

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LANSDOWNE ROAD PROJECT
MONITORING COMMITTEE (PMC), HELD ON TUESDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER, 2009**

ATTENDANCE

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL: Ms Eileen Brady, Chairperson (EB)
Mr Gerry Folan (GF)

LOCAL COMMUNITY: Ms Cathy McCartney (CMcC)
Mr Greg Pepper (GP)

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES: Councillor Dermot Lacey (DL)
Councillor Kevin Humphreys (KH)

LRSDC: Mr Michael Greene (MG)
Mr Roddy Guiney (RG)
Mr Martin Murphy (MM)

ALSO PRESENT: Mr Pat Molloy (PM)
Ms Mags Dalton (MD)
Mr Les McLindon (LMcL)
Ms Deirdre O'Sullivan (DOS)
Mr Bill Enright (BE)

VENUE: 62 Lansdowne Road

1. APOLOGIES:

It was noted that apologies had been received from Ms Frances Corr.

2. MINUTES:

The minutes of the last meeting of Tuesday, 7 July 2009, were agreed. Same to be changed from draft minutes to agreed minutes and put on the LRSDC website.

3. **MATTERS ARISING:**

MG noted that he had offered the PMC a tour of the Stadium at the last meeting. It was agreed that same should be done separately to a PMC meeting. MG to circulate all on an email with suggested day/date and timing.

EB noted that she was supposed to check the issue of licensed street traders but apologised for not doing so. She will do same for next meeting.

KH queried the situation in relation to the closure of Bath Avenue on match days. He also noted that Bath Avenue Place was more of a public order problem rather than traffic. In that context he also noted that Margaret Place should be considered in terms of public order.

Following a discussion on road closures, traffic management, etc it was agreed that MM would invite the Gardai back to a further meeting. EB suggested that there should be a totally separate meeting on such issues. All were in agreement with same. MM said that this was a matter for the 2 associations but he understood that they did not support increasing ticket prices to fund public transport.

It was agreed that at any such meeting issues of public order would also be considered along with road closures, traffic management, etc.

KH raised the issue in relation to integrated ticketing for matches in the new stadium. He said that there should be an active campaign to encourage public transport. DL said that he was in agreement with same.

Again it was agreed that there should be a separate meeting to discuss same. MM noted that it would be stadium policy to encourage use of public transport and to discourage use of private cars.

All were in agreement that if public transport measures were to be successful that the public transport providers needed to be proactive in their setting up of the service.

BE noted that public transport was integral to the stadium's sustainability policy. He said that he had met with many of the public transport providers already.

He said that one initiative that would be put in position would be to encourage staff and stewards to use public transport at all times rather than bringing cars into the area. All were in agreement that there needed to be an overall gain for the customer if the service was to be successful.

It was agreed that BE and EB would set up a meeting in connection with this.

4. **NEW COMMITTEE:**

EB welcomed Councillor Humphreys to the committee. She noted that KH and DL would represent the Councillors on the committee for the coming year. Both had been elected at the South East Area Committee meeting.

She said that a decision had been taken at the meeting to write to all residents associations in the area and to ask them for nominees to the PMC as had been

done when the original PMC was set up. She said that at the next meeting of the South East Area Committee the Councillors would decide on who the local community representatives would be.

CMcC said she would not be going forward for nomination. DL said that she had made a major contribution to the PMC and asked that this be recorded in the minutes. All were in agreement with same.

It was confirmed that there would be eight members who would form the new PMC.

5. MONITORING UPDATE:

MD reported on the project monitoring during the period since the last PMC meeting (7 July 2009). She noted that in relation to the various impacts:

- There were no cases of non compliance in relation to dust levels. She said that the rainfall during that period had helped.
- There had been one exceedance in relation to vibration at the North East boundary. Equipment had been operated too close to a monitor.
- There had been no major impacts in relation to noise.
- There was no issues in relation either to ground water or surface water.

MD confirmed that during the month of August that DCC officials had done an audit in relation to the various impacts. She said that there had been no cases of non compliance. This is the third such audit that has been carried out by DCC.

KH noted that he had been asked to raise the issue in relation to the site being noisier earlier in the morning. He said this is particularly so in relation to Saturday morning and he had been asked by a resident could the noisier elements of the job be put back to the later time on Saturday mornings. KH said that the noise had been in relation to cutting / grinding of metal. PM said that he would look into same.

KH said it was quite understandable that the noise might be there Monday to Friday but he would appreciate if a later start for noisier work on Saturdays could be looked at.

MG noted that over the eight weeks since the last meeting that there had been ten complaints in total. Five of these were in relation to vibration; three in relation to rubble at the back of O'Connell Gardens; one in relation to a light shining into a house; and one an early start by a truck.

in relation to the complaints concerning vibration he noted that three of these were down to the OPW sheet piling on the Dodder Walk. He said the other two vibration complaints concerned work on the Swan Culvert.

He confirmed that the vibration part of the OPW work had now been finished. He said that LRSDC were building the flood defence wall on top of the sheet pilings laid down by the OPW.

In relation to night possessions MG said there was still four due during the next month, three of which mainly concerned work in the area of the DART station. The other is in relation to the putting in of an escalator for the podium.

He said that the night possessions were scheduled for 13, 24, 25 and 26 September.

MG noted that they would be seeking permission from DCC to do some work on the stadium roof steel over a weekend.

He said that there would be a small number of people on site and that they would be removing the temporary towers that hold the roof steel in position. He said that now that the roof steel is completed it would be self supporting and the towers would no longer be required. He did say that the works would take place gradually however. He noted that perhaps six staff would be required on the day.

He said that the times applied for were 2pm-6pm on Saturday, 12 September and 8am-4pm on Sunday, 13 September. KH requested that the Sunday time be moved to 9am. MG said he would organise that. It was noted that permission still had to be given for that work.

6. CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:

PM updated the meeting in relation to construction. He noted that:

- Work on the roof was progressing well.
- Steel work will be finished by mid October.
- The cladding of the stadium continues successfully.
- Power is currently being distributed around the stadium.
- The pitch area is starting to be cleared with the big 'tent' being removed.
- Work on the pitch will start shortly.
- The conservation architect has selected a brick with which to refurbish 68 Shelbourne Road. Work will begin on this shortly.
- The stairs to the podium are substantially finished.

7. SWAN CULVERT:

MG noted that all matters in relation to same had been resolved and that all residents had signed up to the proposals.

Work is continuing on removing/filling the culvert and replacing the old boundary wall and work on the sub division walls will start shortly.

It is anticipated that all work in relation to the Swan Culvert and the sub division of the gardens will be completed by late November.

8. **DODDER WALK:**

PM confirmed that the OPW had finished sheet piling on the stadium side of the Dodder. He noted that the stadium had begun work on the flood defence wall above this. Currently the stadium is also working on the flood defence wall in the centre area and on the embankment further down the Dodder Walk.

PM confirmed that it was now likely that all work on the stadium side of the Dodder Walk would be finished by the end of November.

In relation to the Dodder Walk the paths, fencing, lighting, planting and landscaping will all be completed by end November.

KH queried EB in relation to a tree survey due to be carried out. EB/KH to discuss same further.

KH also requested that MG provide a copy of the drawing (as per the second planning application) for the treatments along the Dodder Walk.

In relation to construction KH queried the 'glare' from the cladding (which could be seen coming over the bridge off Grand Canal Street). MG said he would look into same and report back.

PM confirmed that the walkway beside the DART station has now re-opened.

PM also confirmed that all work on the stadium was on schedule for handover 30 April 2010.

9. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

MG noted that there was one live planning application in relation to the two major signs with the stadium name.

He said that LRSDC would lodge another planning application in relation to ancillary signage quite shortly. This signage relates to some wall mounted signs around the stadium and also to directional signs to ensure that patrons visiting the stadium use the right colour coded entrances.

He said that permission had been received previously for all the signage but there were a small number of changes that LRSDC wished to make.

In relation to one particular sign KH requested that LRSDC look at the width of the sign with a view to ensuring that no-one could hide behind it.

Included in the signage is a sign for the stadium shop. MM confirmed that the stadium shop would be open daily during normal working hours selling merchandise and other rugby / soccer memorabilia.

10. **STADIUM PERSONNEL:**

KH asked could they be supplied with a list of the key stadium personnel and email addresses for same. He felt this would be helpful if he needed to write to anyone in relation to a particular matter. MG agreed that same would be provided.

11. **COMMUNICATION:**

RG said that the communication programme was continuing as in previous months. The newsletter continues to go out on a fortnightly basis while www.lrsdc.ie continues to give more up-to-the-minute information where appropriate.

12. **COMMUNITY FUND:**

RG updated the meeting in relation to Community Fund. He noted that to date:

- To date €66,000 has been distributed under the 2009 Community Fund which leaves a balance of €42,000 for the rest of the year.
- Currently there are 12 projects awaiting assessment. In total this comes to €75,000.
- As per the agreement at a previous meeting copies of the twelve projects have now been distributed to members of the PMC. RG requested that the members come back with their comments on same within the next two weeks (before 15 September).
- RG then to consolidate information received from each member of the PMC and to re-circulate same to the members. Only after this is done will Philip Land be asked to assess the various projects.
- It was agreed that some of the remaining €42,000 in the Fund needs to be kept back for small functions around Christmas as previously agreed.

There was a general discussion on a number of the projects in which it was mentioned that there would be less funding available from other agencies going forward. KH stressed the need for clear criteria in relation to the Fund.

RG undertook to circulate the criteria, application forms, etc with a view to asking members of the PMC to input into the criteria going forward.

13. **OPERATIONS REVIEW:**

DOS noted that the stadium would be recruiting stewards over the next couple of months. These would be part time positions. It was felt that they might be of particular interest to local people. Positions are going to be advertising in the newsletter. DL suggested that they also be advertised in News4. GP said that if details were available he would ensure they were put up in the credit union in Bath Avenue.

BE noted that the stewards would be trained. He said that the training course was linked into FETAC Level 4. The training course will take place in Killester.

DOS noted that the stadium had met with Birdwatch Ireland re nesting around the stadium. She noted that they were particularly looking at nesting for house martins and swifts. She said that Birdwatch Ireland would be coming back with suggestions both for the Dodder Walk and around the stadium.

KH noted the fact that peregrine falcons were no longer in the area. DOS said that Birdwatch Ireland would be looking into a possible platform for peregrine falcons in or around the stadium.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

KH said that there were a number of venues promoting events and that there should be communication between the various venues e.g. Aviva Stadium, Croke Park Stadium and O2 to ensure that suitable arrangements could be made if there were conflicting events. BE said that this was being done.

15. NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next PMC meeting would take place on 12 October, at 6:30pm, in the offices of LRSDC, 62 Lansdowne Road.

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