

## **Rural Dungannon Locality Planning Group**

Clogher Valley Community Centre Tuesday, 5 May 2015 at 2.00pm

Attendees	Apologies	
Fergal O'Donnell (RCN) – Chair	Anna Reid (Simon Community)	
Mairead McMullen (Clogher Valley Sure Start)	Jacqueline Connolly (SHSCT)	
Lisa Wright (COSTA)	Joanne McCourt (BCM)	
Mary Wray (Clogher Valley Community Centre)	Brenda McElroy (Youth Action)	
Diane Glasgow (Early Years)		
Annie Clarke (CYPSP)		

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Welcome and Introductions	<ul> <li>Fergal welcomed and thanked everyone for attending and introduced Annie Clarke, who was covering Julie's Maternity leave. On behalf of the group, Fergal extended congratulations to Julie on the birth of her son before inviting those present to introduce themselves.</li> </ul>	Annie to pass on congratulations to Julie
Apologies	A number of apologies were noted.	
Previous Minutes	Due to the cancellation of the last meeting in March, members where unclear as to how actions, from the previous meeting in December 2014, had progressed. Annie agreed to follow up on a number of actions including: Belfast Central Mission's Eat and Heat Event, Action Mental Health Training, Save the Children's Eat, Sleep, Learn, Play Programme and the Music Therapy sessions with the Sky Club.	Annie to Follow up on the progress of a number of Events and Activities since the last meeting in December 2014.
	Fergal and Mairead queried if they both needed to attend the Southern	Annie to Liaise with Southern



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	Outcomes Group meeting or if they could rotate the meetings between them.	Outcomes Group re:	
	<ul> <li>A number of members requested more information on the availability of funding from the Southern Outcomes Group, for locality groups to undertake small activities and events and to assist groups in leveraging in additional resources.</li> </ul>	attendance of LPG Chairs and funding availability	
	Minutes were agreed.		
Action Plan – Taking this Forward	<ul> <li>Annie presented an updated version of the Action Plan to those in attendance. As a way of refocusing the group, Annie suggested that it would be a worthwhile exercise for members to examine the Action Plan and together with their own working knowledge of the area, identify their top three priorities for the Locality Planning group to take forward.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Annie to email a copy of updated Action Plan to all members.</li> <li>Members agreed to examine the Action Plan and together with their own knowledge, list their top three priorities to be taken forward by the locality group - Members are asked to forward their priorities to Annie by Monday, 22 June 2015.</li> <li>Annie to email a copy of the draft Progress Report to all members - Members agreed to review the draft Progress Report and give feedback to Annie.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Annie proposed that at the next meeting, the group would negotiate and agree the key 3 - 4 priorities for the Locality group to focus on over the coming year. These key priorities would form the basis of the Action Plan.</li> </ul>		
	Annie offered to provide additional statistics to members to help prioritise issues – members to send requests to Annie.		
	To ensure the work undertaken by the group is reflected in the Action Plan, Annie suggested that once the Action Plan has been agreed, rather than constantly updating this plan, a progress report for each objective/priority would be completed at the Locality meetings. A sample progress report, using two objectives from the current Action Plan as an example, is included as an attachment with the minutes.		



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Update on Activities/ Member Update	<ul> <li>Rural Community Network/Galbally - Fergal O'Donnell         <ul> <li>A Disability Sports Camp was held in Galbally recently, with wide representation from the local area. Approximately 10-12 participants attended each session (one session per month over a three month period). The Group is now looking at extending this camp.</li> <li>We are hosting a coffee morning in partnership with Carers Matters on 17<sup>th</sup> June and we are exploring the potential of a new group to support people with disabilities and carers in the rural area of Galbally but also other areas within South Tyrone.</li> <li>An After-schools Project is being established in Galbally and recruitment for posts has been completed. The After-schools Project is expected to be launched in June 2015.</li> <li>Live Camp, organised by Mencap will be held during the summer and will cater for up to 10 young people. It is expected to be advertised in the coming weeks.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>COSTA – Lisa Wright</li> <li>A new micro capital grants programme of between £200 and £1,500 are available to rural community-led, voluntary organisations for projects tackling issues of local poverty and /or social isolation. The closing date for applications is 12 noon on Friday, 22 May 2015. COSTA is delivering this programme on behalf of the Department for Agriculture and Rural Development. For more information please contact COSTA.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Early Years – Diane Glasgow</li> <li>Family Health Initiative was a huge success with 14 families participating in the Galbally project. A similar programme is currently running in Clonoe Community Centre.</li> <li>The recent Department of Education cuts will have a devastating impact upon the work of Early Years with a £2m cut to the Early Years Fund.</li> </ul>	



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	<ul> <li>Clogher Valley Community Centre/St Macartans Youth Club – Mary Wray</li> <li>The Centre continues to be well used by the local community.</li> <li>Youth Club are finding it difficult to retain the older members of the Youth Club, as volunteers, due to other commitments.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Clogher Valley Sure Start – Mairead McMullen         <ul> <li>Funding cuts of 4% to Sure Start services will be reflected in a £21,000 reduction to Clogher Valley Sure Start budget. This budget will be reduced further as a result of the Management Fee Framework.</li> <li>Main areas of concern are Road Safety issues, especially when kids are collected from Playgroup and School. Children are not being placed in the proper booster seats and are not being encouraged to wear seatbelts. Some information and awareness raising on car and road safety would be useful.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Membership of Locality Planning Group – Annie Clarke         <ul> <li>Nuala is currently updating the membership list and contact details. Each member is asked to update their details (if applicable) and return the form for Nuala. Annie also requested that members have a think about any organisation that should be invited to join the Locality Group. Members felt that it was beneficial to encourage representatives from the local schools to attend. Patricia Donnelly (Augher P.S.) to be included in mailing list.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Annie to explore options for raining awareness of road safety within the local community  Members to update Membership list and suggest potential new members. Nuala to add Patricia Donnelly to the mailing list
Date of Next Meeting	The next meeting will be held on:     Date: Tuesday, 7 July 2015	Nuala to inform members of date for the next meeting.
	Time: 2.00pm Venue: Clogher Valley Community Centre	