

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES PLANNING
MINUTES OF BALLYMONEY LOCALITY GROUP**

**FRIDAY 16TH JANUARY 2015 AT 10.00AM
BALLYMONEY COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE**

Attending:	Iain McAfee	<i>Parent/Comm Rep (Chair)</i>
	Amanda McAuley	<i>CRUN</i>
	Clare McKay	<i>NICMA</i>
	Gemma Lutton	<i>CYPSP (Minute Taker)</i>
	Jonny Donaghy	<i>Ballymoney Borough Council</i>
	Joshua Wylie	<i>Believe in Youth</i>
	Julie-Ann Logan	<i>Ballymoney High School</i>
	Karen Millar	<i>Homestart Causeway</i>
	Kirsty Bartlett	<i>North Coast Parents</i>
	Lyn Moffett	<i>BCRC</i>
	Maurice McLaughlin	<i>Believe in Youth</i>
	Sandra Anderson	<i>CYPSP</i>
	Selena Ramsey	<i>CYPSP</i>
	Tanya McVicker	<i>NEELB</i>
	Tessie O'Hagan	<i>Mencap</i>
	Thomas Archibald	<i>Believe in Youth</i>
	Tommy Linton	<i>CHEERS</i>
	Veronica Kelly	<i>NHSCT</i>
	Victoria Laird	<i>Mencap</i>
Apologies:	Kaye Cormack	<i>Phoenix ADHD</i>
	Pat Purvis	<i>Public Health Agency</i>
	Sharon Lyons	<i>Early Years</i>
	Veronica McKinley	<i>NICHI Project</i>

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Iain welcomed the group and apologies were noted. A round of introductions took place from all members present.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were agreed as being a true and accurate recording of the previous meeting held on **Friday 21st November 2014**.

MATTERS ARISING

Letter – Play Park

A letter was sent from the group regarding the play parks. No reply has been received. Iain will query the progress of this letter.

Action: Iain

UPDATE – BELIEVE IN YOUTH

Maurice provided information regarding the Believe in Youth component of the Big Lottery Initiative. The project is peer educator led so young people feel more at ease as young people are delivering the programme. The project started a year ago and was initially in Ballymena but now covers 10 areas throughout the Northern Trust.

A mapping exercise took place for the Northern Trust. It was a learning process for the peer educators but was successfully completed. As a result of this exercise 10 potential target areas were identified for the project. Maurice noted he wants to maximum the impact of the project.

Maurice has met with Tommy Linton and has identified a specific group to target within CHEERS. Maurice is in the process of targeting these young people and it is hoped to start an Outreach Programme over the next couple of weeks. To follow on from this an Education Development Course will run over a 12 week period.

Maurice noted the programme is running until June 2016 and will be working within the Ballymoney area. Direct provision will be carried out as well as providing support for parents and support groups. Members were asked if they have anyone who may be interested in receiving support to contact Maurice on 075 8788 0386 or email mauricem@niyf.org Maurice will also come along to any existing groups and provide information / interactive workshop.

Information was provided on Community Champions Training Programme. There is capacity on this programme if anyone is interested. The programme focuses on youth engagement skills and is OCN accredited. It was noted the Think Drink website is now up and running. Resources were distributed to all members with details of the website and a QR code which if scanned by a smartphone will link the user directly to the website. The user can complete the self-assessment questionnaire or get access to other information.

UPDATE 0-4 SUB GROUP

Sandra previously completed engagement with parents of children aged 0-4 years. This was done through questionnaires, survey monkey and focus groups were carried out in playgroups/nurseries. The locality group members helped in facilitating this engagement. A report has been compiled with recommendations and it is hoped to move these recommendations forward as a locality group.

Applications were submitted to secure funding through available outcomes group money. The aim is to run an event to increase knowledge of services available to the local community including what they do and how they can help parents and families. Iain provided information on a 0-4 subgroup that took place in order to organise this.

A Baby & Early Years Fair will be held on Monday 23rd March from 1.30pm – 4.30pm in Surestart Ballymoney. A flyer with all info will be circulated to the group when finalised. A range of organisations will be invited to attend this event. Fun activities will be provided for parents and children of 0-4. Gift bags will be given to the first 100 parents.

Iain is to speak with Kirsty regarding stalls of baby gifts etc. that can be invited to attend this event.

Action: Iain

Selena agreed to organise publicity and a press release prior to and after the event.

Action: Selena

Gemma is to bring CYPSP pull up stands on the day to advertise the CYPSP locality groups.

Action: Gemma

PLAN – DISABILITY EVENT

Iain informed the group an application was submitted to hold a Disability Jobs Fair before March 2015. It is hoped this will help with the identified issue of the transition faced by young people with learning difficulties when looking for employment.

A meeting has been scheduled for Friday 23rd January at 10am in Ballymoney Community Resource Centre. Feedback will be given at the next meeting.

PLAN – YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Iain provided information on this application which was submitted and has been successful in the process. This is about addressing issues around disengagement in services from young people 11+ and an interactive engagement workshop to obtain opinions / feedback from young people will be planned. This will focus on looking at what services are there and what services these young people would like.

Sandra suggested going to where the young people are in order to carry out this engagement. Julie-Ann would be happy to help facilitate this. Sandra noted this is a great opportunity for young people to have their say and make Ballymoney a better place. It was also suggested for peer educators to be involved in this engagement.

A meeting has been scheduled for Friday 23rd January at 11.30am in Ballymoney Community Resource Centre. Feedback will be given at the next meeting.

MEMBER UPDATES

Selena Ramsey – CYPSP

Selena informed the group of the applications submitted for possible funding from CYPSP Northern Outcomes Group. Ballymoney was well represented with a number of applications received for this area.

Tessie O'Hagan – Mencap

Tessie provided information on the services provided by Mencap. An employment service is provided to adults with a learning disability to support people to find and keep jobs. Information was also provided on a transition service with closed referrals. Mencap provide extra support so children and young people can attend local mainstream summer schemes and are in the process of young people getting statemented.

Clare McKay – NICMA

Clare provided information on a training session scheduled on Monday 26th January in Ballymoney. More funding has been received to provide training in Cookstown.

The Childcare Partnership training calendar is now out and available to view online. Assertiveness and Positive behaviour training is currently being rolled out.

Lynn Moffett – BCRC

Lynn noted Clare has left post and is returning to education. It is hoped someone will be starting over the next few months. Rock school continues. Lynn noted BCRC process out Access NI checks for organisations and if anyone is a member these are free to process. Child Protection training is also offered.

Kirsty Bartlett – North Coast Mums

Kirsty noted the website is now up and running for North Coast Mums. Facebook page has reached 2000 hits and the name of this page was changed to North Coast Parents. This page has information of what's happening in the area for parents to see and keep updated.

Veronica Kelly – NHSCT

PHA has given funding to carry out Early Intervention work. This will be carried out in 3 areas Carrickfergus, Cookstown and Ballymoney. Cook IT to be delivered and is currently in the planning process. This is to be delivered before March 2015 and evaluations will be returned to PHA. Health Visitors in Ballymoney are continuing their parenting programmes and is a 5/6 week programme. Information will be sent to Selena regarding this.

Karen Millar – Homestart Causeway

Karen noted Homestart are looking for more volunteers. A recruitment day will take place at the end of February 2015. Karen informed the group she was successful in the application for funding for a training programme through Phoenix ADHD. This would support families where young people are going through assessment and young people can't access support. This training will be to skill up volunteers.

Tommy Linton – Cheers

Cheers provides a drop in centre 5 days a week. Alongside this accredited and non-accredited training is provided to anyone wanting to attend. Tommy expressed the difficulty for some people attending due to their access to transport.

Julie-Ann Logan – Ballymoney High School

Julie-Ann noted she would be really keen to work closely with the youth engagement subgroup and Think Drink.

Tanya McVicker – NEELB

Tanya explained the Board are changing the way it operates for School Level Agreements. A School Profile will be carried out to assess the needs of every school. This will take place in February 2015 and will be in place by March.

Iain McAfee – Parent/Community Rep

Iain provided information on Paediatric First Aid Courses which are planned to run in Ballymoney and Coleraine. Information will be circulated to the group with dates and information on both courses running.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Strengthening Families Programme

The date of Strengthening Families in Ballymoney was queried when this will start. The group were asked if they have any referrals to send to Emma McElhone. Information will be circulated to the group along with a referral form to be completed.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on **Friday 20th March 2015 at 10.00am in Ballymoney Resource Centre.**