

**Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Liaison Committee  
for the Irishtown, Ringsend and Sandymount Catchment Area**

**Meeting: Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
at 11.30am – 12.30pm  
Venue: Zoom Video Conferencing**

**Minute**

**Attendees:**

Peter McLoone (Chairperson); Kieran Mullins (DWtE Ltd.); Brian Hanney (DCC); James Nolan (DCC); Cllr. Paddy McCartan; Cllr Dermot Lacey; Eimear McCormack; David Turner.

**Apologies:**

Cllr. James Geoghegan; Anthony McDonald.

**1.1 Minute of the meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021.**

The minute of the Community Gain Liaison Committee meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021 was approved.

**2. Matters Arising**

**2.1 Marian College**

The Committee discussed the public announcement regarding the closure of Marian College's swimming pool on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021. The members recorded the Chairperson's note that was circulated to them on the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021 in respect of this announcement, which also included details of the funding that had been provided to Marian College by the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Fund and the recent application by the College for additional funding.

The Chairperson confirmed that due diligence was always applied by the Committee prior to approving grant funding to Marian College. The Chairperson verified that, in addition to the College's grant application, the Committee received and interrogated a plan which indicated that once the sports hall was built, the gymnasium renovated, new gym equipment bought and the swimming pool relined, the income generated from the use of the sports hall and gymnasium would provide a subsidy to the pool going forward.

The members concurred that when evaluating grant applications, particularly those requesting a substantial quantum of grant funding, it was important that the applicant's accounts were examined and the necessary financial checks and balance were executed.

The Chairperson stated that the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Fund contributed €75K to the relining of the swimming pool basin and associated works and confirmed that this essential work was required to make the pool safe and fully functional again.

The Committee were informed that a number of options are currently being explored and considered in relation to the future of the swimming pool including taking it into public ownership or providing the College with additional funding. However, it is anticipated that no developments in relation as to whether the pool will remain permanently closed or reopen will be determined until Covid-19 restrictions are lifted and there is further engagement between the College, Dublin City Council and other relevant stakeholders.

The Committee agreed that no further engagement with Marian College is required by them at this time and that they would adopt a wait and see approach.

## **2.2 Irishtown Stadium Extension Project.**

### **2.2.1 Planning Application**

The Committee noted the information they received regarding the planning application submitted by St. Patrick's CYFC and Crusaders AC in respect of the Irishtown Stadium extension project.

### **2.2.2 Community Awareness of New Facility and Project Costs**

The Committee recorded the documentation they received outlining the measures both Crusaders AC and St. Patrick's CYFC were taking to increase membership and participation in order to ensure that the new facility, when the Covid-19 restrictions are lifted, will be fully utilised.

The members also noted the report they received in respect of the overall cost of the Irishtown Stadium extension project. It was acknowledged that the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Fund contributed a total of €2.05m to the project and that Crusaders AC and St. Patrick's CYFC had also made substantial financial contributions.

## **3.1 Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme 2019 Project Status Report Q2 2021**

The Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme 2019 project status report was noted.

## **3.2 The Catholic Men and Women's Society Update**

The Committee members were informed that the Catholic Men and Women's Society (the Society) submitted a letter stating that due to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions they were unable to carry out their toilet renovation project for which they were approved €30K in respect of the Dublin Waste to Energy Projects Grant Scheme 2019. The Society confirmed that, despite having received an extension to their grant drawdown expiry date to the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021, they had difficulty sourcing a builder to carry out the renovations and were therefore unable to execute their project. Consequently, the Society requested that €11,066.42 of the approved grant funding be drawn down in respect of the installation of a fire alarm (€6,544.55) and the application of fire retardant paint (€4,521.87); essential work that was required to bring the premises into line with current fire regulation standards. The Society confirmed that they would not be seeking to draw down the balance of the grant funding in the amount of €18,933.58 and that they would consider submitting a new grant application in respect of their toilet renovation project to the next Projects Grant Scheme.

Under the circumstances, the Committee members concurred with the decision of the Chairperson to approve the variation to the approved grant funding and permit the drawdown of €11,066.42 in respect of the installation of a fire alarm and the application of fire retardant paint. The members recorded that the balance of the grant funding in the amount of €18,933.58 will be carried forward to the next Projects Grant Scheme.

#### **4. Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme 2021**

A note prepared by the Chairperson which summarised the feedback/responses received following their last discussion on the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021 regarding the next phase of the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme was circulated with the agenda for the meeting.

The Committee discussed their strategy, considered various options and decided to adopt the following approach to the next Projects Grant Scheme.

1. The next Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme will be announced and launched in October 2021.
2. Applicants will be made aware in advance of the total amount available to the Committee for distribution.
3. The Committee will seek to ensure that as many projects as possible will benefit but decided to reserve its position on the amount of grant support that can be made available until they receive the applications and commence the assessment process. Various options to accommodate both small and larger projects were examined and it was decided to keep all options open until the commencement of the assessment phase.
4. It was agreed to encourage initiatives from a broad cross section of community groups. It was also agreed to highlight again the many and varied projects the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme has directly supported since its establishment to the benefit of many community, sporting, cultural, educational and other groups who are active in Ringsend, Irishtown, and Sandymount.
5. The details of the new Projects Grant Scheme will be circulated to Committee members in advance of the launch.

#### **5. Date and Venue for Future Meeting**

**Date:** To Be Confirmed

**Venue:** Zoom Video Conferencing.