

**Short Report  
of  
A meeting to discuss establishing a  
'Baltinglass Forum'  
Stratford Lodge Hall  
13<sup>th</sup> September 2007**

See Appendix A for list of participants

### **Purpose of Meeting**

The purpose of the meeting was:

- a) Review progress on the draft Baltinglass Forum Constitution - to be called the Interim Guiding Document;
- b) Notify participants of progress on nominations for members of the inaugural Baltinglass Forum; and
- c) Select date and venue for the first meeting of the Baltinglass Forum.

The meeting commenced with a review of the Interim Guiding Document followed by a brief report on progress with nominations. Following this the Forum decided to hold a public meeting to inform our community, and in the process attempt to collect sufficient opinions and information to allow the forum to make a comprehensive submission to Wicklow County Council prior to the deadline of the 4<sup>th</sup> of October 2007.

This short report summarises the issues raised in discussion and the next steps agreed.

### **The Meeting**

- **Interim Guiding Document**  
The Interim Guiding Document was reviewed by those present and several amendments were made. The amended Interim Guiding/Document is attached. Unfinished matters are:
  1. An appropriate quorum for meetings will be selected once the number of members of the Forum is known;
  2. Assumpta O'Neill and/or Liam MacGabhann are to supply an example (very brief wording) of anti discriminatory and exclusion resolution of potentially antagonistic majority voting for consideration by the forum;

### 3. Liaison Persons

It was agreed that the participants present understood how this provision applied to:

- ❖ Garda Superintendent or Representative
- ❖ Church Representatives
- ❖ TD's, Councillors and WCC Representatives

The other categories outlined are to be removed until further clarification can be provided as to how this provision would apply; and

4. The inclusion of confidentiality procedures is to be held in abeyance until a more comprehensive guiding document is drafted.

- Progress of Nominations

The short report of the forum meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> August was only distributed W/E 7<sup>th</sup> September. Consequently only 11 groups had so far responded with nominations. Likely reasons are summer holidays, start of school, back to work, and some groups not yet meeting to discuss their nominations, and it is considered inadvisable to publish an obviously incomplete list of nominations.

An update of the status of nominations is to be provided at the next forum meeting 20<sup>th</sup> September 2007.

It was agreed to be really inclusive an attempt should be made to include business people from Baltinglass, Grangecon, and Stratford on Slaney. A letter is to be prepared requesting business representation from these communities. (What about the farmers?)

- Proposed Baltinglass Town Plan

The option of not holding a public meeting and/or not preparing a submission to WCC was discussed and rejected.

It was agreed the Forum would hold a public meeting to inform our community, and in the process attempt to collect sufficient opinions and information to allow the forum to make a comprehensive submission to Wicklow County Council prior to the deadline of the 4<sup>th</sup> of October 2007.

The public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September. An attempt will be made to summarise the outcomes of this meeting ready for the meeting of the forum to be held two days later.

A further forum meeting (which the public may attend) is scheduled for Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September. At this meeting the forum will attempt to formulate and agree its submission to WCC. This will be subsequently documented and submitted prior to the deadline of the 4<sup>th</sup> of October 2007.

A workgroup was formed to organise the public meeting and the summary of the outcomes of the meeting. They are:

Ken Browne	08x xxx xxxx
Fintan Doyle	08x xxx xxxx
Maria McCormack	08x xxx xxxx
Chris Murray	08x xxx xxxx
Assumpta O'Neill	08x xxx xxxx
Cathy O'Toole	08x xxx xxxx
Mai Quaid	08x xxx xxxx
John Vernon	08x xxx xxxx

### **Next Steps**

- Send a brief report on this meeting to all participants; to those groups who did not attend and a statement to the public
- Circulate the amended Interim Guiding Document
- Organise a follow up meeting (Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September in Stratford Lodge Hall). Representatives of all the community and voluntary organisations are invited as well as any member of the public who would like to attend
- Follow-up nomination forms from participating community and voluntary organisations for nomination of their candidate(s) to the Baltinglass Forum
- Prepare letter to business communities of Baltinglass, Grangecon, and Stratford on Slaney inviting them to be represented on the forum.

Enclosed

Appendix A - Attendance Record 13 September  
Amended Interim Guiding Document  
Invitation letter to business communities.