



## Meeting Summary

### St. Margaret's Community Liaison Group

#### *A 'Planning for Real' Presentation by Hendrick Van Der Kemp on behalf of St. Margaret's and The Ward Residents' Group*

**Date:** Wednesday, 21 May 2025  
**Time:** 7.00pm  
**Location:** Three, The Green, DAC, Dublin Airport  
**Meeting No:** 56

#### Attendees:

Name	Organisation	Initial
Danny O'Hare	CLG Chair	Chair
Janine Davidson	CLG Secretariat	JD
Michelle Molloy	CLG: daa, Community Engagement Manager	MM
Jane Roche	daa, Head of Planning	JR
Patricia Cadogan	Fingal County Council, Senior Planner	PC
Hendrik Van Der Kemp	Planner for SMTW Planning for Real	HVK
Pearse Sutton	CLG: St. Margaret's and The Ward Residents Group	PS
Liam O'Gradaigh	CLG: St. Margaret's and The Ward Residents Group	LOG
Grainne O'Reilly	CLG: Dunbro Lane Residents Group	GOR
Brendan O'Donoghue	CLG: Dunbro Lane Residents Group	BOD
Jim Scully	CLG: Irish Farmer's Association	JS
Grainne Heneghan	St. Margaret's GAA Club	GH

#### Apologies:

Pat Stritch	CLG: St. Margaret's GAA Club	PST
Matthew McAleese	CLG: Fingal County Council	MMA
Dean Mulligan	CLG: Fingal County Council	DM

**Introduction: *Danny O'Hare, Chair of the St. Margaret's Community Liaison Group***

Chair advised that, as requested by members of St. Margaret's and The Ward Residents Group (SMTW), Hendrik Van Der Kemp, is attending the CLG meeting to advise on the follow up presentation to their *Planning for Real, Community Plan for St. Margaret's*. Chair welcomed all participants to the meeting and advised of additional attendees and invited everyone to introduce themselves. Chair advised the group that the proposed agenda will include the presentation and related discussions with the remaining time returning to the CLG agenda.

**Presentation: *Hendrik Van Der Kemp, Planner for the Planning for Real, Community Plan***

HVK recapped the presentation that was given to the group on 25 March outlining the Five Pillars: 'Housing, road networks, a park and ride facility with supporting infrastructure, walking routes and zoning strategy', along with the requested additional information requested by the group. HVK reiterated that *Planning for Real* is a vision for members, daa and FCC to review and agree in principle, rather than plans for how the vision will be implemented.

**daa response: *Jane Roche, daa Head of Planning***

JR thanked HVK and members, and distributed daa's response to the vision to the members present. JR discussed the content of the response with the group and confirmed daa's willingness and commitment to support the principles of the Vision in line with daa's safeguarding policies. JR encouraged applications to the Community Fund to bridge existing gaps in amenities, biodiversity projects and development of recreational and heritage assets (both major and minor). JR advised that daa will work to support the SMTW Community Plan where it is appropriate to do so and welcomed further detail on the implementation.

**FCC response: *Patricia Cadogan, Fingal County Council's Senior Planner***

PC thanked HVK and members and outlined FCC's response and advised that overall FCC welcomed the study and noted that most of the highlighted issues were included in the local area plans and/or Fingal Development Plan and while some items will require national level support, FCC are happy to work with the group on the plans proposed as presented by HVK. Members requested a written copy and PC advised she will revert with the request.

**Discussion: *All***

Members discussed the future plans and responses; the proposed relocation of housing in the context of the achievement of the NAO, but recognising the improved noise exposure levels in areas further away from Dublin Airport; their frustration at progress of the LAPs and Fingal Development Plan for years; and noted that as per the SMTW recent visit with Minister Daragh O'Brien and their future planned meeting with the Department of Justice regarding Thornton Hall, they have committed to revert on this proposal and the subsequent responses from daa and FCC.

Members requested additional time to discuss the plans and Chair agreed to postpone the CLG agenda until the next meeting with the previous minutes agreed and the current presentation to be sent to members.



Members discussed the requirements for funding and noted that while funding is available for community groups via programmes like the daa Community Fund, support and long-term planning would be required to proceed with those plans as appropriate areas are not owned by members such as with plans for playgrounds and public spaces. Members expressed concern that the community amenities and facilities can be contingent of the number of residents impacted and reiterated the need for progress on items such as safe cycle lanes.

**AOB**

JS expressed frustration at recent articles relating to Dublin Airport and advised that he had sent an email to the Secretariat and requested this be circulated to the group. JD advised this response was provided to the relevant team at daa and she will include a copy of the email on the meeting email to members.

JS requested further information on the use of houses purchased by daa. MM advised that negotiations are still ongoing with interested parties and further information will be provided to members as soon as available.

**Closing Statements: A//**

SMTW thanked daa and FCC and CLG members for their engagement over the recent meetings.

**Actions:**

- Minutes from meeting of 28 January are approved and will be published on the website.
- The CLG presentation for the meeting to be sent to members and published on website as per the usual meeting procedures.
- Secretariat to circulate the emails provided by JS.
- FCC to revert on request for their response to be circulated in writing to members.
- daa to provide soft copy of their response to members.