

Minutes of the Allt-yr-yn Community Liaison Group held on 1 November 2007

Present:

Mr C O'Malley, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Regional & International Development (Chair);
Councillor Matthew Evans;
Police Community Support Officer Natasha Kavanagh;
Mr S Bray, Head of Events Services;
Mr Liam Sullivan, Head of Estates Services;

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors David Fouweather and Les Knight.

In Attendance:

Mr. P. Folan, University Secretary (Servicing Officer).

- | 1. | <u>Membership</u> | Action |
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| | a) Noted that: | |
| | i) Mr Chris O'Malley had replaced Mr Geoff Edge, who had now retired, as Chair of the Group. | |
| | ii) Mr Liam Sullivan and Mr Simon Bray were attending in place of Mr Gerry Donnelly, who had left the University. | |
| | iii) PCSO Natasha Kavanagh was attending in place of Police Constable Jeffrey Harris; | |
| | iv) Carolyn Murphy, the new Director of Marketing and External Affairs replacing Liz Larsson, who had now left the University, would join future meetings. | |
| | v) Mr Paul Folan had replaced Mr David Rix, who had recently retired, as Secretary to the Group. | |
| 2. | <u>Minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2007 and Matters Arising/Review</u> | |
| | a) Received: | |
| | Minutes of the last Allt-yr-yn Community Liaison | |

meeting held on 19 January 2007, which were accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting.

b) Noted:

i) on Minute 3.2, double yellow lines had been installed at the entrance to the campus but did not extend as far as the gate, leaving the potential that vehicles might still park there and cause an obstruction – though there had been no issues reported to date;

ii) on Minute 3.4, the Councillors or Police may use the campus to hold surgeries;

iii) on Minute 3.5, the campus might continue to be used as a polling station but that the count would be undertaken at Newport International Sports Village.

2. **City Centre Campus**

a) Noted:

i) it was hoped that the University would sign a development agreement with Newport City Council and Newport Unlimited by the end of November and a press release would be issued in that event;

ii) a contractor had been assigned to the project and would seek to do as much work as possible on the site before 1 March 2008, when an embargo would be placed on works on the site for environmental purposes, and pile-driving would take place on the site once the embargo had ceased (July 2008);

iii) it was still intended that the University should vacate the Allt-yr-yn campus in the summer of 2010;

iv) an open evening held in the early summer of 2007 had been well attended by local residents and, whilst some residents had raised objections to the outline planning application from a concern about the housing density and lack of through payment of revenue from Section 106 of the planning regulations to support community projects, many residents had been supportive of the development and recognised that there would be less road traffic

in the area once it was used for residential rather than university purposes;

v) the new city centre campus would be carbon neutral and BREEAM excellent, supporting the accolade that Newport recently won as the greenest city in the UK.

3. **Strategic Development**

Noted that the University was:

i) working with Newport City Council to hold a conference in 2008 on the development of a cultural quarter in Newport whereby the Library and Museum would be complemented by a gallery for contemporary art and an exhibition space for documentary photography;

ii) working with the Opal Property Group to provide student accommodation in the city centre and the University was also supportive of the development at Rodney Parade whereby student accommodation would be built;

iii) developing its strategic direction around four cross disciplinary themes that would inform the development of its teaching programmes, academic research and external links, namely:

- creative industries
- regeneration
- health
- sport

4. **Transport Strategy**

a) Noted:

i) work was still progressing with Newport Transport on establishing whether a public service route could be created to link the Caerleon campus and the Allt-yr-yn campus;

ii) the Council might be encouraged to give further thought to the prospect of a park and ride strategy for the city noting that a number of companies were locating to the city but did not have adequate parking spaces and that this impacted on the level of parking in side streets;

iii) further thought might also be given to an

integrated strategy that looked at alternatives to private transport such as improvement in train services and the use of shuttle buses to connect to city perimeter parking;

iv) lower parking fees associated with city perimeter parking would provide a good incentive for usage;

v) it was intended that the slip road into the city centre near the railway station would be closed and that commuters travelling into the city centre from the Cardiff direction would have to use the Harlequin roundabout and turn back on themselves to reach the city centre);

vi) the Council might be encouraged to consider whether traffic coming for the Cardiff direction on the M4 motorway might be able to exit onto Caerleon Road for access to the Caerleon campus.

5. **Site Supervisor**

Noted that Mr Simon Bray was now the designated Site Supervisor and Licensee for the Allt-yr-yn campus and there were no expectations that activities on the campus that were associated with the license would increase.

6. **Distribution of Minutes**

Noted that the University Secretary had been given the name of a local resident who was prepared to distribute minutes to those in the locality that had an interest in receiving them.

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7. **Date of Next Meeting**

Noted that the Group met bi-annually and might establish a pattern of meetings in June and December of each year.