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1. Establishment of the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Liaison Committee and the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Fund

A Community Gain Liaison Committee and a Community Gain Fund were established for the catchment area of Irishtown, Ringsend, and Sandymount, in accordance with Planning Permission, reference 29S.EF2022 and Industrial Emissions Directive Licence, reference W0232-01, granted by An Bord Pleanála and the Environmental Protection Agency respectively, for the Dublin Waste to Energy Project.

The relevant conditions are reproduced below:

Planning Condition No. 2

“A community liaison committee shall be established to liaise between Dublin City Council and the local community. The membership of this committee shall reflect the membership of the community gain administration board proposed by Dublin City Council in its submission at the Oral Hearing. The committee shall comprise 10 members having an independent chairperson, 3 local community representatives, 3 elected members of Dublin City Council, 2 officials of Dublin City Council and 1 representative from the operators of the waste to energy facility. The Community Liaison Committee shall have responsibility for the administration of the community gain fund account to be set up in accordance with condition No.3 of the planning permission and for decisions on projects to be supported by the fund in addition to acting as a liaison committee with the local community in relation to ongoing monitoring of the operation of the facility”.

Planning Condition No. 3

“A Community Gain Fund shall be established to support facilities and services which would be of benefit to the community in the general catchment area. This fund shall include a once-off capital contribution equivalent to 3% of the capital cost of the facility and an annual contribution per tonne of waste accepted for thermal treatment at the plant. The annual contribution shall be €1 per tonne in the first year following commissioning of the plant and thereafter shall be updated in accordance with the consumer price index. Details of the management and operation of the fund which shall be lodged in a special community fund account shall be agreed between DCC and the Community Liaison Committee referred to in Condition No.2 of Planning Permission.”

Licence Condition 2.3.2.8 (c)

Establish a Community Gain Liaison committee and facilitate regular meetings of that Committee at a frequency to be agreed with the Committee. The Agenda for each meeting shall be prepared in advance.

1.1 The Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Liaison Committee

In line with Planning Condition No. 2, a Community Gain Liaison Committee was established. The current membership of the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Liaison Committee is as follows:

Table 1.1 Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Liaison Committee Membership.

Peter McLoone	Chairperson
Eimear McCormack	Community Representative
Anthony McDonald	Community Representative
David Turner	Community Representative
Cllr. James Geoghegan	Elected Representative
Cllr. Dermot Lacey	Elected Representative
Cllr. Paddy McCartan	Elected Representative
Kieran Mullins, Project Director, Dublin Waste to Energy Ltd.	Contractor Representative
Brian Hanney, South East Area Manager	DCC Official
James Nolan, Executive Manager	DCC Official

In accordance with the terms of reference of the Committee, the current role and responsibility of the Community Gain Liaison Committee is as follows:

1. To have responsibility for the administration and management of the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Fund.
2. To decide on projects to be supported by the fund which will benefit the local communities in the Irishtown, Ringsend and Sandymount catchment area.
3. To liaise between Dublin City Council and the local community in relation to ongoing monitoring of the operation of the Dublin Waste to Energy facility.

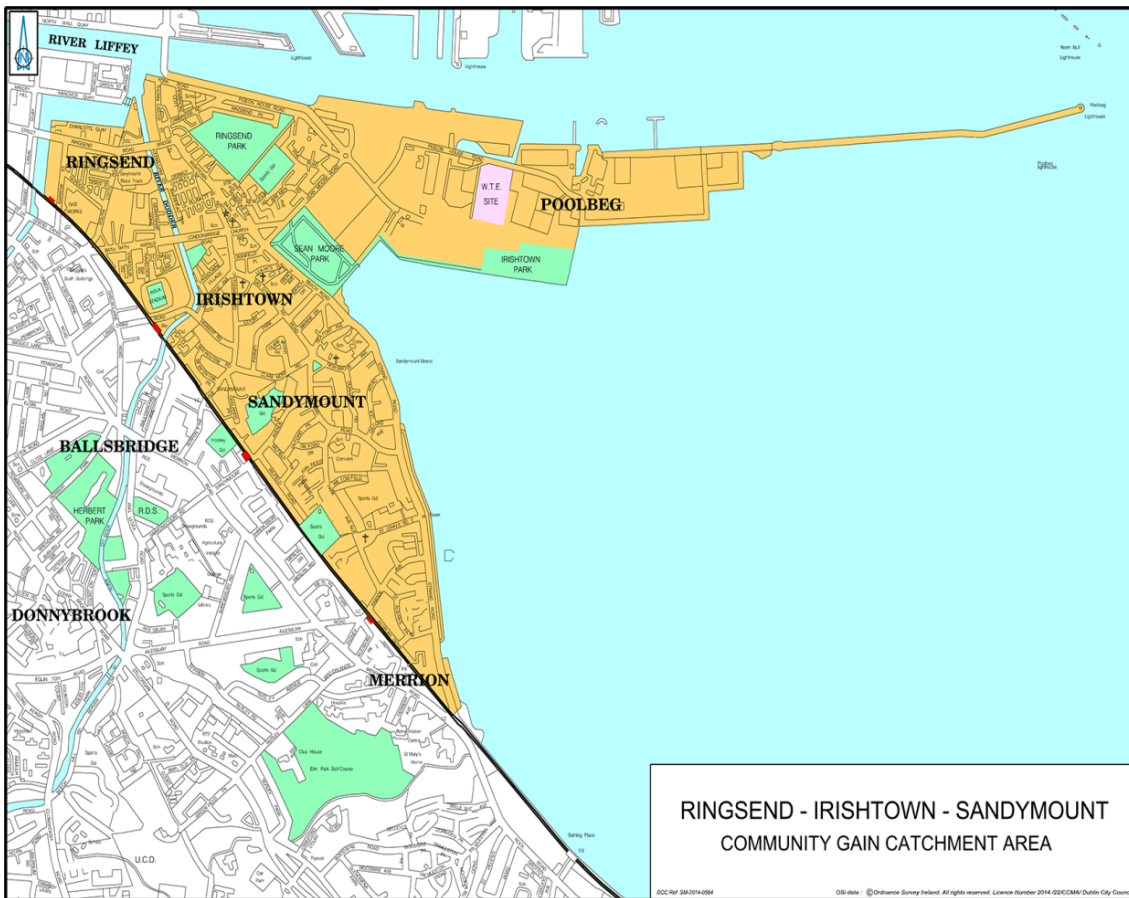
1.1.1 Committee Meetings

The Community Gain Liaison Committee convened on 4 occasions throughout 2022. Three of these meetings were dedicated to assessing each of the 45 grant applications submitted to the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme 2021. In addition, the Committee kept abreast of project developments by way of regular update reports and frequent e-mails and telephone calls.

1.2 The Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Fund

In line with planning condition no. 3, a Community Gain Fund was established. The Community Gain Fund provides financial assistance to community based clubs, groups, voluntary organisations, educational groups, individuals or businesses for the development of educational, environmental, community and recreational projects in the Irishtown, Ringsend and Sandymount areas, as defined on the map in Figure 1.1.

Figure 1.1 Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Catchment Area.



The fund comprises a once-off capital contribution equivalent to 3% of the capital cost of the Dublin Waste to Energy facility and an annual contribution of €1 per tonne of waste accepted for thermal treatment at the plant. The annual contribution of €1 per tonne is updated in accordance with the consumer price index and will generally equate to circa €600K per annum. Since 2014, circa €13.09m has been credited by the developer, Dublin Waste to Energy Limited, to the Community Gain Fund. The disbursement of the Community Gain Funds, on behalf of the Community Gain Liaison Committee, is being facilitated by Dublin City Council.

2. The Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme

In accordance with its terms of reference, the Committee developed the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme (the Scheme) which is an agreed mechanism to assess and fund proposals from local community groups, voluntary organisations, environmental, arts and educational groups, sports clubs, individuals and businesses for the development of environmental, community, educational and recreational projects. The Scheme is funded by Dublin Waste to Energy Limited through its Community Gain Fund and the disbursement of grants is facilitated by Dublin City Council.

Applications are invited to submit proposals to the Scheme for assessment by the Committee and the amount to be contributed, if any, towards a proposed project is at the absolute discretion of the Committee. The local area to benefit from qualifying projects comprises the areas of Irishtown, Ringsend and Sandymount as indicated on the map in Figure 1.1. Priority is given to projects that enhance their local area and in so doing provide the maximum opportunity to advance community, educational, recreational and environmental initiatives.

Successful grant applicants are issued with a grant award letter detailing the specific documentation required for the drawdown of the approved grant funding. Furthermore, they are also given a date by which the project must be completed and the grant funding drawn down. Grant funding is not released to the beneficiary until all the required documentation has been submitted and validated by the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Liaison Committee. Grant funding not availed of in respect of any Scheme is carried forward and used to fund future Schemes.

The Committee has run four Schemes to date, one in 2016, 2017, 2019 and 2021. Thus far, a total of 133 community groups, schools, churches and sporting organisations in the Ringsend, Irishtown and Sandymount catchment area have been awarded grant funding of circa €11.28m. Table 2.1 refers. To date circa €10.85m has been drawn down by approved grant applicants.

Table 2.1 Number of Grant Applications Approved per Scheme with Reference to the Total Amounts Approved per Scheme.

Projects Grant Scheme	No. of Applications Approved	Total Amount Approved
2016	32	€4,809,301
2017	35	€4,246,074
2019	38	€1,732,180
2021	28	€498,423
Grand Totals	133	€11,285,978

In respect of the 2016 Scheme, €5.1m was available from the fund for disbursement. 56 applications were received requesting grant funding in excess of circa €35m. The Community Gain Liaison Committee approved 32 grant applications to the value of circa €4.8m.

With regard to the 2017 Scheme, circa €5.2m was available from the fund for distribution. 48 grant applications were received requesting funding in excess of circa €11m. The Committee allocated circa €4.25m to 35 approved projects.

With reference to the 2019 Scheme, the Committee had circa €1.75m available to them to allocate to eligible projects. 51 applications were received requesting grant funding in excess of circa €7m. The Committee approved 38 grant applications and allocated circa €1.73m in grant funding.

The last remaining 2019 grant aided project was completed in 2022. Christ Church Sandymount was approved €86K in grant funding to assist with their extensive kitchen and toilet renovation project. Over the course of three years, notwithstanding Covid-19 restrictions, difficulties with supply and delivery of materials and increased project costs, the Church worked tirelessly to deliver the project on budget. They managed to complete the project to the highest standard while achieving value for money and maximising the benefit to the community. The refurbished and enhanced facilities at Christ Church Sandymount will not only make a significant difference to the Church's congregation itself but also in how the Church can serve the wider community going forward.

With regard to the 2021 Scheme, circa €500K was available from the fund for distribution. 45 grant applications were received requesting funding in excess of circa €1.6m. The Committee allocated circa €498K to 28 approved projects.

Appendix 1 exhibits a selection of photographs of completed projects in respect of the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme.

2.1 The Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grants Scheme 2021

The Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme 2021 was open for applications between the 27th September 2021 and the 31st October 2021. 45 grant applications were received requesting grant funding in excess of circa €1.6m.

The Community Gain Liaison Committee held four meetings throughout 2022. Three of these were dedicated to assessing each of the grant applications submitted to the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme 2021. A total amount of €500K was available for disbursement to eligible projects within the Irishtown, Ringsend and Sandymount catchment area.

2.1.1 Overview of Grant Applications Received

Table 2.2 refers to the number of grant applications received by area with reference to the total amounts requested by area.

Table 2.2 Number of Grant Applications Received by Area with Reference to the Total Amounts Requested per Area.

Areas	No. of Applications Received	Total Amount Requested
Irishtown	4	€162,460.90
Ringsend	19	€469,796.68
Sandymount	15	€758,059.59
Irishtown and Ringsend	4	€165,480.00
Irishtown and Ringsend and Sandymount	3	€45,698.00
Totals	45	€1,601,495.17

On receipt of the grant applications, the Committee divides them into three categories, namely, those requesting amounts less than €20K, those requesting amounts of between €20K and €100K and those seeking amounts in excess of €100K. Table 2.3 refers.

Table 2.3 Number of Grant Applications Received by Category with Reference to the Total Amounts Requested by Category.

Categories	<€20,000	€20,000 - €100,000	>€100,000	Grand Totals
No. of Applications Received	20	23	2	45
Total Amount Requested	€195,126.51	€1,091,794.16	€314,574.50	€1,601,495.17

The applicant organisations were representative of a broad range of sectors within the Irishtown, Ringsend and Sandymount community as shown in table 2.4.

Table 2.4 Number of Grant Applications Received by Sector with Reference to the Total Amounts Requested per Sector.

Sectors	No. of Applications Received	Total Amount Requested
Arts	1	€17,230.00
Community	9	€143,807.30
Education and Training	11	€621,039.71
Environment	3	€155,680.00
Resident's Association	2	€7,250.00
Sports and Recreation	19	€656,488.16
Grand Totals	45	€1,601,495.17

Similarly, the types of projects proposed by applicant organisations were diverse as indicated in table 2.5.

Table 2.5 Number of Grant Applications Received by Project Type with Reference to the Total Amounts Requested per Project Type.

Project Type	No. of Applications Received	Total Amount Requested
Provision of Facilities and Services	7	€341,641.25
Upgrade of Facilities and Services	13	€601,346.15
Purchase of Equipment	16	€427,194.77
Public Area Enhancement	2	€84,550.00
Community Arts Projects	1	€17,230.00
Community Education Projects	3	€42,253.00
Environmental Projects	2	€74,880.00
Local Heritage Projects	1	€12,400.00
Grand Totals	45	€1,601,495.17

2.1.2 Overview of Grant Applications Approved

After carefully evaluating and considering each application against the Scheme's general conditions and criteria the Community Gain Liaison Committee approved in principle 28 grant applications and awarded a total of €498,423K. The successful grant applicants are listed in table 2.6 together with a brief project summary and the value of the grant awarded in principle.

Table 2.6 Summary of Successful Grant Applicant Organisations.

Dublin Waste to Energy Approved Grant Applications 2021		
Grant Applicant	Project Title	Amount Approved
4th Port Dodder Sea Scout Group	Boathouse Construction	€20,000.00
Brabazon Trust	Projection System Upgrade	€15,000.00
Cambridge FC	Project Upgrade	€9,000.00
Catholic Men and Women's Society	Toilet Renovation & Fire Door Installation	€30,236.00
Church of St. John the Evangelist	Organ Refurbishment & Tuning	€8,000.00
Clanna Gael Fontenoy GAA Club	Floodlight Installation	€67,000.00
Claremont Railway Lawn Tennis Club	Floodlight Installation	€17,000.00
Docklands FC	Diversion Through Football Programme	€10,000.00
Dublin Vikings Dragon Boat Club	Safety Equipment Upgrade	€7,000.00
Lansdowne Lawn Tennis Club	Club Grounds Project	€25,000.00
Poolbeg Yacht & Boat Club	Ruffian 23 Community Sailboats Project	€11,000.00
Railway Union FC	Pitch Lighting Upgrade	€4,000.00
Railway Union Sports Club	Hockey Pitch Refurbishment	€40,000.00
Ringsend Community Services Forum	Equipment for Groups	€4,000.00
Ringsend Community Services Forum	Community Training	€11,000.00
Ringsend Girl Guides	Choices Programme Funding	€1,787.00
Ringsend Irishtown Tidy Towns Environment Group	Laneway Refurbishment	€2,000.00
Sandymount Park Educate Together Secondary School	Development of Learner Opportunities	€15,000.00
Scoil Mhuire	Inclusivity & Activity	€40,000.00
Shelbourne Premier Racing Pigeon Club	Facilities Upgrade	€1,900.00
Shellybanks Educate Together National School	Outdoor Learning Spaces & Technology Enhanced Learning	€20,000.00
St. Patrick's Boys National School	Digital Learning	€10,000.00
St. Patrick's Girls National School	STEM & IT Promotion	€23,000.00
St. Patrick's Rowing Club	Marina Development	€49,000.00
Stella Maris Rowing Club	Club Development & Growth	€10,500.00
The Breakthrough Project	The Breakthrough Project Year 2	€10,000.00
The Irish Nautical Trust	Maritime Education & Training Programme	€20,000.00
The Lir National Academy	Theatre for Teenagers	€17,000.00
Total Amount Approved		€498,423.00

Each applicant organisation was notified of the outcome by way of letter. The successful applicant organisations were informed of the amount approved in principle and advised of the specific conditions that must be met in order to drawdown the grant funding in each case. The drawdown expiry date is the 30th April 2023 in all cases.

Table 2.7 shows the number of grant applications approved in each category with reference to the total amounts approved in each category.

Table 2.7 Number of Grant Applications Approved by Category with Reference to the Total Amounts Approved by Category.

Categories	<€20,000	€20K - €100K	>€100K	Grand Total
Total No. Approved by Category	18	10	0	28
Total Amount Approved by Category	€164,187	€334,236	€0	€498,423

The number of grant applications approved from the Irishtown, Ringsend and Sandymount areas with reference to the total amount approved by area is represented in Table 2.8 and illustrated in Figure 2.1.

Table 2.8 Number of Grant Applications Approved by Area with Reference to the Total Amounts Approved by Area.

Areas	No. of Applications Approved	Total Amount Approved
Irishtown	2	€97,236
Ringsend	14	€206,287
Sandymount	10	€185,900
Irishtown and Ringsend	1	€2,000
Irishtown and Ringsend and Sandymount	1	€7,000
Grand Totals	28	€498,423

Figure 2.1 Total Amounts Approved by Area.

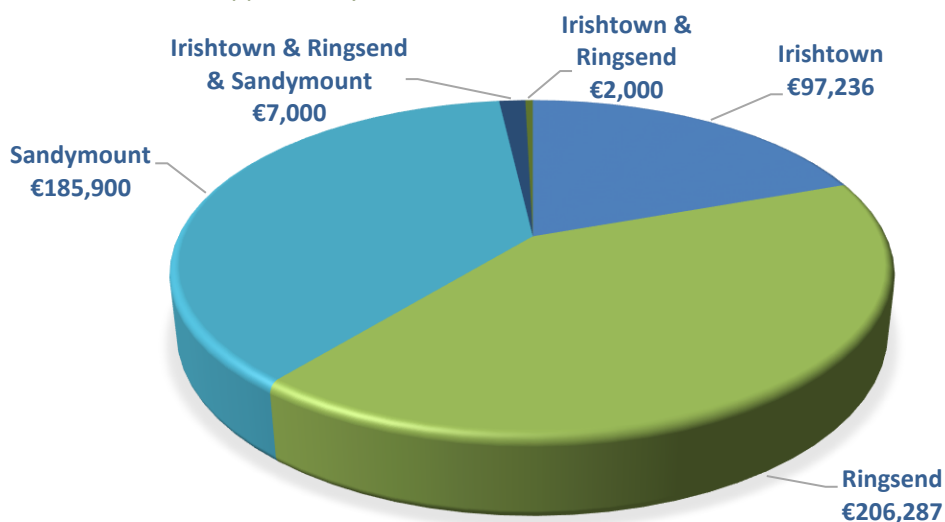


Table 2.9 shows the number of grant applications approved by sector with reference to the total amounts approved by sector and is illustrated in Figure 2.2.

Table 2.9 Number of Grant Applications Approved by Sector with Reference to the Total Amounts Approved by Sector.

Sectors	No. of Applications Approved	Total Amount Approved
Arts	1	€17,000
Community	6	€70,023
Education and Training	7	€138,000
Environment	1	€2,000
Sports and Recreation	13	€271,400
Grand Totals	28	€498,423

Figure 2.2 Total Amounts Approved by Sector.

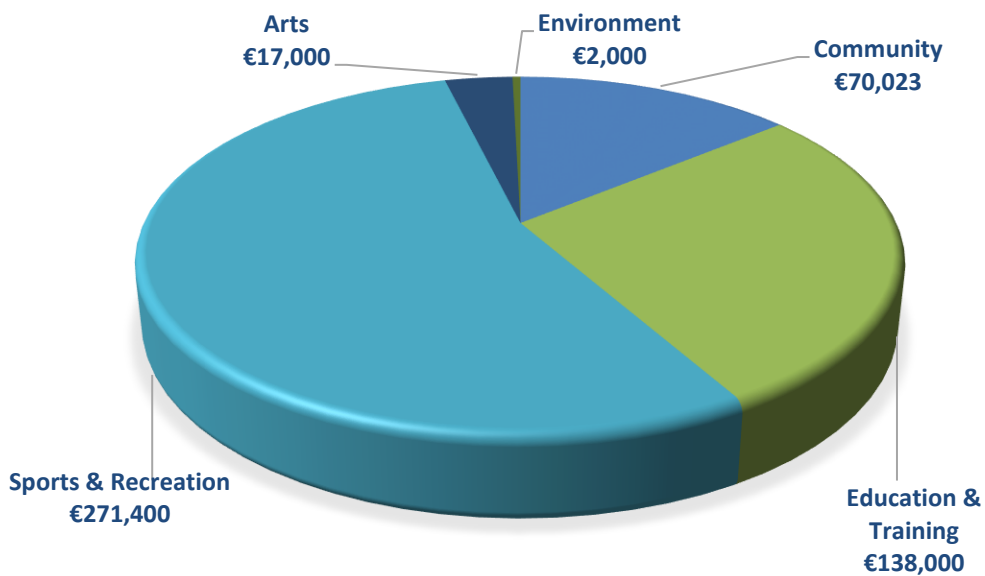
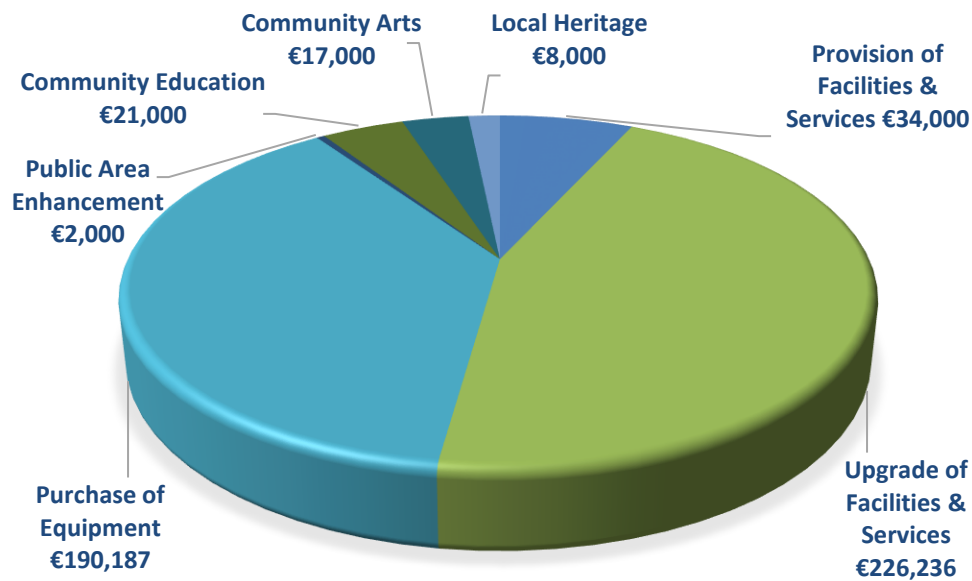


Table 2.10 shows the number of grant applications approved by project type with reference to the total amounts approved by project type and is illustrated in Figure 2.3.

Table 2.10 Number of Grant Applications Approved by Project Type with Reference to the Total Amounts Approved by Project Type.

Project Type	No. of Applications Approved	Total Amount Approved
Provision of Facilities and Services	3	€34,000
Upgrade of Facilities and Services	6	€226,236
Purchase of Equipment	14	€190,187
Public Area Enhancement	1	€2,000
Community Arts Projects	1	€17,000
Community Education Projects	2	€21,000
Local Heritage Projects	1	€8,000
Grand Totals	28	€498,423

Figure 2.3 Total Amounts Approved by Project Type.



3. Finance

The Community Gain Fund comprises a once-off capital contribution equivalent to 3% of the capital cost of the Dublin Waste to Energy facility and an annual contribution of €1 per tonne of waste accepted for thermal treatment at the plant. The annual contribution of €1 per tonne is updated in accordance with the consumer price index and will equate to approximately €600K per annum. Since 2014, circa €13.09m has been credited by the developer, Dublin Waste to Energy Limited, to the Community Gain Fund. The disbursement of the Community Gain Funds, on behalf of the Community Gain Liaison Committee, is being facilitated by Dublin City Council.

Table 3.1 shows the capital contribution payments from Dublin Waste to Energy Limited and Table 3.2 shows the annual contribution payments in respect of years 2017 to 2021 inclusive.

3.1 Contributions from Dublin Waste to Energy Limited.

Table 3.1 Schedule of Capital Contribution Payments from Dublin Waste to Energy Limited to the Community Gain Fund.

Date	Payment Amount	Cumulative Total
31-Oct-14	€178,553.03	€178,553.03
31-Jan-14	€970,622.57	€1,149,175.59
30-Apr-15	€991,384.55	€2,140,560.14
31-Jul-15	€1,157,480.39	€3,298,040.52
31-Oct-15	€1,812,520.85	€5,110,561.38
31-Jan-16	€1,265,442.68	€6,376,004.06
30-Apr-16	€1,406,624.15	€7,782,628.20
31-Jul-16	€623,897.50	€8,406,525.70
31-Oct-16	€607,287.92	€9,013,813.62
31-Jan-17	€321,810.69	€9,335,624.31
30-Apr-17	€539,811.48	€9,875,435.79
31-Jul-17	€291,705.82	€10,167,141.61
31-Oct-17	€170,248.24	€10,337,389.84
31-Jan-18	€43,600.16	€10,380,990.00

Table 3.2 Annual Contribution Payments from Dublin Waste to Energy Limited to the Community Gain Fund.

Year	Payment Amount	Cumulative Total
2017	€278,702	€278,702
2018	€599,001	€877,703
2019	€601,103	€1,478,806
2020	€608,897	€2,087,703
2021	€622,175	€2,709,878

3.2 Payments of Grants from the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Fund.

A separate cost centre is set up in respect of each Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme. Each cost centre is used solely to manage the payment of grants to each Scheme's approved grant applicants. Successful grant applicants are issued with a grant award letter detailing the specific documentation required for the drawdown of the approved grant funding and they are also given a date by which the project must be completed and the grant funding drawn down. Grant funding is not released to the beneficiary until all the required documentation has been submitted and validated by the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Liaison Committee. Grant funding not availed of in respect of any Scheme is carried forward and used to fund future Schemes.

Throughout 2022 approximately €271K in grant funding was disbursed to grant recipients in respect of the 2019 and 2021 Schemes. The total amount of grant funding disbursed since the commencement of the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme in 2016 is circa €10.85m.

Table 3.3 shows the total amounts of grant payments made to grant recipients during 2022 in respect of each Scheme and the total amount of grant funding disbursed since 2016.

Table 3.3 Total Amounts of Grant Payments Disbursed in Respect of each Scheme during 2022.

Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme Year	Total Grant Payments Year 2022	Total Grant Payments Cumulative to Year End 2022
*2016	€0.00	€4,801,683
*2017	€0.00	€4,167,811
2019	€86,000	€1,703,016
2021	€184,984	€184,984
Grand Totals	€270,984	€10,857,494

*2016 & 2017 Projects Grant Schemes completed i.e. no further projects to be completed or grant funding to be drawn down in respect of these Schemes.

3.3 The Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Fund Income and Expenditure 2022

Table 3.4 provides an analysis of the income and expenditure for 2022 in respect of the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Fund.

Table 3.4 Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Fund Income and Expenditure 2022.

INCOME		
Dublin Waste to Energy Ltd. Contribution 2021		€622,175
Cumulative Contributions to Year End 2022		€13,090,868

	Year 2022	Cumulative to Year End 2022
EXPENDITURE		
Administrative Expenses	€61,790.22	€373,957.12
Chairpersons Allowance	€15,000.00	€110,480.76
IT Expenses	€1,176.09	€5,725.36
Catering Expenses	€0.00	€1,238.09
Financial Services	€0.00	€1,722.00
General Advertising	€0.00	€2,722.65
Consultancy Services	€0.00	€10,702.00
Legal Expenses	€0.00	€848.70
Postage	€0.00	€242.69
Printing Services	€0.00	€4,636.53
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	€77,966.31	€512,275.90

CURRENT BALANCE	€1,906,083.49
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3.4 The Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Fund Audit

In accordance with the terms of reference of the Committee, each year the Local Government Auditor carries out an audit of the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Fund accounts.

In January 2023, the income and expenditure transactions of the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Fund in respect of year end 2022. The Audit determined that the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain fund has adequate management controls in place for administering the fund. The auditor did not identify any significant reportable issues and, as such, no recommendations were made.

4. Communications

Ongoing communication with the community of the Irishtown, Ringsend and Sandymount catchment area is an important role of the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Liaison Committee and a vital aspect of the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme.

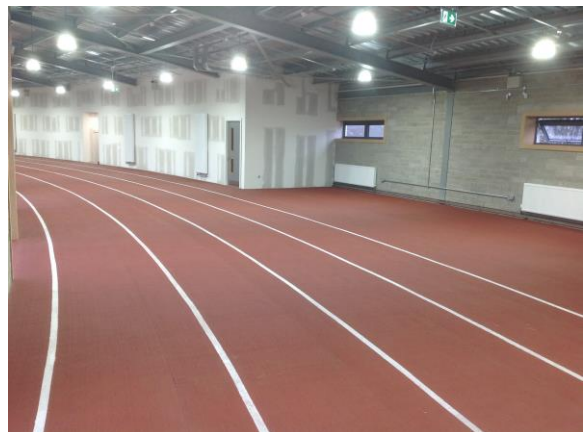
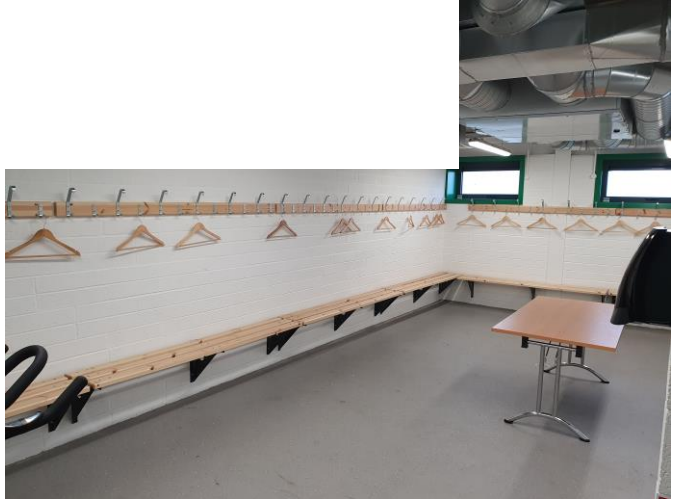
A dedicated e-mail address, cglc@dublincity.ie and a direct telephone line, 01 2226293 are in operation. The Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Fund website, www.dublincity.ie/dwte is regularly updated with the latest Committee, Community Gain Fund and Projects Grant Scheme news and announcements including the minutes of the Committee’s meetings, project reports and Community Gain Fund information. There were 5,540 website visits throughout 2022. Table 4.1 refers.

Table 4.1 The Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Fund Website Analysis 2022.

Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Fund			
Website Analysis 2022			
Website Pages	Webpage Views	Unique Webpage Views	Average Time on Webpage
Website Homepage	1,543	510	00:00:49
Committee Membership	429	241	00:01:21
Minutes of Committee Meetings	667	125	00:02:04
Community Gain Fund Annual Report	492	163	00:04:12
Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme	855	301	00:02:35
Community Gain Fund Information	591	141	00:00:55
Dublin Waste to Energy Grant Recipients	963	328	00:03:30
Grand Totals	5,540	1,809	

Appendix 1 Photographs of a Selection of Completed Dublin Waste to Energy Grant Aided Projects.

Irishtown Stadium Extension.



Appendix 1 Photographs of a Selection of Completed Dublin Waste to Energy Grant Aided Projects Continued.

Resurfaced Astro Turf Football Pitch in Ringsend Park.



Refurbishment of Ringsend and Irishtown Community Centre.



Sports Hall Floor Replacement in SPORTSCO.

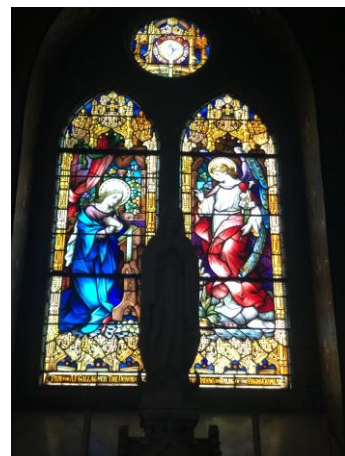
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**The Irish Nautical Trust's New Boat
'The Liffey Sweeper'.**



**St. Patrick's Church
Stained Glass
Window Restoration.**



Appendix 1 Photographs of a Selection of Completed Dublin Waste to Energy Grant Aided Projects Continued.

Refurbishment and Modernisation of Railway Union Sports Club clubhouse.



*Appendix 1 Photographs of a Selection of Completed Dublin Waste to Energy Grant Aided Projects
Continued.*



Refurbished Swimming Pool in Marian College.



**'Sea Adventure' playground
in Seán Moore Park.**

Appendix 1 Photographs of a Selection of Completed Dublin Waste to Energy Grant Aided Projects Continued.

Renovation of Kitchen & Toilet Facilities in Christ Church Sandymount.

