

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

**FRIDAY 8th APRIL 2016 AT 10.00AM
IN COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING ROOM, TOWN HALL BUILDINGS,
CARRICKFERGUS**

Attending:	Basmah Alhabi	<i>Ulster University</i>
	Claire Duddy	<i>Mid & East Antrim Council</i>
	Florence Hand	<i>NHSCT- Hearty Lives Project</i>
	Gemma Lutton	<i>CYPSP (Minute Taking)</i>
	Ivor Mitchell	<i>YMCA</i>
	Kathryn Morgan	<i>NHSCT</i>
	Joanne Cahill	<i>Start 360</i>
	Jonathan McConnell	<i>People Plus NI</i>
	Liz Brown	<i>NICMA</i>
	Lynn McKenzie	<i>Pregnancy Resource</i>
	Nicola Johnston	<i>Community Family Support Project</i>
	Sandra Anderson	<i>CYPSP</i>
	Sandra Crozier	<i>Selah Accommodation Services</i>
	Michelle Logan	<i>Education Welfare Service</i>
	Selena Ramsey	<i>CYPSP</i>
Apologies:	Ann Doherty	<i>NHSCT Hearty Lives</i>
	Roy Beggs	<i>MLA (Chairperson)</i>
	Beth Gibb	<i>Action Mental Health</i>
	Clare McFarlane	<i>Start360</i>
	Gabrielle Nellis	<i>PHA</i>
	Hedley Webb	<i>Carrickfergus College</i>
	Nar Munna	<i>Believe in Youth</i>
	Margaret Armstrong	<i>Horizon Surestart</i>
	Shirley Clarke	<i>NHSCT</i>

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ivor agreed to chair the meeting in Roy's absence. He welcomed everyone to the meeting today and invited a round of introductions.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were agreed as being a true and accurate recording of the previous meeting held on **Friday 12th December 2015**. Changes noted under member updates from Claire Duddy changing Northern Obesity Fair to Northern Obesity Conference.

MATTERS ARISING

Nothing noted.

PRESENTATION- Fiona Hughes, Selah House

Please see attached presentation. Further details available from selahhousez@tiscali.co.uk

PRESENTATION- Nicola Johnston, Network Personnel

Please see attached presentation. Further details available from Nicola.johnston@networkpersonnel.org.uk

UPDATE EDUCATION SUBGROUP

Selena provided background information to the education subgroup for any members not present at the previous LPG meeting. The goal of the group is to work in partnership to improve educational outcomes for Children and Young People in Carrickfergus, with emphasis on the wards highlighted as below the Northern Ireland Average in recent statistics.

744 parental survey questionnaires have been completed to date. Results have shown parents would like more information on revision subjects, computer skills etc. as they don't feel they have adequate skills. Days that would suit parents and times of classes if offered were gathered. The group had a discussion and agreed a young person's survey would be useful to gather information and compare needs.

A community workshop has been planned for Tuesday 19th April 2016 at 6pm in YMCA. At this meeting Jackie Redpath from the Shankhill Partnership will speak and community representatives will highlight the Bushmills Experience. Sandra will present the questionnaire results from the parents and young people's survey. Parents will be asked 'what can be done locally to help parents help their child's education'. Selena circulated invitations for this event and invited all group members and encouraged them to invite parents they are currently working with.

Action: Selena

CARRICKFERGUS/LARNE HUB UPDATE

The Hubs have received funding until March 2017. Selena provided feedback that organisations taking referrals at the hubs are now sitting with waiting lists. This is becoming a challenge and gaps remain the same.

Selena noted that there will be a change of personnel and she will invite Claire's replacement to attend LPG.

ACTION: Selena

BELIEVE IN YOUTH UPDATE

Have recruited 4 peer educators looking to deliver to groups in Carrickfergus. Any hotspots to contact Nar will aim to progress. Narendra.munna@dunlewey.org / 07961450424

MEMBER UPDATES

Jonathan McConnell- People Plus

Jonathan provided information on the Steps to Success Programme and the BEE Project. People Plus NI is funded through the Social Investment Fund and have funding to deliver free educational courses to anyone 16+. Jonathan is covering the Northern area and finding out what each area needs. It was noted they don't want to duplicate services, but support existing services and fill gaps in service.

Any course can be delivered depending on the needs of community groups/gaps in provision. The aim of the project is to re-engage disengaged adults in the education process and to build opportunities for subsequent employment through education. Jonathan noted that the project is already open and anyone working with groups of

16 plus and beyond who would be keen on additional support and training to contact him.

Lynn McKenzie – Pregnancy Resource

Lynn noted they are changing their name but have no confirmed name to date. They are also receiving more family referrals and hope to take on more of this work. Volunteers and Lynn are now qualified counsellors and want to do more family support work. There will also be more programmes running. Princess Diaries and Becoming a Mum are both going really well. Lynn would like to take these programmes further outside of Surestart. A 6 week journal based programme was delivered in Larne Surestart with participants getting a journal to take away and reflect on. Have funding to deliver another programme before September.

Claire Duddy – Mid & East Antrim Council

Claire noted that to date there is no great change around community planning. Hearty Lives have slow cooker demos coming round and have commenced a weight management project. There are currently 8 participants in the Castlemara programme, this also includes support from a dietician.

Florence also noted that they are into the final 3 months of the hearty lives project in Carrickfergus and evaluation has commenced. There is a healthy start kit being put together for mums, this is just being piloted with a few groups before finalising. Anne has moved back to Health visiting, however the two dieticians and midwife will be in post until June.

Starting to plan final event on 22nd June 2016 to look at celebrating the success to date and look at a legacy. This will take place in Loughshane Hotel.

Liz Brown – NICMA

NICMA are holding stands in local shopping centres to celebrate childminding week. Continue to promote the importance of using a registered childminder.

Ivor Mitchell- YMCA

Ivor noted that there are currently 135 families linked into the PAKT programme. 70 families will be heading to Carnfunock for a family fun day. Young people are also involved in an Olympics programme and this has sparked a lot of interest from press

and regional YMCA. Youth club continues to go well. Josh hopes to take over worker in charge post.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nothing noted.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed the next meeting will take place on **Friday 10th June 2016 at 10.00am in Community Forum Meeting Room, Town Hall Buildings, Carrickfergus.**