



Minutes

St. Margaret's Community Liaison Group

Date: Tuesday, 13 February 2024
Time: 7.00pm
Location: Radisson Blu Hotel, Dublin Airport
Meeting No: 48

Attendees:

Name	Organisation	Initial
Danny O'Hare	Chair (online)	Chair
Janine Davidson	Secretariat	JD
Angela Flynn	daa	AF
Matthew McAleese	Fingal County Council (online)	MMA
Grainne O'Reilly	Dunbro Lane Residents Group	GOR
Mary Grogan	St. Margaret's and The Ward Residents Group	MG
Pearse Sutton	St. Margaret's and The Ward Residents Group	PS
Liam O'Gradaigh	St. Margaret's GAA Club	LOG
Jim Scully	Irish Farmer's Association	JS
Brendan O'Donoghue	Dunbro Lane Residents Group	BOD
Ian Carey	Fingal County Council	IC

Apologies & Absences:



Introduction	Action
Meeting started at 7.05pm to allow all members to join. Chair welcomed attendees.	
1. Apologies and Absences	Action
No apologies received.	
2. Approval of Minutes	Action
Minutes were approved.	
3. Matters Arising	
Chair queried how the resident’s proposal was progressing with respect to the St. Margaret’s area. PS advised it is progressing and is nearing completion.	
4. FCC Update (including Planning Applications) – presented by MMA	Action
<p>MMA provided an update on the ongoing enforcement proceedings against daa and also on the Infrastructure Application (IA) received by the Council from daa in December. MMA advised that over 360 submissions were received on the IA. LOG queried the progress of the FCC enforcement on flightpaths. MMA advised that upon receipt of the IA in December, resources had to be redeployed in order to process the application within the statutory eight-week period, so progress on the enforcement was impacted. MG queried the previously discussed resources available at the Council and the length of time it is taking for enforcement proceedings to conclude. IC queried if further resources have been requested by the planning department to deal with the workload. MMA advised that resources are in place for the enforcements and the daa Infrastructure application however, it is a highly specialised and technical area which impacts timelines. MG reiterated that due to the impact to local communities the enforcements need to be addressed as a matter of urgency.</p> <p>LOG noted that he issued a letter to FCC in November regarding a potential breach in planning by Dublin Airport with respect to the passenger cap however the response by</p>	



<p>FCC was unsatisfactory. MMA advised that the response contained a clear rationale for FCCs position.</p>	
<p>5. daa Update – presented by AF</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>AF advised that she had reached out to individual members seeking feedback on the current approach taken by daa for CLG meetings; based on feedback, AF proposed that going forward, the airport can bring subject matter experts to the meeting to discuss a specific topic which can be agreed by members in advance. Members discussed the suggestion and expressed their frustration on a number of issues including the lack of consultation on the IA, refusal of daa to upload or provide relevant planning documents onto their portal for the IA, lack of engagement on other issues such as the noise complaint system; AF advised that their feedback was noted and that the request for copies of the IA documentation was declined on the basis that they were readily available on the FCC planning portal which should be the single source of truth for such planning material. Chair suggested that members decide on AF's proposal regarding the new agenda item. Members noted that, in principle, they would agree to this approach but noted that the upcoming meeting between the CLG and daa CEO may impact future discussions. AF agreed to the request from LOG to present information to the CEO at the upcoming meeting and advised that members should submit their planned presentation times/topics/questions in order for the agenda to be based around the group's requirement for information.</p> <p>AF presented information on local roads in the ownership of daa and plans for roads to be handed over to FCC. GOR expressed concern that the roads being handed over does not include all roads, in particular, Pickardstown Road; AF advised that discussion around the handover of roads has been ongoing for years and other phases aren't ruled out but have not been included at this stage. GOR requested FCC provide an update on these roads. MMA reiterated that discussions have been ongoing, and when roads are offered by the owners to FCC it enters a process and vote to take ownership. BOD queried why local residents have to apply to FCC for planning permission for an entrance if daa owns the roads. MMA explained that regardless of the ownership, a new entry way or change to a road requires planning permission.</p>	



AF presented on the noise complaint system changes including the upgraded voicemail service, the updated complaint form with a new log in system which pre-stores the personal information to simplify the complaint system for complainants, new noise reports format and the new noise compliant policy which will be updated to the website in due course. **MG** stated that the community are frustrated with the new noise complaint procedures and queried why CLG members weren't consulted on the new system before it launched and not all complainants want to provide email addresses. **AF** advised that following complaints, feedback and requests regarding the complaints system, the noise team have begun updating the system with improvements being rolled out in phases and feedback will be considered. **AF** advised that noise reports have now been updated to the website and the H2 report will be forwarded to members when available. **LOG** noted the noise monitoring reports don't contain all the noise results. **AF** explained that the H2 report will contain results from the other active monitors. **PS** expressed frustration at the noise reports and stated that local residents are incensed with the noise complaint statistics as they want all flights off North Runway to be recorded as complaints based on the expected flightpaths and they feel changes are needed regarding the locations of noise monitors. **AF** advised that as with all airports, a noise complaint system is required to record complaints that are submitted and logged, in order for responses to be provided, to identify violations, and while daa are aware of the local residents' complaints regarding North Runway flightpaths, it would not be possible to record all flights as complaints. **MG** queried how violations are upheld. **AF** advised that violations are raised with airlines and AirNav Ireland for investigation. **IC** stated that the system should be as frictionless as possible for the user and recommended daa could go further than other airports regarding noise complaints and how they are handled; **AF** advised that feedback will be provided to the noise team who may attend a future CLG meeting to discuss this further with the group as a focus topic.

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AF presented the January passenger numbers, proposed essential maintenance works dates in 2024, and summary of the Community Funding for St. Margarets community groups and the current review of the Community Fund taking place. **AF** asked the group if there is feedback on the Community Fund processes and funding. **LOG** advised that St. Margarets GAA is grateful for the support by the fund over the years, but local



<p>communities are frustrated with the airport and feel more can be done and the fund should be increased. MG stated that any changes to the fund need to ensure that the immediate neighbours are looked after first.</p> <p>LOG requested an update on PFAS for local communities. IC asked if a map of contaminated areas can be provided. AF advised she will revert with the available information.</p>	<p>daa</p>
<p>6. Residents Update</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>BOD asked that AF revert to the daa team regarding flooding of the land he rents from the daa. AF advised she will revert.</p> <p>BOD wished to highlight to FCC that the recent announcement of increased cycling lanes will impact the passage of bigger vehicles especially for farmers on rural roads and that related funding should be made available to support Rivermeade and the local community.</p> <p>PS asked for an update regarding the insulation compliance documents for his own property. AF advised that the request will be processed this week.</p>	<p>daa</p> <p>daa</p>
<p>7. Chairperson Meeting</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>Chair advised that he had no meetings.</p>	
<p>8. AOB</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>AF reminded members to advise attendance and to send proposed questions/topics for the joint CLG /DAEWG meeting in February.</p>	

Meeting concluded at 8.50pm

Next Scheduled CLG Meeting:

Tuesday, March 12, 2024