

**Minutes of the North Belfast Locality Planning Group Held on
Tuesday 8 April 2014 at 10am in Ligoniel Improvement Association
Wolfhill Centre.**

Name	Organisation
Katrina Newell	Ashton Centre (LPG Interim Chair)
Brenda Lappin	CCRF
Una Casey	CYPSP
David Ferris	Ballysillan & Upper Ardoyne Neighbourhood Partnership
Justine Brown	NBP
Rachel Compton	NLDCHP
Gabi Morningweg	BHSCT
Gerry Largey	BHSCT
Harry Bradley	Youth Justice Agency
Damien McCallin	Ligoniel Improvement Association
Caroline Milligan	Glenbrook SureStart
Mary Murphy	BHSCT
Laura Forte	Barnardo's
Tracey Whittle	Vine Centre
Sean Montgomery	Common Purpose
Alison Templeton	New Life Counselling
Stephen Reid	Vine Centre
Sherrie Beattie	Bulrush Day Nursery
Adrienne Mackle	North Belfast Advice Centre
Caroline Rutherford	Pathways/Extern
Donna Neill	Home-Start

Name:	Organisation:
Gary Symington	Lighthouse
Arthur Acheson	Ligoniel NHR
Shane Whelehan	Ardoyne Youth Provider
Christine McKeown	Ashton Centre
Maria McCaffery	Star Neighbourhood
Sarah Kelly	Star Neighbourhood
Sinead Campbell	Advice NI
Peter Day	NBPB
Catherine Magennis	Family Nurse Partnership
Kelly Maxwell	NIACRO
Carolyn Stewart	Mencap
Janice Clarke	Girls Model

Welcome and Introductions

Katrina welcomed everyone to the locality planning group meeting and thanked Ligoniel Improvement Association for providing the meeting room. A round of introductions took place.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes for the meeting held on 11th February were proposed by Caroline as a true and accurate recording of the meeting; these were seconded by Sean and adopted by the group.

Family Support Hubs

Gerry explained that the BHSCT have been mandated by the Belfast Area Outcomes Group to deliver on the development of the Family Support Hubs across the Belfast Trust Area. Today's discussion is about the number and configuration of the Hubs which should meet the needs of the families in the area. To date work has begun in Upper Springfield and Inner East and Shankill, while the South has a meeting planned to discuss configurations in more depth. Gerry explained that there is a regional model for hubs but that this is not completely prescriptive as there are issues of scale in Belfast. Members need to think about what would work in North Belfast. There is a need for services to be accessible and for people to travel to these services. Members need to reach a decision today about hub areas and then identify the pilot area by picking the area most ready.

Gerry explained that the Family Support Hubs will be a voluntary process whereby families give their consent to be referred to the hub. There will be a lead organisation appointed which will have the responsibility for the administration of the hub meetings, and to engage with the families referred. The lead body will need to show that they have experience in working within networks in the area. A discussion took place about the natural fit. Gerry explained that there have been discussions with DSD about their funded services boundaries.

Members took part in an exercise of identifying services on a map and showing services that were Belfast wide services, services only covering North Belfast or those that provide services within a specific boundary e.g. Neighbourhood Renewal Area. Members also included the services known to them that weren't at the meeting.

After the mapping exercise the group agreed that there were 3 natural clusters which were:

“Inner North” - The area between Shore Road, Antrim Road, Whitewell, CarrickHill LCAP and Greater New Lodge.

“Upper North” - Ligoniel and Ballysillan/Upper Ardoyne and connecting areas.

“Central North” - Crumlin/Ardoyne outwards

The Group identified, after an in-depth discussion, that the pilot area for the first hub would be the “outer North” area. A series of meetings will be organised in the pilot area to establish the hub. There will then be an open and transparent process run to appoint a lead organisation.

Action Plan

Members agreed that the action planning workshop was a successful way of producing the plan. Discussions took place about specific groups of children and young people such as those with disabilities, the group agreed that the wording of each outcome should be changed to ALL children and young people.

Sean and Katrina gave feedback from a youth lead youth conference that was held recently by the Inner North Youth Platform which involved a workshop for young people to look at and give feedback on the LPG group (draft) action plan. Sean agreed to share this feedback in a written report at the next meeting. Members agreed that the participation of children, young people and families was essential for the group.

Action: Una to add this as an outcome in the Action Plan.

Justine highlighted that the North Belfast Partnership Board have been working on a health and wellbeing action plan, which included key themes of parental support and life transition and that there was an overlap with the LPG action plan. Justine suggested that she meet with Una to work out the areas that overlap and co-ordinate actions.

Action: Justine and Una to meet to work on the overlap of plans

Discussions took place about community education and Craig explained how the Boys Model had run transitions programmes in the school in previous years with only about 20 people attending. This year the venue was moved to the Spectrum Centre and 89 people attended. He

suggested that this was something that could link into the action plan and members work in partnership in future to deliver together.

The group agreed that once the above amendments were made they were happy to sign off on the plan and begin working through it. Una explained that the action plan will be a live document and can be subject to change particularly once the Family Support Hubs start taking referrals as they might highlight unmet need in the area which the LPG might be able to work together to address.

Any Other Business

Katrina highlighted that her time as interim chair was coming to an end and that the group needed to elect a permanent chair and possibly a vice-chair also. A discussion ensued about the best way to do this. Una explained that other locality groups had done this by her circulating an expression of interest for people to put themselves forward as LPG chair and this would will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting

14th May 2014 at 10am in the Vine Centre