Garda initiatives in the area.

SN provided an overview, noting the following;

- Increased patrols planned over the Halloween period
- General lack of resources for Community Policing only 3 assigned to this area.
- Highlighted the importance of being visible in the community and engaging with residents and community groups at meetings and events.

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- Outlined the process to log immediate local issues: contact North Central at Store Street – 01 6668114
- There is a multi-agency task force in place to help mitigate antisocial issues at Broadstone. Includes Luas security working with the Community Gardaí.
- Direct contact number for SN to be shared with the group for non-immediate issues.
- 3.2. **RMA** requested further information on the Broadstone operation and how it is going. **SN** reiterated the current lack of resources but noted that the Gardaí are identifying hotspots in order to assign the appropriate response at key times.
- 3.3. **PMD** noted high levels of positive engagement between TU Dublin Estates and the Community Garda. He suggested **SN** get in touch if there is anything the team can do to facilitate more resources. **SN** also noted the ongoing strong engagement with Estates, and highlighted some of the issues being dealt with including bike thefts, stone throwing and other antisocial behaviour.
- 3.4. **LMM** queried the long-term use of the Broadstone Plaza and whether its current CCTV surveillance was sufficient. **SN** asked that the group contact her directly regarding ongoing issues and she will escalate to the superintendent. She noted the current CCTV is good and very accessible. **LK** added that the GDA is supportive of long-term potential uses of the plaza noting the casual trading proposal with Dublin City Council at present. This item will remain on the agenda going forward.

4. Community Matters

- 4.1. **BG** informed the group that a budget has been identified to replace the table tennis table on campus, and TU Dublin is currently exploring less windy locations for the new table. He also noted that the community is welcome to use the gym and can contact fitness.city@tudublin.ie for any queries.
- 4.2. **LMM** noted the monthly Flea Market currently based at the D7 Educate Together School is looking for a new home. A proposal may be submitted to the GDA for a new home elsewhere on campus in the next few weeks.
- 4.3. **LMM** queried the lighting policy on site given the current energy crisis, and queried if the crane lights at night were required to be that bright. **LK** noted the crane lights are on and bright for safety purposes due to the height of the cranes. **PMD** added that they are also a site security measure. He also noted that the university is considering a lighting policy and is currently looking at ways to reduce energy across their campuses.

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- 4.4. **LMM** requested an update on getting bins on Grangegorman Upper and Lower. **BD** noted the request for the bins has been approved, however there are other issues, such as inclusion on the waste management collection schedule to be worked out before they can be installed. It will likely be in early 2023. **BD** to keep the group informed.
- 4.5. **EK** requested an update on fixing trip hazard at An Croí. **LK** noted this is on the Estates maintenance schedule for Q3. **PMD** stated that this work is expected to happen in the coming weeks.

EK also queried if anything could be done to prevent slipping along the pedestrian made path from the Academic Hub to the Shopping Centre Gate as it gets very muddy in rain. **PMD** agreed that Estates would look into this.

- 4.6. **NR** noted that items raised at these meetings are brought to the Central Area Committee and are being actioned. He added that the process can be slow which can be frustrating, however items are being progressed.
- 4.7. **LMM** noted that due to heavy rains recently, there is spot flooding on Grangegorman Lower and requested that DCC look at the gullies along this road.

5. **Any Other Business**

5.1. **LK** noted that GDA has had several new team members including Communications Assistant Jenny Donohoe, Clerical Officer Adam O'Halloran, Project Assistant Roisin O'Dwyer, Director of Construction and Infrastructure Cathal Rigney and Director of Programme and Procurement, Catherine Opdebeeck.

LK to circulate further information on upcoming networking event next month.

6. **Date of next meeting**

6.1. The next meeting will take place in person in Park House on 16 November followed by the Networking Event in the East Quad at 11am.

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