

Minutes of the Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum (DOCF)

Meeting, Monday 9th of July 2018.

Present

Members:

| Name | Organisation |
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| Michael Stubbs | Chair |
| ClIr Gaye Fagan | DCC Councillor |
| Frank Masterson | CIE |
| Charlie Sheil | Docklands Hospitality and Entertainment Assoc |
| Eamonn O'Reilly | Dublin Port Company |
| Owen Reilly | Docklands SME & Start-up Partnership |
| Alan Robinson | Docklands Business Forum |

| Name | Organisation |
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| ClIr Christy Burke | DCC Councillor |
| Gerry Fay | North Wall Community Association |
| ClIr Dermot Lacey | DCC Councillor |
| Vincent McCabe | Dublin Docklands Cultural Forum |
| Owen Keegan | CEO Dublin City Council |
| Catherine O'Brien | Co-operative Housing Ireland |
| Michael Ingle | Grand Canal Dock Residents Assoc |

Apologies:

| Name | Organisation |
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| ClIr Claire Byrne | DCC Councillor |
| Mary Lee Rhodes | Trinity College |
| Irene Crawley | H.O.P.E Hands Peer Education Ltd |
| Paul Molumby | Central Bank of Ireland |
| Terre Duffy | Waterways Ireland |
| Gina Quin | National College of Ireland |
| Dolores Wilson | St Andrew's Resource Centre |

Non Member attendees:

| Name | Organisation |
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| Deirdre Scully | Senior Planner, DCC |
| Robert Gallagher | Staff Officer, Docklands Office, DCC |

1. Minutes for Monday 14th of May 2018

Minutes for 14th of May 2018 were approved by the members.

2. Planning Update

Deirdre DCC Senior planner gave a planning update to the Forum.

3. Sub Committees update and Annual Report

A) Housing Report

Michael Ingle Chair of the housing committee commented that the housing committee requests for figures on the number of social housing units delivered to date within the SDZ have not been answered and this is reflected in the housing report.

It was agreed the housing committee meet with Deputy Chief Executive Brendan Kenny to discuss the issue of part 5 social housing delivery within the SDZ.

Members also expressed their concerns at a lack of affordable housing provision/planning for the docklands community and the response by Government to affordable housing provision in general.

It was agreed by the Forum to officially correspond with the Minister of Housing Eoghan Murphy's Office and strongly express the Forum disappointment the minister has not taken the several opportunities offered by the members for him to attend the Forum and invite him again to discuss the housing issues facing the Docklands.

B) Communication Report

Alan Robinson Chair of the Communication Committee presented their report. The members were impressed with its goals and thanked the Communication Committee for their work and approved for its inclusion in the Annual Report.

C) Community Report

The final draft of the community report has been postponed due to the sudden death of the chair's husband.

The members agreed when considering the circumstances and if it was required, to invite a community representative from the area represented by Dolores Wilson to assist in finalizing the community report and maintain the community representative balance in the committee.

4. AOB

Michael Ingle raised the issue of management fee's payable by residents in the area managed by the Grand Canal Harbour Management Company "GCHMC" for maintenance of public areas and asked why DCC cannot take in charge the public areas.

Mr Ingle also expressed strong concerns that any restructuring of the board of management of GCHMC might be done without the direct input of residents or for residents not to have an opportunity to be appointed to the board.

Owen Keegan informed the members that legal negotiations are taking place to finalize what areas will be taken in charge by DCC and what areas will be left under the current management companies.

It was agreed for the next Forum meeting to circulate a map highlighting the different management areas within the Docklands.

Dermot Lacey raised an issue on behalf of Claire Byrne, about a large algae bloom within the Grand Canal Basin Dock and its negative impact on the environment and appearance of the Dock.

The members were informed by Owen Keegan that the water levels within the Dock have been reduced to facilitate maintenance works on the Dock's wall and due to the lower water levels and good weather, more sunlight penetrates and the algae has better conditions to bloom, once the water level are returned to normal this should control any further growth.

Next Meeting

Next meeting was agreed to be held on Monday 10th of September 2018 at 12 noon at the Docklands Office.