

## Minutes

Meeting	Community Liaison Committee
Date-Time-Location	Wednesday 19 February 2025 / Online via Microsoft Teams
Members present	Jason Aughney ( <b>JA</b> ) TU Dublin SU; Deborah Clarke ( <b>DC</b> ) DCC; Jenny Donohoe ( <b>JD</b> ) GDA Comms; Brian Gormley ( <b>BG</b> ) TU Dublin; Luke McManus ( <b>LMM</b> ) Community Public Rep; Kathleen McCann ( <b>KMC</b> ) GLLF; Peter McCann ( <b>PMC</b> ) TU Dublin SU; Eamon McCluskey ( <b>EMC</b> ) HSE; Garda Amy Murtagh ( <b>AM</b> ) Community Garda; Seaneen Sullivan ( <b>SS</b> ) Community Rep; Nigel Thompson ( <b>NT</b> ) Acting Chair; Ronan Whelan ( <b>RW</b> ) D7ET; Eugene Kelly ( <b>EK</b> ) Community
Apologies	Cllr Ray McAdam ( <b>RMA</b> ); Joanne Kearney ( <b>JK</b> ); Cllr John Stephens ( <b>JS</b> ); Cllr Janet Horner

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<b>1. Welcome, minutes and matters arising</b>		
<b>1.1. NT</b> welcomed everyone and noted the agenda for the meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.		
<b>2. Project Updates</b>		
<b>2.1. NT</b> noted the following updates in relation to projects starting with the <u>Academic Hub</u> : Works are continuing, all hoarding is taken down, and external works are advancing well. Painting, decorating and fit out is going well, and the expectation is for the building to be handed over to TU Dublin before the end of summer 2025.  <b>BG</b> noted there is huge interest in the local community about the exhibition space in the Academic Hub, and how it can be used / accessed it in future. <b>NT</b> to review plans around management and operation of the space. <b>LMM</b> noted with Grangegorman Histories being the first exhibition in the space, it may be beneficial to explore generic exhibition templates so the barrier to entry wouldn't be too costly or difficult for other groups. <b>NT</b> noted the procurement for an exhibition designer, for the initial exhibition, is currently in progress. <b>KMC</b> referenced Rathdown House having an exhibition space in the past with some fine art depts in TU Dublin assisting with materials. <b>NT</b> raised the issue of storage for the exhibition space materials, with clarity around liability and insurance a consideration.		
<b>2.2. Demolition Works at Plot 14:</b> SEM is the contractor undertaking the works, with the demolition works completed, the existing lighting will be relocated and this may be noticeable. Access on		

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	St Brendan's Way will be maintained at all time while the next phase of works begin, with archaeology works commencing and the HSE and GDA will put in place a communications strategy before this happens. The activities will involve some temporary across St Brendan's Way; disruption will be kept to a minimum.	
2.3.	<u>Bleachers and Gabions:</u> local paths will be temporarily closed to facilitate works on the bleachers and gabions. It was noted that adequate signage may not yet be in place to prevent people walking down a dead-end; to be reviewed by GDA.	
2.4.	<u>Junction Works:</u> Traffic Surveys will be undertaken following the public consultation.	
2.5.	<u>Prussia Street Gateway:</u> DCC have come back with a request for Further Information around the Prussia St Gateway planning application. A meeting with DCC took place and this further information is due to be submitted in the coming weeks.	
2.6.	<u>Residential Care Neighbourhood:</u> No major update, tender process to appoint main contractor remains on track to be carried out thru 2025 with Contractor appointment by Q1 2026	
2.7.	<u>Playground Resurfacing:</u> This is out to tender and includes extending the playground for an inclusion of an ability swing and more seating.	
2.8.	<u>Grangegorman Histories:</u> Flighty Creatures Podcast series will be launched next week in the Blackbox Theatre in East Quad, Wednesday 26 February at 7pm with Sylvia Cullen reading extracts from her works. Link available if anyone wishes to attend.	
2.9.	<u>Joining Up the Dots 4 / Build to Last:</u> The GDA has published JUTD4, a socio-economic and demographic report on Grangegorman, as part of the <i>Build to Last Strategy</i> and Forum. Based on the last census and other data sources, including the Pobal Deprivation Index, the report highlights the widening gap between rich and poor in the area. It aims to identify local needs and integrate additional data. The report is now available on the GDA website and will be widely distributed. Hard copies will be made available.  The GDA is in the process of recruiting an external chair for the <i>Build to Last Forum</i> . A formal launch will follow board approval. An initial forum meeting is planned, with working groups and sub-groups to be established to address relevant topics.	

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The employment charter currently stands at 9%, with further initiatives planned. The *ABC Programme* has transitioned to a new consortium led by the National College of Ireland, creating new opportunities for collaboration. The transition has been positively received.

**NT** acknowledged the effort put into the report and commended **KMC** for her resilience. **BG** emphasised the report's value and confirmed it would be utilised and promoted. **KMC** expressed gratitude for the team's contributions, particularly Lori's assistance with visuals. **LMM** praised KMC and highlighted the report's role in building a vibrant community, while **KMC** emphasised the need for the *Build to Last Forum* to interpret data beyond statistics, particularly regarding the increased number of census respondents who did not declare their ethnicity.

### 3. Community Matters

**3.1.** **AM** noted the bike clinic that was held outside the Central Quad was a success, and there is another one upcoming in Smithfield Square on Saturday 1 March from 9am-12pm. Issues raised included a recent motorbike theft outside Central Quad and the use of Broadstone as a rat run.

**3.2.** **LMM** expressed concerns, echoed by **SS**, regarding the lack of attendance at meetings and engagement from TU Dublin Estates, particularly in relation to ongoing discussions with residents about light pollution. The continued absence of Estates representatives is impacting the effectiveness of this committee.

**BG** informed the group that a meeting with Jennifer Boyer was scheduled for later that morning and committed to raising this matter.

**3.3.** **BG** Raised a request on behalf of local groups regarding landscaping within Grangegorman, specifically the potential for incorporating open water. Sought the GDA's perspective on this matter. Additionally, **BG** noted a request for access to the Bradogue River, which runs beneath the campus, to explore possibilities for water testing, opening access, and adding appropriate signage.

**NT** agreed to take this request back for review. Acknowledged that there is an existing reference to the Bradogue River in the master plan but would need to verify the details.

**LMM** shared a link to an RTÉ Documentary on One episode about the Bradogue River for further insight. [Link to documentary.](#)

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3.4.	<b>LMM</b> summarised the Vibrant Community Fund, noting the GDA have provided some ad-hoc help to festivals in the past in an informal manner, and the Vibrant Community Fund is intended to put a more formal procedure in place.		
4.	<b>AOB</b>		
4.1.	<b>JA</b> noted update with an upcoming event that may be of interest, TEDx at TU Dublin, a very interesting event will be due to launch today at 12pm, feel free to share to everyone, it is open to community. <b>NT</b> requested TU Dublin send a link and we will share. <b>LMM</b> noted Stoneybatter Pride of Place have a newsletter which would love to include this piece.		