

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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER
2016 AT 10.30AM IN SIR THOMAS DIXON BUILDINGS, LARNE**

PRESENT:	Selena Ramsey	<i>CYPSP</i>
	Bill Sheridan	<i>BACCS</i>
	Colin Craig	<i>PSNI</i>
	Deborah Neill	<i>LCDP</i>
	Gemma Lutton	<i>CYPSP (Minute Taker)</i>
	Liz Brown	<i>NICMA</i>
	Mary Johnston	<i>Womens Aid ABCLN</i>
	Maureen Morrow	<i>Mid & East Antrim Council</i>
	Paula Barrett	<i>PeoplePlus NI</i>
	Wendy Burgess	<i>Connections Service Start360</i>
APOLOGIES:	David McAllister	<i>Mid & East Antrim Council</i>
	Helen Hargy	<i>PSNI</i>
	Leigh Whittlely	<i>EA NI Youth Service</i>

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Selena welcomed the group to the meeting and apologies were noted. A round of introductions took place from all members present.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were agreed as being a true and accurate recording of the previous meeting held on **Tuesday 5th July 2016.**

MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising.

PAULA BARRETT – PEOPLE PLUS

Selena thanked Paula for attending the meeting today and invited Paula to make her presentation to the group.

Paula provided information on the BEE Project – Building Employment through Education. The aim of the project is to re-engage disengaged adults in the education process and to build opportunities for subsequent employment through education. Free educational courses can be delivered to anyone 16+. It was noted PeoplePlus don't want to duplicate services but compliment services already existing.

Taster sessions are currently running throughout a number of areas and a photography course will be coming to Larne. Organic Gardening 6 week programme will be running and those who take part will receive a qualification on completion. Anyone who is employed or unemployed can attend the courses. Paula noted PeoplePlus are happy to pay for venues if working in partnership with another organisation to deliver a programme. Information was given on other programmes which will be delivered over the next few months.

Paula can be contacted by emailing Paula.Barrett@peopleplusni.com

UPDATE – PARENTS MORNINGS

Selena provided information on the parents mornings recently delivered to parents in Glenlough Community Centre. It was hoped to progress from this and deliver a 10 Week Family Links Nurturing Programme. However, Selena noted there have been challenges in getting childcare providers for this area as the programme generally runs in the morning. Selena suggested meeting in the future to discuss how to run this programme.

It was agreed for Selena to schedule a meeting in March / April to plan a 10 week programme to commence September time. Paula, PeoplePlus noted she is happy to help with this.

ACTION: Selena

UPDATE – RELAX AND CHILLAX

Ian and Karen have both been contacted to provide an update. Selena provided information on this initiative running in Larne High School. Since this initiative CYPSP has replicated in 2 further Schools in Ballymoney. Selena agreed to share an update when received.

ACTION: Selena

LARNE / CARRICKFERGUS HUB UPDATE

It was noted NEISS were at capacity at the last meeting. Action for Children are also at capacity on the EITP programme. The Hubs are getting referrals too high a threshold due to CAMHS being under pressure with full waiting lists. A lot of referrals for teenager stress/aniexity and confidence issues are coming through. Selena will feed information up to Northern Outcomes Group.

ACTION: Selena

Information was given on a new Big Lottery funded programme through Women's Aid. 'Family First' will offer family support for families who have been suffering from domestic violence. Families have to be referred from Social Services.

ACTION PLAN – NEXT STEPS

Selena noted Locality Planning Groups will align with new council areas. Midulster will be coming together in 2017 and Selena noted the possible challenges with this. Larne Locality group will remain the same at present.

UPDATE FROM MEMBERS

Mary Johnston – Womens Aid ABCLN

Trolley collectors are in place in Asda and B&M Bargains for selection boxes and food hampers to give to families in high need. Information was given on a group running for woman to come together on Friday mornings.

Deborah Neill – LCDP

Deborah noted LCDP is still funded through Community Investment Fund to March 2017. The project continues to support the community/voluntary sector in Larne. Hoping to run a pharmacy project next year and a peer mentoring project in March/April. Trying to get funding for own premises costs.

Maureen Morrow – Mid & East Antrim Council

Maureen is currently running courses through funding from mental health grants and NICHI funding. From spring Maureen will be looking for other ways to run programmes. Will have a 6 week course in January 2017 partnering with PeoplePlus NI. A lot of work ongoing with community planning, to be finalised and signed off by March 2017.

Liz Brown – NICMA

Liz is doing a push on promoting registered childminding as it is a legal requirement to be registered. Childminding Matters will be distributed to all childminders. There are recent changes to car seat legislation and Safety Centre in Belfast will be coming to do a talk on this. NICMA's Director will be retiring after 26 years and the post should be advertised after Christmas for the role to be filled.

Wendy Burgees – Start360 Connections Service

The Database is now up and running. Wendy is linking with Carnlough and thinking of running a health and wellbeing day. It is hoped to

organise this for February 2017 in Glenlough Community Centre, Carnlough. The idea is a connections event – all organisations will be invited to provide information. It was noted grants are available up to £500 for alternatives to alcohol. Wendy encouraged groups to apply with the closing date for applications being 9th December 2016.

Bill Sheridan – BACCS

Numbers of referrals are still low in Larne compared with other areas. Bill is looking at where is best to put resources and is looking at statistics and may have to increase Antrim contract hours. Leaflets were distributed with ideas welcome on how to reach males.

Colin Craig – PSNI

‘Pizza with Peelers’ will be organised in the New Year. This was run last year and was very successful. Young people will come and get pizza and organisations will be invited to provide young people information on services. It is hoped for this to start in January 2017.

AOB

Nothing noted.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next date along with scheduled dates for 2017 will be circulated to all members.

ACTION: Gemma