

Minutes of the Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum (DOCF)

Meeting, 26th of March 2018.

Present

Chairperson: Michael Stubbs

Members:

Name	Organisation
Michael Stubbs	Chair
Martin Colreavy	Dept Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gealtact Affairs
Frank Masterson	CIE
Paul Molumby	Central Bank of Ireland
Eamonn O'Reilly	Dublin Port Company
Owen Reilly	Docklands SME & Start-up Partnership
Martin Colreavy	Dept Culture, Heritage and the Gealtact
Alan Robinson	Docklands Business Forum

Name	Organisation
Clr Claire Byrne	DCC Councillor
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
Clr Gaye Fagan	DCC Councillor
Catherine O'Brien	Co-operative Housing Ireland

Apologies:

Name	Organisation
Terre Duffy	Waterways Ireland
Gina Quin	National College of Ireland
Clr Christy Burke	DCC Councillor
Irene Crawley	H.O.P.E Hands Peer Education Ltd
Owen Keegan	CEO Dublin City Council
Charlie Sheil	Docklands Hospitality and Entertainment Assoc

Non Member attendees:

Name	Organisation
Jason Taylor	Executive Planner, DCC
Derek Kelly	Administrative Officer, Docklands Office DCC
Robert Gallagher	Staff Officer, Docklands Office, DCC

1. Community Trust presentation

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming Mr Seanie Lambe Director of Docklands Community Trust, Ms Ann Corrigan of Arthur Cox Solicitors and Ms Dolores Willson in her capacity as a director of the Trust, to the Forum and invited them to present as first item of business.

After the presentation the members thanked Mr Lambe, Ms Corrigan and Ms Wilson for their comprehensive overview of what the Trust has done to date.

Points raised during the follow-up discussion were:

The trust is structured as a charity and complies with Charity Regulatory Authority regulation and is audited annually by KPMG auditors.

The Trust is seeking members of the Forum to take roles within the Trust and these members would be assisted and mentored by the current Board during a transition period.

The maximum grant issued for courses is €500 but average is €250 to €300.

The annual fund available for grants is used every year.

Members asked if there was a strategy in place to increase the fund, Mr Lambe said there was currently no strategy in place and would look to the Forum membership to help develop such a strategy.

The Chair suggested the Forum develop a strategy for the Trust. It was agreed that the Chair and Derek Kelly would prepare a decision document for the next meeting.

2. Minutes for 8th of January 2018

Minutes approved by the members.

3. Planning Presentation

Before the planning presentation several Forum members raised concerns and took issue with a circular issued from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government on when public representatives should discuss planning applications.

The Chair advised the circular does not apply to discussions that take place within the Forum context and advised members to conduct Forum business as before.

Jason Taylor DCC Executive Planner, gave a presentation on the Draft Docklands Water Animation Strategy.

Main points raised by the members after the presentation were

Members were very positive towards the development of a Docklands Water Animation strategy and were encouraged by the draft presentation.

Members raised the following issues which they believe need to be addressed within the strategy, the water quality, litter in the water, the lack of details or plan for the Grand Canal Graving docks, preservation of the current access to the river for tall ships.

Public consultation on the strategy will be take place in April.

4. Sub Committees

The spokespersons from each sub-committee (Housing, Community and Communication) gave a presentation to the Forum and the members agreed that the Housing report be issued as a policy document to Dublin City Council Housing SPC with different models of funding to be included.

The three reports would be later combined in one policy document to be presented to City Council.

5. AOB

It was agreed that the Docklands office would write to the National Transport Agency to seek clarification on the proposed route for traffic travelling from the new Dodder bridge into and through Ringsend.

It was agreed to again invite Minister Eoghan Murphy to a Forum meeting.

It was agreed to invite Brendan Kenny of DCC Housing Dept to the Forum to discuss the housing concerns of the members.

Next Meeting

Next meeting was agreed to be held on Monday 14th of May 2018 at 12 noon at the Docklands Office, Custom House Quay.