



**Liaison Committee Meeting No 12**  
**6<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

**Present:** Sean Quirke (SQ) Wicklow Co Co, Ciaran Hayden (CH) Greystones Chamber of Commerce; Kathleen Kelleher (KK) Greystones Town Council; Chris Maloney (CM) Greystones Town Council; Niall Ferns (NF) Greystones Town Council; Derek Mitchell (DM) Greystones Town Council Sean Whooley (SW) Rathdown Park Residents Association; Marie Burbridge (MB) Redford Pk Residents Association; Emer Singleton (ES) friends of Historic Rathdown; Tom Fortune (TF) Greystones Protection & Development Association; Mary Egan (ME) Harbour Residents Association Ciaran Demery Beach Road Residents Association

**Sispar:** Brendan Sheehy (BS) Paddy O'Rourke (POR) Catherine Rogers (CR) Imelda Shanahan (IS) TMS Environmental Seamus Sorohan (SS) Sisk-Lagan JV; **Apologies:**

SQ opened the meeting and welcomed the newly elected representatives to the committee.

The minutes of Meeting no 11 were accepted with the following amendment:

- 1) ME wished to note that DM's suggestion that Sispar soundproof homes had been rejected, some discussion ensued as to whether local residents had refused this. ME stated that PK of Sispar had rejected this possibility. Post meeting note: Mary Egan requested that it be noted that the residents had not refused any such offer.

**Programme Development Status**

BS showed aerial photographs of the round heads to the South & North Breakwaters and discussed progress to date. The overall project is still around 4 months behind target but progressing well. Piling for the public slipway is due to take place mid-November over a period of approximately 1 week. Piling for boardwalk will take place in the New Year. Residents will be given as much notice as possible in advance of this activity. ME requested that Piling not commence prior to 9am and not continue past 7pm. BS noted this and advised every effort will be made to accommodate neighbours in this regard.

CD raised the question of whether the development will go ahead as planned in the current economic climate. POR advised that the Harbour and Marina are progressing as planned and that Sispar are studying the commercial markets carefully and hope to have made a decision in relation to the phasing & timing of the remainder of project by early spring. DM commented that work has stopped on developments throughout the city due to the current financial crisis which was unprecedented; he stated it is a mark of Sispar's commitment to the project that work is still very much underway. CD laboured the point with POR stating that Sispar are not committing to completing the project, SQ called CD to order reminding him of the code of conduct. POR



clearly stated that this was not the case and that more information would be available to the Liaison Committee in early spring.

POR reiterated the fact that Sispar remain committed to the entire Project and that in the current commercial climate the timing of the works has to be reviewed.

BS explained that construction of the club buildings was linked to the programme in relation to building out the residential development. The long stop dates on the programme allowed the flexibility in relation to timing and phasing.

TF asked whether there would be a public announcement in relation to works at the Harbour.

POR repeated that there would be a review of the situation early next year and Sispar in conjunction with WCC would inform the committee.

### **Environmental Monitoring**

The report on environmental monitoring was given with a full copy covering the months July & August handed out.

Imelda Shanahan of TMS presented a summarised version of the reports.

ME queried whether any monitoring had been carried out early in the mornings.

IS replied yes.

ES raised a query in relation to percentage compliance shown on report.

IS answered this query to ES satisfaction.

ME expressed dissatisfaction with noise emissions from the site and the manner in which complaints were dealt with.

BS responded with examples of incidences where complaints were made and how these complaints were listened to and subsequently actioned.

### **AOB**

Flooding – CD brought up the issue of localised flooding in particular in the vicinity of Beach / Victoria Road. CH & KK noted that this is an item on the agenda at every council meeting and that Sispar cannot be held responsible for the matter. CD disputed this stating that he could no longer get insurance cover on his home due to this ongoing problem which he feels is aggravated by the development. It was pointed out that the problem originates from a blocked pipe on private property located underneath an apartment block WCC cannot access this area to carry out the work their engineering department are in ongoing discussions with the owner of the block to remedy this. There also appears to be an issue with the capacity of the pumping station locally which also needs some further study. CD again refuted this stating that there had never been a problem in the area prior to Sispar coming on site. KK reiterated that this matter is well documented as a matter for WCC and not Sispar.