

Ballymun Community Facilities Forum Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th June 2008

Present:

Mary Higgins	Chair
Emma Freeman	BCON
Manus Bree	Ballymun Partnership
Colma Nic Lughadha	Ballymun Partnership
Elise Finnigan	BNC
Eamon Farrelly	BRL
Fiona Scully	BRL
Mary Taylor	DCC

In attendance: Margaret Doyle - DCC

Apologies:

Bernie Roe - DCC
Siobhan Guyatt – BNC
Dermot King - BCON

Mary Higgins, Chair, welcomed Fiona Scully to the meeting as the replacement for Roisin Burke. .

1. Minutes

The following amendments were made to the minutes of the last meeting:

1. Social Sustainability Team - BRL

The BRL Social Sustainability Team are in the process of preparing a written social sustainability strategy for Ballymun *'the process will include stake holder consultation'*.

4. Review of the 'Reflections of People Who Have Moved' Seminar

Security is a major issue for community groups moving into interim accommodation.

Community buildings need to be 'user' friendly and it is important to be aware that one model does not fit all.

2. Update on Database

Manus Bree will meet with the Database Working Group - Mary Taylor and Brian Mongey, DCC to discuss some issues with the database in terms of combining the Partnership list with it. It is intended that a draft of the Database will be available for the July meeting. While there was discussion on the challenges of keeping the database up to date it was agreed to first ensure that it is 100% correct.

3. Protocols

Dermot King, BCON, made the changes agreed at the last meeting. Mary Higgins has a copy of the final document. It will be e-mailed to the members and any comments on it should be e-mailed to the Secretary by Friday 4th July 2008.

The final Forum Protocols will be distributed to the community groups in the area. Emma Freeman, BCON, agreed to send the BCON list of community groups to Mary Taylor for cross-referencing with the DCC and BRL list. Dermot King and Bernie Roe will continue to work on the Protocols for the groups moving to permanent accommodation.

4. Review of the ‘Reflections of People Who Have Moved’ Seminar

The members reviewed the document on the review of the ‘Reflections of People Who Have Moved’ Seminar. After some discussion and brainstorming Mary Higgins, Chair agreed to write up another document to be presented at the next meeting taking in to account the points made by the members.

The following were recommended to the Forum for consideration regarding future consultation on accommodation for community groups:

- Ballymun East Report using the Augusto Boal technique
- Community Planning Act in Scotland
- Participatory Budget in Brazil

5. Work Plan

Mary Higgins had prepared a progress report on all parts of the Work Plan and this was considered:

1. Complete inventory of existing and planned community facilities in Ballymun

Continue to completion. Working Group to meet before next Forum meeting. Fiona Scully, BRL, to replace Róisín Burke on the Working Group. The list of existing community groups will be available from the Forum Database when complete. The Working Group should look at the BRL plans for West & East Ballymun when complete regarding the planned community facilities.

2. Agree a protocol for the relocation of groups accommodated in flats

Protocols complete. The Working Group will now continue on the protocols for the groups moving to permanent accommodation.

3. Complete a database of existing voluntary and community groups in Ballymun

Ongoing. Manus Bree, Ballymun Partnership, to meet with DCC. A draft to be ready for the next Forum meeting.

4. Agree most appropriate model for effective management of community facilities

The first part of this is complete with the holding of the 'Reflections of People Who Have Moved' Seminar. It was agreed that the task of developing proposals for the most appropriate models of effective management of community facilities was a major task. It was agreed that Colma would join this group and that the group and Mary Higgins would meet before the 'Reflections of People Who Have Moved' Seminar.

5. Agree plan for the accommodation arrangements of voluntary and community organisations

Update for the next Forum meeting.

6. Agree and implement Communications strategy for plan on accommodation

Ongoing.

7. Agree and implement arrangements for communicating with stakeholders and groups in Ballymun on the work of the Forum

Ongoing.

8. Ensure timely completion of the Work Plan through continuous review

The Review of the Work Plan will be on the Agenda for the July Forum meeting

6. A.O.B.

The issue of the links between the Forum and the BRL Social Sustainability Team was raised, given that there was no representative from the Team on the Forum. It was agreed that someone from the Team could attend meetings as needs be.

Emma Freeman asked for payment of the invoice for €100 for the filming of 'Reflections of People Who Have Moved' Seminar' by AXIS. Eamon Farrelly, BRL agreed to pay the invoice.

Eamon Farrelly, BRL, informed the meeting that 'Part 8' planning will be lodged soon for the Temporary Youth Facility in Ballymun East, funded under the Young Person Facilities Fund.

An Urban Design Plan is planned for Ballymun East where land from DCC, Schools, Church & Presbyteries will be pooled and needs of residents / community and best locations will be identified, through a community consultation process.

The next meeting of the **Community Facilities Forum** is scheduled to take place on **Thursday 24th July 2008 at 10.00am** in the **Architect's Room** on the **3rd Floor** in the **Ballymun Civic Centre**.