

## **Ballymun Community Facilities Forum Meeting**

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

#### **Present:**

Mary Higgins	Chair
Mary Taylor	DCC
Audrey Meehan	BCON
Dermot King	BCON
Eamon Farrelly	BRL
Fiona Cooper	BRL
Paul Billings	BNC
Manus Bree	Ballymun Partnership
Colma Nic Lughadha	Ballymun Partnership

**In attendance:** Margaret Doyle – DCC  
Darragh Lynch – BRL  
Alan Mee – Urban Design Consultant, Alan Mee Architects  
Anton Doyle - Alan Mee Architects

#### **Apologies:**

Bernie Roe                      DCC

#### **1. New Member**

Audrey Meehan was welcomed to the Forum as replacement for Emma.

#### **2. Minutes of the last meeting**

This issue was deferred to the end of the meeting since there were some concerns about the nature of the minutes

#### **3. Matters Arising**

##### **(a) Social Regeneration – Sub-committee of BRL Board**

No meeting has been arranged yet with the sub committee. It was agreed that this would be an important issue to progress in the near future, to ensure a link between the work of the Forum and of the sub committee and this will be revisited at a future meeting.

##### **(b) Link with Young Ballymun**

No progress was made on this issue

#### **4. Identifying and agreeing actions for the coming year**

There was a wide ranging discussion about the role and functions of the Forum and the progress or lack of progress made in it in developing a coherent plan for community facilities. This arose in the context of considering its future activities and concerns about the recent communications between community groups and BRL. BRL had contacted groups inviting expressions of interest in relation to the commercial units in Coultry Road but this had not been discussed at the Forum. Some members raised questions about whether the Forum was being taken seriously by BRL, while BRL argued that there was

urgency about moving groups and decisions could not wait until the Forum met which was now only every two months.

This discussion was cut short due to the scheduled presentation on Ballymun East and will be returned to at the next meeting.

## **5. Presentation by Alan Mee, Urban Design Consultant for Ballymun East**

Alan described the stages of the Urban Design Framework Study:

**Stage One** deals with site analysis and initial consultation.

**Stage Two** will look at the development of a site strategy and the preparation of urban design options.

**Stage Three** will include detailed block drawings of the preferred option, final reaction and review of the proposals and the presentation of the finished Framework Study document.

The study aims to make proposals for the best use of space on the site having regard to the needs of the current occupants of the site, the local residents and community groups. Meetings have already been held with residents, the schools, the church and the Dept of Education & Science. The school, church and Department are all open to securing the best use of the space and the Department is open to schools being used after school hours for community activities.

BNC is coordinating the views of residents. It was felt that there was an opportunity to engage community groups directly in the process and it was agreed that a special meeting would be arranged through the Forum. BCON to arrange the meeting during the week of 16<sup>th</sup> December, Alan Mee will make a presentation and BRL will underwrite any costs

## **6. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the **Community Facilities Forum** is scheduled to take place on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2009 at 2.30pm** in the **Architect's Room** on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Floor** in the **Ballymun Civic Centre**.