

## Minutes

### St. Margaret's Community Liaison Group

**Date:** Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> July 2018  
**Time:** 7.00pm  
**Location:** Radisson Hotel, Dublin Airport  
**Meeting No:** 14

**Attendees:**

Name	Organisation	Initial
Danny O'Hare	CLG Chairperson	DOH
Bernie McNally	CLG Secretariat (daa)	BMcN
Siobhan Killion	St Margarets The Ward Residents Group	SK
Deirdre Kennedy	St Margarets The Ward Residents Group	DK
AnnMarie Farrelly	Fingal County Council	AMF
Cllr. Joe Newman	Fingal County Council	JN
Grainne O'Reilly	Dunbro Lane Residents Group	GOR
Raymond Fox	Irish Farmers Association	RF
Sean Costello	St Margaret's N.S.	SC
Paddy Finnegan	St Margaret's GAA Club	PF
Siobhan O'Donnell	daa	SOD
Miriam Ryan	daa	MR

**Apologies:**

Brendan O'Donoghue, Dunbro Lane Residents Group



Introduction	Action
Chair welcomed attendees to meeting.	
1. Approval of Minutes	Action
Chair requested approval of Meeting Minutes of 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2018. Minutes signed and approved by Chair.	
2. Fingal County Council Update	Action
<p>AMF presented an update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The trees remain close to the road at the R122, that FCC would again liaise with the landowner to get them removed.</li> <li>• Bus Éireann have to revert with proposed locations for the bus stops regarding the R103 route.</li> <li>• There are no plans to install a pedestrian crossing at St Margarets N.S., and the Council will make contact with the school in the new school year in September.</li> <li>• The LAP issues paper consultation has been extended to the 18<sup>th</sup> September and there will be a further Public Information Session on the 5<sup>th</sup> September in the County Hall, Swords.</li> <li>• Works are ongoing regarding the Noise Action Plan and a draft will be presented to the Council in September.</li> <li>• Fingal County Council's noise consultants will provide more information to the group in the September meeting, date to be agreed.</li> <li>• A transport study was being carried out to inform the LAP and would recommend the roads infrastructure to be delivered in the future</li> <li>• Grass has been cut on roundabouts.</li> <li>• AMF noted that pursuant to the discussion at the last meeting, contact had been made with Dunbro Lane residents re flooding.</li> </ul> <p>A number of queries were raised in response:</p> <p><b>JN</b> and <b>DK</b> asked what the Noise Action Plan entails; AMF stated that as part of the 2002 European Noise Directive that this plan has to be completed; that it was once part of the Dublin Noise Agglomeration plan and is now a standalone plan for the airport; that the current plan will assess how many people were affected by noise according to the actual 2016 noise contours for flight activity and that these reports are completed every 5 years; MR noted that these noise contours have been published on the Dublin Airport website.</p> <p><b>SK</b> queried whether a Public Information Session for the LAP issues paper could also be held in St Margarets; AMF stated that while an additional information session was planned for Swords and that the consultation period had been extended, there were no plans for any further additional information sessions.</p>	



<p><b>DK</b> queried if the noise mapping for the proposed new roads would be included in the LAP; AMF stated that if the proposed roads move into the design phase, an EIS would be completed which would include a noise assessment.</p> <p><b>GOR</b> noted the good work done by the Council with resurfacing at the Boot Inn and queried when road works would commence on Dunbro Lane; AMF stated that works would be commencing within the next fortnight.</p> <p><b>DK</b> queried if the road towards Kilshane would be moved in order to give the airport more room; AMF noted that the roads on the map were indicative only; that they were included in the Fingal County Development Plan following a 40-week consultation plan and that submissions had been received from local groups regarding this plan and that this particular road has been part of the development plan for 15 years. AMF said she would circulate a link to the map referred to by DK.</p>	<p><b>AMF to circulate development plan map</b></p>
<p><b>3. daa Update</b></p>	<p><b>Action</b></p>
<p>SOD presented an update on behalf of daa (see presentation and attached note on insulation). Several queries were raised in response:</p> <p><b>PF</b> raised concerns regarding emissions; DOH stated that air quality information is shared at the DAEWG meetings and that the readings are well below the recommendations; MR noted that there are air quality monitors in the vicinity of the airport, that quarterly reports are produced and that this information would be shared with the group.</p> <p><b>DK</b> asked if air quality monitors were located in St Margarets; <b>Post meeting note:</b> Ambient air quality sampling stations are located at Huntstown, Kilreesk, St Margarets School and Parish House.</p> <p><b>DK</b> asked if something could be done for those houses effected by noise from the existing runway, such as those in Newtown; DOH noted that there is an open-door policy with both FCC and daa and if she wanted to put any requests in writing, they could then be considered.</p> <p><b>JN</b> queried if the airports car parks facilitated electric cars; SOD pointed out that there are a number of charging points located in the car parks that offer free charging for electric cars.</p> <p><b>GOR</b> referenced a letter that had been addressed to Dunbro Lane regarding their queries. She repeated requests for the culvert to be covered and queried how daa’s engineers would resolve the situation relating to the field drains, when constructing North Runway; SOD stated that this culvert had been signed off by technical experts as delivered in accordance with planning and no more works would be carried out here; but that hedging would be planted in the area as outlined in the letter and that there would be attenuation under the runway in order to cater for drainage; DOH noted that any further queries could be put in writing to daa in order to be considered.</p>	



<p>GOR queried if the trees that had been removed from the St Margaret's Bypass could be replaced; SOD stated that appropriate planting would be reinstated in this area.</p> <p><b>SK</b> noted that it had been stated in the locality that the residents of the Collinstown Halting Site had signed a confidentiality agreement and were being substantially compensated to re-locate to Coolquay; PF and DK confirmed that they had also heard of this; both AMF and SOD confirmed this was not the case; SK requested that daa and FCC representatives may need to clarify with others from their respective organisations and report back to the next meeting, as at this point they may not be aware of any compensation agreements. AMF and SOD confirmed again that no compensation had been paid to residents of the Collinstown Halting Site. Following discussion around this subject DOH ask if it could be disclosed where this information was coming from. SK indicated that she was not at liberty to disclose her sources. DOH suggested SK brings proof of claims that compensation was being paid to residents of the Collinstown Halting Site to the next meeting.</p>	
<p><b>4. Update from Residents</b></p>	<p><b>Action</b></p>
<p><b>GOR</b> requested if a temporary noise monitor could be located at Dunbro Lane.</p> <p><b>RF</b> noted that there are weed infestations on Farrens land and asked if these could be addressed; MR stated that further to May's CLG meeting, an ecologist produced a report outlining the works that were required and that these works had been completed. MR said she would take the concerns back to the technical team.</p> <p><b>RF</b> queried if the gates at Dukes Farm could be replaced; MR stated that there was a programme in place, that substantial works had been carried out, including the installation of new gates and security barriers on Dunbro Lane, and works on the North Parallel Rd, but that she would follow up regarding the gates in question.</p> <p><b>SK and DK</b> noted that extensive dumping had occurred in the Bay Lane and Dunsoghly areas; AMF said that this would be addressed in the coming days.</p>	<p><b>daa to consider</b></p> <p><b>daa to consider</b></p> <p><b>daa to follow up</b></p> <p><b>AMF to organise rubbish to be removed from the area</b></p>
<p><b>5. Dublin Airport Planning Permissions</b></p>	
<p>Dublin Airport Planning Permissions document circulated; no queries raised.</p> <p><b>AMF</b> noted that the planning permission for the Dublin Port application had been granted the previous day.</p>	
<p><b>6. Chairperson Meetings</b></p>	<p><b>Action</b></p>
<p>Chair advised that there have been no additional meetings with individual members of the CLG or third parties.</p>	
<p><b>7. AOB</b></p>	<p><b>Action</b></p>
<p><b>DK</b> mentioned that there are some school leavers in the area who might be interested in roles at daa; SOD noted that while most of the summer roles had already been filled, the airport is constantly hiring and would advise them to keep an eye on the careers portal on the website for any upcoming roles.</p>	



<p><b>DOH</b> stated that the next meeting was scheduled for the 20<sup>th</sup> September, but that this may be subject to change, depending on the availability of the noise consultants and that the date would be confirmed as soon as possible.</p>	
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**Next Scheduled CLG Meeting:**  
20<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
7.00pm – 9.00pm  
Radisson Blu Hotel, Dublin Airport

## Insulation Programmes at Dublin Airport

In 2017, Dublin Airport voluntarily launched a new sound insulation programme which is designed to mitigate noise in homes located within the 63dB LAeq 16-hour contour. This is the daytime threshold for noise mitigation measures used at other airports and is the standard that was approved by Fingal County Council (FCC), and verified by its independent consultants, for North Runway's insulation scheme. By using the same threshold on an airport-wide basis we are dealing with impacted communities in a fair and equitable manner.

All costs associated with implementation of the insulation programmes will be met by Dublin Airport. Dwellings which were insulated as part of an earlier 1990s insulation scheme associated with southern runway operations are being revisited under the new programme. Dublin Airport is not required to implement this new programme but is doing so to limit noise impact from our current operations.

Taking this programme and North Runway's insulation scheme together means that over 200 local houses are now eligible for free insulation – three times more properties than we are conditioned to insulate.

All eligible dwelling owners have already been contacted regarding the two insulation programmes.

The programmes are being rolled out on a phased basis in order to first accommodate those most impacted by current operations. In this regard, surveys have already been completed for 90 dwellings under and adjacent to the main southern runway's flight paths. The associated Statements of Need (which will set out the measures that are proposed by the consultants to deliver the target noise reduction in the Scheme) are being finalised and will issue to participants in August. We will also be inviting eligible residents to attend information meetings in September at which our project team and consultants will be on hand to address any queries participants may have regarding insulation. When participants indicate their wish to have recommended insulation measures undertaken, we will know the quantities involved and then be in a position to tender for the installation works, the first phase of which we expect to commence in Q1 2018.

Representative samples of houses are being monitored before and after insulation works. The purpose of these pre- and post-works exercises is to measure the sound insulation performance of the external building fabric of each property both before and after the works as a check that the upgrade measures achieve the performance improvements set out in the Statements of Need. The purpose of these exercises is not to measure the absolute levels of noise outside each property, nor to produce noise contours.

The second phase of surveying is scheduled to commence in September and will follow the same process as outlined above. It should be noted that all insulation works will be complete before North Runway is operational in 2021.

Communication with eligible dwelling owners has and continues to be important to us. In addition to the information clinics, both completed and planned, we have also arranged meetings with individual residents at their homes, as required.

We have written on several occasions to all eligible dwelling owners advising timelines and next steps as the programmes progress, and the project team is happy to address any questions via Freephone 1800-804422 or by email at [insulation@daa.ie](mailto:insulation@daa.ie).

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