

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES PLANNING  
LARNE LOCALITY PARTNERSHIP**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER  
2014 AT 10.00AM IN SIR THOMAS DIXON BUILDINGS, LARNE**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	David McAllister	<i>Larne Borough Council</i>
	Gemma Lutton	<i>CYPSP (Minute Taker)</i>
	Geraldine MacManus	<i>NHSCT - Health Visiting</i>
	Sandra Anderson	<i>CYPSP</i>
	Selena Ramsey	<i>CYPSP</i>
	Claire Roper	<i>NHSCT</i>
	Gail Jackson	<i>NHSCT</i>
	Karen Graham	<i>YMCA – Health Hub</i>
	Raquel Azanta Áwane	<i>Volunteer of YMCA</i>
	Deborah Neill	<i>LCDP</i>

<b>APOLOGIES:</b>	Leigh Whittley	<i>NEELB</i>
	Liz Brown	<i>NICMA</i>
	Tracey Colgan	<i>PHA</i>
	Joy McNally	<i>Larne YMCA</i>
	Katherine Wylie	<i>Employers for Childcare</i>

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Selena welcomed the group to the meeting and apologies were noted.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes were agreed as being a true and accurate recording of the previous meeting held on **1<sup>st</sup> July 2014**.

## **MATTERS ARISING**

None noted.

## **RELAX AND CHILLAX – UPDATE**

Selena provided background information to the Relax and Chillax Initiative. The subgroup met on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2014 to discuss arrangements before the launch date of Relax and Chillax on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

It was agreed Karen will bring all the resources to Larne High School on the day of the launch.

Sandra agreed to confirm the assembly dates with Larne High School in order to deliver the resources and promote Relax and Chillax to year 11 and 12's.

**Action: Karen / Sandra**

Posters and business cards were distributed to the group for feedback. During previous engagement the young people said they would like business cards with all the info about Relax and Chillax so they can easily promote Relax and Chillax to year groups within the school.

The group preferred the green business card with one amendment to be made to remove the bean bags as these will not be provided. It was also suggested to have another flyer beside the Relax and Chillax poster of all the organisations who will be attending and their contact details.

## **LARNE/CARRICKFERGUS HUB – UPDATE**

The Larne/Carrickfergus Hub hasn't been running over the summer months. The next meeting is taking place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014. It was noted people find the hub very useful and different issues are discussed. It has been identified there is a need for the Strengthening Families programme in the Larne/Carrick area.

Claire noted a family engaged with the Strengthening Families programme and feedback received from the family was excellent. The

transport being provided eliminated a possible barrier for families to attend the programme.

## **ACTION PLAN – MERGE**

An action planning session took place at a previous meeting held and Selena has merged this information into an updated Action Plan. This was distributed for discussion at this meeting.

Selena agreed to circulate the action plan following on from this meeting. Members to forward comments to Selena if they have any amendments for this action plan.

### **Action: Selena / Members**

Discussions took place regarding Rural Isolation and Communication /Information Sharing.

#### Rural Isolation

Baseline information was discussed and the group looked at current actions noted in the action plan. The need was identified to complete engagement with 0-4 years in Larne and Carnlough. The group initially thought Health Visitors could distribute questionnaires but response from parents was poor. Gail Jackson noted she has been in post since November as a Health Visitor and is better based with parents. Feedback given to Gail by parents is that they do feel isolated at times and they would be interested in anything made available to them.

It was noted Glenarm are trying to engage with young people and provide them with something. There are high rates of post natal depression and transport is an issue for parents to get to services. It was noted mums in the area are interested in new services.

David discussed his work in partnership with the Cohesion Project. A cross community residential took place and 16 young people attended from Glenarm / Carnlough. 16 young people also attended the Toad's Leap residential. Activity days were also organised with 43 young people attending. David is still working with a group of 15 young people in these areas.

David informed the group Carnlough Youth Club will be starting again but when young people get to 11-12 years the youth club is not really suited to their needs. This has been identified as a gap in services for this age group.

It was suggested to invite Maureen Morrow to the next Larne Locality meeting.

**Action: Selena**

### Communication / Information Sharing

Member Profile with information on all members of the Larne Locality Planning group was distributed. It was noted if any members wish to be included in this that aren't already, to complete template and forward to Gemma.

**Action: Members**

It was suggested to organise an information session at Asda in the next few months. This will be to promote the Larne Locality group and also linking with the Family Support Database. Selena agreed to contact Asda to try and organise a suitable date for this to take place. Information will be circulated.

**Action: Selena**

## **UPDATE FROM MEMBERS**

### David McAllister – Larne Borough Council

David informed the group he is hopefully moving the group forward in Carnlough. Some of these young people have expressed an interest in volunteering and David is providing help with this process. A young person volunteered at one of the recently organised residential which was a great help and very positive.

### Claire Roper – NHSCT

Training took place in August with 400 teachers taking part and completing training. Claire noted consent forms are currently being sent out in order to have everything in place for the new vaccination to be rolled out in November. There is a tight deadline for consent forms to be

received as forms need to be returned in one month and filed accordingly. These have been sent to Larne / Ballyclare area with over 4000 pupils in these schools.

#### Gail Jackson – Health Visiting, NHSCT

Some public health nursing teams are introducing star babies. This is a new home visiting programme being offered to new parents. If parents engage mums are getting a visit at home for up to their baby being one year old. This is a pilot programme but hoped to be throughout the Northern Trust area. It is being rolled out in Glenarm / Carnlough areas at present.

#### Geraldine McManus – Health Visiting, NHSCT

Geraldine informed the group of a number of talks held over the summer period. Child Health Clinics also took place during summer and feedback was given regarding these.

#### Karen Graham – YMCA

Outreach took place in July around health promotion. Topics covered were protection in the sun and healthy lifestyle. Suncream was given out along with frispees to help get the message across. Karen noted the YMCA will be advertising for a worker in the Larne area for 20 hours a week. There have been issues identified in this area as there hasn't been the same person for a long period of time in the area. It is hoped stability will be achieved from this recruitment.

#### Deborah Neill – LCDP

Larne Community Development Partnership are continuing to engage with community groups. Funding is due to finish in March 2015. Deborah noted they are waiting to hear feedback regarding a decision being made to funding being extended. Two councillors sit on the management committee who will be involved in helping to make this decision.

Deborah informed the group of a workshop being organised which is taking place at the end of September 2014 and is invite only. This will be for Larne Community Development Project to showcase what funding they have brought into the area and to talk to the new councillors. It was noted the funding needed to sustain and carry out the project is £50,000 - £60,000 per year.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### SIF Funding Application

There was a bid submitted for SIF funding and this was to develop a resource centre. Unfortunately the application has not been shortlisted.

### Northern Lights

The shop 'Northern Lights' in Larne has been recognised by Larne Council and action has been taken to close the shop. People were travelling to Larne from all areas to this shop. This closure has been very positive for the town. Karen stated the issue was recognised and raised at PHA.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2014** at **10.00am** in **Sir Thomas Dixon Buildings, Larne.**

David agreed to check availability of the room before details are circulated.

**Action: David**