

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

**WEDNESDAY 17th April 2019 AT 10.30AM
IN SMILEY BUILDINGS, LARNE**

Attending:

David McAllister	<i>Mid & East Antrim Borough Council</i>
Andrew Millar	<i>Start 360</i>
Grace McCann	<i>CHIP</i>
Catherine McGonigle	<i>Education Welfare Officer</i>
Valerie McKenzie	<i>EA Youth Service</i>
Deirdre Marley	<i>Princes Trust</i>
Samantha Morrison	<i>NHSCT</i>

Apologies:

Aideen Johnson	<i>PHA</i>
Denise McVeigh	<i>MEA – Play Development</i>
Ruth Ozel	<i>Hot Programme Manager</i>
Joy McNally	<i>Larne YMCA</i>

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were agreed as being a true and accurate recording of the previous meeting held on **Wednesday 6th March 2019**.

MATTERS ARISING

None

YOUTH FAIR

The Youth Fair took place on the 2nd April 2019 in the Town Hall.

Two schools were in attendance; Larne Grammar and Larne High.

Feedbacks from both schools and pupils was highlighted to the group, on the whole the feed was positive with an average of 70% of pupils who attended feeling that groups were now more accessible, that it had improved their knowledge of facilities and that they were now more likely to engage with 83% of teachers highlighting that attendance had increased their knowledge of local services.

Additional feedback indicated that the venue whilst in a good location struggled to accommodate the interactive activities and the number of young people passing through. A brief discussion was held which highlighted the potential use of the Leisure centre for similar events in the future however; it was acknowledged that this would incur an additional charge for buses.

Deirdre Marley added that her Manager had represented the Princes Trust and had advised her that she felt it had been very successful.

LARNE/CARRICKFERGUS HUB UPDATE

None current

MEMBER UPDATES

Andrew/Start 360

Andrew advised that 360 are available to come out and do free drug and alcohol awareness training sessions for young people, staff teams and community just get in touch.

In addition, connectors and responders training is also available simply contact 360.

RAPID Bins update; still trying to locate a good location/venue to install a drugs disposal bin in Larne. If anyone has any suggestions of where we could put a bin please feel free to let us know. Ideas given during discussion highlighted venues such as Tesco's which is easily accessible to all communities. Currently, have 9 Bins to source appropriate locations.

KAREN SYKES, PRINCES TRUST

Princes Trust restructures are now complete.

Deirdre Marley, feedback that the following are currently available:

Get into security taster, 30/4/19 Belfast

Programme starts on the 2/5/19 until 20/5/19.

Get started with Radio taster, 15/5/19 Newtownards

Programme starts 20/5/19 until 24/5/19

Get started with Health and Fitness, Antrim

Programme starts 20/5/19 until 24/5/19

Get started in Football taster, 26/5/19, Larne

Programme starts 1/7/19 until 5/7/19

Valerie McKenzie - Education Youth Service

Currently an YSW scheme 18-24 years (18 weeks)

175 hours paid which involves; a placement of 2 nights per week, YSW training, Child protection training, CRED training, Study Visit- Residential, work in the summer in various youth centres

Grace McCann – NIACRO – CHIP

CHIP project as a pilot has come to an end but funding has been secured for another year due to its positive evaluation. The structure and name of the Project is yet to be confirmed however, they will continue to support to children aged 0-18 years who have a sibling/parent in custody. The Project can deliver 1:1 at home/school support regarding impact of separation due to imprisonment..

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Samantha Morrison read two emails received by contributors as follows:

Cara-Friend will be holding LGBTQ+ awareness training in Larne on Monday 29th of April from 12pm to 3pm in The Cliff Centre.

This training is designed to assist anyone who works with young people to be more responsive to the needs of this group. It will build knowledge and understanding and also practical ways to be more inclusive your your work.

If you would like to book a place on the course you can visit the Cara-Friend website.

And the following from YMCA M-Power:

YMCA Ireland M-Power programme will be running in Larne in May. Project worker, Vicki McGookin, is in post and recruiting young people aged 17-24 year olds for the 6 month programme which includes personal development, citizenship and good relations.

Vicki can be contacted at 07391 417184 or by email vicki.mcgookin@ymca-ireland.net

Youth club continues to be busy 4 nights per week. Recently completed a Schools Twinning programme with Peace Players involving 6 local primary schools in good relations and basketball skills. Education Authority grant for 2019-20 will be at the same level as the past 4 years.

Waiting lists in place for both After Schools and Autism Youth Club – currently exploring options for accommodating demand.

Education Authority will be funding a Youth at Risk project across Larne and Carrickfergus over the next two years to be rolled out by the two local YMCAs. Will involve outreach work in local schools, 1-1 support, mentoring etc.

David reminded the group to send through any relevant information via email to be circulated to the database.

The group agreed to continue to meet in Smiley Buildings and was encouraged to invite other stakeholders to the locality meetings.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Group agreed to continue to meet and share information, Smiley Buildings on Wednesday 5th June 2019 at 10.30am.