

MINUTES OF THE ADAMSTOWN SDZ

STEERING GROUP MEETING

Clondalkin Office – 16th September, 2009

Attendance:

Councillors	G O'Connell	D Keating
	E. Tuffy	W Lavelle
	T Delaney	
Stat. Agencies	Owen Shinkwin	Dublin Transportation Office
S.D.C.C.	Paul Hogan	SDZ Project Manager (Chairperson)
	Karen Kenny	Project Planner
	Andrea Doyne	Community Worker
	Tess Behan	Staff Officer

Apologies for inability to attend were received from the Health Service Executive, Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government, Department of Education & Science, Iarnrod Eireann and Dublin Bus.

Paul Hogan noted that membership of the steering group is now changed, due to revisions to the local area council on foot of the June local elections. He briefed attendees on the steering group and its role, advising that it's a requirement of the Planning Scheme and that it was critical at the start of the SDZ to ensure the delivery of services and facilities by key stakeholders. In the last few years the level of interaction with outside agencies has declined as key infrastructural elements are delivered. However, it's an important forum and liaison with key agencies will be required in the future as new infrastructure is required.

1. Minutes of Previous Steering Group Meeting (18th February 2009)

The Minutes of the meeting of the Adamstown Strategic Development Zone Steering Group held on the 18th February, 2009 were noted.

2. Project Delivery Update

- **Development Update**

Karen Kenny advised that to date planning permission had been granted for 3428 residential units. 1372 units have commenced, and 1079 dwellings are completed and occupied.

Karen Kenny advised that the Tobermaclugg Stormwater Drainage Project is significantly advanced and that the Tobermaclugg Pump Station is now operational and has been handed over to SDCC. The Secondary School opened in September 2009.

Planning permission has been granted in respect of the following

- **SDZ09A/0001:** Temporary works to Adamstown Drive including cycleways and footpaths.
- **SDZ09A/0004:** Temporary car park for 36 car spaces associated with the post primary school.

Pre-Planning Applications

Karen Kenny advised that pre-planning discussions are ongoing in relation to revisions to the District Centre.

3. Update on delivery of infrastructure:

a. Roads

Paul Hogan advised that the Adamstown strategic road network is progressing very well and in accordance with the Planning Scheme.

b. Transportation

Paul Hogan advised that the Kildare Route upgrade is nearing completion. Project is ahead of schedule and that 4 tracking will be completed by the end of this year. That SDCC is working with Irish Rail and will advise when an improved timetable will be available.

Drainage

Karen Kenny advised that the Tobermaclugg Stormwater Drainage Project is significantly advanced and that the Tobermaclugg Pump Station has been handed over to the Council.

c. Schools

Paul Hogan advised that the Secondary School in Adamstown opened last week and they have 71 students and a staff of 6. They have 1st year classes this year and next year 1st and 2nd classes and so on until they reach full capacity of 1000.

Cllr G O'Connell enquired how many were from Adamstown and outside. Paul Hogan advised that it was 50/50.

d. Parks

Pre-planning discussions are underway in relation to Airlie Park & Tandy's Lane Parks, also discussions are taking place regarding playing fields.

e. Childcare

The first Crèche facility in Adamstown opened in 2008 and is located in close proximity to the Adamstown Castle Primary Schools.

f. Community facility

Paul Hogan advised that Community Centre in Adamstown had not commenced yet but that it is proposed that the Community Centre/Sports hall will commence construction early in 2010 and be completed by September 2010. Pre-planning discussions are on going regarding the Leisure Centre and it is proposed that it will be open next year.

Paul Hogan advised that facilities in Adamstown are well ahead of requirement. The Adamstown Planning Scheme requires 150m² of community floorspace per 1000 dwellings and the permitted facility greatly exceeds the required level of provision at this stage of the overall development.

Cllr G O'Connell enquired if there was a huge drop in activity in Adamstown. Paul Hogan replied that there have been very few new building starts in 2009, but that the developers are selling existing stock, where e.g. sales fell through.

g. Commercial facilities

Paul Hogan advised that the Londis Shop opened on Monday and that the adjacent Café will open in the coming weeks.

4. Community liaison.

• **Community Development**

Andrea Doyne, Community Development Officer working in Adamstown addressed the meeting. She advised that many Groups have been established in Adamstown.

Recently the first Adamstown summer camp was held it catered for 55 children for one week. Local Volunteers were involved in preparation for the camp.

The Adamstown Christmas Party is now being organised, this event provides an opportunity for local parents and families to come together and get to know one another.

Residents of Adamstown recently enjoyed a Cultural Day, which was organised by the Parents Association of the Adamstown Educate Together National School. Many people from different cultures participated in the event, bringing along their native food for all to sample. The children from Adamstown Educate Together National School provided the entertainment on the day expressing many of the cultural traditions through costumes, dance, drama, song, poetry. Owing to the success of the event, it is hoped to have a Cultural Day on an annual basis.

Details are available on the Adamstown Website www.adamstown.ie – Living at Adamstown.

Personalised Travel Planning Pilot -

Karen Kenny advised that Personalised Travel Planning Pilot is due to commence on the 21st September and that this initiative is funded by the Dublin Transportation Office in accordance with the Department of Transport Smarter Travel Programme. Tailored travel advice and resources are to be delivered to 200 households in Adamstown by the Council. Resources will include a limited no of free travel tickets for participants who commit to using public transport on a trial basis. Call backs and monitoring will be used to test impact of this intervention. This will be the first example of Personalised Travel Planning in Ireland. Details are posted on the Adamstown website www.adamstown.ie – Smarter Travel.

Adamstown & Griffeen Ave to Grand Canal Green Route

Karen Kenny made a presentation on the proposed Green Pedestrian and Cycle Route from Adamstown to the Grand Canal:

The Department of Transport has agreed to fund approx 3km of new off road cycle routes with CCTV and public lighting between the Grand Canal, Adamstown SDZ and Griffeen Avenue.

Karen Kenny advised that it is proposed to initiate Part 8 procedures under the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 for the following:

(a) To provide cycle lanes, CCTV and public lighting along sections of a proposed pedestrian and cycle route between the Grand Canal, Adamstown and Griffeen Avenue,

(b) To construct a new bridge on the Grand Canal at Lynches Lane, all on lands in the townland of Grange. The works will form part of a proposed pedestrian and cycle route between the Grand Canal, Adamstown and Griffeen Avenue.

Details are available on the Councils website www.southdublin.ie

5. Confirmation of date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Adamstown SDZ Steering Group will be held at 2.30pm on Tuesday 16th March, 2010 in the Civic Offices in Clondalkin. (to be confirmed).

6. Any Other Business

There was no business under this heading