



**Minutes of the Kilcooley Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Meeting on
Thursday 7th November 2019 at Kilcooley Primary School
10.30-12**

PRESENT:

Lynda Vladeanu Chair (SEHSCT)	Keith Davidson (PSNI)
Anita Waite (DfC)	Robert Haggan (PSNI)
Brian McAlleenan (DFC)	Bernie Mooney (Education Authority)
Owen Brady (NIHE)	Stephen Holywood (NI Alternatives)
Desy Clayton (KCF)	Pete Wray (NI Alternatives)
Kirk Marshall (Community Development Manager)	Pauline Brown (KPS)

ANDBC Officers in Attendance:

Fran Dowler (Neighbourhood Renewal Officer)

APOLOGIES:

Alison Blayney (Kilcooley Women's Centre)
Stephen McBurney (NIHE)
Councillor Jennifer Gilmore (ANDBC)
Esther Miller (EA Youth)

1.0 Welcome and Apologies

Lynda Vladeanu welcomed members, inviting them to introduce themselves. Apologies were noted.

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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 raised.

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3.0 Minutes of the Kilcooley Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Meeting on 23rd May 2019

Members were invited to review the minutes of the Kilcooley Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Meeting on 26th September 2019.

Minutes were proposed by Pete Wray and seconded by Desy Clayton.

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4.0 Education Working Group

The Education Working Group Communications Plan was tabled. Members of the Education Working Group in attendance were asked to provide an update on projects and programmes to date.

Bangor Alternatives - Continuing to run the START Programme – an employability programme for those aged 16-24 not in education, training and employment. It focuses on building soft skills in an informal setting where young people can gain the confidence to progress into work or further education/training.

Continuing to run sessions that allow individuals the opportunity to obtain Essential Skills Maths and English up to Level 2. Intensive 1-1 mentoring ensues from a progression plan that enables young people to develop their tools, skills and knowledge to advance into the labour market.

In conjunction with Kilcooley Primary School, a Restorative Afterschool club is currently running that equips young learners with knowledge of community safety concerns. afterschool plays a critical role at local level in developing appropriate strategies and solutions to tackle the varied and multifaceted problems the Kilcooley community face.

Kilcooley Community Forum – The Forum has now received OCN Centre Recognition and will be pulling together a suite of accredited OCN qualifications to deliver in due course through the education hub. Syd trotter continues to work with the Forum 10 hours week on the Unblocking Potential Ulster University course. Drama and Arts programmes are being run in conjunction with Ballymoney College in Dublin with over 200 attending on a weekly basis.

Future Work

The NRO confirmed that the needs gaps identified will be a priority of the Education Working Group moving forward. The Chair and Vice will be appointed at the next meeting on the 13th November 2019.

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5. Health Improvement Partnership

Fran Dowler informed members that the last Health Improvement Partnership meeting took place on 23rd October.

The Action Plan will be ready week ending 15th November 2019. Final touches are being made, including the adding of the member's relevant logos. A Facebook page has been created and if members would like to be administrators they can contact Kirsty. This could be an excellent

medium to share relevant information across organisations and within the Community. It was agreed that the Action Plan will be launched on 11th March 2020 at the Kilcooley Health Fair.

Fran Dowler will share the Health Improvement Plan with the Partnership as soon as it is finalised.

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6. Social Investment Fund – Kilcooley 3G Pitch

Fran Dowler provided an update on the Kilcooley 3G Pitch. The pitch design had to be elevated to combat the issues that has arisen with the Clandeyboye Lodge Reservoir. The planning team are expecting a response to be returned by the 15th November to ensure it meets the December Planning Committee deadline.

The reservoir within Clandeyboye Estate is under private ownership. The Reservoirs Act 2015 which seeks to improve reservoir management and legislate reservoir safety has not had all provisions of the act commenced for implementation as legislation. At this stage, there is no statutory requirement for private reservoir owners to also undertake measures to comply with the act.

Fran Dowler will update the Partnership as soon as possible.

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7. Community in Transitions

Pete Wray provided members with an overview of the tender opportunities available through Community in Transitions. The Capacity Building tender is geared towards training and building capacity in the community and there are a number of groups looking to apply. The application is run through e-tenders. This is a great opportunity for community groups.

The Community Safety and Restorative Practice tender will be released before the end of 2019.

Members agreed that the successful delivery agents should be invited to the Kilcooley Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership to outline the programme they will be delivering.

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8. DfC

Fran Dowler informed members that she had attended the DfC People and Places Conference. The focus of the conference was around how the delivery agents report the outputs to the DfC in quarterly and annual reporting templates. Any changes to the reporting structures will be communicated directly by Brian McAleenan (DfC). Bryan also confirmed that he would be meeting with th

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9. Project Updates

Bangor Alternatives – The after school clubs started on 25th September and currently very successful. The Restorative Reflection Garden was launched on 25th September and is a quiet space for the community aimed at tackling mental health issues. One to one sessions have taken place with prisoners in Hydebank who are residents of Kilcooley.

Mediation sessions have been taking place - The cases cover a range of issues from neighbourhood disputes to anti-social behaviour with various referral sources including the PSNI and NIHE directly. Our interventions allow for an intensive approach which cannot be provided by statutory agencies and contributes directly towards community transformation in communities where paramilitaries and other negative influences continue to permeate community structures.

Beneficiaries who experience an improved quality of life as a result of the restorative intervention include primary victims, secondary victims (friends & family of victim(s)) and tertiary victims (wider community).

MAX Programme – 24 cases over target with more referrals from the PSNI. The PEACE IV Open Dialogue programme continues. A Kilcooley Group are an integral part of the programme.

Kilcooley Community Forum – 12 new candidates are going forward with the Ulster University Unblocking Potential Course. There is a cross community event with turf lodge in Craigavon pulling together dramatisations and associated educational programmes. The allotments are growing from strength to strength with 2 dedicated works and 20 volunteers who helped the Bangor Alternatives create the Restorative Reflection Garden. Volunteers are being recruited from the Ravara development 22 residents attended the tree pruning course which was funded by the PHA. OCN accredited Personal Development Health and Personnel Wellbeing courses will be organised in due course.

NIHE - Owen Brady confirmed that the Environmental Scheme is being implemented with a budget of £187,000. The contract for the work does not have to be tendered out. Installation will take place in March and April 2020.

NIHE have met with the Kilcooley Women's Centre to discuss the issues that need to be addressed. Currently discussions are underway regarding the heating options of the build followed by the rewiring aspect.

PSNI – There have been several drug deaths within the borough over the last few weeks, with one occurring in Kilcooley. Crime levels remain very low with domestic abuse and alcohol related deaths occurring the most frequently.

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10. Date of next meeting

16th January 2020

