

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

Meeting Thursday 29th September 2016 from 13.00 - 15.00
Venue: Dublin Waste to Energy Facility, Poolbeg, Dublin Port

Minutes

1. Welcome

The Chair introduced and welcomed the newly appointed administrator to the Community Gain Liaison Committee (CGLC).

The Chair informed the Committee that Vincent Norton, Executive Manager (EM), Dublin City Council (DCC) would be replacing Helen McNamara (DCC) on the Committee and that Dick Brady, Assistant Chief Executive (ACE) was now Head of DCC's Environment & Transportation Department replacing Declan Wallace, Director of Traffic (DOT).

2. Dublin Waste to Energy Facility Site Visit

The Chair thanked John Daly (Covanta) and Tom Eriksen (Covanta) for hosting the meeting and providing the Committee with a very interesting and informative site tour of the Waste to Energy facility at Poolbeg.

3. Minute of Meetings held on 7th July 2016 and 27th July 2016 and Matters Arising

The Chair confirmed that the decisions taken by the Committee on applications requesting funding of amounts less than €100,000 had not yet been published on the Dublin Waste to Energy website.

For the purpose of clarification, the Chair re-iterated and confirmed the Committees decision regarding Clanna Gael Fontenoy GAA Clubs grant application. The Committee noted this decision on the Record of Decisions for Applications Requesting Funding of Amounts Greater than €100,000, Appendix A.

The minute of the Committee meetings held on 7th July 2016 and 27th July 2016 were approved.

Record of Decisions for Applications Requesting Funding of Amounts Greater than €100,000, were approved, as detailed in Appendix A.

4. Ringsend and Irishtown Community Centre (RICC)

The Chair informed the Committee that a meeting had taken place with delegates from the RICC, the CGLC Chair and J Nolan, Committee member. A note on this meeting was circulated to the Committee members present.

A lengthy and in depth discussion took place regarding the RICC's grant application. The Committee had a number of concerns such as the length of time the project would take, the accessibility of additional sponsorship available to the RICC and the notable difference between the amount of funding being sought and the amount of funding available for 2016. The Chair summarised the position of the Committee and confirmed that they were wholly in support of the project; however the amount being sought was beyond the scope of the fund available for 2016. The Committee also agreed that the commercial aspect of the RICC's proposal does not qualify for funding under the Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme. The Committee agreed that a revised and scaled down proposal detailing what could realistically be achieved with the fund available was necessary.

The Chair suggested that a follow-up meeting with the RICC was required in order to discuss if the fund available could be used to progress an element of their overall project and to request a revised proposal. J Nolan, Committee member agreed to accompany the Chair if such a meeting was arranged.

Action:

Administrator to arrange a meeting with the RICC, Chair of CGLC and J Nolan, Committee member.

5. Projects Grants Scheme – Review of Deferred Applications Requesting Amounts Less than €100,000

It was noted by the Committee that decisions on five grant applications requesting funding of amounts less than €100,000 had been deferred from the Committee meeting of the 11th May 2016. The Committee were informed that additional information had been requested from the applicants by way of letter and reminder e-mail. Copies of the additional documentation received were circulated to the Committee members for their consideration. However, due to time constraints the Chair adjourned this matter to the next Committee meeting.

6. Drawdown Date and Stages of Payment

The Committee agreed that the drawdown date for successful applicants receiving grant assistance of amounts greater than €100,000 would be the 31st October 2017.

It was also agreed that grant payments would be made on completion in full of the successful applicants proposed project.

The Committee decided that if any variation to these was required by the beneficiary, then a formal written request must be submitted to the CGLC at the earliest possible date. It was noted that this request must disclose full details as to why the variation was being sought and each request would be considered by the Committee on a case by case basis.

The Committee concurred that notification of this process must be included in the grant approval letter issued to successful applicants.

Action:

Administrator to follow up on the Committee decisions regarding applications requesting grant funding of amounts greater than €100,000.

7. Legal Agreement and Deed of Charge

The Committee noted that all successful applicants receiving grant assistance of cumulative amounts of €20,000 or more under the Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme as detailed in section 2.3b of the Scheme's General Conditions and Criteria would be required to sign a legal agreement and/or deed of charge.

The Chair advised the Committee that the drawing up of legal agreements and deeds of charge for each successful applicant would be undertaken by the Commercial and Property Section of DCC's Law Department. The Chair further advised that this process would take some time due to the level of research required and the complexities involved in each case.

The Committee agreed that a legal agreement and/or deed of charge was required only in cases where the Beneficiary was expending monies allocated out of the Community Gain Fund towards the acquisition of property and/or carrying out of development works in respect of their property.

The Committee concurred that where the beneficiary was employing monies allocated out of the Community Gain Fund towards the provision of services then a legal agreement and/or deed of charge was not required.

The Committee requested clarification on the legal position of DCC and the CGLC if a grant paid, in whole or in part, was not used for the purpose applied for and approved by the CGLC.

The Chair agreed to discuss the matter with Vincent Norton (EM) DCC and revert to the CGLC at the next Committee meeting.

Action:

Administrator to arrange meeting with Vincent Norton (EM) DCC and the CGLC Chair.

8. Independent External Assessor

The Chair proposed engaging the services of an independent external assessor. This consultant would review all construction and redevelopment projects submitted by grant applicants, having regard to feasibility, viability, and cost appropriateness and advise the Committee accordingly.

The Committee had a lengthy discussion on this proposal and examined the merits and demerits of various possibilities. The Committee agreed in principle to the concept of having an independent external assessor and recognised the value of employing such a party.

On foot of this dialogue the Chair agreed to discuss the Committees proposal to engage an independent external consultant with Dick Brady (ACE) and Vincent Norton (EM), DCC Environment and Transportation Department.

Actions:

Administrator to arrange meeting with Dick Brady (ACE), Vincent Norton (EM) DCC and the CLGC Chair.

Chair to consult with DCC and revert to the Committee at the next meeting.

9. Ringsend Community Services Forum (RCSF)

The Committee discussed the RCSF's grant application which they agreed to approve in principle at the meeting of the Committee on the 11th May 2016.

The Committee confirmed that along with the other necessary supporting documentation, a more detailed submission regarding their training initiative was required before any monies could be drawn down from the Community Gain Fund.

The Committee clarified that this submission should include the type of training, the dates, the number of attendees and the cost.

Action:

Administrator to notify the Committee when the required details are submitted.

10. Communication

The Committee verified that another newsletter would not be produced before year end and that an end of year report would be published.

11. Dublin Waste to Energy Q2 Environmental Progress Report

The Committee noted the Dublin Waste to Energy Construction Phase Environmental Progress Report Q2, April – June 2016 that was circulated prior to the meeting and is now available on the Dublin Waste to Energy website.

12. Financial Update

The Committee were informed that, to date, there had been one drawdown of monies from the Community Gain Fund. This was made by St Patrick's CYFC.

The Committee were also informed that on the 31st July 2016 a further €623,987 was lodged to the Community Gain fund from Dublin Waste to Energy Ltd. in accordance with the schedule of contributions.

13. Date & Venue for Future Meeting

Date: Thursday 3rd November 2016, 13.00pm – 15.00pm

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

Attendees:

Peter McLoone (Chair); Mary Doolin; Mary DeCourcy; John Nolan; Cllr Kieran Binchy; John Daly (Covanta); Rose Kenny (DCC).

In Attendance:

Natalie Boyce, Administrator