

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

**FRIDAY 15TH JANUARY 2016 AT 10.00AM
BALLYMONEY COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE**

Attending:	Iain McAfee	<i>Parent/Comm Rep (Chair)</i>
	Catherine Scott	<i>Ballymoney High School</i>
	Denise Pemrick	<i>BCRC</i>
	Gemma Lutton	<i>CYPSP (Minute Taker)</i>
	Karen Millar	<i>Homestart Causeway</i>
	Kaye Cormack	<i>Phoenix ADHD Project</i>
	Maire Buckley	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>
	Sandra Anderson	<i>CYPSP</i>
	Tanya McVicker	<i>EA NI</i>
	Veronica Kelly	<i>School Nursing – NHSCT</i>
	Pat Purvis	<i>PHA</i>

Apologies:	Clare McKay	<i>NICMA</i>
	Cynthia Currie	<i>Ballymoney High</i>
	Gregg Turnball	<i>Mencap</i>
	Selena Ramsey	<i>CYPSP</i>

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Iain welcome everyone to the meeting and invited a round of introductions.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The last meeting held on Friday 20th November 2015 looked at a 20/20 vision and a number of discussions took place. Karin Eyben facilitated this workshop and discussions. No formal minutes were taken but information from this will be written up and shared. It is hoped to set 3 clear outcomes to take forward as a locality group.

MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising.

BETH GIBB – ACTION MENTAL HEALTH

Beth sent apologies as she is no longer able to make today's meeting. Information on programmes will be circulated.

UPDATE – BELIEVE IN YOUTH

No further updates provided.

UPDATE – CHILL AND SPILL INITIATIVES

Sandra provided information on both initiatives in Ballymoney High and Our Lady of Lourdes. A core group of 10-12 are attending Scream, Shout & let It All Out in Ballymoney High. Lunch passes have been given to pupils who attend in order for them to get their lunch quickly and go direct to M5. Gerry organised a visit to Start360 in Ballymena and 13 pupils went on a bus provided to get there. The purpose was to let them see the potential of what a space could look like. The group who attended will be pulling information together and presenting their ideas to Cynthia.

In Discuss with No Fuss in Our Lady of Lourdes Geraldine has built up a good relationship with Year 12's. A core group of 20-25 are attending. A meeting was set up before Christmas with young people to look at what they would like in the pastoral care room used for this initiative. Geraldine will be taking these ideas forward. Geraldine has also organised a laughter workshop for all Year 12's with a provisional date set. The idea is for young people to learn exercises they can use to cope at other times of the year. Christmas parties took place in both schools and all young people who attended really enjoyed these. Pictures of both were distributed.

MEMBER UPDATES

Veronica Kelly – School Nursing

Veronica noted School Nurses have completed Year 8 health appraisals. Team have to go back into Schools to capture those who were absent and those who didn't have forms completed. Ballymoney have a lot of initiatives and are trying to get dance

classes and Cook It. A report is published on the pilot completed last year on early intervention and prevention work. This can be shared for those interested.

Denise Pemrick – BCRC

Rock School rehearsals are taking place every week. A Christmas concert took place with 100 people attending this. A raffle was done at the concert which was a good success. Great support was given from businesses and volunteers who contributed generously towards the raffle. Denise applied for money for resources to purchase drum kits etc. through Children in Need funding. The application is through to the last stage in the process.

Drama workshops are running as well as Homework clubs which are both free for everyone attending. Denise noted there is new legislation for taxi drivers were they have to have disability awareness. A Disability Awareness video has been produced for taxi drivers.

Pat Purvis – PHA

Pat explained his role within Public Health Agency and noted he covers Breastfeeding as well as Smoking Cessation. There is a regional campaign in place for smoke free at school gates. Anyone who has links to primary schools were asked to encourage them to engage. Smoke Free signs have been given to primary schools and 75 have signed up so far. All of Trust premises will now be going smoke free from 9 March 2016. Pat provided a number of statistics on smoking and also noted Wales have banned E Cigarettes.

Pat can be contacted by emailing pat.purvis@hscni.net for anyone wishing for further information.

Tanya McVicker – EA NI

Groupwork took place with young people. 130 1st Years looked at attendance, attitudes and parents attitudes. Tanya is linking in with parenting courses delivered in Coleraine. 2 families have self-referred to parenting NI workshops.

Catherine Scott – Ballymoney High

Numeracy and Literacy classes are running on Wednesday nights in the School. ICT classes have also been run for adults in the community. Cook It will be delivered and

sessions will be limited to 10 people. The first class took place last night and went well. Ballymoney High are getting another teacher training day in Cook It. Coursework Clubs are being offered in afternoons on Wednesdays and Thursday for all year groups. 20-30 people are staying at present with 10-15 on a Thursday. A Health Fair with all primary schools has been organised for 28th January 2016. All primary schools and secondary schools are involved in this. Catherine noted Ballymoney High now have a school liaison worker/counsellor working within the school. Young people are self-referring to use this service.

Karen Millar – Homestart Causeway

Homestart now have a team of 34 volunteers which is brilliant and Karen noted is a very strong team. This means they can easily support families in rural Ballymoney. This term 'Minding Me' will be delivered with parents and First Aid training will be provided for the volunteers. Homestart are successful in a grant for further play therapy and this was an unexpected bonus. It is a very busy time but Karen noted it is good to be able to invest in the team with training. They are gaining a lot of skills and experience.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nothing noted.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on **Friday 11th March 2016 at 10.00am in Ballymoney Resource Centre.**