

Community Gain Liaison Committee
For the Irishtown/Ringsend/Sandymount Catchment Area
(In association with the Dublin Waste to Energy Project)

Meeting Wednesday 11th May 2016 from 10.00 -16.00
Venue: Conference Room, Block 2, Floor 2, Civic Offices, Wood Quay.
Minutes

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed Cllr. Frank Kennedy to the Committee.

2. Minutes of meeting held on 13th April 2016 and matters arising

The Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 13th April 2016 were approved.

3. Dublin Waste to Energy Report to SPC Meeting 27th April 2016

The Committee noted the Report to SPC Meeting 27th April 2016 that was circulated prior to the meeting.

4. Request received to extend date for accepting applications

A proposal to extend the date for accepting applications for the Projects Grant Scheme 2016 was put forward following representations received by a Committee member from some residents who complained that they did not receive the Committee's January newsletter. Prior to the meeting the distribution company's delivery report and delivery maps, which indicated deliveries to the disputed area via GPS tracking of delivery agents, were circulated to the Committee. Properties with 'no junk mail' signs were included as part of the delivery contract, however if a property could not be accessed delivery would not have been possible. It was also noted that a number of different communication channels were utilised to advertise the Scheme.

The Committee had a lengthy discussion on the proposal, and examined the merits and demerits of possibilities such as re-advertising and re-opening the 2016 Scheme to facilitate additional applications or holding a second Scheme in 2016. Consideration was also given to the impact on applicants who had already applied for funding if the 2016 Scheme was re-opened. In the absence of consensus, the Committee held a vote to determine whether or not to proceed with assessing the applications received – 6 members voted to proceed, 2 voted not to proceed, the Chair abstained. The decision on when the next iteration of the Projects Grant Scheme will be held will be decided later this year.

5. Projects Grant Scheme – Projects Grant Scheme - In addition to what is set out in the General Conditions and Criteria, assessment procedures to be to be agreed for applications in the different bands: < €20,000, €20,000 - €100,000, > €100,000

- a) The Committee agreed that decisions on the amount of funding to be granted (if any) would be agreed by consensus, or where consensus could not be attained by simple majority vote.
- b) The Committee agreed not to set a cap for the amount of the funding available for applications in the different bands.
- c) The Committee agreed to assess applications on a case by case basis.
- d) The Committee agreed that if an applicant was dissatisfied with the Committee's decision they could appeal to the Committee in writing detailing grounds for appeal.
- e) The Chair noted that it was a matter for each individual Committee member to be mindful of conflicts of interest that may arise when assessing applications. It was agreed that conflicts of interest would be declared and noted when an application was assessed.

(Cllr. Binchy joined the meeting)

6. Projects Grant Scheme – Assessment of applications requesting amounts less than €100,000

Prior to the meeting the Committee received copies of application forms and coversheets for applications requesting less than €100,000. Copies of the supporting documentation submitted by applicants were provided at the meeting. The Committee assessed each application on a case by case basis, and the decisions are attached in Appendix A.

Actions:

Administrator is to follow up on the Committee's decisions regarding applications requesting grant funding of less than €100,000.

Administrator to commence application verification for applications requesting grant funding of greater than €100,000.

7. Date & Venue for future meetings

Date: Thursday 7th July 2016, 10.30am – 1.30pm

Venue: Conference Room, Block 2 Floor 2, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8

8. AOB

a. Finance Report

Copies of the Finance Report for the Fund to end April 2016 were available at the meeting.

Attendees:

Peter McLoone (Chair); Mary Doolin; Mary DeCourcy; John Nolan; Cllr Chris Andrews (c. 10am - 3.30pm); Cllr Kieran Binchy (c. 11.30am – 1.00pm; c.2.00pm – 4.00pm); Cllr. Frank Kennedy; John Daly (Covanta); Rose Kenny (DCC); Helen McNamara (DCC)

In attendance:

Martina Campbell, Administrator