

The University of Dublin

Trinity College

Minutes of Site and Facilities Committee Meeting held on 26th April 2005 in the Boardroom

Present Bursar (Dr. J.W. O'Hagan), Students Union President (Mr. F. Kieran), Dean of Science (Dr. M. J. Carroll), Prof. Roger Stalley, Mr. H. Kearns, Ms. E. Stokes, Dr. M. O'Mahony, Acting Director of Buildings

Apologies The Vice-Provost (Prof. Jane Grimson), The Treasurer (Ms. Grace Dempsey), The Secretary (Mr. M. Gleeson)

In Attendance Ms. S. Mac Mahon (Executive Officer, Director of Buildings Office)

SF/04-05/80 Minutes - Dr. O'Mahony's name was added to the attendance of the previous minutes.

With this amendment the minutes of the meeting held on 8th March 2005 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

SF/04-05/81 Matters Arising from the Minutes - A number of matters arising from the minutes were discussed and have been recorded below, (see minutes SF/04-05/82 and SF/04-05/83).

SF/04-05/82 Physical Access Working Group – Refer to minute SF/04-05/75 (dated 8th March, 2005). It was suggested and agreed that the PAWG would report on an annual basis to the Site & Facilities Committee. The logistics of transferring the reporting mechanism currently in place (i.e. to Student Services Committee) to SFC Committee were discussed and it was noted that this would be a matter for the Board. The PAWG will be asked to submit a report for the next Site & Facilities Committee meeting.

SF/04-05/83 Luce Hall Progress – After a brief update on discussions held to date The Bursar noted a meeting between himself and The Provost is called for now. Student Union President Francis Kieran has had discussions with The Provost on this matter. The Committee agreed that progress on this project is unlikely until funding sources are identified.

SF/04-05/84 Location of Gas Tanks at Fitzgerald Building – A memorandum from Grainne Ryan, Buildings Office 21st April 2005 was circulated prior to the meeting. The Committee agreed to the request that a metal enclosure accommodating up to six gas bottles be located at the rear of the building to the right of existing greenhouses.

The Committee expressed reservations at the proposed relocation of a liquid nitrogen dewer from the lobby of the building to the south west corner of the building. After a brief discussion it was agreed that this location be reviewed to see if the container can be located and secured in a less prominent location in the general area.

SF/04-05/85 Proposed Communications Dome – The Physics Department wishes to erect an Observatory Dome and a Radio Telescope Receiving Dish on the roof of the Fitzgerald Building. As part of the proposal it is intended to replace an existing Radio Telescope dish with a similar sized one. The Observatory Dome will house an optical telescope.

A memorandum from the Acting Director of Buildings dated 20th April, 2005 was circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed that planning permission is necessary for this project and the Committee agreed that a planning application will be submitted.

SF/04-05/86 Name Change of Main House at Trinity Hall – A memorandum from the Acting Director of Buildings dated 20th April, 2005 seeking approval to a recommendation from the

Residences Management Committee that the main house of Trinity Hall be renamed to 'Alice Oldham House' in recognition of the significant role played by her in the admission of women to Trinity College.

The Committee approved this proposal.

SF/04-05/87 Extension of Campus CCTV installation – The Committee noted and approved a proposal from the Facilities Officer for the extension of the College security CCTV installation at a cost of some €50,000. The Acting Director of Buildings undertook to discuss with the Facilities Officer how coverage might be extended to certain 'blind spots' around College.

SF/04-05/88 Space Costs – Student Facilities – Committee decided that this is an organisational and management issue and it was agreed that the SU President would liaise directly with the Acting Director of Buildings. It noted that the Acting Director of Buildings has agreed that some areas should be removed from the area on which the student charge is calculated.

SF/04-05/89 Parsons Phase 3 - A memorandum from James Doyle, Building Projects Officer dated 20th April 2005 on this matter was circulated.

The Committee welcomed the satisfactory completion of the project noting that the final costs were within the project budget adjusted to take account of additional works requested by the Dublin Dental Hospital Board.

SF/04-05/90 Progress Report on Capital Projects – The Committee noted a memorandum dated 20th April 2005 from the Acting Director of Buildings which was circulated as follows:

1. **North East Corner Project**

Work is continuing satisfactorily on site. The contractor has brought a second piling rig on site. This will assist in recovering the time lost due to the late start of piling operations.

Discussions with Ianrod Eireann on an alternative earth support system are in progress. The acceptance of this proposal is critical to achieving the target completion date of 20th December 2006. To date these discussions have been positive.

2. **Trinity Centre/Research Institute Tallaght**

Discussions have taken place with South Dublin County Council in relation to the planning queries raised. A formal response will be issued next week and a positive planning decision is anticipated before the end of June.

3. **Front Square Residences**

Detailed planning is continuing pending resolution of the Colleges' appeal to An Bord Pleanála against the condition refusing permission for the access ramps and alterations to handrails. A scaled down proposal is being developed and discussions will be held with the planners to see if the conditions can be withdrawn.

4. **1-3 College Green**

Work is progressing well in line with programme and budget. A decision on the planning application for the opening on the 1st floor to number 5 is due shortly. Costings are being

prepared for additional works on the 3rd floor for N.I.S.L.D. and it is likely that these will be added to the project.

SF/04-05/91 Provost's Stables - A memorandum from the Acting Director of Buildings dated 21st April, 2005 was circulated and highlighted that a donor has offered funding of €1.5m for the refurbishment of the Provost's Stables to house the Trinity College Irish Art Research Centre.

Subject to planning permission it is proposed to proceed as quickly as possible with the project for completion in the latter half of 2006.

The Committee that five architectural firms with relevant experience have been invited to submit details of their proposed approach to the project. An architectural firm will be selected for appointment by a group comprising: The Bursar, Dr Yvonne Scott (Director of the Centre), Dr Edward McParland (History of Art Department), the Architectural Services Officer and the Acting Director of Buildings.

SF/04-05/92 There was no other business.

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