

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

**FRIDAY 20TH MARCH 2015 AT 10.00AM
BALLYMONEY COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE**

Attending:	Iain McAfee	<i>Parent/Comm Rep (Chair)</i>
	Adele Fulton	<i>NEELB</i>
	Denise Pemrick	<i>BCRC</i>
	Gemma Lutton	<i>CYPSP (Minute Taker)</i>
	Jonny Donaghy	<i>Ballymoney Borough Council</i>
	Sandra Anderson	<i>CYPSP</i>
	Selena Ramsey	<i>CYPSP</i>
	Tanya McVicker	<i>NEELB</i>
	Tommie Linton	<i>CHEERS</i>
	Veronica Kelly	<i>NHSCT</i>
	Victoria Laird	<i>Mencap</i>
	Rachel Allen	<i>NHSCT</i>
	Rebecca Brogan	<i>Mencap</i>
	Pat Purvis	<i>PHA</i>

Apologies:	Clare McKay	<i>NICMA</i>
	Indu Callaghan	<i>NGAGE</i>
	Sharon Lyons	<i>Early Years</i>
	Tessie O'Hagan	<i>Mencap</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 16th January 2015**.

MATTERS ARISING

Play Parks

Iain noted there are 4 play parks being developed in the Borough and tenders are currently out. It was suggested for the group to forward the Play Park letter to David Jackson – new executive of the council. It was also noted Richard Baker is the new Director of the council.

Action: Iain

UPDATE – BELIEVE IN YOUTH

Selena informed the group that Maurice McLaughlin is currently off and is not aware when he will return. The group queried arrangements on how to progress in Maurice's absence. Selena advised they are looking at seasonal youth workers to come into the targeted areas that were already agreed. Dervock was a key target area in Ballymoney. It is hoped for something to be progressed before the next meeting. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

Action: Selena

UPDATE – BABY FAIR

The Baby and Early Years Fair will be taking place on Monday 23rd March from 1.30pm – 4.30pm in Dalriada Rural Surestart, Ballymoney. A number of organisations have been invited to attend to provide information on what is available to parents of pre-school children. There will be a number of fun activities for children to take part in; there will be storytelling, music and a photo booth with free instant photos and refreshments for everyone attending. All members are welcome to

attend and were encouraged to promote this to any families they are working with. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

Action: Gemma / Iain

UPDATE – DISABILITY EVENT

The Disability event is taking place today from 1pm – 3pm in Ballymoney Town Hall. A number of organisations are coming along and this will also be used as a networking event. All members are welcome to attend. Feedback will be provided at the next meeting.

Action: Selena

PLAN – YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Following on from the successful funding application the subgroup met to plan the next stages of youth engagement. At this meeting it was discovered NEELB completed a recent piece of work so the group decided to build on this. The group set questions and created a survey monkey. Over 100 young people have responded to date. The group linked with Ballymoney High School, Lady of the Lourdes and Ballymoney NRC.

Sandra has been promoting the survey monkey to all schools. The purpose of the survey is for young people to tell us what services they use, what they would like and what help and support can be provided to them. A themed youth fair will be organised from the results of the survey. Ballymoney High School have offered their School as a venue for the youth fair.

The deadline for the survey monkey responses is 27th March and an analysis of results will be completed. The next subgroup meeting is planned for Tuesday 14th April at 2pm. The purpose of this meeting will be to look at the findings and plan the next stage.

Iain noted 114 responses for survey monkey have come through to date. 2/3 of these have been from young people aged 14-16 years. Iain give an overview of the responses. Over 50 have said they have

exam/school stress. 1/3 self-confidence is an issue and having nothing to do is also another key issue. 36% currently use no youth facilities and 72% would like to see more facilities in the area. Results will be used as a guide for issues to target.

MEMBER UPDATES

Selena Ramsey – CYPSP

Selena updated the group in current council structures and informed the group Ballymoney Locality Planning Group will remain as it is at the minute. This will be reviewed in the next 6-12 months.

Denise Pemrick – BCRC

Denise informed the group this is her 2nd day in post. The role she has come from has been different as it involved working across 4 council areas with older people. She dealt with some of the same issues in her previous role but with different ages. There is a gig planned with The Rock School on 10th April in Ballymoney Town Hall. The Homework Club will be starting once a week after Easter. Young people will be designing their own newsletter and format and having their own ideas in it. Denise also informed the group she will be designing and delivering a Disability Awareness Programme to Schools. This programme will be delivered in the areas of Ballymoney, Coleraine, Moyle and Limavady.

Adele Fulton – NEELB

Adele noted she is happy to attend future meetings. Adele is the School Age Mum Coordinator and supports young mums in the area. Adele is trained to deliver The Strengthening Families and Roots of Empathy programmes. Adele also does one to one project work with young people. Adele noted part of her role from September will be working as a Project Officer and working with 5 Schools in the area, where there would be issues in attendance. Statistics will come from the Education

Welfare Officers. Service level agreements will be drawn up with Schools in partnership with EWO's. The aim of this work will be to raise educational achievement.

Victoria Laid – Mencap

Victoria plans to attend the Disability Fair and provide information on Mencap. A residential is planned next month in Corrymeela.

Tanya McVicker – NEELB

Tanya is working with Adele and Ann Marie in Ballymoney High completing Service level agreements.

Sandra Anderson – CYPSP

Sandra informed the group she has received funding from the outcomes group to produce a DVD. The DVD will be used to promote the work of Children's Services Planning. Digital Media Solutions will be working on this DVD production. Sandra expressed the need to get young people to be involved in this. Young people will have to commit to 12 weeks and it is hoped to get this started as soon as possible. Digital Media will come to a location where young people are currently meeting. If anyone knows a group of young people who may like to be involved to let Sandra know.

Phoenix ADHD was suggested as a potential group for Sandra to link with. Adele noted she could get a group of School age mums.

Pat Purvis – PHA

Pat explained his role within Public Health Agency; Pat covers tobacco addiction and breastfeeding. 2 breastfeeding coordinators have been funded and fund GP's and pharmacies. In the Northern area 21% now smoke and this figure is decreased from a previous 23%. Pat is

currently promoting cessation. The Health Minister has started everywhere in NI will be smoke free in Trust sites. Pat noted this will be a challenge for councils and everyone to follow.

Veronica Kelly – NHSCT

Veronica noted they have received funding from PHA for early intervention work regarding Obesity. The team is currently working with 134 children linked with 10 schools and are encouraging remaining schools to attend. The sessions last a duration of 5 weeks and involve exercise. 2 parents of these children participating in sessions have been trained in the Cook It programme. Veronica noted she has funding to deliver Cook It but is unable to go ahead due to low numbers. No Smoking Day took place in Ballycastle High School and was well attended. Veronica noted she is also attending the Disability Fair.

Tommie Linton – Cheers

Tommie noted everything is on-going. All courses and projects are all continuing. The drop in centre is also open.

Iain McAfee – Parent/Community Rep

Iain informed the group Paediatric First Aid Training took place and 12 parents attended the full duration and are now fully trained.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nothing discussed.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on **Friday 15th May 2015 at 10.00am in Ballymoney Resource Centre.**