

Dungannon LPG
Minutes of Meeting - Tuesday 2nd December 2025 at 10am
Dungannon Youth Resource Centre

Attendees		Apologies
Darren Curtis (CYPSP) - Acting Chair	Donna Gibney (SHSCT)	Loraine Griffin (COSTA)
Joanne Patterson (CYPSP) - Minutes	Annette McGahan (MU PCSP)	Bernadetta Viana (STEP NI)
Sara McClure (Early Years Toybox)	Mark Doran (MUDC)	Eileen Brown (Dungannon Hygiene Bank)
Caroline Williamson (Barnardo's NI / FSH)	Jessica Wylie (EWTS)	Sinead Travers (Advocacy VSV)
Thom Denton (Cedar Foundation)	Teresa Miles (BCM)	Taiga Valdmene-Stecencko (BCM)
Catherine McCormack (SHSCT)	Sinead McParland (SHSCT)	Valerie Morrison (Apex Housing)
Tammy Rountree (Choice Housing)	Barbara Hughes (STEP NI)	Raquel Rodrigues Keenan (Volunteer Now)
Pauline O'Hagan (Clogher Valley Sure Start)	Andrea McClenaghan (SHSCT)	Jamie Greer (Volunteer Now)
Maria Killen (SHSCT, Parenting Partnership)		Saleh Rifaie (Young Social Innovators)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action - By Whom
Welcome, Apols., Mins. 07/10/25	Darren welcomed all to the meeting, as Acting Chair. Apologies noted, per above. Brief Intros. given. Previous Minutes agreed.	JP to upload Minutes to CYPSP website
FSH Update	Caroline (Barnardo's NI / FSH): Q3 continues to be busy (30 referrals in Oct, 35 in Nov). Referrals from GPs, SENCOs & Gateway and increase in self-referrals. Referrals continue for support whilst children on waiting list for assessment. Helping families feel connected through Outreach Worker and Disability Support Worker continuing with home visits. Poverty Grant recently launched which offers some financial support. Parents Plus Programme recently concluded, next group pushed back until new year. Play Therapy an ongoing need: recently met with Roberta from Playboard NI and now planning to run a play-based programme closer to summer. Targeting increased awareness of FSH and increased presence in Dungannon Area. Happy to lend out the handheld translators to any relevant organisation needing one temporarily.	

Member Agency Updates <i>*Update received via e-mail</i>	<p>Pauline (Clogher Valley Sure Start): Relatively new to post. Current needs: support for pre-diagnosis for Autism, including challenging behaviours, speech & language, especially at a young age, newcomer families and poverty.</p> <p>Teresa (BCM): 20 currently on waiting list for Young People Floating Support Service. Presenting needs are lack of housing and temporary accommodation. Homelessness Prevention Fund provides much-needed financial support for individuals. Parent Connect Programme is ongoing. Parent support is at capacity. Recently able to fulfil a sensory equipment request via an anonymous donation. A Self-Care Candle Workshop for families recently took place. Working on Toy Appeal and food hamper distribution. Some young people have been able to attend training courses thanks to the BCM Summer Fund. Recently successfully recruited four new volunteers.</p> <p>Raquel & Jamie (Volunteer Now)*: Christmas Coffee Morning with volunteer activity taking place in Dungannon Library on Friday 12th Dec from 10am to 12pm. Links to various VN training and volunteering opportunities included in today's follow-up e-mail.</p>	
Action Planning 2025-28	<p>The Feel Good Dungannon Community Networking Event Scorecard has been prepared by CYPSP and forwarded to Sinead at SHSCT, ahead of circulation.</p> <p>LPG to discuss one key action to undertake in the new year, once Loraine has returned, based on local need and what member organisations can do in partnership.</p> <p>Darren and Jessica due to attend a RAISE event meet on 9th Nov.</p>	<p>Presentation to be circulated by JP</p> <p>DC and JW to feed back</p>
AOB	<p>Understanding Self-Harm Workshop, due to be delivered by Inspire, was postponed and has been re-scheduled for Wed 21st Jan. '26 10am-12pm in Tower Hill, Armagh.</p>	<p>See Flyer + Register HERE</p>
Next Meeting	<p>Dates for next year's LPG Meetings proposed (First 2026 Meeting provisionally scheduled for Tuesday 3rd February). Meetings to commence at 10am, formats TBC.</p> <p>Many thanks for your participation!</p>	<p>Complete 2026 Meetings Survey HERE</p>