

# **BALLYMUN COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009**

**Attendance:** Ellen Reddin, Amanda Murphy, Lynda Ward, Anne Marie Hughes – Manus Bree, Catriona Maguire

**Apologies:** Frank Rock, Paddy Haughey, Audrey Meehan, Dee Higgins, Mick Creedon, Ann Hyland, Laurence van der Haegen

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## **Matters Arising:**

The changing of dates for board meetings was raised as a concern. It was agreed to clarify the dates and ensure that there is enough time between meetings and the admin meeting.

Replies to questions which were submitted to board:

1. In light of the cuts to the LDSIP budget what are the implications for the work of the Partnership currently and in the future taking into account the extended area to be covered by the Partnership?
  - It was agreed to wait for minutes to get official response.
2. Noting that there is a three months waiting list for the Money Advise Budgeting Service (MABS) and there is a serious issue of debt and its affects on the local community, what role or support can the Partnership play in addressing this?
  - Limited response, little the partnership can do.

## **Director's report**

Due to time of Board meeting and the fact that admin staff were on leave there was no written report from the meeting. The next board meeting in not till October as the next meeting is the AGM on 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

Issue of statutory agencies not taking up places on board, Dept. has written to them is it expected to have new members in September.

The new chair will be elected at AGM, no decisions has been made yet, Declan will be approaching high profile candidates on the coming week.

## **Representation from the new area**

A report on the sub-group meeting to plan for the selection of new CAG members. Correspondence has been send to community and residents groups in the new areas with nomination forms for CAG. An advertisement will be printed in the next edition of Northside People, outlining position of new directors and the CAG public meeting on July 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **AOB**

One questions were to be submitted to the board, additional Qs at September CAG meeting.

1. What are the number of meetings a director can miss before then are deemed to be no longer a board members?

There was a brief discussion concerning the non-attendance of CAG members, Catriona agreed to contact the Forums/BNC to explore the possibility of greater participation from residents.

An Issue raised at the meeting with the chair and partnership staff regarding a procedure from the board to respond to CAG questions has been taken on board by the CEO and it is hoped a new procedure will be adopted at the next board meeting.

**Date of next meeting : 2<sup>nd</sup> September 12.30 – 14.00 in Ballymun Partnership**