



**Strabane Locality Planning meeting
Monday 9th June 2014
10.30am Alley Theatre**

Attending:	Eilish Mc Closkey Cathy Mc Closkey Aodhan Harkin Ivan Barr Jarlath Mc Nulty Carmel Boyle Amanada Humphre	WHSCCT Early Years Organisation Strabane Sigersons GAA Community Rescue Service Cairde Customised Training Services Strabane Distirct Playgroup
Apologies:	Janine Sayers Gerard Mc Fadden Mustpha Ben Hassine Chris Mc Daid Yvonne Tracy	Citizens Advice Bureau Strabane District Council Family Support Hub Extern Rainbow SureStart

Welcome and Introduction:

Bronagh welcomed everyone to the meeting and carried out a round of introductions

Matters Arising:

Feedback from the Stakeholder event:

Bronagh informed every one of the very successful stakeholder event that took place back in March, and opened up the discussion from the feedback received from the event.

The group discussed in length the issues raised and the emerging needs that were raised, they all agreed that the issues such as education and in particular speech and language were issued being raised time and time again and unemployment and the lack of opportunities open to our young people was a real issue.

A discussion took place about young people needing to be skilled up appropriately for the available employment. It was highlighted that projects are happening within schools such as the 'Getting back to roots' programme run

in partnership with Allstate and local schools skilling up young people in IT skills.

A discussion also took place around the issue of drugs and alcohol and the impact it is having locally on all sections of the community, following this discussion it was evident that there is still a lot of duplication of service provision and lack of co-ordination between the agencies providing training in the area.

Again the lack of co-ordination and consultation with local community providers was discussed in relation to the sports facilities available in the area, as council has closed a number of facilities over the summer period for maintenance, resulting in a lack of facilities during the busy summer period.

The passion for music and drama from the local youth resulting in the Pulse centre being opened however numbers attending have been very low and a discussion occurred on how this could be improved.

NHIP project is funding a community audit of 670 homes in Strabane Town, Bronagh will make contact with Grainine Bagley NHIP Coordinator to discuss further

The meeting resulting in a lot of discussion around the lack of coordination of events/programmes/services provided in the Strabane area and it was discussed the possibility of a mapping exercise to detail what is planned for the area by each of the services and how they can work together to avoid duplication and ensure maximum participation.

Bronagh will look at furthering this and discuss at the next meeting

Date of next meeting:

Next Meeting: Monday 21st July 2014 at 10am Alley Theatre