

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY

You may be aware that over the past 8 months considerable efforts have been made to have the voluntary community groups in our district come together and establish an umbrella forum.

The primary objective of the forum is to be a representative body of consensus through which many of the benefits derived from County Council or State organisations to benefit communities can be secured for the Baltinglass & District area.

Baltinglass & District Forum is in the final stages of being established.

At a meeting on Thursday the 13th September attended by 22 of the voluntary community groups of the district, the absence of any collective representation on behalf of the business people of the district and town was noted, and it was agreed that every effort should be made to have this addressed as the forum was attempting to be inclusive of all citizens.

To this end we outline two options through which you, an active member of our business community can be represented:

1. The business people form a representative group and such group nominates two people as members of the Forum (our preferred option)

OR

2. Complete the attached form offering two names of individuals involved in the business community who you would like to represent you. The two names in the majority from the returns received would then be asked to represent the business people as members of the forum.

Please note that should the business community opt not to act on either of the above the Baltinglass & District Forum will have no way of having an ongoing active input from the business community.

We trust all business people will respond positively and we look forward to hearing from you, hopefully by the end of September 2007.

BALTINGLASS & DISTRICT FORUM

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