

Dublin City Council Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC)

Date: Friday 23rd October 2020 / Meeting via Teleconferencing (MS Teams)

Members in Attendance:

Mr. Jack Keyes – Chairperson
 Mr. Pat Teehan – Manager TAU
 Mr. Patrick Smith- Manager TAU
 Ms. Anne Helferty – Chief Welfare Officer
 Mr. Michael Ryan – Media Relations Officer
 Ms. Winnie McDonagh – TravAct
 Margaret Wall-Ballyfermot Representative
 Mr. Shay L’Estrange – BTAP
 Cllr. Sophie Nicoullaud
 Cllr. Janet Horner
 Cllr. John Lyons
 Cllr. Anthony Connaghan
 Cllr. Alison Gilliland

Apologies:

Cllr. Anthony Flynn
 Ms. Sally Flynn-Labre Park Representative
 Ms. Mary McCann – Avila Representative
 Ms. Brigid McDonagh – Cara Representative
 Ms. Collette Spears – CDTG Community Worker
 Ms. Winnie McDonnell – PHC St Margaret’s
 MS. Mary Berry - Labre Park Representative
 Ms. Angela O’Neill - FTDG
 MS. Mary Berry - Labre Park Representative
 Cllr. Hazel De Nortúin
 Ms. Claire Kelly – Secretary and Coordinator

1.	Waste Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Concerns raised with individual on certain regarding illegal dumping. ➤ Concerns were raised regarding on going illegal dumping in Labre Park. ➤ It was suggested that a multi-agency approach is needed to tackle the waste issue and more collaboration with the community. A proposal was put forward regarding an Education Program on Recycling. ➤ It was suggested to work closely with local communities and residents in an partnership approach to find a solution considering the budget. ➤ TAU is continuing to work with other departments within the organisation to seek possible solutions, awaiting updates from TAU and Waste Management. ➤ It was suggested that the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) be contacted in regard to the waste illegal dumping.
2.	Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ TAU continuing to Allocate Traveller Accommodation throughout the Ballymun area. ➤ Community projects: Cara Park /St. Margaret’s Park. St Trinity School are involved in integrating the community together through projects run in these areas. ➤ Notices to Remove: TAU will continue to engage with the residents to negotiate alternatives, explain duties and responsibilities on both sides, when issuing notices to remove. ➤ TAU is responding to a number of illegal occupants in St. Josephs Park. ➤ There is a three to four weeks behind on the redesign of St Dominic and Tara Lawns and a new COVID 19 outbreak.

3.	Covid-19 Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ HSE are providing testing service on sites- TAU will support these groups going forward. ➤ A discussion was had regarding testing for Covid-19 on sites. The rationale behind this should be provision for safety reasons and not targeting the Traveller community. ➤ To date massive outbreak in north city sites, HSE is working very hard in collaboration with DCC. As a response to this, TAU sourced isolation units, City West Hotel for self-isolation and cleaning material supplies. ➤ TravAct are working voluntarily to support the testing of Travellers in the Coolock area. ➤ Two videos made by HSE specific for Traveller Communities to be circulated through social media. This is to ensure that there is understanding as to why Travellers are considered a high risk group and need to be tested in the interest of their own safety.
3.	Subcommittee groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It was agreed nominations are needed for housing and waste subcommittee groups. Nominations – It was agreed nominations for subcommittee groups would be emailed to : traveller.accomodation@dublincity.ie ➤ It was agreed the breakdown of the finances that has been spent on waste removal be sent on to members for discussion at the next waste meeting.
4.	Labre Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Part 8 planning update: TAU is awaiting a final report in relation to flood risk management. This report is expected before the end of October. ➤ It was agreed more communication would be provided to all stakeholders involved by the end of October regarding the status of part 8 planning permission.
5.	Budgets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ How budgets are allocated has been changed- the department will now allocate funding following expenditure as opposed to in advance as had been previously been the case. ➤ Although the TAU budget has increased, Covid-19 along with flood risk assessments has delayed projects. ➤ Was raised that a big part of the budget is spent on waste management instead of building, discussion needed within the TAU.
6.	LTACC Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It was agreed LTACC meetings will be held at @11.30am via MS Teams on 20th November.

Next meeting agreed: Waste Management subcommittee @ 11am /LTACC meeting @11.30am