

## **Croke Park Community Liaison Committee**

### **Minutes of meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

Chaired by:

Claire Barry, Sonas Consulting Ltd.

Attendees:

Julie Manahan (Páirc an Chrócaigh Teoranta)  
Roddy Guiney (Páirc an Chrócaigh Teoranta)  
Inspector Tony Gallagher (Fitzgibbon Street Garda Station)  
Pat Gates (CPARA)  
John McPartlan (Public Domain Officer, Central Area, Dublin City Council)  
Charlie Lowe (Executive Manager, Central Area, Dublin City Council)  
Bláthnaid Casey (Assistant Staff Officer, Central Area, Dublin City Council)

Apologies:

Cllr. Mary Fitzpatrick  
Noel Morris (CPARA)  
David Purdue (CPARA)  
Julie McDermott (CPARA)  
Cllr. Aodhán Ó Riordáin  
Conor Martin (Drumcondra Businesses)

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#### **1. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising:**

John McPartlan proposed the minutes of the last minutes were in order; Inspector Tony Gallagher seconded the minutes.

#### **2. Updates on a) Transport Workshop and b) Communications Strategy:**

The Communications Plan in relation to travel/transportation for Event Days at Croke Park Stadium was circulated to members in advance of the meeting and a copy was circulated at the meeting.

Charlie Lowe gave details of the bus corridors DCC would look at opening up on event/match Days; these are Amiens Street, the Malahide Road and the Quays. Changes to these bus corridors would be on a permanent basis and DCC would work with the Gardaí. In order for the traffic department to proceed they would need an assurance that there will be take-up of the bus corridors on match/event days. Julie referred to the two routes serviced by Bus Éireann on match days and suggested we start with these. Charlie Lowe to set up meeting with Tim O'Sullivan to discuss the issues further, Charlie Lowe, Julie Manahan, Roddy Guiney and Inspector Gallagher to attend.

Pat Gates said in terms of the community perspective the Communications Plan sets out a good intent but it needs to be improving continually. He said it needs to be tailored to meet new needs and stressed the importance of people seeing that an effort is being made to make improvements.

Julie said the Bus Éireann family packages referred to at the last meeting apply to the two routes currently in use; posters are being produced for the GAA clubs to advertise these.

Charlie Lowe referred to the need for bus parking for private operators instead of remaining on Mountjoy Square, various locations were discussed. Roddy Guiney to contact Clann Na nGael to see if they would be interested in using clubs as layover areas for private bus operators.

Inspector Gallagher informed the group that a new website is being developed by the Special Events Unit in Fitzgibbon Street Garda Station and that information such as cordon opening and closing times is currently available on the Garda website.

With regard to the Croke Park community fund Roddy said a list of recipients for the application form is being compiled. There is no closing date as such for receipt of completed applications. Roddy added that Croke Park will insist that the required matching funding is proved prior to drawdown of Croke Park funding.

Julie Manahan informed the group that Croke Park Community Summer Camps for local primary schools will be held week-commencing July 6<sup>th</sup>. This type of engagement was recommended in the Croke Park Study. Julie reported that an Open Day for residents was held on Sunday last.

### **e)b) Update on Environmental Standards:**

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Charlie Lowe confirmed details of KPIs which will be used by DCC to measure performance in relation to cleansing and noise monitoring:

Cleansing: a Litter Pollution Index will be used to measure effectiveness of the cleaning regime. Inspections will take place before, during and after each event, with the locations for monitoring changing. In relation to litter wardens, the KPI will be the number of fines issued, including those issued to businesses.

Noise Monitoring: the monitoring would be around licenses issued. The KPI will be the number of events held which are inside the limits set and the number of events held which exceed the limits set.

Inspector Gallagher gave details of Garda enforcement around parking. The KPIs will be the number of vehicles clamped, ticketed and towed away. There will also be KPIs for access passes system evaluation and incidences of public disorder, etc.

He provided statistics for recent events as follows:

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| Event on April 26 <sup>th</sup> – 20,000 attendees: | Event on May 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Leinster/Munster match: |
| 17 vehicles clamped                                 | 61 vehicles clamped                                    |
| 122 FCPSs issued                                    | 4 vehicles removed                                     |
|   | 75 FCPSs issued  |

The gardaí no longer use the large yellow warning sticker when issuing a FCPS, however a different type of sticker is now being used to inform the owner of the vehicle. Inspector Gallagher explained that the Special Events Unit in Fitzgibbon Street Garda Station has set up a reporting template and statistics will be generated after each event.

Charlie Lowe reported that 'No Access for Buses' signs have been erected at the entrance to Foster Terrace.

Charlie Lowe said that the monitoring systems for the various KPIs would be in place for the next Dublin match (ie. 7<sup>th</sup> June) and these will be reported on thereafter. It was agreed that the Gardaí and DCC will provide their KPI statistics to Croke Park to allow this information to be published in future issues of the Croke Park newsletter (Stadium News). Pat Gates reiterated the need to change behaviours and said it is important that the community is made aware that this monitoring and reporting process is being put in place.

### **Public meeting – Change of dates:**

The date of the public meeting has been changed to Monday July 6<sup>th</sup>.

The date of the meeting to plan the public meeting has been changed to Monday June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Charlie Lowe reiterated that the public meeting should concentrate on the Croke Park study and it's recommendations.

### **3. Ending the CPCLC process:**

Claire Barry suggested a wrap-up process similar to that used at the start-up phase, as per the proposal outlined in the document circulated to members prior to the meeting. Claire emphasised the need for a clear ending to this process and invited suggestions from members. Members were happy to go ahead with the suggested process. The need for a formal structure to ensure communication lines remain open was emphasised by Pat Gates. Claire pointed out the need to draw a line under the significant body of work done. She said a new structure on a formal basis may emerge.

The issue of the Community Liaison Officer as recommended in the Croke Park study was briefly discussed and the need to clarify the role, as regards responsibilities and authority/remit. It was suggested that in order for this role to be successful it need not be perceived as a complaints role but one of building positive relationships.

Inspector Gallagher restated that a member of the Gardaí will be available to attend any community meetings and suggested that it may be helpful to keep dialogue open with Croke Park and DCC, perhaps with meetings every 2-3 months.

### **4. A.O.B:**

Suggestions for inclusions for the next Croke Park newsletter were invited. Julie Manahan to email a reminder to members when the newsletter is being drafted.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm – Venue is Croke Park conference centre.

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### **Addendum:**

Please see comments from Cllr. Mary Fitzpatrick below. Cllr. Fitzpatrick's comments were submitted prior to the meeting but were not received until afterwards.

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From: Cllr Mary Fitzpatrick  
Sent: 19 May 2009 17:21  
To: Charlie Lowe; Claire (Sonas-Consulting); Blathnaid Casey  
Subject: Cpclc

Unfortunately due to illness I am unable to attend this evenings meeting. I would appreciate if you can consider two points;

1. As a committee we should agree a monitoring, review and reporting process to measure progress on the agreed actions over the next two years.
2. Winding up the committee should be a matter for the central area committee seeing as the CPCLC was created by the CAC.

Thanks, Mary.