Dungannon Locality Planning Group
Minutes- 25th November 2014 10am- First Steps Women's Centre

Facilitator:
Jacqueline Connolly (Community Development Worker - SHSCT) - Vice Chair

Nuala Haughey (CYPSP) – Minute taker

Attendees:
Christine O'Toole (Women's Aid)

Diane Cummings (Compassion Pastor –Reach Project at Vineyard Church)

Eileen Hart (Children with Disabilities Team – Health and Social Care)

Keith Jamieson (PSNI)

Kerrie Greer (Dungannon Neighbourhood Sergeant - PSNI)

Marie-Therese Cassin (Cedar Foundation)

Pat McGeough (Children's Services Manager - Barnardo's: Young People's Partnership)

Rory McManus (New Health Routes Manager - Bryson Energy)

Rosie Carey (SELB Youth Service)

Sharon Dillon (Dungannon Citizen's Advice Bureau)

Tina McVeigh (DELTA - Parenting Partnership)

Apologies:
Claire Jennings (Education Welfare Officer - SELB)

Janice McMullan (Community Family Support Manager - Network Personnel)

Joanne McCourt (Belfast Central Mission)

Julie Bolton (Locality Development Officer – CYPSP)

Michael McGoldrick (Chief Executive - First Steps Women's Centre)

Ros Ewing (Home-Start Armagh and Dungannon)

Siobhan Wallace (Sure Start Co-ordinator, Sure Start Dungannon and Coalisland)

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1.0	**Welcome/Apologies/Introductions/Previous Minutes** Jacqueline welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. A number of apologies were noted, followed by a round of introductions. Minutes from the last meeting in September were agreed. Jacqueline enquired if there was anyone from South West Regional College on the Dungannon distribution list. The group members were unsure.	**Members were asked to sign in.** **Nuala to send distribution list to Jacqueline.** **Nuala to find out if a representative from SW College is on list and inform Jacqueline.** **SW College rep to be invited to attend future meetings.**
2.0	**Rory McManus – Bryson Energy** Rory spoke about the service Bryson offers to families and this included references to helping families reduce their energy costs; fuel poverty; the "Warm Homes Scheme"; "Affordable Warmth"; the "New Health Routes" Project; their home-visiting service; and Community Oil Buying Clubs.	**Rory to send Nuala information and contact details and Nuala to forward this on to the group members.** **Rory suggested that it might be a good idea to have a representative from Bryson at the upcoming Family Fun Day in early 2015. Nuala to keep in touch with Rory about this.**
3.0	**Update on the following: Sub group met with Clonoe Community group regarding:** ➢ **Christmas Crafts - December** ➢ **Family Fun Day - Jan/Feb 2015**	**Nuala to ask Julie for the details of both events and contact details of the organisers and send to the group members.**

	Sharon from PlayNI and Alice Campbell from Clonoe Community group are the main organisers for the Christmas Crafts event in December. The plans for the family fun day have not been cemented yet but it is due to take place sometime in early 2015.	
4.0	**CYPSP Planning Cycle for 2015-2018** **CYPSP Structure/Consultation** If any member would like to see anything in particular included in the Planning Cycle for 2015-18, they are to get in touch with Julie (or her replacement).	**Members to get in touch with Julie if need be.**
5.0	**Updated Action Plan for Dungannon Locality**	
6.0	**Emerging needs in Dungannon area** - Transport Issues – emerging need throughout the area but especially for groups with disabilities - Effects of the Welfare Reform on families - Transition process – Confusion of where to go when finished school for some young people especially those with Autism (ref made to Barnardo's – "Don't Box Me in"); anxiety provoking time for young people; lack of choice; early intervention and support is needed	
7.0	**Member agency update** Eileen Hart – working with young people with disabilities aged 14 years and up. And is currently running a group on Saturday mornings also. Her team has to apply for funding for next year. Tina McVeigh – Mellow Parenting Group finishes next week in Armagh. The Craigavon Mellow Parenting Group begins end of January. Direct referrals can be made to the Parenting programmes. The Family Support Hub also refer to them. If there are any concerns, it is possible to contact Lorraine or Tina. Christine O'Toole – Women's Aid are having a Christmas party for the service users in the area; they are distributing hampers to families in need in the community; there will be courses available to attend in the New Year – contact	

	the Resource Centre for further info. Rosie Carey – Programmes are being delivered in Schools at present: Key Stage 3 – Needs in the community; Key Stage 4 -10 OCNs are being offered which are equal to a Grade B at GCSE level (these qualifications include "managing risk", "learning for life" and other enrichment activities). Ballysaggart – there will be a calendar launch and the money will go to a charity. On 22nd December there will be an event at which young people of the area will be invited to find out what their needs are. Kerrie Greer – At Halloween, there were young people who were throwing fireworks but other than that it was fairly quiet. There will be a well-being week at Moypark in the near future which will focus on the Newcomer people who are employed there. Road Safety Event was held at Union Place. Monday 8th December – Neighbourhood Watch night at which there will be stands/talks. Due to budget cuts, there are only two constables employed at present which puts pressure on the police service. Keith Jamieson – suggested that it might be a good idea to have a rep from Women's Aid at the Well-being event as there is a disproportionate number of foreign nationals who are suffering from domestic violence. There is someone from Women's Aid who is going to present a talk to the PSNI very soon. The PCSP sponsored a young man from the town to make a film targeted at young people and it focuses on issues such as violence, alcohol, and drugs. The launch will take place at Drumglass High School. The movie will be sent to "Breakthru" group for young people to be informed. Keith stressed the significance of having a **rep from the SW College** at the locality meetings as there is a new course on offer at the college targeting NEET young adults (approx. 16-24 years). Keith also mentioned that the SSA offers programmes for this group. **He suggested that Bryson leaflets be dropped in to the SSA office.** Pat McGeough –The Armagh and Dungannon Adolescent Partnership is aimed at 13 to 18 year olds. It provides community preventative and divisionary services. Therapeutic support is offered to young people who may be at risk (of homelessness). Referrals are made by different agencies. Pat is also the Chair of the *Family Support Hub* and meetings are held on the last Friday of every month in Armagh at which referrals are welcome (Pat explained that there is a process through which a referral under goes when brought to the hub and that the hub is independent of Social Services). Marie-Therese Cassin – a range of services is offered and a range of	**Keith is to send a link to us re: film** **See note above re: SW College Rep.** **Nuala to send out the contact details of the Chairs of the Family Support Hubs and information leaflet and referral form**

	disabilities are catered for – there is a one-to-one service offered to young people with Autism and they are taken out to various activities. There is a Youth Matters service and a range of social activities. During the Summer, there was good attendance at the summer scheme. However, the winter weather and poor transport links hinder attendance at (social) activities later in the year. The staff sometimes pick up the young people however this is not always feasible. A central pick-up point would be helpful. Door to Door Rural Transport is a great service but they are extremely busy (also, children on the bus may have conditions that require a staff member to be present with them). On 4th December there will be a Christmas event to which the whole family is invited. Sharon Dillon – CAB works with those most in need; cuts in funding; it is a charitable organisation; largest advice service in the region; money debt is a priority within the organisation but cutbacks (within the organisation) have impacted on this area; a family would generally engage due to money issues. The telephone service at CAB is not sufficient as there is only one person at the end of the line. There is an email service but not everyone can avail of this. In two health centres (Clogher and Fivemiletown), there is a service offered whereby advisors are available to discuss issues such as housing and employment to individuals. Referrals are made by CAB staff to various agencies and individuals are sign-posted. There is an increasing number of young people who are accessing their service due to family breakdown/relationship issues within a family. Sharon spoke about the rigorous review that an individual may have to go through in order to access financial support. There is an outreach facility in Women's Aid, Cookstown. And CAB works closely with Sure Start groups also. CAB does not deal with criminal law (refer to a solicitor). The PHA have made links with CAB in relation to mental health and well-being needs of individuals who require such services. Service users are assisted with their forms by the staff as the assessment procedure can be very rigorous especially for those with mental health needs. Pat expressed interest in knowing more about this service for the Hub. Diane Cummings – Christmas hampers are being organised at present. Sign-posting/second-hand clothes/coffee/support/Drop-in service – offered at Reach as well as a debt service ("CAP"). There is also a spiritual element to the work of Reach. Youth club – each Friday evening at 7pm; older group catered for later in the evening. After school club and Mother and Toddler group also available. Newcomer people who have not found work are not eligible to apply for certain amenities until they have been living here for 6 months – life is very	**Sharon to send Nuala contact details and info leaflets that can be passed on to the group members** **Send an email to Diane if interested in Christmas hampers - Nuala to circulate details with these minutes. Requests are to be made before 8th Dec.**

	difficult for them. Crisis 4 week intervention is provided by Reach. Benefits advisor and Women's Aid rep come into Reach to offer help and guidance.	
8.0	**AOB** Jacqueline made ref to the need to contact Shane Harvey regarding offering music therapy sessions to young people at Enable NI Keith at PSNI offered the attending members to come to the station at any time to talk about what their service offers in order to inform the staff about what is out there.	**Nuala to ask Julie about music therapist**
	Thank you all for attending and contributing to the meeting **Next Meeting Date:** **TBC**	