



Minutes of the Waterside Locality Planning Group Meeting held on Tuesday 18th May 2021 at 10am, on Zoom

Present:

Erin McFeely	Developing Health Communities (LPG Chair)
Una Casey	CYPSP
Catriona Irwin	Newpin
Claire Russell	Irish Street Community Association
Claire McLaughlin	Hillcrest Trust
Linda Watson	Caw & Nelson Drive Action Group
Roisin Hamill	Foyle Women's Aid
Michael Gahan	PSNI
Paula Kee	Administration (minute taker)

In Attendance:

Claire Lynch	Derry City & Strabane District Council
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Apologies:

None noted

Welcome and Introductions

Erin welcomed everyone and welcomed new members to the Group.

There were no apologies noted.

UNICEF Child Friendly Cities Project

Claire Lynch, Derry & Strabane District Council gave a presentation on Unicef Child Friendly Cities in Communities Project.

Erin thanked Claire for her informative presentation and asked if anyone had any questions.

Linda advised that the Waterside Neighbourhood Partnership used to have a Children and Young People Working Group but felt the LPG was doing the same thing and she believed this was the best group to take it forward. Claire agreed that the Locality Planning Group (LPG) structure was already there and noted that it had been stood down for a while but hopefully it would continue to grow so it was a good opportunity rather than trying to start a new group.

Erin advised that she agreed they could join up or align in terms of the Community and Voluntary Sector input and queried with Claire what way it would work in terms of the links. Clare advised that it would be good to have someone sit on the Adult Advisory Board which will meet quarterly going forward so they would have that constant link and noted that she hoped to attend LPG meetings.

Una advised that she believed the Locality Co-Ordinator post would be able to link in between the two processes. Erin advised that if anyone was interested in joining the Adult Advisory Panel to contact Claire.

Action: UNICEF to be a standing agenda item on LPG agendas.

Action: Claire to forward Una UNICEF Presentation.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were approved and Una provided update on actions.

Western Area Outcomes Group Update

Una advised that the last Western Area Outcomes Group was stood down due to diary clashes and the next meeting was scheduled for 30 June.

Period Poverty Update

Una noted at the last meeting she advised that there was money set aside for Period Poverty (£15,400 across the whole of the West and each Locality Group received approx. £2,500) and to get the best deal for money she had contacted some wholesalers. Alison received the

money on behalf of this group Una advised that she negotiated a good price with one wholesaler (1/3 tampons and 2/3 pads) four LPGs decided to proceed with this approach.

Products were due to be delivered today but due to a mix up were now being delivered to Alison next week and they would agree the best way of distributed these to LPG members that need to avail of the products.

Una noted that schools wouldn't be starting their EA funded free products until the new school term in September and advised that schools have been in contact via Mary in Rapid looking for products. Councils are still doing free products in their facilities.

Claire spoke on the Children and Young People Strategic Partnership who feedback to the Executive Office and noted that Period Poverty Programmes were running frequently and take a lot of resources and organisation and stated that in New Zealand they have legislated that all young people will have access to these products and queried if this was something that could be raised at the relevant higher level. Una advised that in Scotland everything was supposed to be free and she was aware of campaigns from different organisations up to the Assembly and recently the Department of Economy has committed to a pilot for free products in universities which will hopefully be rolled out permanently.

Action: Una to feedback at the next regional meeting

Roisin queried how they access products. Una advised to contact Allison Wallace next week.

Action: Una to forward Roisin Allison Wallace's email address.

Una noted that Lidl are piloting free period products in the Republic of Ireland and explained they have an App on which you can get eVoucher for period products and present this in the shop. Una advised that she has contacted Lidl and they are currently working on this for Northern Ireland stores.

Linda advised that they use In-Kind regularly for their Hygiene and Wellbeing packs and explained that you have to sign up as a charity and as long as you order items up to £25 delivery was free.

Task and Finish Groups

Una advised that Task and Finish Groups have been meeting to look at actions that came out of a workshop and noted that yesterday's meeting had to be cancelled and will be re-arranged. Una advised that once the last groups have finished defining their actions it will be presented to the Outcome Group and will be shared down to Locality Planning Groups.

Family Support Hub Update

Erin noted that there was nobody at the meeting and queried if there was anyone that sits on the Waterside Hub meetings. Erin advised that they need to think on the update they want from the Family Support Hub at this group and noted in the absence of the Hubs if Claire or Catriona could give an overall comment on how services are coping. Una advised that she has a template around the number and types of referrals, unmet needs and any big issues for the Hubs to report back to LPG's

Catriona advised that meetings are all referral based, they bring 3 to 5 referrals to the table. Catriona noted there has been change of Co-ordinators and people are trying to find their feet and stated that what was helpful before that she would have received a brief synopsis which would either rule her in or out in terms of the services they provide.

Claire advised that she agreed with Catriona and she believed there needs to be a conversation with the Family Support Hub itself. Claire noted that there were times when she felt there were things beyond what they as a Community organisation could or should be providing. Catriona advised that she believed it goes back to the screening of the referrals.

Una advised that herself and Maxine Gibson had a meeting with Mairead and noted that there have been a lot of changes of personnel with the Trust. Also the Regional Family Support Co-Ordinator post is vacant.

Erin advised that they needed the Family Support Hubs to complete the template and advised Claire and Catriona as participants of the Family Support meetings they might want to peruse that separately.

Una advised that if the Family Support Hub coordinator can't attend these meetings it would be useful if they completed the template.

Action: Una to contact Christine again and advise if she can't attend meeting to forward a completed template.

Membership – Geographical Coverage of Locality Planning Group

Linda queried if someone from Youth Services should be invited to join this Group and noted that Deborah Cross had taken over from Stephen Quigley.

Action: Linda to forward Una contact details for Yvonne McKeever

Claire explained that there were so many different meetings and structures and from work she previously did with Stephen Quigley her understanding was that they had a Waterside Group for the Groups bringing together the Youth Services that they directly fund and stated that she believed Deborah Cross would be open to a discussion as she has started work on aligning structures so maybe willing to look at aligning structures they already have in Locality Planning.

Action: Claire to contact Deborah Cross and copy Una and Erin into email as an introduction

Roisin advised that Women's Aid work directly with Youth Services and noted that they have Yvonne Gibbony, Senior Youth Worker working with them one day a week and noted that Women's Aid attend the Waterside Group meetings discussed by Claire. Roisin advised that she agreed that someone from Youth Services should attend this Group and would contact Yvonne Gibbony regarding this.

Action: Roisin to copy Una and Erin into email

Una noted on the mailing list there weren't many Voluntary organisations on the group. Linda queried about Early Years who work with Pre-School children. Una advised that she received an email from Rhonda from Sure Start based in Action for Children who was due to attend

today's meeting and noted that Hub Co-ordinators were also supposed to attend.

Action: Una to email Rhonda Murphy, Sure Start dates of meetings.

Erin advised that Una had created invitation cards for today's meeting but if there was something more general with dates for the rest of the year which they could put on Social media or sent around email lists to do some general promotion for the group. Una asked if everyone could forward it around networks that they were involved with.

Erin advised that she wanted to talk about the Geographical coverage whilst they were talking about membership and noted that Claire had pointed out that this Locality Group covered two areas. Linda queried if this went out as far as Claudy, down as far as Eglinton and out by Newbuildings and stated that this was a big area. Erin advised that there was a bit of work that needed done in reaching out to key groups in those areas.

Linda queried about Rapid who cover rural areas and work with different groups. Una advised that Mary attends the Strabane Group and spoke on the possibility of inviting her to the two Derry Locality Groups as she is linking in with a lot of schools and would have good knowledge of the rural areas.

Erin spoke on also inviting Councillors from the above areas as they would be able to help make those link.

Action: Una to speak to Mary at Rapid and Invite her to join the two Derry Locality Groups.

Claire advised that there is a Community Planning mailing list that Community Development Officers hold within Council and if there was a general invitation she would ask the relevant people that cover Waterside and Faughan areas to issue this. Erin asked if anyone had any other ideas to feel free to make the link or to advise herself or Una.

Action: Una to email elected reps to invite them to join the group

Any other Business

Linda queried with Michael if PSNI were still doing preventative and initiative work around drugs in schools. Michael advised that they have a School Officer who does this work but probably is not at the level it was before Covid. Linda advised that there has been a few issues in the Waterside around low level drugs and it has become very clear that there seems to be very little early intervention and preventative work around drugs and young people. Linda stated that this needs to be looked at seriously and she believed it needs to start in Youth Clubs and schools.

Michael advised that this year has been very hard on young people and they have noticed a lot more harms that are drug related. Michael advised that the School Officer relies on schools giving him slots. Michael noted that he believed that they would probably not feel the impact of the last year until the new school term when proper routine returns.

Una advised Linda that it might be useful to find out who the reps were for the WDACT and linking in with them also. Linda queried if it would be worthwhile getting them to attend this group to do a presentation on their services.

Claire noted that one of the things that young people fed back in the Unicef Consultation was that preventative work that is done needs to be more about real life, for example someone who has experience and report on the impact that it had on their health and wellbeing and also when giving examples its always the hard hitting drugs used they need to see different levels, progression and the impact.

Catriona queried if Hurt “Have Your Tomorrows” were going into school to do some work. Claire advised that Hurt programme was a Peace funded that they are running on a short term basis which is commissioned through Council around alcohol and drugs and also upskilling in terms of mental health and wellbeing. This is a short term programme and there is only 100 participants.

The link the the WDACT is - [Western DACT | Drugs and Alcohol \(drugsandalcoholni.info\)](http://Western DACT | Drugs and Alcohol (drugsandalcoholni.info))

Erin queried if there was someone they wanted to invite to speak at the next meeting.

Action: Una to contact the Drug & Alcohol Co-Ordination Team.

Claire advised that there was a specific Drug and Alcohol Forum that was run by Council Wellbeing Team and noted that Heather Hamilton was the point of contact.

E-zine articles, FYIs

If any members would like anything included in the E-zine or FYI send through to Una.

Una asked that if anyone had anything for the FYI that they wanted to share with the membership in the North West to send it to her.

Una noted that there were still spaces available on the GamCare Training advertised in this month's FYI.

Una noted that there were three different types of training:

- 1) Awareness Raising around Gambling
- 2) Gambling and Gaming
- 3) 3 hour Accredited Course

Future Meetings

Tuesday 20th July 2021

Tuesday 21st September 2021

Tuesday 16th November 2021