

MINUTES OF CARRICKFERGUS LOCALITY GROUP MEETING

**CARRICKFERGUS TOWNHALL
FRIDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER AT 10.00AM**

Attending:	Paula Martin	<i>Action for Children</i>
	Karen Graham	<i>Carrick YMCA</i>
	Andrew Millar	<i>Start 360, Northern Connections</i>
	Pamela McClelland	<i>SACN</i>
	Roy Beggs	<i>MLA (Chair)</i>
	Grace Cahoon	<i>Horizon Sure Start</i>
	Valerie McKenzie	<i>EANI</i>
	Bernie McGarry	<i>NHSCT</i>
Apologies:	Denise McVeigh	Mid and East Antrim Borough Council
	Phyllis Lewis	EANI
	Ruth Bamford	School Nurse/Practice Teacher

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Roy welcomed everyone to the meeting and members briefly introduced themselves.

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

One amend – Janice Cherry is from Carrick Community Forum not BT.

The minutes were agreed as being a true and accurate recording of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 17th May 2019.

MATTERS ARISING

Roy updated on amalgamation of Larne and Carrickfergus CYPSP groups. Those in attendance had no objections.

Roy suggested alternating the meetings between each town.

Bernie updated on the Larne meeting held a couple of days previous. Bernie is to ask David if he would be happy to extend an invitation to the Carrickfergus group to join their next meeting.

DRAFT PRIORITY AREAS 2019/2020

Highlighted that 'Give' is left out of the Action Plan.

The Youth Fair for Carrickfergus was discussed. Valerie suggested Downshire as a venue following their refurbishment.

Roy is to get in touch with the Chair of the Learning Partnership to get a date and venue that suits the schools.

Andrew from Start 360 is currently organising the school fair in Antrim. He is happy to share his plans.

Evaluation – OBA: we need a baseline and it was suggested we should ask teachers to do something with the kids before and after the fair e.g., awareness of all organisations in the locality. Then the stall holders would be asked to report on any new people who have engaged following the event. This is to be explored more at the next meeting.

MEMBER UPDATES

Pamela McClelland – SACN

Promoting Mental Health and Suicide Prevention S/G (Round 2) have now closed and these were oversubscribed.

Forthcoming:

- Fundamentals of Autism Training Workshop; Monday 21st October in Randalstown Play Group.
- Dealing with Toxic Stress – Rathfern Community Centre – 22nd November.
- Celebrating communities conference- 3rd and 4th October – Dunadry Hotel.

Andrew Millar – Start 360, Northern Connections

Connectors and Responders Training – 2 day training course on basic drugs and alcohol awareness and FRAMES model in how to positively respond to someone with drug/alcohol misuse issues. OCN Level 3 accreditation starts on 7th October but places are nearly full; however we can add your name for the next round of training if interested.

RAPID – looking to get small drug disposal bins installed in Carrick where people can anonymously dispose of any illegal/prescription drugs. Any suggestions of venues in Carrick would be welcome. Sainsbury's and Tesco have been difficult to engage with so far.

Grace Cahoon – Horizon Sure Start, Carrick and Larne

Main update is that Larne and Carrick are now one project. We now have programmes up and running; currently based in All Saints Church, Linn Road, Larne and we are working on new premises in St. Anthony's Primary in Antiville. We are working to raise awareness of our project and the ward areas to cover. Carrick continues to be busy with programmes, 2 year programme, family support and raising health awareness.

Valerie McKenzie - EA Youth Service

Update – major refurbishment in many of the Youth Centres; Greenisland, Sunnyland, Downshire and Whitehead Youth centre. While some are closed, by 2020 all centres will be open and offering 4 nights per week to young people. Lots of jobs in youth work will be available in the forthcoming weeks.

Paula Martin – Action for Children; Family Support Hubs

Action for Children got tender for new hub contract on July 1st 2019. There are now 4 hub areas:

1. Larne/Carrick/Newtownabbey
2. Antrim/Ballymena
3. Magherafelt/Cookstown
4. Coleraine/Ballymoney/Moyle.

New contract is for 2 years and 1 year.

Karen Graham – Carrick YMCA

Partnership with EA to provide outreach project.

- Mentoring
- Youth Outreach Engagement across Carrick and Larne.

Bernie McGarry – NHSCT

Updated on the Incredible Years Baby training – interest to be registered ASAP.

Roy Beggs - MLA, Chair

Update from the Children and Young People's All Party Group they are looking to develop a new strategy.

The Department of Education and Schools should have a remit for Health and Wellbeing built into the curriculum.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Guest speakers for next meeting – recommendations were made and Bernie is to contact a few to see if they are available.

DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

Bernie to update the group on the invite to the Larne meeting.

Next meeting to discuss the Youth Fair, Friday 29 November 2019, 10am,
Carrickfergus Town Hall