



Grangegorman
Development Agency
Gníomhaireacht Forbartha
Ghráinseach Ghormáin

Minutes of Consultative Group Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd June, 2011 at 10.30am in the GDA's offices

Present: Mr. Derek Dockrell, Mr. Eoin Farrell, Dr. Noel O' Connor, Ms. Melda Slattery, Mr. Sean Tone, .

Apologies: Ms. Kaethe Burt O' Dea, Mr. Joe Costello T.D, Mr. Eamonn Cusack, Mr. Barry Hurley, Mr. Barry Kearney, Mr. pat Kearney, Ms. Gabrielle McKeown, Mr. Andrew Myler, Cllr. Ray McAdam, Mr. Ken McCue, Cllr. Claire O' Regan, Mr. Raymond Turner.

In Attendance: Mr. John Mitchell (DMOD), Mr. Michael Hand, Mr. David Thomson, Mr. Ronan Doyle (GDA).

1. Minutes of meeting held on 15th February, 2011

Agreed.

2. Public Realm Update

Mr. John Mitchell from DMOD Architecture Firm gave an update to the group on the design of the public realm for Grangegorman. Questions and discussion followed.

Ms. Slattery asked if the public realm included street furniture and signage. Mr. Mitchell confirmed it did. Ms. Slattery suggested that the group get a presentation from a recent NCAD graduate who has carried out a project for the mapping of Dublin. She said it may be of interest. This will be looked at. Mr. Mitchell acknowledged that signage and wayfinding is a project in itself. Mr. Doyle added that this would come in to the branding strategy for Grangegorman which the GDA is beginning to look at.

Mr. Farrell asked if there was a phasing strategy for the public realm aspect of the project. Mr. Mitchell confirmed that there was a fairly robust phasing strategy and this was aimed towards the first students coming onsite in 2016. Mr. Hand said that the heavy infrastructure has to go in at the beginning of the public realm work and after this funding would also dictate the phasing. Mr. Dockrell added that the first phase of the project was the mental health aspect and because it comes before the public realm they were working in the dark to some extent.

3. Project update

Mr. Hand gave his update under the following headings

- SDZ & Draft Planning Scheme
- Broadstone Gate
- BXD Public Enquiry
- Employment Steering Group
- HSE Replacement Facilities
- Public Realm / Site Infrastructure
- Protected Structures
- Other

In relation to the Mental Health Replacement facility work beginning, Mr. Dockrell commented that the HSE were delighted that we had reached this stage and credited the GDA with achieving this. He added that as the building work goes on the HSE will be decanting workers off site so that once the new building is ready and patients and staff are moved into it the site will be empty and ready for the next phase to begin.

Mr. Nevin asked Mr. Hand to confirm that if a student levy is put in place would the sports facilities be in place by 2016. Mr. Hand said that it very well could be, however he said that if the levy was not in place then the sports facilities definitely would not be in place as having it will allow the agency to seek the capital to initially fund it.

Ms. Slattery asked if it was certain that the draft planning Scheme would go to an Board Plaenala. Mr. Hand confirmed that it was very likely to as there are some submissions which we have already tried to address in the Strategic Plan which were re-submitted to DCC showing that we cannot address them to the satisfaction of the stakeholders. Ms. Slattery asked if the Board would look just at the objections or at the plan as a whole. Mr. Hand answered that the Board have the scope to look at the whole plan and they could do this. We expect a board hearing before the end of this year.

Mr. Tone asked if the land transfers were proceeding. Mr. Hand answered that they were but they were very complicated. The GDA solicitors are now acting for both the GDA and the HSE in this matter which makes it simpler and we are keeping pressure on them to keep it going.

4. Any other business

Ms. Slattery informed the group that DIT had recently acquired a large site on Bannow Road Dublin 7 which they intend to convert into sports facilities, including a new all weather GAA pitch and indoor 5 a side soccer pitches. She said that in the short term this new facility will help when Grangegorman becomes unusable due to construction and in the long term it will complement the new facilities here. It will eventually be connected to the new campus by LUAS Broombridge.

Next meeting to be confirmed.