

Minutes of the Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum (DOCF)

Meeting, 13th March 2017.

Present

Chairperson: Michael Stubbs

Members:

Name	Organisation
Clr Christy Burke	DCC Councillor
Martin Colreavy	Dept Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gealtact Affairs
Clr Gaye Fagan	DCC Councillor
Owen Keegan	Dublin City Council
Frank Masterson	CIE
Paul Molumby	Central Bank of Ireland
Eamonn O'Reilly	Dublin Port Company
Owen Reilly	Docklands SME & Start-up Partnership
Alan Robinson	Docklands Business Forum

Name	Organisation
Clr Claire Byrne	DCC Councillor
Terre Duffy	Waterways Ireland
Gerry Fay	North Wall Community Association
Clr Dermot Lacey	DCC Councillor
Vincent McCabe	Dublin Docklands Cultural Forum
Catherine O'Brien	Co-operative Housing Ireland
Gina Quinn	National College of Ireland
Mary Lee Rhodes	Trinity College
Charlie Sheil	Docklands Hospitality and Entertainment Assoc

Apologies:

Name	Organisation
Irene Crawley	H.O.P.E Hands Peer Education Ltd
Dolores Wilson	St Andrew's Resource Centre
Michael Ingle	Grand Canal Dock Residents Assoc

Non Member attendees:

Name	Organisation
Myles Farrell	A/Senior Planner, DCC
Derek Kelly	Administrative Officer, Docklands Office DCC
Seamus Storan,	Senior Executive Engineer, DCC
Robert Gallagher	Staff Officer, Docklands Office, DCC
Jeremy Wales	Senior Executive Architect, DCC

1. Introductions

The Chairperson opened the meeting by welcoming all in attendance and invited all present to introduce themselves.

Statements made after introductions

Cllr Dermot Lacey made the point that Ringsend does not have a group representing them on the Forum and requested that consideration be given to how a Ringsend organisation could be included.

Cllr Christy Burke stated Tony McDonnell of the North Port Dwellers Association (NPDA) was not selected as a member even though his organisation was a prescribed body by the Minister. He requested that the North Port Dweller Association application be reconsidered if a vacancy occurs within the membership of the Forum.

The Chair informed the Forum that if a vacancy occurs, it will be at the discretion of the Minister to select the replacement.

2. Role Of the DOCF

The Chair advised the members to familiarise themselves with the Dublin Docklands Development Authority Dissolution Act 2015, particularly Part 5, sections 38 sub sections (1),(2) and (3) which clearly outline the role and function of the Forum

3. Arrangements for Meeting, Work Programme Etc

The Chair proposed that the Forum should meet every two months if possible and that a calendar of dates and times would be circulated.

4. Presentations

DCC A/Senior Planner, Myles Farrell gave a presentation on North Lotts/Grand Canal Dock SDZ & Poolbeg West SDZ.

Following the presentation a discussion by the members ensued and a number of comments were made by the members:

- The need to ensure the delivery of social and affordable housing
- The need for a better mix of family housing units e.g. 2/3 bedroom units
- The need for a plan for a North/South traffic route.
- The delivery of LUAS at the development stage of the Poolbeg SDZ.
- The need to insure a 5% allocation for cultural specific development.

The Chair suggested that a report be given to the forum at its next meeting that breaks down each Block into its component parts to show what is being delivered as part of the SDZ.

The comments were noted by the Chair.

Jeremy Wales, DCC Senior Executive Architect gave a presentation on the DDC Docklands Public Realm Strategy.

Jeremy Wales advised that the Docklands Public Realm Strategy is not a statutory document but rather guidance for the build out of the Public Realm in the Docklands and is presented to the forum for information purposes.

Main points raised by the members after the presentation were

- Waterways Ireland will fully comply with the development requirements as set out in the Docklands SDZ for Block 19 e.g. Grand Canal Graving Docks
- Water quality issues in the Docklands need to be addressed
- Amenities for children and teenagers need to be increased and river activities full potential be developed
- New trees to be planted should include a variety of species

The comments were noted by the Chair.

Seamus Storan DCC Senior Executive Engineer gave a presentation on Docklands Strategic Infrastructure Projects.

Following the presentation a number of comments were made by the members:

- Concerns that areas within the Docklands are under private management and not in charge of DCC
- Is there a need for two new bridges crossing the River Liffey
- The amount of “out of normal working hour’s permissions” being sought and granted
- It was noted that the date to start design work for the new pedestrian bridge is dependent on the route of proposed DART underground station.
- Jamie Cudden to contact Dr Mary Lee Rhodes to discuss Smart Cities project in the Docklands

The comments were noted by the Chair.

Eamonn O’Reilly CEO Dublin Port gave a presentation on the Dublin Port Masterplan.

After the presentation the members thanked Eamonn for his presentation, the following points were made:

- New port development needs to highlight the rich heritage of the Docklands.
- Planned greater access for the public to the port was commended and to be encouraged.

The comments were noted by the Chair.

It was agreed that a copy of the presentations would be circulated.

5. AOB

None

Next Meeting

Next meeting was agreed to be held on Monday 8th of May at 12 noon at the Docklands Office, Custom House Quay.