

**MINUTES OF MOYLE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S
LOCALITY PLANNING GROUP MEETING**

**TUESDAY 14th APRIL 2015 AT 10.00AM
IN THE TILLY MOLLOY CENTRE, ARMOY**

Attending:	Brenda McAteer	<i>Early Years Team NHST</i>
	Gemma Lutton	<i>CYPSP (Minute Taker)</i>
	Marie Therese Cassin	<i>Cedar Foundation</i>
	Michelle Maguire	<i>EA – North Eastern Region</i>
	Sharon Kirk	<i>Dalriada Rural Surestart</i>
	Selena Ramsey	<i>CYPSP</i>
	Veronica McKinley	<i>NACN</i>
	Karin Eyben	<i>Corrymeela</i>
	Orlaith Quinn	<i>PCSP/CCGC</i>
	Maureen McCaughan	<i>Homestart Coleraine</i>
	Michelle Scullion	<i>Barnardos</i>
Apologies:	Janice Armstrong	<i>PHA</i>
	Amanda McAuley	<i>CRUN</i>
	Ann McIntosh	<i>NHST</i>
	Sandra Anderson	<i>CYPSP</i>
	Louise Scullion	<i>Moyle District Council</i>
	Kerry Patton	<i>Greenlight Gateway</i>
	Lorraine Connor	<i>PSNI</i>

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Brenda welcomed everyone to the meeting today and a round of introductions took place.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were agreed as being a true and accurate recording of the previous meeting held on **Tuesday 3rd February 2015**.

MATTERS ARISING

None noted.

KARIN EYBEN – CORRYMEELA

Karin works for Corrymeela as a Community Family Worker.

Bushmills Education Project

Karin provided information on how Bushmills Education project started. An issue was identified relating to education and under achievement which statistics confirmed, especially evident for young people with a Bushmills postcode. From this, a group were interested in starting the Bushmills Education Project. Karin had the vision “It takes a community/village to educate a child”. Initial partnership was pulled together by BREF and included CYPSP and a group of parents. Questionnaires were put together and one thing that came from this research was people valued the schools in the community.

Key areas from survey

- Preschool education
- Lifeskills and skills of parents
- Relationship between parents/carers and their schools
- How do you know the child’s doing well at school
- Homework
- Children with additional special needs

Year 1 – Discussing Issues

Next stage was to understand what lies in these issues. Kitchen table discussions took place. These were in coffee shops, Surestart building and homes. Part of this rotation was to bring people into different spaces. A speaker came in each time the group met and spoke about the topic they were discussing. Trips also took place with the group. This was all brought all together at the Bushmills Festival and showcased. The theatre group were invited and performed some of the discussions. This was powerful and got messages across very well. Event was also trying to connect the jigsaw and bring everything together. Paper planes with a wish were completed and released with each person’s hopes/dreams for education of young people in the future. A report was produced at the end of Year 1.

Year 2 – Trying to do something

A lot of things were tried out in Year 1 in regard to themes. A homework club was started. Essential Skills training was completed. Started parents café for sustained support and this was open to parents/carers with children of any age. Bushmills Education Charter was developed. Anna Grindle led this engagement with young people. The charter was developed through conversations and was launched at 2nd festival. Over 150 signed a large poster charter at this festival. BREF started a summer school open to primary school children to do Maths/English with the aim of keeping community connections. A pilot was run for 6 weeks.

At the festival young people showcased their talents to show different ways of being smart. As well as launching the charter the rap was also launched at the festival. An award was given to a shop for best trader open to young people to vote. The young people said they felt the owners give them the most respect in this shop in Bushmills.

Seed 21s was formed. Parents, Surestart, Police, Youth Service and a range of different people formed this group. Karin provided information on the Bushmills Transition Project. This was looking at transition from pre-school to primary school and from primary to post primary. This focused on looking at how to support young people and families in this transition. A new youth club and Homework club is running as a result.

Year 3

A core group has been established to continue with the partnership the key themes are Transition, parental engagement and 16-25. There is a community festival organised this year which will celebrate change and transition. The theme is Back to The Future. This will look at how education and life has changed throughout the decades.

Transition Project

Three Primary Schools and Dunluce School have come together to deliver a cluster project. A number of things have been established as a result of the programme. Workshops and engagement has taken place with families. A residential weekend was completed with families. A Community Celebration event is held each year and this year will focus on transition / change. The event will look at what can be put in place in the future.

Discussions took place regarding the Pyramid 10 week programme. Brenda agreed to get information for Karin.

Action: Brenda

Corrymeela

Karin noted Corrymeela has been established for 50 years this year and this will be a celebration year. It was set up before the troubles in 1965 to be a place for people experiencing challenges. Corrymeela has grown over the years and has invested in its site over the last few years. The centre has capacity for 80 beds. It is made up of 3 groups:

1. Community – 180 members.
2. Volunteers – there is a range of volunteering opportunities. There is a 1 year volunteering opportunity where young people can live on site for a year and develop their skills and grow over this time. Free food and accommodation is provided. There is also short term volunteering. Hospitality, grounds keeping and a number of opportunities are available. Corrymeela are reaching out locally for volunteers.
3. Staff – Programme team of 10 staff. Programme team can help with activities at the facility. Organisations can book to stay and run their own programme or can book and have volunteers help with a programme.

Karin noted there is a great arts and crafts space. Volunteers are skilled in a number of activities. Karin noted she is developing work around transitions. There are a lot of experiences where people face a transition e.g. being a parent, an adult, moving school or retirement. Corrymeela can provide things around transition and help people through this stage in their lives.

Part of Karin's role is to support any funding applications and submitting own funding applications. Karin can work in partnership with organisations to secure funding in order to use Corrymeela. There are set fees for the use of Corrymeela but these can be negotiable.

Karin provided information on funding in order for families to come and stay at the centre for a week. The group were asked if they have any families to let Karin know if they would be interested. Karin will be starting to think next month about the programmes to deliver and dates for this to happen. It is hoped this will take place at Halloween. Karin will consult with this group for families. There will be different stages to the week, family members will have their own space on occasions and will also do stuff together.

Karin would like Corrymeela used locally by groups and emphasised on engaging locally. A number of suggestions were made for organisations to use the venue. It could be an alternative venue for playgroups and provided for free. Transport may be the only issue for this. Parent and Toddler groups could meet; meetings / workshops could take place.

If anyone would like more information email Karin Eyben, Community Family Worker at karineyben@corrymeela.org

BELIEVE IN YOUTH – IMPACT OF ALCOHOL

Selena informed the group that Maurice McLaughlin is currently off sick and is unsure when he will return. Some work was completed with PCSP before his absence. The PCSP ran a P7 project 'Booze you Lose' in Corrymeela looking at risk taking behaviours. Young people were giving the 'My Name is Katie' resource as a way of encouraging parents to talk to their children in P7 before they have their first drink. PCSP linked and coordinated all the Schools for this project. Believe in Youth carried out workshops with the young people in all Schools. Feedback has been good and very positive from all involved. 12 out of 14 primary schools engaged in the programme. This was very encouraging as this was a pilot of the project.

From this pilot a Streetwork programme was delivered following on from anti-social behaviour in Ballycastle. NEELB provided 2 youth workers on Saturday evenings for this. The youth workers engaged with a core group of 13 young people. It was noted this is a fantastic programme and thanks were given for the youth workers. The Believe in Youth team linked in with this programme and provided information on alcohol. It was hoped some of the young people engaged would start linking with other organisations and 3 have now engaged with the youth club.

A celebration event was held in the High School when the Streetwork programme was complete. All young people attended along with their carers/parents. A parent spoke at this event on how the programme had a huge impact on her and her daughter's lives. The parent thanked the workers for what they did and for getting daughter off the street.

Selena noted an update will be provided at the next meeting on any developments regarding the Believe in Youth Project.

Action: Selena

UPDATE – FAMILY SUPPORT HUBS

Selena met with Clare who is hoping to attend groups in the future. There is limited staff at present and it is not possible to attend Locality groups due to capacity issues.

Claire McKay, Family Support Hub co-ordinator provided feedback regarding the emerging needs from referrals to the family hubs:

- Provision for 0-4 outside of Surestart area.

- 5-8 year olds behaviour support
- Provision for 14+ (choices no longer taking referral's due to capacity)
- Family breakdown

The largest amount of referrals are coming through for family breakdown and support for families and support for children. Claire will provide an update if any changes to gaps / emerging needs arise.

ACTION PLAN – AGREED PRIORTIES

Selena outlined the priorities the group agreed to work on.

- Link with Corrymeela.
- Training for parents for outdoor activities around families with disabilities. Look for something to be run in Corrymeela with a parent's session at the end of programme. This will be progressed as a key priority.
- Develop family support group.
- Internet Safety – Chat, Share, Think delivered to Schools. Wayne Denner is also delivering sessions.
- PCSP Internet Safety / Online Bullying are a big priority currently. Will be going back into Schools where this has been delivered. All secondary schools have had first set of training. A second will be delivered.
- Promote Strengthening Families Programme to be delivered in April in Bushmills.
- Volunteering opportunities. Invite Volunteer Centre to meeting. Try to get volunteers within the area.
- Lobbying.

MEMBER UPDATES

Marie Therese Cassin – Cedar Foundation

Marie Therese noted they are currently meeting to review referrals. In the past anyone could have referred and now they wish for referrals to come through the hubs and children's disability team and hope to prioritise referrals coming in. They are also looking at other areas of concern. Cedar Foundation are sitting with 12 referrals and 40 on the waiting list. Will be linking with the hubs to attend meetings

and deliver a presentation to the group. Working with Glens Youth Club to provide activities and hoping to get the same in Ballycastle. Gillian is planning a summer scheme and looking at a family fun day. Information will be sent all groups when organised.

Veronica McKinley

Veronica has worked in primary schools and secondary on body confidence. This was delivered to P6, P7 and Year 9 and 10. Ballymena schools got funding to deliver Body confidence. Veronica noted 10 schools are to be finished by end of the month and there are 5 schools to go. This is going well and comments back to date have been very good. Body Confidence is 1-2 hours per session depending on age group. The Eating Disorders team are keen to come in following on from each session delivered.

Sharon Kirk – Surestart

Sharon noted Surestart have a budget cut of 4.8%. This has been taken off each Surestart budget. Surestart will no longer have an office in Armoy. All programmes are continuing to run at present. Sharon noted she hopes for no staff to be lost but may have to reduce some programmes being delivered in the future. There is also a review in speech and language delivery for all surestarts and there will be one band 8a over all Surestarts. This will be implemented at the beginning of April 2015. Speech and Language Therapists are also getting downgraded and there will be one band 7 to oversee band 6's.

Maureen McCaughan - Homestart

Maureen noted Homestart has been in existence for 20 years. A celebration event is being held for all volunteers. A new programme will be starting this week. Everything else is continuing as normal. Maureen noted Homestart did a recruitment drive in the area and are still trying to recruit volunteers.

Michelle Scullion – Barnardos

Funded by PHA and continue to be funded. It was noted Barnardos haven't secured new tenders as yet. There is only one worker in the Northern area and it is very busy. Michelle will be finishing with a few families before Easter and starting with new families. There is a group in Belfast for people who have been bereaved by a

death in the family. Michelle operates a free flowing referral system. Leaflets were distributed on what is being delivered and how to explain death to children and young people and help them cope.

Michelle can be contacted on 077 9614 8549 or email michelle.scullion@barnardos.org.uk

Michelle Maguire – EA

Michelle noted she is working on a 4 week contract basis and this is the same for funding. Information was provided on Adult Trainee Leader training being delivered to 11 young people. The course is now moving onto week 4 which will focus on communication. Michelle has sent an email to progress with the Horrible Histories DVD.

Orlaith Quinn- PCSP

Funding has been cut by 43%. There have been implications due to 4 councils merging. Within PCSP there will be one manager and 3 officers covering all areas. There is 10 PCSP members and all 10 members have been elected and on committee. Committee member's recruitment is taking place at present. There will be 9 committee members from the community.

Selena Ramsey – CYPSP

Information was provided on Supporting Siblings workshops. These have been organised for young people aged 10+ who have a brother or sister with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Two workshops will take place in March / April in Cookstown and Carrickfergus. Dinner will be provided along with a goodie bag etc. Leaflets were given with all necessary information to the group.

Brenda McAteer – Early Years Team

Brenda noted the Department of Education for Early Years cut will have an effect on play groups. Another letter is due out for the Armoyn Playgroup and Brenda is waiting on this before taking next steps. The minister has stated there may be another fund coming out.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nothing noted.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed the next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 9th June 2015** at **10.00am** in **Corrymeela, Ballycastle**.