

Notes of Down Locality Planning Group

Meeting on – 19th January 2017 at 10.00am

Venue – Ballymote Community Centre, Downpatrick

Present: Stephanie Thompson (HSCB/CYPSP), Helen Brown (Bryson), Jenny Lavery (CDRCN), Lisa McClay (YMCA), Pauline McMullan (YMCA), David Patterson (NMDDC), Ralston Perera (SE Trust), Louise Kearney (Action for Children) and Stephen Glass (Down Learning Community for Schools).

Apologies: Dorothy McMullan (Homestart Down, Aisling Rennick (NMDDC), Sheila Simons (SE Trust), Marie Kelly (Surestart), Claire Marie Dickson (EITP) and Nicholas McCrickard (CDRCN).

Agenda Item	Brief Description	Action
1. Welcome and Introductions	RP opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees. A round of introductions was made.	
2. Apologies	Noted as above	
3. Guest Speaker – K Maxwell Sth. Belfast LPG	K Maxwell was unable to attend, but in her absence Stephanie Thompson (ST) gave a presentation on good practice examples in other LPG's across the region. This presentation to be circulated to membership by RPP	Presentation to be sent out by RP
4. Notes of the 22nd Nov 2016 Meeting and any matters arising	The notes were reviewed and agreed subject to a couple of corrections. Page 1, item 3 to change panning to planning and page 2 item 4 to amend Ailing to Aisling. All other items to be covered under substantive agenda.	RP to amend notes
5. Membership Update – Gaps and further action	The issue of membership was discussed and Stephen Glass (SG) advised that Philip Artherton was current chair of the Primary Schools Principals Group and he would forward an email address. It was also agreed that contact would be made with Kelly Maxwell in her capacity with Autism Initiatives.	SG to provide email address RP to contact P Atherton and K Maxwell

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6. Draft Terms of Reference and roles and responsibilities of chair	RP referred to the documents circulated prior to the meeting that set out the Draft Terms of Reference and roles and responsibilities of the chair of the LPG. No additional comments were made regarding these.	
7. Defining our priorities and assessing need – the way forward	<p>A general discussion took place regarding what the group should look to do and what areas should be focused on. ST advised that Sth Belfast LPG had focused on education, but each LPG would respond to what the identified needs were and what members would like to do to address those needs. There was some talk about the Shankill LPG and work that J Redpath is doing in that area. There was debate as how this group would link with and complement the likes of the Council, Making Life Better and Surestart. SG commented that a lot of effort is focused on underachievement in the post primary sector and mainly targeted at Downpatrick. Mention was made of the speech and language 'Talk Boost' project going on in the area and the good results being achieved.</p> <p>There were a number of suggestions made as to what the groups could look at in the short and long term, linking in with other initiatives such as the work David Patterson (DP) is involved in to deliver a "Healthy Living Fair" in March/April on behalf of Newry Mourne and Down District Council (NMDDC). Louise Kearney advised that Action for Children (AfC) were celebrating 15 years in the locality on 10th March and would also be having an event. Jenny Laverty (JL) explained about the "Be Safe" initiatives and the range of schools and children reached.</p> <p>It was agreed that the following would be pursued in the short term,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Small task and finish group of Helen Brown, David Patterson, Louise Kearney and Jenny Laverty to discuss and agree what could be done for the NMDDC event and AfC event. 	Feedback at 9 th March meeting

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	<p>2. Initial discussion to take place re running a school uniform swap event.</p> <p>3. Loraine Coulter to be invited to update the group on the Talk Boost project in Down.</p> <p>4. J Redpath was to be invited to share experience and explain what was going on in the Shankill.</p> <p>5. A review of the stats for the area would be conducted to highlight areas of concern and to help shape what the group would focus on</p>	<p>9th March meeting</p> <p>To be invited 5th July</p> <p>To be invited 5th July</p> <p>To take place 9th March meeting</p>
8. PEACE IV funding	RP advised that Ards and Nth Down and Lisburn and Castlereagh Councils were due to open PEACE IV funding to groups to bid to deliver services under early intervention. DP advised that NMDDC would only be putting about £30k out for tender across the council area for a personal development programme; the remainder of the funding would be used by council to deliver services via in house means.	
9. NMDDC Community Plan Consultation	RP reminded all that the closing date for responses to be lodged with NMDDC on the consultation is the 25 th January	
10. AOB	DP advised that NMDDC financial assistance calls will be open soon.	
11. Dates and venues of future meetings	<p>Next meeting to take place <u>9th March 2017 at 10.00am in Ballymote Centre, Downpatrick</u></p> <p>16th May 2017 at 10.00 Ballymote 5th July 2017 at 10.00 Ballymote 6th September 2017 at 10.00 Ballymote 17th October 2017 at 10.00 Ballymote 6th December 2017 at 10.00 Ballymote</p>	