

## Notes of Ards and North Down Locality Planning Group

**Meeting on – 16<sup>th</sup> August at 10.00am**

**Venue – Ards Community Network**

**Present:** Stephanie Thompson (HSCB), Cathy Polley (Ards Community Network), Nicola Flavelle (Women’s Aid), Frances McCormick (CDRCN), Kelly Maxwell (Autism NI) and Lisa Roulston (ANDBC).Aveen Greenan (Early Years) Francesca Dowler (AANDBC),Noelle Hollywood (SET) Pete Rea

**Apologies:** Kelvin Doherty (Youth Justice Agency), Joanne Neill (Bryson), Dawn Thompson (Bryson), Louise Little (Nth Down Comm Network), Linda McConnell (SE Trust), Lisa McCloy (YMCA) and Sheila Bailie (Peninsula Healthy Living), Orla Watt (Parent Action), Jim Dunbar (Education Authority), Julie Kilpatrick (SE Trust), Nadia Dornan (Holywood Family Centre), Paul Betts (Holywood Family Centre), Gareth McCluskey (North Down Community Network), Desy Clayton (Kilcooley Community Forum), David Stitt (Kilcooley Community Forum) and Ralston Perera (SE Trust), Joyce Ross (Homestart Ards), Sgt Hugo Kelly (PSNI), Kathie Corrigan (Barnardo’s) Jacqui Adair (Surestart/Bryson), Joanne Garrett (SE Trust),

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1.Welcome and Introductions	Cathy Polley opened the meeting and everyone in attendance introduced themselves.	
2. Apologies	Noted as above and where possible substitute members are in attendance.	
3. Notes of 22 <sup>nd</sup> May and matters arising	Notes agreed, all matters arising dealt with under substantive agenda	
4. Presentation by Sgt. Hugo Kelly	Apology from Hugo	Hugo to update LPG at October meeting
5. Kirkubbin Family Fun Day	Stephanie gave feedback on the Kirkubbin Family Fun Day, this event was part of the community plan, there was good feedback from participants.  Cathy recalled that there are 3 fun days in the plan, Nikki Dorian will lead on an intergenerational event in the Autumn in Bangor.	Report card on Fun Day attached to notes  Stephanie and Noelle to meet with Nikki to form planning

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	The poverty forum have also suggested a Halloween Cinema event at the Elim Church	group Cathy to contact Ken at Elim regarding date and time of event
6. Motivational Interviewing and Having Effective Conversations training	Cathy gave feedback on the well-attended training, hosted by Ards Community Network, and facilitated by Ed Sipler South Eastern Trust. There was a good representation from Statutory and Voluntary sector, Stephanie recalled that family support workers had reflected a significant issue working with families with drug and alcohol issues, and the effective conversation training would be very useful in practice.	Ed has offered follow-up training/ Noelle to contact Ed to arrange
7. Botvin Life Skills Project	Noelle and Stephanie updated the Group on the progress of the Botvin Life Skills Pilot; training recently delivered to local teachers by Lauren Spiers from Barnardos.	Noelle to update Group on Pilot Stephanie has prepared a report card on the pilot
8. School Uniform Initiatives	Cathy thanked the group for all their support for the 'back to school uniform project'. Cathy informed the Group that Ards Community Network hosed a local event, and due to large supply of uniform and continued demand from the Community, the project ran during Jul/Aug/Sept. The network reflected the wide range of family needs and will consider beginning the project in June 2019.there has been very positive feedback from local Schools and Families from the central Ards area. Stephanie reflected on the Down uniform projects which were hosted in Downpatrick, Ballynahinch and Newcastle, feedback from these events were very positive and demonstrated good partnership working. Cathy recalled some local stories from families engaging in the project, and how grateful they were, she also commented on the fact that some Schools had been re-branded a number of times. Lisa is considering how the AAND Council can get involved next year.	Noelle to provide a report card for the next meeting

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9. First Responders Training- Jan 2019	Stephanie informed the group about the First Responders Training; Responders will be people living or working within a community who have been trained to have effective conversations with individuals seeking help about their alcohol or other drug use and to signpost them to the most appropriate services.	Marty to provide details of training for the group.
10. Drug and Alcohol Networking Event	Stephanie gave a brief summary regarding the Networking Breakfast on 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2019 at the Arts Centre Newtownards. There was a call for stands to participate at the event. Cathy reported that she would like a Drug and Alcohol Strategy for AAND. Stephanie informed the group about the YMCA's 'Building Up' programme.	Noelle and Marty to send invitations for event
11. Needs Assessment Tender for North Down and Ards	Cathy informed the group that the tender is out for a 'Needs Assessment' for the AAND Locality, it is anticipated that there will be various levels of participation with local services, families and children. The needs assessment will be a useful tool for individuals and organisations making funding applications.	Stephanie to send access link to the LPG
12. AOB	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lisa informed the group about the 'Real Lives' event for carers, families and communities effected by dementia. The event will take place on 25-10-18 from 12-2pm at Arura. Light lunch will be served at 11-30</li> <li>2. Kelly gave a brief update of Autism Groups in the locality, she informed the group about 'skills for staying safe' training for young people.</li> </ol>	Lisa to send flyer for circulation,
14. Dates and venues for future meetings	All meetings are 10.00am start, all venues confirmed,	

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	17th Oct 2018 YMCA Bangor 5th Dec 2018 Ads Community Network 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2019 Venue TBC 2 <sup>nd</sup> April Ards Community Network 2019	