

DEPUTATION MEETING MINUTES

Date & Time: 24th February 2016 @ 3pm

Deputation Group: Adamstown Input Group

Councillors Present:	Cllr. Gus O'Connell Cllr. Paul Gogarty Cllr. Liona O'Toole Apologies: Cllr. Vicki Casserly	Cllr. Ed O'Brien Cllr. Danny O'Brien
Deputation:	Meena Baskarasubramanian Sanjeeb Barik Brian Murray	
Council Officials Present:		
Eddie Taaffe	Land Use Planning & Transportation	
Philip Murphy	Housing, Social & Community Development	
Brian Carroll	Housing, Social & Community Development	
Pamela Hughes	Housing, Social & Community Development	

The meeting was **chaired** by Cllr. Gus O'Connell.

Philip Murphy forwards apologies from Billy Coman.

Meena Baskarasubramanian begins the meeting, thanking South Dublin County Council for providing the Deputation meeting. She questions what type of Community Facility will be made available and what input the group can have in the design and set up. The group have concerns about the management and opening hours.

Eddie Taaffe explains that the Developer needs to provide a Community Facility before the next Planning Permission application for Housing units is approved. The previous permission granted for ETB & the Developer has lapsed and a new request for planning permission needs to be submitted. South Dublin County Council have made €750,000 available for this project through the Capital Fund and once an Architect has been appointed, South Dublin County Council will meet with the ETB/Developer. The layout/design will be a Community Department decision.

Philip Murphy addressed the Deputation to explain that no progress could be made in terms of the layout until South Dublin County Council meets with the design team. In terms of opening hours, South Dublin County Council would want the Community space to be available after 6 o'clock. South Dublin County Council wants to avoid duplication at the site and the site needs to be multipurpose and sustainable. The Community Development team have held consultations with local residents and their needs are both known and dynamic. Any plans will need to respond to the different requests of residents and while input is welcome, the design is needed first.

Cllr. Paul Gogarty stated that the Deputation group had liaised with the organisation running Ongar Community Facility. There is a big desire for any development to be a joint facility. The model for this is already available elsewhere and the local community needs to be involved from the design stage.

Cllr. Danny O'Brien thanked the Council Officials for their reports and asked if they knew when the project would be breaking ground?

Cllr. Liona O'Toole thanked the Council Officials for their reports. Cllr. O'Toole requested that the group be involved from an early stage.

Meena Baskarasubramanian asked if it was possible to set up a consultation process so that all the needs of the stakeholders are taken into view.

Philip Murphy stated that the consultation process is probably the easiest part. South Dublin County Council's Community Workers report to management and the line of communication is good and open. The basic design for the centre needs to be agreed first and as soon as this is available it will be pushed out through the Community Workers.

Cllr. Gus O'Connell suggested that there are five stakeholders and would like for the Community Workers to meet the group to agree expectations.

Cllr. Ed O'Brien stated that this is an opportunity for the group to bring stakeholders together. There is a commitment from the Council and Elected Members for this project.

Brian Murray of the Deputation group identified Ongar Community Facility as a good viable example. The group would be looking for something of similar design.

Eddie Taaffe said that there is no current timeframe but the developers want to get moving on this project. The planning process will be quicker because this is a SDZ and an appeal won't go to An Bord Pleanála.

Philip Murphy reiterated that SDCC are aware of the needs in the area. He explained that the Ongar facility came at a great cost to ETB and that this proposed project may be a different type of facility.

Meena Baskarasubramanian reminded the meeting of the promises that had been made to Residents before they moved to Adamstown.

Sanjeeb Barik explained that good Community Facility were available in other areas and that input from the group into the design would be useful.

Cllr. Liona O'Toole asked how the information regarding dates would be filtered on the timescale. Who would be giving out the dates?

Cllr. Paul Gogarty reiterated the point that promises to residents had not been kept. The Deputation group needs assurances that this is a joint venture with the Council.

Philip Murphy explained to the group that there is no disagreement. There is a high demand from the area but the Council need to look at the big picture and provide for all needs in the area. The majority of what is provided will be what Adamstown residents request as the facility is in that area.

Cllr. Danny O'Brien asked if money could come from Community funds to extend the centre in the future.

Cllr. Gus O'Connell identified 5 stakeholders: (1) The Community (2) ETB (3) The School (4) South Dublin County Council & (5) The Department of Environment.

Cllr O'Connell said that a road map is required and that 6 stages were necessary.

1. What is needed? 2. What is feasible? 3. The cost and how is it shared? 4. Draft of the plan. 5. Agreement with the Architect. 6. Planning/Building.

Cllr. O'Connell stated that there is a need for a meeting between Community Workers and the Deputation Group. For the Council to meet with the ETB and the Developer regarding funding.

Cllr. Liona O'Toole asked if the understanding was the design would be side by side with Griffeen Valley?

Philip Murphy replied that there is no difficulty in consultation. Some of the items mentioned are already significantly dealt with. In response to Cllr. O'Toole's question, Philip Murphy stated that everything is looked at the maximise investment and to maximise meeting needs.

Meena Baskarasubramanian asked will the Residents receive formal notification and also asked for clarification on the figure of €750,000.

Cllr. Gus O'Connell suggested the need for a formal commitment by the Council to the group and a need for recognition of the Adamstown residents and the promises that had been made to them. Cllr. O'Connell asked would there be a formal briefing.

Philip Murphy said that the Community Workers will be the contact for the group to communicate with.

Brian Murray asked is the developer paying an amount.

Eddie Taaffe replied to say that €15m had been paid by the developers in Development Contributions. The scheme does not require the Council to invest but the contribution is recognition of the needs in the area and the problems faced by the community.

Meeting ends.