

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

**WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2019 AT 10.30AM
IN SMILEY BUILDINGS, LARNE**

Attending:	Bernie McGarry	NHSCT
	David McAllister (Chair)	Mid & East Antrim Borough Council
	Lynn McKenzie	Streetreach
	Denise McVeigh	Mid & East Antrim Borough Council
	Paula Martin	Action for Children – Family Hubs
	Paul Eaton	YMCA
	Pamela McClelland	Impact Network NI
	Ruth Kingston	Horizon Surestart
	Mary Johnston	Women's Aid ABCLN
	Roy Beggs	MLA/BB/Horizon Surestart
	Deirdre Marley	Prince's Trust
	Grace McCann	NIACRO
	Aideen Johnson	PHA
Apologies:	Yury Fleming	Education Welfare Service
	Janine Gaston	Impact Network NI
	Shelly McCord	Carrickfergus Child Contact Centre
	Andrew Miller	Start 360
	Natasha McDonagh	Start 360
	Joanna McCammon	Access Employment Limited

Rebecca White	Access Employment Limited
Rachel Marks	Access Employment Limited
Lorraine Black	Access Employment Limited
Melissa Hewitt	MENCAP
Nigel Montgomery	Education Authority

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were agreed as being a true and accurate recording of the previous meeting held on **Wednesday 18 September 2019**.

MATTERS ARISING

Bernie gave a background on the proposed merge of the Larne and Carrickfergus Group and that the themes for the group would be Take 5 and childhood aspirations. The group's activities in previous years matched up to that. Bernie also gave an overview of her role.

Mr Roy Beggs suggested alternating the meeting locations between Larne and Carrickfergus.

All attendees were happy to give the proposed changes a trial to see how things would work out. It was highlighted that we may find some people only attend Larne and some only Carrickfergus but it was agreed to review this as we go along.

DRAFT PRIORITY AREAS 2019/2020

Bernie gave an explanation of Take 5 and childhood aspirations and shared the action plan with the groups.

After discussion and taking into account the time limitations for the budget to be spent, the group decided to amend the action plan to a Youth Fair for Larne. This has worked well in the past. A number of attendees highlighted that the evaluation would be important to identify any gaps and the future events the group would deliver.

It was noted that in the past St Killian's have not attended the youth fairs and that it would be important to try to get them to attend this year.

Deirdre Marley from the Prince's Trust has contact with Larne Grammar and St Killian's through their programmes and she is happy to approach them and try to get a date for the Youth Fair.

It was suggested to hold the Fair in the Leisure Centre as the Town Hall was too cramped last time. Mr Beggs suggested a school may also be an option and could help to reduce costs.

A subgroup meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 4 December 10.30am, Smiley Buildings, Larne.

A subgroup meeting has already been set up to discuss the Carrickfergus Youth Fair. The group is meeting on Friday 29 November at 10am in Carrickfergus Town Hall.

Budget: The Larne and Carrickfergus CYPSP group have £2,500 to spend before the end of March.

LYNN MCKENZIE – STREETREACH

Lynn kindly gave a presentation on StreetReach. It will run 1-4th July 2020 in Carrickfergus, Larne and the surrounding areas. All information regarding dates, times, activities and how to participate are contained in the easy to access website: <https://streetreach.co.uk/>

Sign up to become a host group is found on the website in the Host section of the website. I am also available for meetings and to presentations to discuss either Host Group sign up or Team Member sign up. Contact: lynn@streetreach.co.uk / 07793548908

MEMBER UPDATES

Denise McVeigh, MEA Council, Play Development Officer

- Working on actions from Play Strategy
- Developing and delivering events to get children outdoors
- Wreath making Islandmagee Community Garden
- Forest School and schools growing clubs open application
- MEA 4 Trees – 50,000 trees planted across the Borough

Paula Martin, Action for Children Family Support Hubs

- Increase in hub referrals for Larne/ Carrick area this month
- Still a need for counselling services in Larne/Carrick area
- Cut-off date for December for referrals to be heard at December meeting will be 4th December

Paul Eaton, YMCA Outreach

- Providing a service linking in with young people 11-25 in the Larne and Carrick areas
- Providing outreach three evenings in these areas
- Schools work and monitoring service

Pamela McClelland, Impact Network NI

- NICHIE Networking Event – Tuesday 26 November 2019, 6pm – 8.30pm Dunsilly Hotel
- Forthcoming Training – limited spaces available, Understanding Grief in Children – 26 November 2019, 1-5pm
- Crisis Intervention, 3 December 2019, 10-4pm, Antrim
- Compassion Fatigue, 27 February 2020, Antrim, 9.30-4.30pm contact 028 9447 8645 to book a place

Lynn McKenzie, Streetreach

Currently recruiting host groups to host teams of young people July 1-4 2020. Teams and projects will engage in Active Citizenship and Community Clean Up. Recruiting of teams is being prepped currently and will be open for sign up in the coming weeks.

Ruth Kingston, Family Support Horizon Surestart

- Relaunch of Surestart in the ward areas Antiville, Ballylornan, Craigyhill
- Public event Thursday 14th November Curran Hotel, 3-4pm for early years/ stakeholders information session
- Services currently in All Saints Parish Centre, 2-3 year programme St Anthony's Church permanent location St Anthony's School

Mary Johnston, Voices Co-ordinator, Women's Aid, ABCLN

Ulster Orchestra Gala Film Night being held on Monday 25 November 2019.

Homework Support club, voices group for teens running weekly in Larne office

Programmes being delivered in schools in the Larne and surrounding areas, referrals can be made by individuals or agencies

Roy Beggs, MLA

Carrickfergus ROC Subs are looking at jobs in youth provision and collating activities for parents and young people to make it easier to locate suitable funding providers/activities

APG on Childcare is examining provision elsewhere and cost options of extending provision in NI

Deirdre Marley, The Prince's Trust

No current programmes planned for Larne (although our Achieve Club runs for the duration of the school year in Larne High School).

We are currently developing our programme planner for 2020 and keen to bring programmes to the Larne area. We have the capacity for pilot programmes, pop up workshops etc, so if anyone has ideas of how we can help/work together, get in touch.

Grace McCann, NIACRO, Family Links

Family Links support and provision on-going across the whole of Carrick and Larne region. Providing emotional and practical support and information for families and close friends of individuals in custody. Working 1:1 with children and young people to help them process the impact of having a loved one in custody, irrespective of whether they have contact at present.

Grace.mccann@niacro.co.uk

Bernie McGarry - NHSCT

- Reminder: Parents Plus training 14 & 15, 21 & 22 January 2019, 9.30-4.30pm
- PHA funded training coming up for Family Support Practitioners in Community & Voluntary sector. An email has been circulated regarding this.
- Cithrah Foundation screening of Little Stones in Carrickfergus Town Hall, Monday 25 November, at 10am and 2pm in the Dobbs Room. The Community Arts Partnership will be facilitating drop in sessions, in the Jubilee Hall, to create an art piece to reinforce the message of eliminating violence against women.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting Friday 24 January 2019 in Carrickfergus Town Hall