

The University of Dublin

Trinity College

Minutes of the Site and Facilities Committee Meeting held on 11th July 2008 in the Meeting Room, Director of Buildings Office, West Chapel.

Present Dr. J.K. McGinley in the Chair, Bursar (Prof. M. O'Mahony), Dr. David Abrahamson, Mr. Michael Slevin, Acting Treasurer (Mr. Ian Mathews), President of the Students' Union (Mr. Andrew Byrne), Director of Buildings (Mr. Paul Mangan).

Apologies Secretary (Mr. Michael Gleeson), Prof. Roger Stalley, Vice Provost (Prof. Ruth Byrne).

In Attendance Deputy Director of Buildings (Mr. Pat McDonnell).
Ms. S. Mac Mahon (Executive Officer, Director of Buildings Office).
Mr. G. Whyte, Dean of Students.

Present for minute SF/07-08/148 - Ms. V. Mulvin and Mr. N. McCullough, McCullough Mulvin Architects.

1. Minutes

SF/07-08/142 – The minutes of the meeting held on 27th May 2008 were approved by the Committee and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendment:

Mr. G. Whyte, Dean of Students was in attendance.

2. Matters Arising

Matters arising from the minutes were discussed and have been recorded below, (see Minutes **SF/07-08/143** to **SF/07-08/147**).

SF/07-08/143 – Hazardous Materials Facility

The Director of Buildings told the Committee that the preparatory work associated with the relocation of the Hazardous Materials Facility is underway.

SF/07-08/144 – Cobble Reduction Programme

The Director of Buildings informed the Committee that Dublin City Council Planners were advised, following a request from them for additional information, that the number of routes outlined in the planning application is deemed necessary for various reasons and therefore a reduced scheme will not be submitted. He said that samples will be laid in approximately the next month or six weeks.

SF/07-08/145 – The Arches Landscaping Proposal

The Director of Buildings reported that the landscaping at the Arches is nearing completion.

SF/07-08/146 – SFC Self Evaluation

The Director of Buildings advised the Committee that this item has been deferred and will be taken at the September meeting of SFC.

SF/07-08/147 – Air Handling in College Buildings

The Director of Buildings said that arrangements can be made through the Enquiries Office to ensure that air handling timing is adjusted to accommodate out of hours events.

3. Section A

SF/07-08/148 - Presentation of Long Room Hub Project by McCullough Mulvin Architects:

The Director of Buildings introduced McCullough Mulvin Architects, invited to the meeting to present their amended design proposal for the Long Room Hub Project. He outlined the development of the scheme to this point and advised that the Long Room Hub Planning Committee, at its meeting on 9th July agreed to recommend to SFC that the current proposals be submitted for planning approval as soon as practicable, subject to clarification of the line of the proposed roof lights and of the incorporation of further articulation of the west elevation. The architects pointed out that the elevation image of the building showing the proposed roof lights is the view at eye level and said that from ground level the aspect will be less obtrusive. It was noted that the façade facing the Provost's garden was developed to include etched glass windows.

A number of further queries were raised and the following clarifications were given by the architects and the Director of Buildings:

The Director of Buildings reported that Prof. Moray McGowan, as Acting Academic Director of the Long Room Hub, stated that he sits on the LRH Planning Committee as a representative of, and brings forward the views of the various parties involved in the Hub initiative and that the schools involved are aware that all recurrent costs related to the building will be met by them.

Consultation has taken place with the Provost on the location and design of the building and he agreed that the final decision on the proposed scheme should be taken by the Site and Facilities Committee.

In relation to reducing the budget, the architects stated that the inclusion of further voids in the planned building will have the effect of decreasing costs somewhat but would reduce usable area. The architects agreed that some more work is required to find ways to complete the project within the budget of €5.8m as set out by the HEA and that the design team will pursue this through the detailed design process. In response to a query on the reduction in reading space from that show in the brief, it was stated that the reading space in the 1937 Reading Room would now be retained to complement this facility.

It was noted that material on high level shelves would not be generally accessible but that this was included mainly as a design feature. The Director of Buildings advised that issues such as shelving, storage, provision for noise reduction, disability services, cleaning services, health & safety and maintenance will be dealt with at detailed design stage.

The Committee approved the design and agreed that a planning application should be submitted to Dublin City Council as soon as is practicable.

4. Section B

There were no Section B items.

5. Section C

SF/07-08/149 – Long Room Hub Planning Committee

The Committee noted the minutes of the Long Room Hub Planning Committee meeting held on 26th May 2008.

6. Any Other Business

SF/07-08/150 – College Accessibility Audit

The Deputy Director of Buildings reported that arrangements are in place to commence a College-wide accessibility audit shortly and said that a progress memorandum will be circulated at the September meeting of SFC.

SF/07-08/151 – Membership of the Committee

The Committee noted that the Board had agreed that the Chief Operating Officer would become a member of this Committee.

7. Date of Next Meeting

SF/07-08/152 – Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Site and Facilities Committee is scheduled for 11am on Tuesday 9th September 2008 subject to a quorum being achieved.

Signed

Dated