



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: Tuesday, 25 March 2025
Time: 7.00pm
Location: Three, The Green, DAC, Dublin Airport
Meeting No: 55

Attendees:

Name	Organisation	Initial
Danny O'Hare	CLG Chair	Chair
Janine Davidson	CLG Secretariat	JD
Michelle Molloy	CLG: daa, Community Engagement Manager	MM
Andrea Carroll	daa, Group Head of Sustainability and Community	AC
Jane Roche	daa, Group Head of Planning	JR
Matthew McAleese	CLG: Fingal County Council	MMA
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
John Harris	St. Margaret's and The Ward Residents Group	JH
Eithna Ratcliffe	St. Margaret's and The Ward Residents Group	ER
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
Dean Mulligan	CLG: Fingal County Council	DM

Apologies:

Pat Stritch	CLG: St. Margaret's GAA Club	PST
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**Introduction: *Danny O'Hare, Chair of the St. Margaret's Community Liaison Group***

Chair advised that, as agreed with the CLG members, St. Margaret's and The Ward Residents Group (SMTW) had offered to have their planner, Hendrik Van Der Kemp, attend to present their *Planning for Real, Community Plan for St. Margaret's*, following their community consultation in 2024. Along with the regular CLG members and at the request of the SMTW group, additional attendees, including senior planners from daa and FCC, had been invited to attend. Chair welcome all participants to the meeting and invited everyone to introduce themselves. Chair advised all attendees that following the presentation, queries can be put forward for group discussion.

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

HVK outlined the process that was undertaken by the community to get input from local residents and businesses in the area on 22 April 2024. This consultation with local residents looked at the local area maps to collect proposed suggestions for improvement, new amenities and future plans. This gathered information was summarised into Five Pillars: 'Housing, road networks, a park and ride facility with supporting infrastructure, walking routes and zoning strategy'. HVK advised the proposed recommendations would need to be pursued through the necessary channels for consideration and should accompany the local areas plans (LAP) for the related areas. HVK concluded by advising the group to review the presentation with a view to support which next steps can be taken in line with the existing plans.

Discussion: *All*

Members discussed the proposed plans and noted that their development has been hindered by their positioning as a small rural community in Fingal against other LAPs for bigger areas and requested assistance with their proposals as their own previous LAPs have not proceeded. Members advised on the strong sense of community with local people but expressed concerns regarding the future of St. Margaret's as a village, and noted issues such as an aged population, lack of local facilities, and the development of the airport and industry around the areas, having an effect on the local growth and people wanting to remain in the area. Members noted that plans are contingent on changes to land ownership, rezoning, long term strategic planning and development of facilities which require significant financial investment and plans will require support, not only from daa and FCC, but from other agencies such as the National Transport Agency (NTA).

Closing Statements: *All*

FCC advised that previous consultation had taken place in St. Margarets as part of the County Development Plan and while some strategies have not yet proceeded, these suggested plans are not contradictory to the LAPs, but some areas, such as roads, need assigned funding as part of the NTA nationwide planning. FCC discussed the status of related county plan developments including Lissenhall's Park and Ride, South Swords valley bridge, and Fingal's Transport plan. daa advised consideration will be given to the proposed suggestions and they would take the presentation away for further review.

Actions:

- Additional information to be added to slides based on HVK presentation clarifications
- SMTW group to share the presentation with all members for review
- daa and FCC to review the presentation and revert.