

**Community Gain Liaison Committee  
For the Irishtown, Ringsend, Sandymount Catchment Area  
In association with Dublin Waste to Energy Limited**

**Meeting: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
at 10.00am – 11.30am**

**Venue: Dublin City Council, Civic Offices, Wood Quay  
Block 1, Floor 6, Engineering Conference Room.**

**Minute**

**Attendees:**

Peter McLoone (Chairperson); Rose Kenny (DCC); Céline Reilly (DCC); Cllr. Dermot Lacey; Cllr. Frank Kennedy; Cllr. Paddy McCartan; Mary Doolin; John Nolan.

**Apologies:**

John Daly (DWtE Ltd.); Elizabeth Allman.

**1. Minute of Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018 and Matters Arising.**

The minute of the Community Gain Liaison Committee (CGLC) meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018 was approved.

**2. Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme 2016.**

**2.1 Projects Grant Scheme 2016 Current Status Report.**

The Dublin Waste to Energy (DWtE) Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme 2016 current status report was circulated and noted by the Committee. The Committee commented that five organisations had yet to drawdown their grant funding which amounted to a balance of €2.4m remaining, half of the €4.8m originally approved.

**2.2 Ringsend and Irishtown Community Centre Ltd. (RICC).**

The Committee discussed the current developments at RICC. The CGLC Chairperson informed the members that he received correspondence from the newly appointed Chairperson of RICC requesting an extension to their grant drawdown expiry date of the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018. He also stated that he had been informed that an amended refurbishment plan had been developed which took into consideration suggestions from RICC staff and the CGLC's comments.

The Committee determined that a copy of the revised refurbishment plan together with detailed costings should be submitted to the Administrator as a matter of priority. They also decided that a meeting with RICC's Architect and the CGLC's Project Assessor should be arranged as soon as possible. They recommended that following this meeting the CGLC's Project Assessor would submit a full report to the Committee for their consideration.

With regard to RICC's request to extend the drawdown expiry date, the Committee agreed that no decision would be taken on this matter until all the required documentation and the Assessor's report was received and considered.

The Committee resolved to reconvene on the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018 to discuss and consider the revised plan and the Assessor's report.

**Action:**

**Administrator:** to issue a letter to RICC communicating the Committees requests.

**Administrator:** to arrange a meeting with RICC's Architect and the CGLC's Project Assessor.

### 2.3 Enable Ireland

The Committee carefully considered the amended Legal Agreement received from the solicitor acting on behalf of Enable Ireland. After much discussion, the Committee reaffirmed the requirement that the original Legal Agreement must be signed. They also noted and confirmed the following:

1. The standard Legal Agreement had been used by all beneficiaries in receipt of grant funding in excess of €20k.
2. The terms of the Legal Agreement are intended to protect the interests of all parties.
3. Dublin City Council (DCC) and the Committee will, at all times act reasonably in relation to the terms of the Legal Agreement.

**Action:**

**Administrator:** to instruct DCC Law Agent to reaffirm the terms and conditions of the grant funding to Enable Ireland.

### 3. Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme 2017.

#### 3.1 Projects Grant Scheme 2017 Current Status Report.

The DWtE Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme 2017 current status report was circulated and noted by the Committee. The Committee commented that of the 35 organisations approved in principle, only a small number have drawdown their grant funding. They noted that the balance remaining for drawdown is substantial taking into account the grant drawdown expiry for all beneficiaries is the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

#### 3.2 St. Patrick's Church

The Chairperson informed the Committee that following discussions with representatives of St. Patrick's Church, a Legal Agreement had been executed between DCC and Fr Ivan Tonge, acting on behalf of St. Patrick's Church, and that all legal matters had been resolved.

### **3.2 Poolbeg Yacht and Boat Club**

The Committee carefully considered the letter received from Poolbeg Yacht and Boat Club requesting authorisation to redistribute their approved grant funding in respect of the sailing and safety boats, floating dock space and committee boat. Given the circumstances outlined in the letter the Committee had no objection to the proposed redistribution of grant funding which they agreed is consistent with Club's grant application form.

The Committee also considered the Club's request to extend the grant drawdown expiry date. The Committee agreed that an extension to the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 was appropriate.

**Action:**

**Administrator:** to issue a letter to Poolbeg Yacht and Boat Club communicating the Committee's decisions.

### **3.3 Crusaders A.C and St. Patrick's C.Y.F.C**

The Committee considered the letter received from Crusaders A.C and St. Patrick's C.Y.F.C regarding the duration of the proposed lease agreement with DCC. The Committee agreed that having regard to the fact that the amount of the grant is €1.6 million and that Crusaders A.C are also investing a considerable sum, a lease of 25 years rather than 15 years would be more appropriate in this particular case. In this regard, the Committee agreed to issue a letter to DCC recommending that a lease of 25 years is considered.

**Action:**

**Administrator:** to issue a letter to DCC detailing the Committee's recommendation.

## **4. Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme 2018.**

### **4.1 Application Dates.**

The Committee considered and discussed various options regarding the format of the next DWtE Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme. They noted that there was a sizeable amount of grant funding yet to be drawn down from the 2016 and 2017 DWtE Community Gain Projects Grant Schemes. Having regard to this the members agreed that decisions on the application dates and the format of the 2018 Scheme should be deferred until their next meeting.

### **4.2 Grant Funding.**

The Committee decided that the level of funding available for the next DWtE Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme would be confirmed at their next Committee meeting.

## 5. Finance.

### 5.1 Finance Reports

The current finance reports in respect of the DWtE Community Gain fund were circulated and noted by the Committee.

The Committee was informed that the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA) carried out an audit of the Community Gain Fund accounts in respect of 2017 and that no reportable issues were identified. The Committee noted the LGMA's recommendation that going forward the CGLC should obtain an independent accountants review of the transactions in respect of the DWtE Community Gain fund cost centres. The Committee concurred with this recommendation and determined that the CGLC's terms of reference should be amended to reflect this change. A draft amended terms of reference that included this change was circulated and endorsed by the Committee.

**Administrator:** to update the CGLC's terms of reference in accordance with the Committee's decision.

## 6. Community Gain Liaison Committee.

### 6.1 Terms of Reference.

In the interest of transparency, the Committee agreed that the CGLC's terms of reference should elaborate on how the Committee members are appointed and their terms of office. A draft amended terms of reference that included this additional information was circulated and endorsed by the Committee.

**Administrator:** to update the CGLC's terms of reference in accordance with the Committee's decision.

## 7. Date and Venue for Future Meeting.

**Date:** Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November 9am – 10.00am

**Venue:** Engineering Conference Room, Block 1, Floor 6, Dublin City Council Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8.