

Minutes

Meeting Community Liaison Committee

Date-Time-Location Wednesday 12 November 2024 @ 9.30am in person and Microsoft

Teams

Members present Jason Aughney (JA) SU; Jenny Donohoe (JD) GDA; Brian Gormley (BG)

TU Dublin; Joanne Kearney (JK) TU Dublin Estates; Lori Keeve (LK) Chair GDA; Eugene Kelly (EK) Community; Fionnuala McHugh (FMH) D7ET; Luke McManus (LMM) Community; Public Rep; Eamonn

McCluskey (EMC) HSE; Ronan Whelan (RW) D7ET;

By invitation

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Apologies Peter McCann (PMC) SU; Cllr John Stephens (JS) DCC; Paul Coleman

(PC) TU Dublin Estates; Brendan Doggett (BD) DCC Central Area Office; Cllr Janet Horner (JH) DCC; Neasa Hourigan TD (NH); Cllr Ray McAdam (RMA) DCC; Kathleen McCann (KMC) GLLF; Seáneen Sullivan (SS)

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Welcome, minutes and matters arising

- 1.1. **LK** welcomed everyone to the last CLC meeting of 2024 and noted apologies. The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.
- 1.2. **LK** noted a number of matters arising provided on behalf of **BD** to the group:
 - Pilot Broadstone market: Wednesday lunchtime markets are planned to take place on 4, 11 and 18
 December. If successful it could be extended into 2025.
 - Broadstone works: contractor due to being uplighting works by end of November.
 - Lighting ceremony: preparation are underway for a tree lighting ceremony at Broadstone Plaza. Date to be confirmed and circulated to the group.

1.3. Further Christmas activities were discussed with the following events noted:

- JA noted that SU events are tentatively being planned during the week 9-13 December.
- **JK** noted that discussions are ongoing for a tree lighting ceremony and bake sale on campus to be confirmed.
- Christmas lunch
- **FMH** noted that the school annual winter bazaar is being planned for the afternoon 1 December.

The CLC were very positive about the range of events taking place and the potential opportunities for further stakeholder links.

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- 1.4. It was noted action to address the weeds issue behind Grangegorman Villas had been agreed with the residents. **LMM** thanked GDA Director Cathal Rigney for coordinating the response to the issue.
- 1.5. **BG** noted that there has been positive progress between TU NOTE Dublin Sport and D7ET regarding an agreement for access to the school sports hall and pitches respectively. There are a few operational details still to be agreed however it is expected that full agreement will be reached shortly.
- 1.6. **LK** noted updates from the Community Garda for upcoming Garda clinics on campus between now and Christmas. including a crime prevention clinic and a road safety awareness day. The former will also feature a bike marking service. It was agreed to confirm if these clinics were also open to all LK stakeholders and public.

2. **Project Updates**

- **LK** noted the following updates in relation to projects starting 2.1. with the Academic Hub: All scaffolding has been removed and the last tower crane has been taken down. Internal fit-out, painting and mechanical and electrical works are progressing well.
- 2.2. Junction Works: A public consultation and information session has recently taken place with local residents in advance of plans being resubmitted for planning approval. LK noted there was huge engagement in the process and feedback is currently being evaluated before any lodgement will be made to DCC. She added that there was a lot of positive feedback however much of the primary issues centred around parking on Rathdown Road.

The CLC expressed huge frustration around delays to this process and noted issues with the junction left as is for a continued extended period. The CLC requested that in the lack of permanent works taking place any time soon, that some amendments should be considered to better serve the interim period. A list of current issues is to be collated and brought to the GDA and DCC.

2.3. Demolition Works: The contractor is now likely to commence on site after Christmas. LK to issue notice of public information LK session once confirmed.

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- 2.4. <u>Prussia Street Access</u>: DCC have requested Further Information as part of the planning process. The GDA is currently compiling this for submission in the New Year.
- 2.5. Residential Care Neighbourhood: Detailed Design continuing. Procurement has commenced for a Main Construction Contractor with stage 1 shortlisting due to be complete in early 2025. The stage 2 works tender will be launched after this to stage 1 shortlisted contractors.

LK noted that the GDA has also reengaged with artist Fergus Martin who is developing site-specific artwork for the RCN.

- 2.6. It was noted that there are no new updates on the following projects since the last meeting:
 - West Quad property exchange
 - Indoor Sports (phase 1)
- 2.7. Project Gemini: The project was officially launched on 7th November in Grangegorman. It is a national project to further explore geothermal potential in Ireland, including the design and implementation of an exploratory deep bore well at Grangegorman as well as testing and interpretation of results. **LK** emphasised that this is an exploratory project only at this point as its potential cannot be confirmed until after these investigations take place. She added that there are no current dates for this as of yet and noted that it will require planning permission.

LMM noted that there is a lot of local community interest in the proposed geothermal project in Grangegorman and requested that an info sheet explaining the parameters of Project GEMINI in Grangegorman and outlining process to date should be developed and made publicly available. **LK** agreed to raise this with the project team.

- 2.8. <u>Grangegorman Histories:</u> A number of recent events were noted including:
 - A storytelling event
 - Show and Tell
 - Documentary premiere of 'The Asylum Workshop'
 - Public talk on 'Grangegorman The Transportation Story'

LK provided a short overview of each event and noted strong engagement and attendance for each.

2.9. Open House Events: **LK** gave an overview of a public round table discussion – 'Handover' – centred around the Academic Hub & Library on 18 Oct followed by five walking tours on 19 October. She noted highly positive feedback for all events.

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FMH noted there were also well attended tours of the school on 20 October.

- 2.10. <u>Community Benefit initiatives:</u> **LK** noted an update from **KMC** stating:
 - The ABC programme was successful in recruiting a new lead agency to oversee the next steps. They are due to sign the agreement in January.
 - The latest submitted employment figures are holding steady at 10% local employment.
 - Currently working on the Joining Up the Dots 4, the latest report on the socio-economic profile of the Grangegorman area which is expected to be completed and launched early next year.

Community Matters

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- 3.1. **LMM** noted that Nationwide were filming an episode in Grangegorman and suggested that it would be good to build awareness and promote this ahead of its air date. **LK** informed the group that this would be the intent however the air date has yet to be confirmed it may be January or February next year.
- 3.2. **LMM** requested an update on antisocial behaviour on campus. **JA** stated that bike theft was the main issue currently experienced. **PC** noted that this is the case across the city and that TU Dublin security staff are keeping an eye on the situation within the campus. As noted above, the Gardaí are due to hold crime prevention clinic including a bike marking service which will hopefully help tackle this issue further. He highlighted the need to ensure bikes are locked securely on campus as a few of the reported stolen bikes appear to have been crimes of opportunity as they were not locked.
- 3.3. **JK** informed the CLC that TU Dublin buildings on campus will shut on at 5pm 23 December 2024 and open again on Thursday 2 January 2025. She added that the campus will remain open as usual however the buildings will all be closed until this date.

4. AOB

- 4.1. **LMM** expressed condolences to **SS** who has suffered a sudden bereavement.
- 4.2. **LK** informed the CLC that she will be going on Maternity leave **NOTE** in February 2025.

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5. Next Meeting

5.1. **LK** noted that proposed meeting dates for next year will be issued shortly and are usually in the third week of the month held. She requested that the CLC make her aware if dates/times do not suit members alternative meetings can be arranged with agreement of the group.



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