

**MINUTES OF THE ADAMSTOWN SDZ
STEERING GROUP MEETING**

CLONDALKIN CIVIC OFFICES - 6th December, 2006

Attendance:

Councillors	D. Keating	B. Gogarty
Stat. Agencies	David Clements Deirdre Ryan	Dublin Transportation Office Health Service Executive

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Dublin Bus, Iarnrod Eireann, Department of Education & Science and the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

S.D.C.C.	Paul Hogan Tom Doherty Fionnuala Lennon T. Behan	SDZ Project Manager – Chairman Director of Planning Project Planner Staff Officer
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1. Minutes of Previous Steering Group Meeting (20th Sept. 2006)

The Minutes of the meeting of the Adamstown Strategic Development Zone Steering Group held on the 20th September, 2006 were noted.

2. Project Delivery Update

- **Residential Development (see attached [chart](#))**

A Chart on residential development within Adamstown had been circulated with the Agenda.

Fionnuala Lennon advised that planning permission has been granted for 1005 residential units and that approximately 670 units were under construction, 221 units have been completed and 60 units have now been occupied.

- **Infrastructure**

Fionnuala Lennon circulated a copy of the first [Adamstown Newsletter](#) to the meeting which gives an update on progress with the roll-out of the Adamstown Project. This is the first of a regular newsletter and it will be circulated to the residents of Adamstown as they move in. Fionnuala Lennon advised that work has now started on the first crèche, on the main internal roads, the railway station and park & ride car park. The Link Road has been completed

- **Current & Proposed planning applications**

Fionnuala Lennon advised that Planning applications for the secondary school, first community centre and commercial development are

imminent. Also that a planning application for approximately 300 residential units is due to be submitted by Castlethorn Construction shortly.

- **Communication/Liaison**

- Paul Hogan advised that the Adamstown Newsletter, which had been circulated at the meeting, would be circulated to the residents of Adamstown as they moved in.
- The Council is to recruit a Community Development Worker, with Adamstown in mind, in February 2007.
- A welcome pack is being prepared by the developers and will be given to residents at they move into the estate.
- The Adamstown Annual Report which will be available by end of January, 2007 will have useful information for residents.
- The Adamstown website www.adamstown.ie is being upgraded and will include a section for the new Adamstown residents.
- Paul Hogan said he would like to get the steering groups opinion on whether there should be a representative from the community on the Steering Group – someone who would take an overall view of the Adamstown project.

Councillor Derek Keating commented on the value of the website and also that he would welcome a representative from the Community on the Steering Group.

- **Support Strategies**

Fionnuala Lennon said that the first block of Social/Affordable housing was under construction at Adamstown Castle and that this would be managed by a voluntary group. Fionnuala also said that work was on-going on the *Strategy for Social & Affordable Housing in Adamstown* and this would be circulated to the steering group when complete.

- **Developer Initiatives**

Paul Hogan advised that the biggest planning application would be for the District Centre. The developers are working with different Architects to provide variety of design in preparing the first phase of development in Adamstown District Centre which will include shops, offices, recreational i.e. cinema/leisure centre. The planning application is expected to be lodged in February/March 2007. Paul Hogan said he hoped to have a presentation at the next meeting.

3. **Update on delivery of infrastructure:**

- **Railway Station & Train Service**

Conor McGuinness, Iarnrod Eireann sent his apologies for inability to attend. Paul Hogan informed the meeting that the Railway Works Order was signed yesterday and that construction can now commence on the Kildare Route Project in spring of 2007. He also stated said that he had seen a draft timetable of train services for Adamstown and that there were many services between 7 and 9 to cater for rush hour traffic and that the trains had been routed to maximise capacity for

Adamstown. Iarnrod Eireann will publish the time table as soon as it is available.

Councillor Derek Keating enquired now that the Railway Works Order has been signed what this meant. Paul Hogan replied that Iarnrod Eireann could now proceed with the Kildare Route Project. The Railway station opens for business March or April 2007. Paul Hogan said that the railway station was outside KPR under the supervision of Irish rail. It would take 3 years until full 4 tracking was available. The estimated timetable is for late 2009 early 2010.

- **QBCs/Bus**

Derry O'Leary, Dublin Bus sent his apologies for inability to attend the meeting. Paul Hogan said that there will be additional peak hour bus services in Adamstown as Dublin Bus are reviewing their bus services at present and it is intended to enhance this service to serve the Railway Station in both directions. Revised Bus service schedule should be available March/April 2007.

- **Roads**

Paul Hogan advised that the Adamstown Link Road was now completed ahead of schedule. It would be used for construction traffic only at present. That they would look to devise strategies to manage the issue of through traffic. Roads within scheme to facilitate access to ESB substation, Tobermaclugg Pumping Station, etc.

Cllr Keating enquired regarding the use of the Link Road as construction route and enquired what date it would open to the public. Paul Hogan expressed concern about the danger of too much traffic, it should be opened sometime next year.

- **Drainage**

Planning permission has been granted for Tobermaclugg Pumping Station. This is a large infrastructural project and will take some time to construct.

- **Schools**

Lorraine Brennan from the Department of Education and Science sent apologies for inability to attend. Fionnuala Lennon said that work had started on the first primary School and that the programme was to open the first primary school in September, 2007 and the second Primary School in January, 2008. Three Patron Bodies have expressed interest in the schools and the Dept of Education to assess the position in January/February next year.

The Planning application for the Secondary school is imminent and the current estimated opening date is September 2009.

- **Health**

Deirdre Ryan, Health Service Executive said that the procurement of a primary health care facility was their first priority. They would like to locate the Health care facility in the main district centre but must look at the issue of value for money.

Tom Doherty enquired if they had agreed in principle on primary care community centre cases with the HSE and if the matter has to go before the Board of the HSE. Deirdre Ryan confirmed that any use of €10m capital allocation will have to go to the Board for approval.

P.S. Deirdre Ryan has confirmed since the Steering Group meeting that this matter does not have to go before the Board of the HSE for approval.

- **Community centres**

The issue of the design of the Community facilities is being addressed at present.

4. Any comments or queries from Local Councillors on Adamstown Related issues.

Cllr Keating expressed concerns regarding the noise created by developers working at night. Fionnuala Lennon said that the Developers got permission from the Roads Department to work on the substation at night.

Fionnuala Lennon stated that traffic lights and markings were being installed next week at the Tandy's Lane junction and would have to wait for ESB to turn on lights. Cllr Keating said that traffic lights would cause traffic chaos. Fionnuala Lennon replied that they would look to synchronise and co-ordinate traffic. Paul Hogan said that they would not turn on traffic lights until after Christmas.

5. Confirmation of date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Adamstown SDZ Steering Group will be held at **2.30pm Tuesday 20 March 2007 in the Civic Offices in Clondalkin.**

6. Any Other Business

There was no business under this heading.