



**Minutes of the Kilcooley Neighbourhood Partnership Meeting on  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September at the Kilcooley Community Centre  
10.30-12.00**

**PRESENT:**

Pete Wray (Chair of KNP)	Desy Clayton (Kilcooley Community Forum)
Jim Rea (Bangor Alternatives)	James McKerrow (Agenda NI)
Owen Brady (NIHE)	Alderman Alan Graham (Councillor)
David Stitt (Charter NI)	Jim Dunbar (EA)
Andrew Petrie (DfC)	Pauline Brown (KPS)
Keith Davidson (PSNI)	Lynda Vladenaeu (SEHSCT)
Ken Butler (PSNI)	Anita Waite (DfC)
Tracy Harrison (Kilcooley Women's Centre)	

**ANDBC Officers in Attendance:**

Fran Dowler (Neighbourhood Renewal Officer)

**APOLOGIES:**

Stephen McBurney (NIHE)  
Alison Blayney (KWC)  
Jim Dunbar (EA)  
Kirk Marshall (ANDBC)

**1.0 Welcome and Apologies**

Pete Wray welcomed members to the meeting and invited them to introduce themselves for the benefit of all members.

Apologies were noted from, Stephen McBurney, Jim Dunbar, Alison Blayney and Kirk Marshall

**NOTED**

**2.0 Conflicts of Interest**

The Chair invited Members to review the agenda and advise if any item could give rise to a potential conflict of interest.

None were noted.

**NOTED**

### **3.0 Minutes of the Kilcooley Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018.**

Members were invited to review the minutes of the Kilcooley Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

The minutes were proposed by Pauline Browne and seconded by James McKerrow.

**NOTED**

### **4.0 Education Working Group**

Pauline Brown updated members on the Eye4Education programme that has been introduced to the primary school.

Darren from Eye4Education met with staff on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018 and he facilitated workshop sessions focusing on engaging pupils in learning and parental engagement. He also carried out an audit of programmes and engagement projects which have already taken place – what worked, what didn't and why.

Darren started work on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September and is in the school every Monday until funding ends.

He met with each member of staff individually including the safeguarding team and SENCO to identify pupils who are beginning to or have disengaged from learning. He met with pupils identified in class, small groups and individually and is also timetable to work with identified classes. Meetings have been set up with some of the parents involved and has met them on site and at home. He will continue to set up other meetings over the next few weeks.

He has remained in contact with the parents and staff over the weeks so he is kept up to date with any developments.

Presently he is working with 12 children and 13 parents (25 participants)

So far this is going very well.

Funding has been sought from the extended Schools Project (£3,500) and hopeful that the trust can provide £3000.00 although this will be required before the end of March 2018.

Pete Wray asked if Ards and North Down Borough Council were in a position to fund any education projects through PCSP or Good Relations. Alderman Alan Graham will look into what funding is available and the NRO will speak to the PCSP and Good Relations team within Council to ascertain whether there are any funding streams available.

During the summer months 5 parents gave up their time to help decorate the school and carry out some essential maintenance. The School would therefore like to thank these parents and combine this will an event to launch the programme Get Set Kilcooley!

A new programme from Banardos entitled Life Skills has been introduced into the Primary School. Training took place in August and the programme which looks at resilience, dealing with emotions and many more issues starts week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018.

**AP –** Pauline Brown will work with the Education Working Group to assist where possible with the launch.

**AP -** Alderman Alan Graham will look into what funding is available from Ards and North Down Borough Council, and the NRO will speak to the PCSP and Good Relations team within Council to ascertain whether there are any funding streams available.

**NOTED**

## **5.0 Health Task Force**

Desy Clayton updated members on the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018. A revised time table of meeting dates has been issued out to all members up until March 2019.

In order to action the issues raised from the Kilcooley residents Survey and those outlined in the Kilcooley Vision and Action plan, the current Health Action Plan will be updated and reviewed at the next meeting being held on the 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Pete Wray highlighted the need for training on the new Universal Credit and benefit system.

**AP-An update on progress will be given at the next partnership meeting**

**NOTED**

## **6.0 Social Investment Fund Upgrade of Shop Fronts**

The Bangor Alternatives office and front shop has been upgraded to a very high standard. This refurbishment is one of 7 projects which will be completed by mid-October. OBA cards will be issued and completed as appropriate.

**AP – Owen Brady will update members of any developments as they occur.**

### **3G Pitch**

Members expressed their frustrations due to the time they felt it was taking to build the pitch on Gangway field. The NRO was able to inform members that work was taking place to keep the project moving and would update members at the earliest opportunity on the progress of the project.

**AP – The NRO will update members at the earliest opportunity.**

**NOTED**

## **Early Intervention**

The Incredible years programme is aiming to restart in October and it is hoped this work will tie in with Eye4Education programme currently running in the Kilcooley Primary School. Lynda Vladeneau highlighted that the trust were looking at addressing the gaps across the area and this was being done with the help of the Ards Locality Planning group. Ralston Perera is moving back

to his substantive post in Planning and will therefore not be involved in the Locality Planning Group going forward.

## **7.0 Number 1 Kilcooley Square**

Members were informed that NIHE have gone out to commercial tender as no joint application was received. Owen Brady confirmed that 2 applications had been received and a decision will be made in the next couple of weeks.

**AP – Owen Brady will update members of the outcome asap.**

**NOTED**

## **8.0 Building Capacities in Communities in Transition Report**

Pete Wray provided a report overview to members.

There was a general feeling of frustration at the outcome of the report and some key issues were raised:

The public consultation was carried out before the report was issued and no residents had been engaged in the process therefore the report has not reflected the views of residents.

David Stitt highlighted that none of the reviews that Charter NI had received were reflected in the report. The report could be damaging and disengage communities rather than bringing people together. Some members of the Partnership have lived within the estate for many years and the report needs to reflect the positive changes that have taken place over the years.

The section relating to Restorative and Justice Practices does not reflect the Bangor Alternatives work in this area, this was very disappointing and there appeared to be very little substance or detail to the statements being made.

Crime statistics in Kilcooley within the month of July were recorded at 16. PC Keith Davidson reiterated that community policing was the way forward and that Kilcooley was championed by the PSNI who are building excellent relationships with young people within Kilcooley estate. a session will then take

Pete Wray outlined that the report recommendations will go to the key partners in a co-design stage, followed by sessions on the range of sections within the report to scope and plan how the outcomes should be addressed. This will go out to tender for organisations to apply to deliver the project.

The Consultee list should be more prominent in the report.

The output areas that have been used are not providing a clear picture of Kilcooley as the small output areas the statistics could possibly have skewed the figures.

Pete Wray proposed that the discussions that took place in the meeting will form a response to the authors of the Report.

## **9.0 Neighbourhood Renewal Information session**

Members discussed the NR Information session. The premise behind the session is to highlight and promote the work of the NRP.

Invitees will include Partnership members, Elected representatives from the Ward, Community Groups, relevant ANDBC staff etc.

The format of session that will last from 4-5 on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November will be issued out to all members for agreement, but will include market stands and addresses from KNP Chair, DfC, a Councillor and Pauline Browne/Darren Nixey from Eye4Education.

#### **10.0 Ards and north Down Borough Council Community Development Scheme**

Julie Harkness outlined the Community development schemes being rolled out across the borough. She ran through The Community Development teams 'Game Plan' and highlighted the programmes and schemes available.

Members of the partnership highlighted that there were currently only 2 council based programmes being rolled out in the Kilcooley Community Centre and that this was insufficient. There is a real need for after school provision to be provided. This would enhance the services that are currently being offered.

Community Development staff and support staff are being trained on a range of courses to take forward new programmes so children in the future will benefit from this.

The Community Development team will look into linking up with the PHA and Kilcooley Women's centre Health Workers when looking at developing health programmes going forward.

#### **11.0 AOB**

David Stitt gave a brief over view on the Community Centre /Consortium Bid. Although one meeting did take place the bid did not go any further. Once the decision has been made on Number 1 Kilcooley Square, the bid may be reignited and a new proposal put forward.

#### **Date of next meeting**

Thursday 25<sup>h</sup> October at the Kilcooley Community Centre 10.30-12.00.