

## DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ADAMSTOWN SDZ

### STEERING GROUP MEETING

Clondalkin Civic Centre – 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2007

#### Attendance:

<b>Councillors</b>	Mayor Billy Gogarty	G. O'Connell
<b>Stat. Agencies</b>	Dympna McElwee	Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government
<b>S.D.C.C.</b>	Paul Hogan Tom Doherty Fionnuala Lennon Donal Walsh Andrea Doyle Tess Behan	SDZ Project Manager – Chairman Director of Planning Project Planner Area Community Officer Community Worker Staff Officer

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were received from Cllrs D Keating and E Tuffy, Dublin Transportation Office, Dept of Education & Science, Iarnrod Eireann, Dublin Bus and the Health Service Executive

#### Introduction

Paul Hogan, SDZ Project Manager chaired the meeting and recommended that the operation of the Steering Group be reviewed after this meeting, that meetings be more focused and less frequent. Paul Hogan said that they would look at the pattern of attendance and issues discussed and also that this was a useful forum to engage with the outside bodies.

#### **1. Minutes of Previous Steering Group Meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2007)**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Adamstown Strategic Development Zone Steering Group held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2007 were noted.

#### **2. Project Delivery Update**

- **Residential Development**

Fionnuala Lennon circulated a report on the "Update on delivery of infrastructure in Adamstown (January to August 2007) and stated that this report represented a mid-year summary and roll out of infrastructure in Adamstown

Fionnuala Lennon advised that planning permission has been granted for 1463 residential units and that approximately 800 units have been completed, 240 units are under construction and approximately 340 units are now occupied.

- **Infrastructure**

Fionnuala Lennon advised that work had started on the Crèche and that it is due to open later this year - by Dec 2007. The first Primary School opened in September and the second primary school is at an advanced stage and due to be completed by the end of 2007. Also there are 4 small commercial/retail units within the Adamstown Castle Landmark Site under construction. Work on the Tobermaclugg Pump Station & ESB transformer station is well under way.

- **Current & Proposed planning applications**

Fionnuala Lennon advised that there are two current planning applications: (1) A Planning Application has been lodged for 374 residential units in St. Helens. (2) Secondary school and community centre - request for Additional Information sent out. Planning Application to convert Airlie House into a Crèche is likely to be submitted soon.

Councillor O'Connell enquired if Phase 2 of planning application for the Paddocks referred to height restrictions in Block J & K. Fionnuala Lennon advised that Blocks J & K were in Phase 1 of The Paddocks. Maplewood had voluntarily agreed to a reduction in height of Block K and this was being monitored on site at present. A new planning application had recently been submitted for a redesign of Block J. Cllrs O'Connell & Gogarty said that residents have expressed concern regarding surface water drainage. Fionnuala Lennon said that relevant planning conditions had been attached to the permission for Phase 2. She drew the Steering Group's attention to the fact that roads and hard surfaces in Adamstown will drain to a piped system with a land drainage system proposed for rear garden areas, although the risk of flooding in rear gardens was minimal.

Cllr G O'Connell also expressed concerns of local residents about the concentration of social housing in one area of development which was not considered appropriate besting the interest of integration. Paul Hogan said that the delivery of Social and Affordable housing in Adamstown would be in accordance with Part 5 and that the ultimate decision is with the Housing Department. Cllr B Gogarty enquired if the pumping station on Tobermaclugg would alleviate flooding on the Golf Course. Tom Doherty replied that the Pumping station is for foul sewerage, but that works to upgrade Tobermaclugg Stream between SDZ lands and the N4 which will include Tubber Lane surface water drain will alleviate the situation.

Cllr Gogarty enquired if Airlie House could be used as a youth Café where young people could meet instead of as a Crèche. Fionnuala Lennon advised that pre planning discussions had already taken place regarding conversion of Airlie House to a Crèche, and that the civic centre/library proposed for the district centre would incorporate a youth café as it was considered that young people would gravitate to the district centre.

- **Developer Initiatives**

- **Parks Competition**

Paul Hogan advised that an international competition is currently under way to find a landscape designer for Airlie Park and Tandy's Lane Park. Dr. Christy Boylan, Senior Parks Superintendent and Fionnuala Lennon will be the Councils representatives on the board. The first assessment meeting will be held next Thursday and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2007

### **3. Community liaison**

- **Briefing on role of Community worker in Adamstown**

Paul Hogan introduced Donal Walsh, Area Community Officer and Andrea Doyle, who had recently been appointed Community Development worker to work in Adamstown.

Donal Walsh and Andrea Doyle made a presentation to the Meeting in respect of the outcomes of the questionnaire survey which they were undertaking with residents of those units which had been occupied in Adamstown to date. When the survey is completed, a report will be posted onto the Adamstown website.

- **Newsletter**

The South Dublin County Council Adamstown New Roundup September, 2007 had been prepared and circulated and is available to View on the website.

### **4. Update on delivery of infrastructure:**

- **Railway Station & Train Service**

Conor McGuinness, Irish Rail send his apologies for inability to attend the meeting. Paul Hogan advised that Irish Rail had advised that the Kildare Route Project was currently on schedule.

- **Bus Services**

Derry O'Leary, Dublin Bus sent his apologies for inability to attend. Paul Hogan advised that a new No. 151 bus service was now operating from Adamstown Station to Docklands in City Centre. This will improve bus service levels, route choices and journey times for residents.

- **Roads & drainage**

Work has commenced on the Tobermaclugg Pump Station and the ESB transformer Station.

- **Schools**

Lorraine Brennan, Dept of Education and Science sent apologies for inability to attend. Paul Hogan advised that the first National School has been completed and the second Nation School is due to be completed before the end of the year. The planning application for the

Secondary School has been submitted and additional information has been requested. The current estimated opening date for the Secondary School is September 2009.

- **Health**

Enda Halpin, Health Service Executive sent apologies for inability to attend the meeting. Paul Hogan advised that the HSE is negotiating with the Developer on locating the Health Facility in District Centre. The new facility will comprise a major primary health care unit.

**4. Any comments or queries from Local Councillors on Adamstown Related issues.**

No items were raised.

**5. Confirmation of date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Adamstown SDZ Steering Group will be held at 2.30pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2007 in the Civic Offices in Clondalkin.

**6. Any Other Business**

No items were raised.