



Minutes

St. Margaret's Community Liaison Group

Date: Tuesday, 14 November 2023
Time: 7.00pm
Location: Radisson Blu Hotel, Dublin Airport
Meeting No: 47

Attendees:

Name	Organisation	Initial
Danny O'Hare	Chair	Chair
Janine Davidson	Secretariat	JD
Angela Flynn	daa	AF
Matthew McAleese	Fingal County Council (online)	MMA
Grainne O'Reilly	Dunbro Lane Residents Group	GOR
Mary Grogan	St. Margaret's and The Ward Residents Group	MG
Pearse Sutton	St. Margaret's and The Ward Residents Group	PS
Liam O'Gradaigh	St. Margaret's GAA Club	LOG
Jim Scully	Irish Farmer's Association	JS
Brendan O'Donoghue	Dunbro Lane Residents Group	BOD
Mark Finegan	daa	MF
Vicky Bow	daa	VB

Apologies & Absences:

Ian Carey	Fingal County Council	IC
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Introduction	Action
Meeting started at 7.05pm to allow all members to join. Chair welcomed attendees and advised that Mark Finegan and Vicky Bow were joining this meeting to present Dublin Airport's upcoming infrastructure application to members.	
1. Apologies and Absences	Action
IC sent apologies. MMA joined via Zoom. Members queried if the group's charter allows for an alternate to attend a meeting in the place of a regular member. Chair advised he will investigate. Members expressed disappointment with MMA joining via Zoom and requested an alternate to attend in person should MMA be unavailable.	Chair
2. Approval of Minutes	Action
GOR requested a change to item 5; members agreed, and meeting minutes were approved.	
3. Matters Arising	
Members advised that matters will be discussed as part of the upcoming items.	
4. FCC Update (including Planning Applications) – presented by MMA	Action
<p>MMA provided an update on the enforcement proceedings; proceedings relating to one enforcement process had now been moved to the High Court, with a hearing expected in March 2024.</p> <p>LOG queried why FCC were not using the proceedings to seek legal costs. MMA advised that decisions relating to legal costs had not been made yet. MG queried the time scale for all enforcement proceedings. MMA advised that there is a huge amount of technical data being reviewed and every effort is being made to expedite the relevant processes where possible.</p> <p>LOG queried if the current application for the airport's drainage project takes account of PFAS, particularly following recent media reports around large amounts of soil being removed from Dublin Airport to Norway for treatment. MMA advised that he is not</p>	



<p>aware of this issue being included in this particular application but that a submission can be made on the application by interested parties; AF advised that engagement has taken place between daa, the EPA and FCC relating to the management of PFAS, and the monitoring and testing onsite. Members advised that they were not aware of this issue and expected that forums such as the CLG would be advised on matters such as this. AF explained that in relation to the soil movements, there was a low level of PFAS detected and following engagement with the EPA, daa arranged to have the bulk of this soil removed and treated in overseas facilities due to lack of capacity in Ireland to deal the volume of soil involved. Information relating to this particular issue had been discussed at length with the Dublin Airport Environmental Working Group (DAEWG) where results from water courses throughout the airport’s campus are reported and discussed with members. LOG asked that information relating to PFAS be presented to the CLG and members expressed concern for local residents and the community. BOD queried if all soil is now removed offsite as he was previously advised that soil was redistributed across the airport and queried the containment of firefighting foam during the recent emergency exercise. AF reiterated that daa is taking all appropriate steps to manage and address this issue and she will revert with the request for a presentation and will seek clarification on the containment of firefighting material during test exercises.</p>	<p>daa</p>
<p>5. daa Update – presented by AF</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>AF presented daa’s update including October passenger numbers, new daa management appointments, recent essential maintenance works, and an overview of the current round of the Community Fund.</p> <p>MG queried when a calendar of essential maintenance works will be provided. AF advised that the aim is to publish tentative dates for 2024 works on the website for the upcoming year. MG queried the plan to manage the expected 2023 passenger capacity. AF advised that daa will manage the capacity of the airport; engagement has already begun with Air Nav Ireland and airlines on this issue and Dublin Airport does not believe that transfer passengers, who are double counted, or transit passengers who do not disembark the aircraft at the airport should be included in the overall capacity figure.</p>	



JS queried how Community Fund applications are decided. **JD** advised that an independent Grant Making Panel decide on all applications at the end of each round; the next review is scheduled to take place in December after which successful applicants will be informed.

MF presented an overview of the airport's upcoming infrastructure application which will be lodged in December. **MF** highlighted ten key development projects which will support the airport to grow to 40 million passengers per annum.

GOR asked for further clarification on the use of the public road near the Boot Inn for the Apron 7 expansion and what is the expected use for this area. **MF** advised the Apron extension is principally a remote stand for the aircraft to be parked when not in use, and daa will have to apply to remove public access to this road as part of the application.

BOD queried if all soil will be checked for PFAS with any works now at the airport. **MF** reiterated that daa is taking all appropriate steps to manage the issue, but this is something that will be taken account of. **LOG** queried what will happen with current applications. **MF** advised that some applications which are currently in process will also form part of the application. **GOR** asked how this information was going to be communicated to the public. **MF** advised that a virtual information room will be launched on the airport's website in late November/early December. **LOG** queried the timing of the application and if it will be one application containing all the key infrastructure projects noted. **MF** advised that it is proposed that the main infrastructure application would be lodged mid-December. **MMA** queried if there were further metrics associated with the apron expansions. **MF** stated that the North Apron extension will accommodate stands for six narrow-bodied aircraft or three wide-bodied aircraft; the South Apron extension will accommodate stands for eight narrow-bodied aircraft or four wide-bodied aircraft, and the remote stand at Apron 7 is proposed to accommodate over 20 aircraft.

Members stated their disappointment and frustration with daa and FCC regarding the planning for the St. Margaret's area and they wished to record the request for daa to attend a public meeting to discuss all this information with local communities. **AF** reiterated that in addition to the formal forums such as the CLG and DAEWG, individual



<p>meetings continue to take place with local residents on a regular basis; daa continues to support the area through the roll out of programmes such as the Voluntary Demise Purchase Scheme (VDPS), the Insulation Schemes, and the Dublin Airport Community Fund. JS requested a proposal be made for a meeting to take place with all the relevant members to discuss the future development of St. Margarets. Chair asked if residents had progressed with the St. Margaret’s study proposal which was discussed at the last meeting. PS advised that while this was progressing, he does dispute that this responsibility should be with community representatives. Chair clarified what was agreed at the last meeting, which was that members would provide a proposal including the expected costs of the study.</p>	
<p>6. Residents Update</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>JS queried the use of the houses purchased as part of the VDPS and if residents can be advised of what to expect. AF advised that discussions are taking place with Commercial Property as houses are being purchased and will advise members of the plans when available.</p> <p>PS asked if his previous query, regarding the insulation compliance documents for his own property, can be resolved as he requested this information before. AF advise that the request was sent to the project team, and she will revert with an update.</p> <p>LOG requested an update regarding the Kilcoskan NS noise monitoring. AF advised that this data will be provided to the school this week and it is at their discretion if the data is provided to members.</p> <p>LOG queried the status of the quarterly noise reports, which have not yet been published this year. AF advised the reports are almost fully drafted; she stated that consideration is being given to providing the draft reports however, it would be preferable to issue the finalised reports. AF will revert with the request and advise members with the response.</p>	<p>daa</p> <p>daa</p>
<p>7. Chairperson Meeting</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>Chair advised that he had no meetings.</p>	



8. AOB	Action
BOD queried if the damaged Ash trees on Dunbro Lane will be removed/cut back as one fell down during the recent bad weather. MMA advised he will follow up on this. JD advised she will send on the proposed dates for the 2024 meetings to members for review.	FCC daa

Meeting concluded at 8.50pm

Next Scheduled CLG Meeting:

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