



Grangegorman
Development Agency
Gníomhaireacht Forbartha
Ghráinseach Ghormáin

Minutes of Consultative Group Meeting Held on Tuesday 31st March 2009 at the GDA's offices

Present: Ms. Melda Slattery, Dr. Frank McMahon, Mr. Michael Quirey, Mr. Barry Kearney, Ms. Gabriella McKeown, Mr. Danny Pender, Cllr. Mary Fitzpatrick, Ms. Anne O' Connor, Mr. Ken McCue, Dr. Serena Condon, Deputy Joe Costello T.D., Mr. Gerry Murphy

Apologies: Mr. Martin Dunne, Mr. Pat Kearney, Deputy Cyprian Brady T.D., Mr. Jim Humphries, Mr. Seamus Ryan, Mr. Michael Tomney, Ms. Orla Traynor, Cllr. Mary O' Shea, Mr. Eamonn Cusack, Mr. Paul McSweeney.

In Attendance: Ms. Nora Rahill, Mr. Ger Casey, Mr. Ronan Doyle (Grangegorman Development Agency), Mr. Karl Eckermann (Murray O' Laoire Architects).

Mr. Murphy began the meeting by noting the passing of Deputy Tony Gregory T.D. The Consultative Group wished their deep regret to be noted and their sympathy for the family.

Mr. Murphy went on to say that Deputy Joe Costello would join the Group, in accordance with the mechanism for local deputies and the Group welcomed the new member.

1. Minutes of meeting held on 15th December 2008

Mr. McCue asked about the per cent for arts for the temporary school. Mr. Murphy said that as the Department were looking after this contract themselves we didn't have all the information yet. However, we should have this information for the next meeting.

Minutes were then agreed.

2. Mental Health replacement facilities

Mr. Eckermann gave his presentation on the plans for the facilities.

Deputy Costello asked whether the patients had been consulted on the design. Mr. Eckermann said that they had met the patients on an informal basis. Ms. O' Connor added that there is a

strong advocacy program for the patients in the hospital. All agreed that the next stage of detailed design should formalise this.

Mr. McCue asked regarding public art as part of the project. Mr. Eckermann said that there would certainly be art pieces featured internally and they had already seen some of the patient's art which would possibly be included but he was not sure about the external art at this stage.

Deputy Costello asked for information on parking spaces for visitors and the heating and overall energy plans. Mr. Murphy said that the main emphasis for parking would be on clinical staff, in line with DCC Mobility Planning Policy, but that there would be some spaces for administrative staff and visitors. Mr. Eckermann added that the aim for this building is an A3 energy rating in line with the overall master plan.

Cllr. Mary Fitzpatrick commended the presentation and the plans but said that she agreed with comments made by others. She said appropriate landscaping is necessary as is user involvement. She also asked about the timeline for the project. Mr. Murphy said that currently he was looking at May to lodge the application and that the GDA will have a planning information meeting before this.

Mr. Pender said that they would like a community planner or DCC planner available to go through the plans with them. Cllr. Fitzpatrick said she could facilitate this, if requested, once the planning application was submitted.

Dr. McMahon said he welcomed the project and hoped it would happen soon. Mr. McCue said he was impressed with the level of consultation which had taken place and while he agreed with Deputy Costello's thoughts on consultation, he hoped the same principles would be followed for the rest of the project.

On funding for construction of the HSE facility, Mr. Murphy said that obviously nothing could be seen as definite with the current climate, however, GDA is in close liaison with the HSE and he was confident the money will be available to move on this building.

3. General Update

Mr. Murphy gave an update by powerpoint presentation on the strategic plan and other matters.

Mr. Pender asked if an update on how the primary school was coming along could be circulated before the next meeting. Mr. Murphy agreed.

In relation to the timeline for elections Mr. Pender asked why the existing registered groups had to re-register. Mr. Murphy said that the registration process was required for the elections, however, he said that it would be made it as easy as possible.

Deputy Costello suggested that the GDA advertise at the beginning of July rather than at the end, and thereby allow a longer period. Mr. Murphy agreed.

