



Grangegorman  
Development Agency  
Gníomhaireacht Forbartha  
Ghráinseach Ghormáin

## **Minutes of Consultative Group Meeting held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2010 at the GDA's offices**

**Present:** Ms. Gabrielle McKeown, Ms. Melda Slattery, Mr. Michael Quirey, Mr. Sean Tone, Mr. Ken McCue. Mr. Joe Costello T.D., Cllr. Claire O' Regan, Mr. Kevin Doyle, Ms. Annemarie Smith, Mr. Barry Hurley.

**Apologies:** Mr. Eamonn Cusack, Mr. Barry Kearney, Mr. Cyprian Brady T.D., Dr. Frank McMahon, Mr. Andrew Myler, Ms. Tracy Flinter, Mr. Pat Kearney, Ms. Kaethe Burt O' Dea, Cllr. Ray McAdam, Ms Ann O' Connor. Mr. Barry Kearney

**In Attendance:** Mr. Philip L'Estrange, Ms. Nora Rahill, Mr. Ronan Doyle (GDA staff).  
Brendan Sheehy, Gerry Egan, David Clarke – Moloney O' Beirne Architects  
Greg Flynn – Davis Langdon PKS.

### **1. Minutes of meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2010**

The Minutes from last meeting were agreed.

### **2. Introduction Presentation by Moloney O' Beirne Architects**

Architects gave their presentation.

### **3. Project update**

Mr. L'Estrange gave his presentation. Cllr. Claire O' Regan asked how the draft Strategic Plan consultation would be advertised. Mr. Doyle went through the different ways. Mr. Casey gave some extra information on the HSE replacement facilities. M. Quirey said that this is a significant move for the HSE and a real start to the Grangegorman project. They have planned it in such a way as not to disturb their neighbours and users. Asked if there were any delays on this project Mr. L'Estrange said that there was only a minor delay in the change from Murray O' Laoire to Moloney O' Beirne.

Mr. McCue asked if there had been any changes in the design of the building between Murray O' Laoire and Moloney O' Beirne. Mr. L'Estrange said that there were minor changes to one of the heights in part of the building but nothing significant.

Mr. McCue informed the group that Dublin was the European Capital of Sport. The local community is going to try and get some unused space in the area, probably the old fish market, and kit it out as a sports facility. They would be getting funding for this from Queen's University in Belfast. This could be a facility that DIT could use.

Ms. McKeown asked when the memo to Government was due? Mr. L'Estrange said that it was due soon.

Mr. McCue asked if the Tanaiste and Minister seemed interested in the area of Lifelong learning during their visit. Mr. L'Estrange said that Prof. Norton included this in his presentation. He also discussed how the move would benefit the community.

Mr. McCue asked if there had been any input relating to the quota for international students. Mr. L'Estrange replied that there hadn't really been. He said that the presentation had to cover the whole project and they had very limited time with the Tanaiste. They tried to give a robust overview of the project.

Mr. McCue said that he would like to meet the Tanaiste along with the HSE at a future date.

#### **4. Any other business**

Deputy Costello asked what exactly would start this year in terms of physical work. Mr. L'Estrange explained the work to happen this year. Deputy Costello asked if there would be any demolitions. Goirtin will be demolished and re-located.

Ms. Slattery suggested that a general update and overview meeting might be a good idea seeing as there were quite a few new members of the Group and it has been a while since people were refreshed on what the project entailed. This was supported. Mr. Doyle will organise. Ms. Slattery also invited the group to the DIT Graduate Exhibition taking place in the Complex from Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June.