

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES PLANNING
LARNE LOCALITY PARTNERSHIP**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14th JANUARY
2014 AT 10.00AM IN LARNE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
OFFICES, LEDCOM INDUSTRIAL ESTATE**

PRESENT:	Selena Ramsey	<i>CYPSP</i>
	David McAllister	<i>Larne Borough Council</i>
	Sarah Amiss	<i>NEELB</i>
	Claire Roper	<i>NHSCT</i>
	Michael Crooks	<i>NEELB Youth Service</i>
	Declan Morris	<i>Simon Community NI</i>
	Karen Graham	<i>YMCA Heath Hub</i>
	Maeve O'Neill	<i>LPSP Action for Children</i>
	Joy McNally	<i>Larne YMCA</i>
	Andrew Coon	<i>PAL / Carewell Counselling Harm</i>
	Deborah Neill	<i>Larne Community Development Project</i>
APOLOGIES:	Liz Brown	<i>NICMA</i>
	Leigh Whittley	<i>NEELB</i>

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Selena welcomed the group and invited a round of introductions.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 5th November 2013 were reviewed and agreed as a true and accurate recording of the meeting.

PRESENTATION WOMENS AID – LOUISE O’KANE

Selena informed the group that Louise had given apologies for this meeting and therefore this presentation will be deferred to a later meeting.

CHILL AND SPILL SUB GROUP – UPDATE

Selena provided a background to the Chill and Spill. The pupils identified the following to be provided:

- Connect Four
- Battleships
- Hot Chocolate.

Andrew Gibson - School Youth Tutor.

Karen to investigate and invite him to be involved.

Wednesday Form Classes

- David McAllister
- Anna Grindle
- Michael Crocks – once per month.
- Sarah Amiss – once per month.
- Step Up Workers – Youth Workers/Employability – Nadia Ghalami
- Maeve O’Neill – once per month.
- Declan Morris – once per month (depending on flexibility with Senior staff)

DIVERSIONARY ACTIVITIES SUB GROUP – UPDATE

Selena agreed to query SIF funding.

LARNE/CARRICKFERGUS HUB – UPDATE

Selena informed the group that the Newtownabbey Hub will meet for the first time on 21st January 2014. Ballymena will be seeking additional referral agents from EWO and Health Visitors. This will be extended to other hubs.

Selena also informed the group that Helen Dunn is moving from Action for Children to become a Regional Lead.

ACTION PLAN- REVIEW

The group discussed the Action Plan and agreed that a good step forward would be to hold a session to revisit the key priorities. Selena agreed to coordinate this for the next meeting and if possible bring in a facilitator.

UPDATE FROM MEMBERS

Deborah Neill - Larne Community Development Project

A lot of groups received grants for volunteer support up to £1500.00. The Glynn community group has received money from DSD for outdoor gym equipment which will focus on green spaces.

Tullygarley has received money from DSD to target the small pockets of deprivation to refurbish the new market yard and it is hoped that community premises will be secured for two days per week during the day and two nightly per week.

Andrew Coon – PAL, Carewell Counselling

A Women's Mental Health Group has just been set up with a few places available. This will involve all aspects of Mental Health complete with a mindful new programme. Michelle is working on a programme for young people, which will be a local drop-in for those affected by alcohol/drug use.

Joy McNally - YMCA

Three new projects are about to commence, secured with money under extended policies. Six to sixteen year-olds completing Pool Lifeguard Positions. A link has been secured with Stranraer YMCA who completed OCN Level in Sports Leadership last November in conjunction with Youth Scotland.

The After Schools are completing a joint project with schools at the community centre, which will finish with an activity day in Carnfurnock Park.

Maeve O'Neill – LPSP Action for Children

Larne Parental Support Projects all commencing as normal. The Incredible Years Programme starts mid-February and will include baby yoga, cook-it, buggy fit, baby massage and young mum and dads group the last Saturday of every month.

The Community Family Support Programme is running in Larne and Carrickfergus with Ballymena and Antrim starting in April.

Declan Morris – Simon Community

Declan gave an overview of his role within the Simon Community and their support for young people with regard to homelessness. He would aim to assist projects to educate young people on homelessness, and help to develop stronger relationships with local hostel.

Michael Crooks – NEELB Youth Service

Work within Glenarm is still working well. The Country murals are still an on-going feature, aimed for an international element. Dublin has already been invited with fundraising underway for Germany. Michael highlighted that there is improved relationships within the community.

Young people were included in village and bloom, which they won this year and has been positive for all. Plans are now taking place to encourage young people to set up an art group.

The current existing Millbrook Group have a trip planned for Poland which will finish the group.

Glynn is on an exit strategy, their legacy for the community is a time capsule to be opened in thirty years time. This involves a documentary, which after editing could be buried within the water wheel.

Clare Roper – School Nurse NHSCT

The Health Appraisal has been completed with results showing that over a quarter are overweight or very overweight with statistics showing 75% in Larne and Ballyclare. School Nursing aim to offer as much support for these families as possible including Cook It and Motivate Programme.

Primary school health appraisals are on-going with Health Promotion in each school. The focus for this session is safe bright stay safe with localised training for teachers planned.

Sarah Best – South Antrim Rural Network

A Post is being recruited in Rural Focus, the isolation has identified the importance and need for support.

David McAllister – Larne Borough Council

Continue to work away with a main focus in the youth forum. David hopes to meet with sub-group of council to setup plans on fort games money.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Facilitator for next meeting

- Bernard Black, Independent Facilitator - Tel: 028 2888 5585/078 8548 9133.
- Community Change - Tel: 02890 232587.
- North Antrim Community Network

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 4th March 2014** in **Larne Town Hall** at **10.00 am** (Finish with lunch).