



Minutes

St. Margaret's Community Liaison Group

Date: Tuesday, 19 November 2024
Time: 7.00pm
Location: Radisson Blu Hotel, Dublin Airport
Meeting No: 53

Attendees:

Name	Organisation	Initial
Danny O'Hare	Chair	Chair
Janine Davidson	Secretariat	JD
Michelle Molloy	daa, Community Engagement Manager (online)	MM
Matthew McAleese	Fingal County Council	MMA
Liam O'Gradaigh	St. Margaret's and The Ward Residents Group	LOG
Pearse Sutton	St. Margaret's and The Ward Residents Group	PS
Grainne O'Reilly	Dunbro Lane Residents Group	GOR
Jim Scully	Irish Farmer's Association	JS
Cathal Pendred	Sustainability Projects Specialist, daa	CP

Apologies & Absences:

Pat Stritch	St. Margaret's GAA Club	PST
Brendan O'Donoghue	Dunbro Lane Residents Group	BOD
Dean Mulligan	Fingal County Council	DM



Introduction	Action
<p>Chair delayed start of the meeting to allow all members to join. Chair advised members that Mary Grogan has stepped down as the St. Margaret’s and The Ward Residents Group (SMTW) representative and Liam O’Gradaigh will be her replacement. Chair also informed the group that councillor Dean Mulligan will be joining the CLG as Fingal’s nominated councillor going forward.</p> <p>Chair advised that Cathal Pendred from daa’s Sustainability Team was in attendance to present on the Geothermal and Solar Farm projects at Dublin Airport as the topic for the meeting and will present first.</p>	
<p>1. daa Energy Projects Presentation – presented by Cathal Pendred</p>	
<p>CP advised that Dublin Airport is now exploring the potential for geothermal energy as a renewable, low-carbon energy source to heat and cool Dublin Airport. By using ground source heat pumps (GSHP) onsite at the Dublin Airport campus, this could provide an alternative to natural gas heating along with the carbon saving benefits. CP advised that a feasibility study took place in 2021 and daa has now issued a selective tender for a comprehensive geothermal feasibility study and initial design.</p> <p>LOG queried if the system goes straight down or spreads laterally underground. CP explained that the most ideal scenario is to reach water at depth which would be pumped up to heat campus buildings, but the more likely scenario would involve fluid being pumped down in a closed loop system, with the fluid returning to the surface heated. This closed-loop system can be spread-out laterally or vertically below ground, the planned investigation will determine which type of system would be possible.</p> <p>CP presented on the new Solar Farm that became operational in October, which will provide 13% of Dublin Airport’s electricity needs with the energy harnessed. As new solar panel technology has since advanced, with Anti-reflective Coating (ARC), a new study will be undertaken which may present additional suitable sites.</p> <p>Members discussed various aspects of solar panels and CP committed to provide further information on benefits of new anti-reflective coatings, solar panel positioning, cleaning processes and maintenance regime.</p>	<p>daa</p>



2. Approval of Minutes	Action
Minutes approved.	
3. Matters Arising	
No matters arising.	
4. daa update – presented by MM	
<p>MM presented daa’s update including Dublin Airport’s October passenger numbers, incentives to try achieving adherence to the passenger cap, upcoming job opportunities at the airport, and the development of the new hotel at Terminal 2.</p> <p>PS queried the roadworks that took place next to Keeling’s in September. MM advised she would request further information. PS noted daa had submitted its response to Fingal’s Request for Further Information in respect of the Infrastructure Application, and queried if an extension to the public’s five-week review period was possible. MMA advised that an extension is not possible due to the regulations and advised that the five-week period begins when it is published on the Planning Portal. LOG queried if FCC could upload an electronically searchable copy of the revised EIAR as the current scanned version is not searchable, or if a soft copy can be provided. FCC and daa to revert.</p>	<p>daa</p> <p>FCC daa</p>
5. FCC Update (including Planning Applications) – presented by MMA	Action
<p>MMA advised that the planning application report had been provided to members before the meeting and updated the group on the application decisions and the enforcement proceedings. LOG questioned the lengthy timeline associated with enforcement proceedings and the concerns of the local community regarding the lengthy decisions about flightpaths and the passenger cap enforcements, and the status of the Relevant Action decision following An Bord Pleanála’s draft decision. MMA explained the enforcements complications, advising they are time-consuming due to the many complex aspects and no decisions have yet been made. LOG queried what is the process when planning compliance is not met. MMA advised that the compliance decision can depend on the nature of the condition.</p>	



6. Residents Update	Action
<p>LOG noted the noise monitoring reports appeared to show a variance in number of flight movements between two noise monitors on a particular flightpath. MM advised daa will investigate and revert.</p> <p>JS queried the noise contour information for the letters that were sent to houses in the Voluntary Dwelling Purchase Scheme (VDPS). MM advised that the letters that issued to houses were advising of an extension of one year to opt into the scheme. MM advised that the contour is correct, and only a small number of houses are located within the 69dB contour; however, daa had previously extended the Scheme to three years after North Runway opened to houses that were located in the projected contour that was used at the time of original planning. JS queried if a noise monitor could be located at Kilreesk Lane. MM advised that the request could be included in the mobile monitoring schedule that had been agreed with CLG, and members can advise on this. PS noted that the preference of the SMTW group is for the monitor to remain in its current location and for more monitors to be added rather than moving the mobile monitor each time. MM advised that there are 25 permanent noise monitors in place the locations for which had been agreed with ANCA. She also reiterated that the locations, schedule, and durations for the two mobile monitors are decided by the community group representatives on, the CLG and the Dublin Airport Environmental Working Group (DAEWG). LOG noted the preference for monitors to be in place for one year to capture the busier summer period. LOG asked that a request be made to ANCA via the CLG for more monitoring in the area. LOG advised that he would draft a request and send to the Chair for issue to ANCA on behalf of the CLG resident members. JS queried the cost of noise monitors and asked if another monitor would be installed at Kilreesk. MM said that she would check but noted that there are differences between the cost and installation process of the temporary mobile monitors and permanent noise monitors which includes planning permission and licences. MM advised that the locations for one mobile monitor was determined by the DAEWG, and the other by the CLG, so JS should discuss his request with the other resident members. PS stated there was disappointment that the SMTW group meeting with daa had not taken place to date. MM advised that correspondence</p>	<p>daa</p> <p>Residents</p> <p>daa</p>



had issued with two options for 10 or 11 December, but neither was suitable to the members, and PS had suggested discussing again in January.	Residents
7. Chairperson Meeting	Action
Chair advised that he had no meetings.	
8. AOB	Action
JD advised that the 2025 meeting dates will be circulated to members before Christmas for consideration before the meeting invites for next year are sent out.	Secretariat
LOG requested a copy of the recent air quality report that was circulated to members. JD advised she would pass this along.	Secretariat
JS asked for a map of the air quality monitors to be provided. MM advised that air quality reports are available on Dublin Airport’s website. JD advised that the map of locations was included in the previous meeting’s presentation, and she will send the map and link to the reports on.	Secretariat
LOG requested an update on the PFAS monitoring. DOH noted this was discussed as part of the DAEWG meetings. MM advised she will revert.	daa

Meeting concluded at 8.30pm

Next Scheduled CLG Meeting:

TBC