

Community Facilities Forum Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting held on - 24th April 2008

Present:

Mary Higgins	Chair
Emma Freeman	BCON
Dermot King	BCON
Manus Bree	Ballymun Partnership
Siobhan Guyatt	BNC
Elise Finnigan	BNC
Eamon Farrelly	BRL
Mary Taylor	DCC
Bernie Roe	DCC

In attendance: Margaret Doyle - DCC

Apologies:

Colma Nic Lughadha Ballymun Partnership
Siobhan Guyatt – BNC is replacing Aidan Smyth.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Matters Arising

The documents including the Press Release are ready to be put on the Websites agreed by the Forum members. Ballymun Partnership and the Ballymun Neighbourhood Council will put the Press Release in their Newsletters. The Secretary will forward the documents to the appropriate person for inclusion on the Websites.

Protocols

The members of the Forum looked at the BCON Protocols and the DCC/BRL Protocols for the movement of community groups into new accommodation as a consequence of the Regeneration. Some groups are moving into interim accommodation and other groups are moving into their new permanent accommodation. The following issues were raised:

- What is the onus of responsibility on groups regarding their move?
- There should be no financial burden on groups due to their move.
- DCC covers costs for groups moving.
- There needs to be clarification for groups regarding what expenses they will be responsible for.
- The replacement accommodation should be of the same standard as what the group has left.
- There are major security issues for groups.
- The capacity of groups should not affect their move.
- The future sustainability of some groups is an issue.
- Groups need to be made aware of what issues they are facing in the future.

- The standard DCC application form for the accommodation of community groups needs to be re-viewed to take into account the local circumstances.
- Groups need to be made aware of issues that will be facing them regarding the new letting agreements in the future.

DCC is at present re-viewing the lease agreements of community groups in the area. Some groups have no lease agreements. The standard DCC letting agreements are not suitable for the circumstances in Ballymun. Discussions will have to take place with the Planning & Law Departments in DCC before permanent leases are drawn up.

Bernie Roe & Dermot King agreed to look at the two protocols with the view to producing one protocol from the Forum.

Update on Database

The DCC Database is almost complete and it was hoped that it could be sent to relevant organisations in Ballymun to assess its comprehensiveness. This gave rise to discussion about compliance with Data Protection legislation. It was agreed that if home addresses and phone numbers were filtered out then it would be possible for other bodies to have access to the data. It was agreed that DCC could keep an internal version and format another version for general use. A copy will be sent to the Ballymun Partnership for cross-referencing with the Partnership Database.

How information is to be updated will need to be addressed. In the long-term it may be necessary to get a project to maintain the Ballymun Database. The Database Working Group will need to look at the DCC Database. Any changes to be e-mailed to the Secretary of the Forum.

Social Sustainability Team – BRL

Mary Higgins reported that she had met with Sheena McCamley and Trish Scanlan about the work of the Social Sustainability Team. Eamonn reported that he had hoped that someone could have attended this morning's meeting but this had not worked out. It was agreed that a further meeting be arranged between Mary Higgins, Chair, Eamon Farrelly, BRL and a member of the Social Sustainability Team and following this the team will send a representative to the May meeting of the Forum.

Open Seminar / 'Reflections of People Who Have Moved' Seminar

The sub committee reported that they felt that it would not be feasible to hold the open seminar at the scheduled time and that more time was needed to consider its format and content. It was agreed that it could take place in the autumn. Mary Higgins agreed to join the Working Group. More research will need to be done and perhaps more groups could get involved and so share the burden of organising the Open Seminar.

The 'Reflections of People Who Have Moved' Seminar is scheduled to take place on 14th May 2008 from 2.00pm to 4.00pm in AXIS. Each of the following groups invited will get 20 mins to speak on their experiences:

- Horizon – Mairead Kavanagh
- Aisling Project – Sr Melan
- Lifestart – Siobhan Herbert

- BRYR – Donnacadh Hurley
- CAP – Audrey Meehan
- Welfare Rights – Áine Rooney

A discussion took place regarding the recording of the seminar. It was agreed that it would be useful to do this in the interests of capturing the experience and that this would be done, pending agreement of the participating groups. Emma will coordinate this.

Dates of next meetings

The following schedule of meetings was agreed:

24th July 2008

25th September 2008

23rd October 2008

20th November 2008

22nd January 2009

A.O.B.

Two maps showing the current and the new location of community groups in Ballymun were distributed to the members.

The next meeting of the **Community Facilities Forum** is scheduled to take place on **Thursday 22nd May 2008 at 10.00am** in the **Architect's Room** on the **3rd Floor** in the **Ballymun Civic Centre**.