

Rural Dungannon Locality Planning Group

Clogher Valley Community Centre

Tuesday, 7 July 2015 at 2.00pm

Attendees	Apologies
Mairead McMullen (Clogher Valley Sure Start) (Vice-Chair)	Anna Reid (Simon Community)
Annie Clarke (CYPSP)	Audrey Rainey (Early Years – the organisation for young children)
Caroline McGahon (Mid Ulster Women's Aid)	Celene O'Neill (PCSP)
Lisa Wright (COSTA)	Fergal O'Donnell (Rural Community Network)
Mary Wray (Clogher Valley Community Centre)	Janice McMullan (Network Personnel)
Diane Glasgow (Early Years – the organisation for young children)	Sinead Taylor (Network Personnel)
Nuala Haughey (CYPSP)	

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Welcome and Introductions	Mairead welcomed and thanked everyone for attending and invited attendees to introduce themselves.	
Apologies	A number of apologies were noted (please see above).	
Previous Minutes	Minutes were agreed.	
Action Planning – Identifying and Agreeing Priorities	<p>Annie reminded the group of what had been proposed at the last meeting, i.e. that the group would negotiate and agree the key 3 - 4 priorities that they would focus on over the coming year. These key priorities would form the basis of the Action Plan. Annie recapped to the group also that a progress report for each objective/priority would be completed at the Locality meetings to ensure the work undertaken by the group is reflected in the Action Plan, and, therefore, it would not be necessary to constantly update the action plan.</p> <p>The suggested priorities which some members had sent through for consideration prior to today's meeting together with the emerging issues that were raised at the Dungannon and Rural Dungannon Stakeholder Event last year were posted up around the room and the locality group members were asked to examine them and feedback any thoughts they had.</p>	

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	<p><i>Discussion around the suggested priorities:</i></p> <p>Caroline (Women’s Aid) – Domestic Violence stood out as being a high priority area with the numbers of incidents and crimes on the increase in every ward in the Dungannon area. Rural isolation is also a factor to be taken into account for a victim of domestic violence, together with poor educational attendance rates and attainment levels as children do not want to leave the parent who is being abused. Furthermore, children and young people who have exams may find it difficult to concentrate on them due to domestic violence incidents which might be going on at home.</p> <p>Clogher Valley Sure Start supports people who are suffering from domestic violence and are a registered Safe Place for victims of Domestic Abuse. They work closely with Women’s Aid and can sign-post victims on to particular support services.</p> <p>Caroline highlighted the training programmes available through Women’s including Helping Hands (as part of the Social Guardian training) which can be delivered to school children (Primary 7 children usually) and Healthy Relationships which is aimed at secondary school level (usually as part of their personal development lessons).</p> <p>Although it is a female organisation, young boys at school are supported too.</p> <p>Mairead (Clogher Valley Sure Start) – the road traffic casualties and deaths stood out to Mairead as being a significant priority to be taken forward. In relation to proximity to services, Sure Start provides transport for those families who do not have a car. Sexual offences and Anti-social behaviour figures have increased since 2008 and are important issues to explore. The issue of young mothers smoking during pregnancy is also of interest as a potential area to focus on.</p> <p>There was a discussion around computer games and the high number of underage young people who play ‘adult’ computer games such as Grand Theft Auto. There is a need for raising awareness, with parents, as to the content and impact of such games.</p> <p>The increase in the amount of time spent using screens such as computer games, tablets and mobile phones is a worrying trend for practitioners and parents. Many parents are unaware of the negative effects of this including a lack of exercise leading to obesity, speech and language difficulties, and unrestricted access to unsuitable material.</p>	<p>Annie suggested that she could look at the PSNI website to identify the areas in which anti-social behaviour is taking place.</p>

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	<p>The group were invited to select their top three priorities to be taken forward by the Rural Dungannon Locality Group. The priorities that were chosen are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce the levels of Children and Young People experiencing Domestic Violence • Address areas of Crime • Examine the particular needs of Families at risk of Rural Isolation • Address Bullying (however motivated) <p>Although not chosen as a priority, the group discussed tooth fairy events, dental extractions and dental registrations.</p> <p>Annie informed the attendees that Rural Dungannon Locality Planning Group has its own webpage on the CYPSP website and members are welcome to send in information on their upcoming activities and events to Nuala/Annie for advertisement on the webpage.</p> <p>Annie also pointed out that there is training on the Interactive Mapping System available which Valerie Maxwell (CYPSP Information Officer) is facilitating. This will also provide a networking opportunity for attendees, and it will be particularly useful for those who deal with funding applications.</p>	<p>Annie is to send to the group the presentation of priorities which she prepared for today's meeting (including statistics, etc.).</p> <p>Annie/Nuala to keep group informed about the upcoming training on the Interactive Mapping System (All of today's attendees expressed interest in this training).</p>
<p>Update on Activities/ Member Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COSTA – Lisa Wright <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training sessions are on-going - Budgets cuts - MARA Project – due to finish in March 2016 - Keep Warm packs are being organised for Children for the autumn time - Referrals are welcome. Criteria: must live in a rural area and on a low income. • Early Years – Diane Glasgow <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Public Health Agency have confirmed an extension of Funding to deliver the Family Health Initiative until 31st March 2016 - Diane has also arranged for the Healthy lifestyle programme for families to run in South Armagh and Banbridge 	<p>Lisa is to send info on Mara Project for circulation</p> <p>Nuala to circulate the flyers advertising Healthy lifestyle programme for families in South Armagh and Banbridge</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The recent DE proposed cuts will have a devastating impact on this work with a £2m cut to the Early Years Fund. Petitions gathered 13,000 + signatures to reverse this decision. • Clogher Valley Community Centre/St Macartans Youth Club – Mary Wray <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Youth Club has finished for the Summer - Summer scheme currently taking place (130 + children participating in this) • Clogher Valley Sure Start – Mairead McMullen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More applications received than places available (in relation to the Programme for two year olds) - Summer activities taking place at present - Currently recruiting for new staff members - Budget cuts have impacted upon family support services - Road safety work with play groups – this took place recently • Mid Ulster Women’s Aid – Caroline McGahon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Domestic Violence Awareness training is a one-hour training session that they offer in Cookstown; delivered by professionals; free - The facilitators of this training can go out to local groups - “Journey to Freedom” – delivered by women who have experienced domestic violence - Parenting programme may be run in January/February time – depending on funding • Membership of Locality Planning Group – Annie Clarke <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nuala is currently updating the membership list and contact details. Each member is asked to update their details (if applicable) and return the form to Nuala. Annie also requested that the group consider what other potential representatives could be invited on to the Locality Group. Members felt that it might be beneficial to encourage representatives from the local schools to attend as well as council reps, and others. - No representation from Fivemiletown High School - invitation to be sent to attend LPG meetings. 	<p>Caroline to send some information leaflets to Nuala and these will be circulated to the members of the LPG</p> <p>Members to update Membership list and suggest potential new members. Nuala to take Dungannon list to next meeting to identify potential reps who could be invited onto the Rural Dungannon Group</p> <p>Nuala/Annie to contact Fivemiletown High School</p>

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Date of Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting will be held on: Date: Tuesday, 8 September 2015 Time: 2.00pm Venue: Clogher Valley Community Centre 	Nuala to remind members of date for the next meeting.