

BALLYMUN COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP

Wednesday October 7th 2009

Attendance: Amanda Murphy, Anne Marie Hughes, Frank Rock, Mick Creedon (Chairperson), Ian Croft, Audrey Meehan, Paddy Haughey, Bernie Carberry

Apologies: Dolores Walsh, Lynda Ward

Minutes & Matters Arising:

Two corrections were made to the minutes. They were proposed by Audrey and seconded by Amanda.

The group was informed that there had been no appointment of a chairperson to the board.

Catriona informed members that there had been no response from the forum chairs regarding places for Ballymun residents on the CAG.

Mick said that Ian Croft had expressed interest in the outstanding community director position . Due to pressure from Pobal the board was anxious to fill this position as soon as possible. Mick had spoke with Dolores, the other CAG member fro Santry and she was happy for Ian to go forward. His nomination by the group was proposed by Anne-Marie and seconded by Audrey. Ian will be co-opted at the next board meeting.

The communication procedure was circulated and formally agreed by the group.

Report from Board

The written report from the previous two meeting was given to members. There was concern over the press release issued by Minister John Curran and it's implications for community organisations funded under the LSDIP & CDP programmes in Ballymun. It was agreed to wait until more information was made available from the Department around changes to the programme until we have a fuller discussion.

Manus agreed to forward documentation from the Minister relating to the proposed merger of the community development and local development programmes.

Issues for discussion

Amanda spoke about the security and safety issues faced by groups based in the flats, with reference to the Women's Resource Centre, the break-ins they've had, including stolen equipment. This was having a negative implication for community groups, draining already reduced resources. The group asked why there was no community response and why wasn't the garda playing a more constructive role. Audrey highlighted the issues of garda resources and added that both BRL and DCC had a role to play in community safety.

It was agreed that Manus would raise the issue at the Community Facilities Forum. Mick will bring this issue to the next admin meeting of the Partnership, with the suggestion that a letter from the Partnership on behalf of the CAG could be sent to the Garda Inspector asking for a meeting to address the problems.

AOB

The issue of the geographic spread of CAG members from the new boundary, areas was raised in particular membership from Ballygall.

Anne-Marie informed the group that our Director Cllr. Andrew Montague was appointed Chair of Ballymun Drugs Talk Force.

The group asked could BCON send an email to community organisations asking them to support the trade union march against the cuts on the 6th November.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 4th November 2009