



Grangegorman
Development Agency
Gníomhaireacht Forbartha
Ghráinseach Ghormáin

Minutes of Consultative Group Meeting held on Tuesday 15th February, 2011 at 10.30am in the GDA's offices

Present: Mr. Cyprian Brady T.D, Mr. Eamonn Cusack, Mr. Derek Dockrell, Mr. Eoin Farrell, Mr. Barry Kearney, Ms. Kaethe Burt O' Dea, Ms. Melda Slattery.

Apologies: Mr. Joe Costello T.D, Mr. Barry Hurley, Ms. Gabrielle McKeown, Mr. Andrew Myler, Cllr. Ray McAdam, Mr. Ken McCue, Mr. Ciaran Nevin, Dr. Noel O' Connor, Cllr. Claire O' Regan, Mr. Sean Tone, Mr. Raymond Turner.

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

1. Minutes of meeting held on 17th December, 2010

Mr. Farrell asked for two amendments to be made to the minutes and Ms. Slattery asked for one. The minutes were then agreed.

2. CEO's welcome and introduction

Mr. Doyle introduced Mr. Michael Hand, the new Chief Executive of the GDA. Mr. Hand gave the group some information about himself.

3. Project update

Mr. Hand gave his update under the following headings

- Draft Strategic Plan Consultation
- SDZ & Draft Planning Scheme
- Community Needs
- Employment Steering Group
- Key Project Tasks & Programme
- HSE Replacement Facilities
- Land Transfers
- Public Realm / Site Infrastructure
- Sports Changing Facilities

Mr. Dockrell commented that the HSE were very happy with the progress that the GDA had made thus far in progressing the project, in particular the HSE Mental Health Replacement Facilities. Mr. Kearney said that it seemed the project was progressing quite slowly and that many people were approaching him to ask when building was going to start and how they might apply for jobs when it does. Mr. Hand said that while it may seem that the project is

progressing slowly much work had happened particularly related to consultation and that in many ways the project could be seen as an exemplar in terms of how people were consulted with. He went on to explain that there were difficulties in terms of procurement when it came to forcing contractors to employing local people. However, the Employment Group was now meeting and that Mr. Finbar Flood was chairing this group. This group would be very important in ensuring local people had access to employment and training opportunities on the project. Deputy Brady asked if the co-coordinator of the Employment Group would be the point of contact for people looking for work. Mr. Doyle said that this would not necessarily be the case but the job of the coordinator would be to ensure an effective process was in place with the existing structures in the area to enable people to get involved.

Mr. Kearney made a request that some land be given over to a vegetable garden for residents of hostels around Grangegorman. He said that many in these hostels had nothing to do and if there were a garden available they would be occupied and self sufficient. Ms. Burt O' Dea seconded this idea and commented that community gardening could be a very important part of the rehabilitation process for many people and that there had already been an approach to the GDA from a Group called "Open" who worked in this area. Mr. Doyle said that he had met with this group but unfortunately the site was not suitable for the type of facility they needed for their work. Deputy Brady added that the City Council was very interested in the concept of allotments around Dublin and perhaps they could be approached. The GDA agreed to re-examine the idea of allotments/community gardens on the Grangegorman site.

4. SDZ Process

Mr. Casey gave a presentation on the Strategic Development Zone process. Mr. Kearney asked for clarification as to when the actual process would start. Mr. Casey said that GDA hoped to lodge the draft Planning Scheme with DCC in April. The process would then begin at this time. He went on to say that construction work on the main DIT campus would not start until 2012 or early 2013. Mr. Dockrell said that the Mental Health aspect of the project was happening now and was essential in freeing up the site for the rest of the project to take place.

5. Any other business

Mr. Farrell informed the group that the National Transport Authority was putting its Strategic plan on public display on 28th February. It would be a good idea for the GDA to make a submission on it at this time. The display period will be advertised and more information can be found at www.2030vision.ie.

Ms. Burt O' Dea asked that something be done to address the issue of community reps who are not attending meetings. She said that the community was currently under represented at Board and Consultative Group level and that this should be rectified. Mr. Doyle said that this had been brought up at Board level also and it was being looked at.

Next meeting to be confirmed.