

The University of Dublin

Trinity College

Minutes of Site and Facilities Committee Meeting held on 8th March 2005 in the Boardroom

Present Bursar (Dr. J.W. O'Hagan), Secretary (Mr. M. Gleeson)*, Treasurer (Ms. G. Dempsey), Students Union President (Mr. F. Kieran), Dean of Science (Dr. M. J. Carroll), Vice-Provost (Dr. J.B. Grimson), Prof. Roger Stalley, Mr. H. Kearns, Ms. E. Stokes, Acting Director of Buildings (Mr. P. Mangan).

Apologies

(in attendance) Planning Officer (Mr. N. Holmes). Dr. Margaret O'Mahony

(by invitation) Dean of Students, Mr. Bruce Misstear**

(present for) * Items SF/04-05/67-SF/04-05/75
** Item SF/04-05/74

SF/04-05/67 **Minutes** The Minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2005 were approved and signed by the Chairman

SF/04-05/68 **Matters Arising from the Minutes** A number of matters arising from the Minutes were discussed and have been recorded below, (see Minutes SF/04-05/69 to SF/04-05/71).

SF/04-05/69 **North East Corner Development. (see minute SF/04-05/60)** In response to a query as to how the deficit on the North East Corner project (Minute SF/04-05/60 refers) would be dealt with, the Bursar informed the Committee that proposals to be agreed by this Committee would be submitted to the Finance Committee and Board.

SF/04-05/70 **3 College Green (see minute SF/04-05/58).** The Acting Director of Buildings informed the Committee about the possibility of fitting out part of the third floor of 3 College Green for Social Studies and that negotiations are under way to decide on a layout and determining costs with a mind to extending the contract currently on site.

SF/04-05/71 **Capital Building Programme (see minute SF/04-05/60).** The Acting Director of Buildings informed the Committee that the piling contractor had arrived on the CRANN and Sports site. He also informed them that the Lloyd Building was now complete with some minor issues outstanding.

The Bursar and the Acting Director of Buildings agreed that a Capital Paper would be prepared for the Committee for the meeting to be held in May.

SF/04-05/72 The Secretary informed the Committee agreement has been reached with the Dublin Dental Hospital and the Dept of Health on the acquisition by the College of Dunlop/Oriel House.

SECTION A: POLICY/IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES BY THE SITE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

SECTION B: IMPLEMENTATION AND DECISION BY THE SITE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

SF/04-05/71 Site and Facilities Committee – Terms of Reference (revised) The Committee noted a memorandum from the Acting Director of Buildings dated 2nd March 2005 that had been circulated with revised Terms of Reference incorporating the changes agreed at the previous meeting. The Committee agreed and approved the new Terms of Reference.

After a discussion on the requirement for Building Management Committees to report to the Site and Facilities Committee it was agreed that this arrangement would remain but that the requirement might be reviewed in the future.

It was agreed that the Bursar and Acting Director of Buildings would address the issue of reactivating the Building Management Committees.

SF/04-05/72 North East Corner Progress Report The Committee noted a memorandum from the Acting Director of Buildings dated 2nd March 2005 that had been circulated. The Acting Director of Buildings informed the Committee of the current deficit of c.€2.7m in the overall North East Development (including the Lloyd Building, Dunlop/Oriel House and the Bioresources Unit). The Committee noted that it, the Finance Committee and Board would be asked to address this shortfall in due course.

The Committee noted that if the users of the CRANN building could not raise the additional €5m funding required, only €24m of building works will be completed, rather than the proposed €29m. The Treasurer reminded the Committee that the budget for the development is c. €87m with the possibility of €5m additional funding being secured to increase this to c. €92m and asked that the figures be presented in this fashion in future.

In response to a query the Acting Director of Buildings advised the Committee that the Director of Buildings Office and the Design Team are committed to completing the project within the approved budget. He said that the main risks on the project are the on-going issue of vibrations and other railway related items, the possibility of labour disputes, inclement weather or other unforeseeable risks.

SF/04-05/73 Minor Works in Vibrations Laboratory The Committee noted a memorandum and drawing from the Head of Civil Engineering dated 21st February 2005 that had been circulated. The Planning Officer explained that the work consisted of a re-decoration of the link area between the Old Civil Engineering Building and the Simon Perry building noting that the Department would be providing the finances.

The Committee approved the proposed development.

SF/04-05/74

Proposals for re-use of Luce Hall following completion of Sports Complex The Committee noted a memorandum from the Acting Director of Buildings dated 3 March 2005 that had been circulated. The Dean of Students, present by invitation, outlined two models for the proposed Student Centre – one where the facility is a Student Social Centre only and one where services to Student are accommodated also. The Student Union President argued that the space for the student centre within the Luce Hall should increase, and that the proposed venue area is inadequate. He proposed that planning of the scheme should proceed at an early date so that these concerns can be addressed and a final scheme agreed.

The Committee noted that, to date, only a limited amount of funding has been identified and that all the possible stakeholders will have to address the question of funding for planning and construction. Following the discussion, the Committee agreed that the Acting Director of Building and the Bursar should consider how to advance the planning so that an optimum mix of activities is accommodated in the building and should consider also the funding possibilities for the development.

SF/04-05/75

Consideration of Universal Access Issues The Committee noted a memorandum from the Acting Director of Buildings dated 2 March 2005 that had been circulated. The memorandum outlined a request from the Physical Access Working Group (PAWG) to become a sub-committee of the Site and Facilities Committee.

A number of suggestions were made as to how accessibility issues might be addressed by this Committee, including that the PAWG issue an annual report to the Committee for its consideration or that its representatives might be invited to attend this Committee from time to time to consider specific or general accessibility issues.

After a discussion, the Committee agreed that for the present the PAWG should not be a sub-committee of the Site and Facilities Committee as they are already a sub-committee of the Student Services Committee. In this context, the Committee noted that accessibility was a College wide issue and not specifically a student related issue. It was agreed that The Bursar, Ms Stokes and the Acting Director of Buildings would revert to the Committee on how the work of the Physical Access Working Group can be considered by this Committee.

SECTION C ITEMS FOR NOTING BY THE SITE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

SF/04-05/76 Car Park Working Group The Committee noted minutes from the Car Park Working Group dated 17th February 2005 that had been circulated.

SF/04-05/77 Santry Sports Grounds The Committee noted a memorandum from the Acting Director of Buildings dated 2 March 2005 that had been circulated.

SF/04-05/78 Report on Planning Applications The Committee noted a memorandum from the Acting Director of Buildings dated 3 March 2005 that had been circulated with reports on three current planning applications. The Committee noted as follows:

- (i) Trinity Centre at Tallaght Phase 2: The Planners has requested additional information on the proposal with specific concern in relation to a parking space and access to the hospital grounds.
- (ii) Bioresources Unit on top of the Lloyd Institute: Following a request from the planners for additional information for this development the design team has advised that the College should apply for permission for retention of the extended plant area.
- (iii) Front Square Residences: The College will appeal against the decision to refuse permission for ramps to the doors of the Houses 7-9 and 2-3 and for the increased height of hand-rails inside the buildings. The Treasurer invited the Acting Director of Buildings to raise the issue of indemnity against accidents if the planners insisted that planning permission would not be forthcoming for the handrails.

SF/04-05/79 Minutes from North East Corner Planning Committee The Committee noted minutes from the North East Corner Planning Committee dated 10 February 2005 that had been circulated

Signed:

Date