

BALLYMUN COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP

7th November 2009

Attendance: Frank Rock, Ann Marie Hughes, Bernie Carberry, Lynda Ward, Amanda Murphy, Dee Higgins, Mick Creedon, Caroline Boyle, Paddy Haughey, Ann Hyland, Audrey Meehan

Apologies: Ellen Reddin, Ian Croft

Minutes & Matters Arising:

They were proposed by Amanda and seconded by Paddy

Laurence mentioned that the Bryr sub-committee on youth leadership was moving in the right direction.

Items for Discussion:

Ann Hyland highlighted the on going issues for the Men's Network, concerning break-ins/anti-social behaviour and the affect it was having on the centre's clients. Amanda asked what role the community facilities forum could play. Manus pointed out that the forum's role was to develop an overall plan to meet the accommodation needs of community and voluntary sector in Ballymun, not to deal directly with individual or short term issues, however BCON was organising a facilitated session with local organisation to look at the issue and develop some actions.

Audrey said that all local organisation, including those not members of BCON were welcome to attend; she agreed there was a sense of frustration among organisations and residents and there need for a community response.

The discussion pointed to the role of youth outreach workers, the targeting of Gardai resources and also the fact that incidents are prioritised; meaning break-ins and minor anti-social behaviour are not dealt with.

Mick mentioned that at the recent board meeting it was agreed that the issue form a full discussion on the agenda of the November meeting. Ann-Marie suggested we look at a

response from the regeneration company on the issue. The success of Fatima regeneration was highlighted and there could be possible learnings for their experiences.

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Bernie reported on the last management meeting which included a bus trip throughout the partnership area for new directors. Paddy and Amanda said overall it worked well but the time was quite short to cover the key locations and groups.

Manus mentioned the upcoming training in committee skills and project management being organised by the community development team, CAG members we invited to attend.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 2nd December 2009