



Grangegorman
Development Agency
Gníomhaireacht Forbartha
Ghráinseach Ghormáin

Minutes of Consultative Group Meeting held on Tuesday 25th September, 2012 at 11am in the GDA's offices

Present: Ms. Kaethe Burt O'Dea, Mr. Joe Costello T.D, Mr. Derek Dockrell, Mr. Eoin Farrell, Mr. Pat Kearney, Ms. Marylou McDonald T.D., Cllr. Pádraig McLoughlin, Ms. Melda Slattery,

Apologies: Mr. Eamonn Cusack, Mr. Barry Hurley, Mr. Barry Kearney, , Mr. David Keegan, Mr. Ken McCue, , Ms. Gabrielle McKeown, Mr. Andrew Myler, Cllr. Ray McAdam, Dr. Noel O' Connor, Mr. Sean Tone, Mr. Raymond Turner.

In Attendance: Mr. Ronan Doyle, Mr. Michael Hand (GDA). Mr. John Monahan (GDA Chair).

Mr. Doyle began the meeting by welcoming the new Chair designate of the GDA Mr. John Monahan. Mr. Monahan introduced himself and said he is interested in hearing what all of the stakeholders have to say.

1. Minutes of meeting held on 12th July 2012

Agreed.

2. Project update

Mr. Doyle began the project update presentation and Mr. Hand joined the meeting half way through the presentation and took over.

Mr. Costello asked what was being done to ensure that a repeat of last year's locked ward scenario does not re-occur. Mr. Dockrell said that from a building point of view the new building would not be ready for occupation by Christmas. He added that from an operational point of view the HSE certainly did not want to see a repeat of last year either. Mr. Monahan said that he has been looking for assurances that this would not happen again. Mr. Doyle said that the Agency had nothing to do with this matter as it was purely an operational matter within the hospital.

Mr. Costello excused himself from the meeting.

Mr. Hand finished his presentation and said the key message from here on is that the project is happening and we are in the delivery phase.

Ms. Burt O' Dea asked about the fact that the project was now being viewed with regeneration and community to the fore, will this have an impact on the community aspect of the project. Mr. Hand replied that significant funding to this project and to the country is coming from the European Investment Bank. It sees regeneration projects as important to invest in and therefore we are highlighting the large regeneration and community aspect that exists in this project. The project is still the same one.

Ms. Burt O' Dea asked about the primary care element of the project. Mr. Dockrell said that the funding for this was coming directly from the exchequer and therefore is quite secure at this time.

Ms. Burt O' Dea said that many may question the fact that a lot of new buildings are being created on this site while there are many empty buildings down the road in Smithfield and other places. Mr. Monahan said that he had spoken to some local property owners and they were open to any new ideas on how their buildings could be used. Ms. Slattery said that there is evidence to show that when a third level campus is established in an area, it does have the effect of bringing up the general levels of business in the area.

Cllr. McLoughlin brought up the issue of new access routes into the site as part of the development. He asked that the Agency consider the local residents when putting them in. Mr. Doyle said that the Agency had been in contact with all residents in the area on an ongoing basis throughout the development of the project and would continue to do so. He also pointed out that the new committee to be set up with the residents, DIT, DCC and the Gardai would play a very important role in ensuring problems did not arise or were dealt with quickly.

3. Any other business

As this was the last meeting of the current Consultative Group Mr. Hand thanked everyone for their attendance and work on the project over the last 3 years. He said he looked forward to meeting them in the future again. He also thanked Mr. Monahan for attendance at the meeting.

Next meeting to be confirmed.