

# **BALLYMUN COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP**

**Wednesday September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009**

**Attendance:** Amanda Murphy, Anne Marie Hughes, Frank Rock, Mick Creedon (Chairperson), Ian Croft, Lynda Ward, Laurance van der Hagen, Dolores Walsh, Dee Higgins, Audrey Meehan

**Apologies:** Caroline Boyle, Ann Hyland

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## **Minutes & Matters Arising:**

Minutes agrees. The group was informed that there was no update on appointment of new Chair of the Partnership board, a number of high profile individuals will be approached in coming weeks.

The issue of debt in the community was raised at the previous meeting, the group was told that since then a request from MABS in Ballymun for more staff only resulted in one more part-time position even thoroughly there is a 3 month waiting list.

A letter went to the Neighbourhood Forum chairs in July informing them of vacancies on the CAG, due to summer break it is not expected that we would received a reply until later in the month.

As agreed at the last Partnership Admin meeting the Chairperson presented a draft communication procedure between the group and the Partnership board. The final document will be circulated at the next meeting.

## **Selection of directors from the extended area:**

The new members of the CAG from Santry and Whitehall were warmly welcomed and given the opportunity to introduce themselves and their organisations. Nominations were taken by the Chair for the two community director positions. Bernie Carbury was the only nominee and thus automatically selected.

The remaining place will remain open, community development staff will re-engage with organisation from the extended area informing them of the vacancy with the expectation of the position being filled by the end of the year.

### **Questions for the board**

There was a request to get full list of meeting times and dates.

To clarify issue over the number of meetings a director can be absent before they have to step down.

### **AOB**

Laurence raised the issue of the viability of the networks and the role CAG members play in terms of feeding back information. She also highlighted the issue of the youth network or the possible development of a youth council. Manus noted that the issue came up a partnership working group and it was decided that it was not our remit to establish such a structure, there were other organisations locally that could fill this role. It was agreed that a letter would be prepared by the Chair to be sent Bryr asking them their opinion on the issue and what role they could play.

It was decided that individuals CAG members will contact network members and if needed Partnership staff can write out the organisations.

It was agreed that meetings could look at themes as part of the discussion and also to help guide the work of the partnership in response to local issues.

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2009**