

Minutes of the Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum (DOCF)

Meeting, Monday 14th of May 2018.

Present

Chairperson: Michael Stubbs

Members:

Name	Organisation
Michael Stubbs	Chair
Gina Quin	National College of Ireland
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
Owen Keegan	CEO Dublin City Council

Name	Organisation
Terre Duffy	Waterways Ireland
Gerry Fay	North Wall Community Association
Clr Dermot Lacey	DCC Councillor
Vincent McCabe	Dublin Docklands Cultural Forum
Mary Lee Rhodes	Trinity College
Dolores Wilson	St Andrew's Resource Centre
Catherine O'Brien	Co-operative Housing Ireland

Apologies:

Name	Organisation
Clr Claire Byrne	DCC Councillor
Clr Christy Burke	DCC Councillor
Irene Crawley	H.O.P.E Hands Peer Education Ltd
Paul Molumby	Central Bank of Ireland
Clr Gaye Fagan	DCC Councillor

Resigned: Martin Colreavy Dept Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gealtact Affairs

Non Member attendees:

Name	Organisation
Deirdre Scully	Senior Planner, DCC
Derek Kelly	Administrative Officer, Docklands Office DCC
Robert Gallagher	Staff Officer, Docklands Office, DCC
John Boyle	Director of Business Development Waterways Ireland
Diane Creevy	Director of Finance and Personnel Waterways Ireland
Reg McCabe	PRO of Dublin Branch IWAI
Jim O'Riordan	Branch President of Dublin IWAI

1. Waterways Ireland Presentation

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming both Mr John Boyle Director of Business Development for Waterways Ireland and Ms Diane Creevy Director of Finance and Personnel Waterways Ireland to the Forum and invited them to present The Waterways Ireland Development plan for the Grand Canal Basin as first item of business.

After the presentation the members thanked Mr Boyle and Ms Creevy and made the following comments:

Members expressed their disappointed with the lack of local community involvement and delivery of community projects in the plan and fear it will be developer led and not a local community led project as previously promised by the DDDA.

The lack of specific targets and goals in relation to tourism and the ambiguous nature of what will be done to preserve the heritage of the area were raised as strong concerns.

Members requested clarification on how will the current barge/boat residents be accommodated in the area and pointed out privacy issues for ground floor apartment residents facing on to the basin.

Mr Boyle stated Waterways Ireland are committed to develop block 19 within the SDZ planning framework which recommends 30% of the development set aside for community purposes.

Mr Boyles confirmed planning permissions for 20 long term berths for barges/boats and 90 day permits will be issued for the remaining. He stated Waterways Ireland have to operate within the planning laws in relation to the number of long term berthing that can be made available. Mr. Boyle wanted it noted that Waterways Ireland was not giving any commitment to facilitate 60 live aboard licences along the canal network.

Mr Boyle described the current development plan to be at an early stage in planning and it is to be developed in greater detail.

The Chair requested Forum member Ms Terre Duffy of Waterway Ireland to keep the Forum updated with waterways development plans for the Docklands area going forward and Ms Duffy agreed to keep the Forum updated.

2. The Inland Waterways of Ireland Association IWAI presentation

The Chair welcomed Mr Jim O'Riordan Branch President of Dublin IWAI and Mr Reg McCabe PRO of Dublin Branch IWAI and invited them to present to the Forum.

The members thanked the presenters and were very interested in the proposal to develop residential mooring sites along Spencer Docks and the Royal Canal.

3. Minutes for 26th of March 2018

Minutes for 26th of March were approved by the members.

4. Planning Update

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

Main points raised by the members after the update were

Members enquired what is the expected increased in residential units within the SDZ due to the changes to apartment sizes now allowed under the planning regulations.

Deirdre indicated the information was not yet available.

5. Sub Committees

The Chairs of each sub-committees Housing, Communication and Community gave an update on the progress of each report. The Forum Chair thanked the members for the work and requested each committee have their reports completed by July's meeting in preparation for the drafting of the Forums annual report.

6. Docklands Community Trust

The Chair asked the Forum membership to nominate three members as directors of the Docklands Community Trust.

The three members of the Forum elected to the trust were

Ms. Dolores Wilson

Cllr Dermot Lacey

Mr Michael Ingle

7. Presentation on White Water Rafting facility proposal for George's Dock

Derek Kelly presented the DCC proposal for a White Water Rafting Course, Swift Water Rescue Training Facility and Kayaking/Water Polo Pool at George's Dock, Custom House Quay.

The members were very interested and positive towards the proposal. Concerns were raised in relation to the financial sustainability of the project and access for community led projects.

Derek stated that the facility would be run by DCC and community access will be facilitated through DCC community policies.

8. AOB

Members again raised their concerns that social and affordable housing within the Dockland area will not be delivered on as is required and requested that the Forum be updated at every meeting on how many units have been delivered to date.

Next Meeting

Next meeting was agreed to be held on Monday 9th of July 2018 at 12 noon at the Docklands Office,