

MINUTES OF THE ADAMSTOWN SDZ

STEERING GROUP MEETING

SDCC, Clondalkin -16th March,2010

Attendance:

Councillors	E. Tuffy W. Lavelle D. Keating
Stat. Agencies	None Present
S.D.C.C.	Paul Hogan SDZ Project Manager (Chairperson) Karen Kenny Project Planner Andrea Doyne Community Worker Sarah O' Donnell Clerical Officer

Apologies were received from the Health Service Executive and Iarnrod Eireann.

1. Minutes of Previous Steering Group Meeting (18th February 2009)

The minutes of the meeting of the Adamstown Strategic Development Zone Steering Group held on the 17th September, 2008 were noted.

2. Project Delivery Update

Karen Kenny advised that in total planning permission has been granted for 3428 units. 1379 units have commenced on site and 1116 dwellings are completed and occupied.

Cllr Lavelle queried whether the unit's commenced figure includes the dwellings that are completed and occupied i.e. 263 dwellings currently under construction. It was confirmed that this is the case.

3. Infrastructure:

a. Roads

Karen Kenny advised that a pedestrian link from The Paddocks to Dodsboro Road will be in place in the coming weeks and that South Dublin County Council are in discussions with Chartridge in relation to taking in charge of the Adamstown Link Road.

Cllr Lavelle enquired if there is a time frame for Road Linkages. Karen Kenny advised that internal links are linked to development output.

b. Transportation

Karen Kenny advised that four tracking of the Kildare line is completed and an upgrade of the old lines has commenced.

c. Drainage

Karen Kenny advised that the Tobermaclugg Pumping Station is completed. Works are almost completed on the Tobermaclugg Stream upgrade. Incidences of road flooding were reported in the vicinity of Tubber Lane in early January. Sufficient capacity exists in the new pipe system to cater for storm water in this area. However, there is a requirement from the Regional Fisheries Board to maintain sufficient water flow in the stream in summer and winter and it is taking time to achieve the correct balance between water flowing into the stream and into the new pipe system.

d. Schools

Karen Kenny advised that there are 3 schools in Adamstown - two primary schools and a secondary school. The secondary schools have sufficient enrolment for next year to accommodate three new 1st year classes.

Cllr Tuffy enquired if there would be 90 students in schools. Karen Kenny advised this was an approximate figure of new 1st year students for the 2010-2011 schools year.

e. Parks

Karen Kenny advised there were no major updates on the major parks and that the Adamstown Developers were in the process of delivering temporary playing pitches adjacent to the Park & Ride.

f. Childcare

Karen Kenny advised the Giraffe crèche is providing childcare services in Adamstown and that permission has been granted for 3 other facilities. There is capacity for approximately 100 children in the Giraffe crèche.

g. Community Facilities

Karen Kenny advised that works are now scheduled to start on Community Centre no. 1 in spring 2011 and to be completed for the 2011-2012 school year.

The HSE advised that they are progressing plans with Castlethorn for the approved Primary Health Centre.

h. Commercial

A Londis store opened in September 2009. Castlethorn construction is progressing discussions with potential tenants for the approved initial phase of Adamstown District Centre.

Cllr Lavelle enquired if there is any progress on the units beside the Londis shop. Karen Kenny advised that a Café/Italian restaurant is expected to take occupation.

4. Community Liaison:

a. Adamstown Community Development Officer

Andrea Doyne advised there are a number of interests at present including; a walking group, Pilates, Ballet, a Cultural Day and Coffee Morning. Andrea Doyne advised that there is an identified need for more English classes, as there is currently a waiting list. Andrea advised that the Adamstown cricket club is been accommodated in Griffeen Park, there are adult and toddler sessions and Adamstown Residents are inputting on the Lucan Community Festival committee.

b. Smarter Travel:

Karen Kenny advised that the Adamstown Personalised Travel Planning pilot is now completed. SDCC Travel advisors called to 800 homes and had travel conversations with 275 residents/213 households. Travel Packs were given out with resources and incentives, including free bus and train tickets.

Travel advisors called back to participating residents in November/December 2009. The approach has proven very successful. 59 percent of those who participated reported that they have used sustainable modes more frequently as a result of the initiative, 41 percent reported a reduction in car usage and 54 percent indicated that they would continue to use sustainable modes more often.

Cllr Lavelle enquired how many residents used cars. Karen Kenny advised that a 2008 survey indicated high levels of private car usage (60 percent) among residents but that residents were still evaluating their travel options

and would consider change, highlighting the potential for measures that influence travel behavior.

To influence behaviour in favour of more sustainable modes, South Dublin County Council, has worked with the Dublin Transportation Office since 2008 to develop a travel programme branded 'Smarter Travel Adamstown'. The programme promotes sustainable travel choices on an ongoing basis through information, initiatives and events. Cllr Lavelle commented that he is looking forward to the next Traffic report.

Cllr Tuffy enquired is there a problem with seating on Hazelhatch trains. Karen Kenny advised that a survey of train services/usage was undertaken by South Dublin County Council in April 2008 (approx). It emerged that there was standing capacity on trains. Passengers from previous stations were not moving from the doorway, given the impression of a full train.

Cllr Keating enquired if there is increased use of the Park & Ride since charges were waved. Paul Hogan advised that there has not been any increase in usage and that the Fonthill Park & Ride is the same.

Cllr Lavelle enquired on the progress of 40 affordable homes transferred to Helm Homes. Karen Kenny advised that the homes have been occupied since December 2009 and early 2010.

3. Confirmation of date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Adamstown SDZ Steering Group will be held on 15th September, 2010 in the Civic Offices in Clondalkin – date and venue to be confirmed.

4. Any Other Business

There was no business under this heading.