



## Minutes of the Kilcooley Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Meeting

Thursday 22<sup>st</sup> April 2021.

### PRESENT:

Lynda Vladeanu (CHAIR)	Esther Miller (EA)
Pete Wray Vice Chair (Bangor Alternatives)	Dorothy Beatie (AGenda)
Stephen Holywood (Bangor Alternatives)	Pauline Brown (KPS)
Angela Morrison (The Executive Office)	Liza Wilkinson (Tides Training)
Councillor Jennifer Gilmore (ANDBC)	Anita Waite (DfC)
Owen Brady (NIHE)	Brian McAleenan (DfC)

### ANDBC Officers in Attendance:

Fran Dowler (Neighbourhood Renewal Officer)

### APOLOGIES:

Aideen Logue (DfC)  
Tracy Harrison (KWC)  
Kirk Marshall (ANDBC)

### 1.0 Welcome and Apologies

Lynda Vladenau welcomed members to the Kilcooley Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership meeting taking place virtually via Zoom.

**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 declared.

**NOTED.**

### **3.0 Minutes of the previous meeting**

Members were asked to review the minutes of the Kilcooley Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020. The minutes were proposed by Pauline Brown and Seconded by Pete Wray.

**NOTED.**

### **4.0 Education Working Group**

Fran Dowler provided members with an update on the progress of the Education Working Group.

The Education Working Group continues to meet on a 6-weekly basis.

The development of Kilcooleytogether.com which promotes the education provision available to those living within Kilcooley and the surrounding areas is now complete and a live website. The Education Group have discussed ways of promoting the site including promotional banners and an article in the Spectator. Members will be informed when promotion is taking place.

Pauline Brown referred members to the Arts and Heritage intergenerational Project Report, that outlined the purpose, success and planned legacy of the project. The Programme included children, parents and Grandparents working together to educate each other on intergenerational issues. All involved would, like to maintain the relationships built up going forward. Once lockdown restrictions are lifted, a trip is planned for participants to visit the Ulster Folk Museum in North Down.

Dorothy Beatie also expressed her thanks for the project and praised its success. She was delighted by the honesty of the pupils of Kilcooley Primary School in answering and asking questions to the older generations. An evaluation of the programme will be completed and submitted to the DfC.

Pauline Brown reminded members that funding for the Parental Engagement Co-Ordinator was secured until the end of June 2021. It would be beneficial if this the one day a week contract could be extended to 2 days per week as the number of parents engaging in the programme is growing. Funding in the region of £10,000 - £20,000 a year would be required to secure the funding for 2 days a week commitment. Owen Brady expressed the excellent educational benefits this programme has brought to the pupils and families and therefore NIHE could explore a future input of £10,000 in a joint funding bid. Members were asked to explore all funding opportunities.

Pete Wray highlighted that the CIT phase 2 is due to be rolled out in July 2021 and once bidding is underway a joint bid could be an option through this funding mechanism, sub contacting the co-ordinator for 3 years. Appreciation was expressed by this offer which will be developed further.

**NOTED.**

### **5.0 The Health Improvement Partnership**

Lynda Vladeanu informed members that the governance and future direction of the Health Improvement Partnership was being reviewed. Membership of the group had decreased with many members being redeployed due to COVID -19. Fran Dowler informed members that a new Chair was being recruited and the next meeting of the group was Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Subsequently, the ToR will be reviewed along with the membership of the Partnership. A further update will be provided at the next Partnership meeting in June 2021.

**NOTED.****6.0 SIF Kilcooley 3G Pitch**

Fran Dowler and Desy Clayton informed members that no further progress had been made. Officials are set to meet with the Kilcooley Community Forum to talk through then programme, were it failed and the process that this took. A further update will be provided at the next Partnership meeting.

**NOTED.****7.0 Communities in Transition Update**

Angela Morrison confirmed that pre - marketing engagement dates have been set and sent out to all relevant stakeholders. In these sessions organisations can have their say on the needs of the communities and the direction CIT could take to address these. The tendors are ready to be released in May 2021.

Liza Wilkinson confirmed that the Capacity Building-Respect North Down, programme was continuing well. The programme is providing opportunity for groups to focus on their own development needs and development goals and includes and organisational health check, training and support and the opportunity for groups to develop their own project.

**NOTED.****9.0 Project Updates**

The Chair invited members to update on any projects or programmes taking place that had not already been covered.

Owen Brady confirmed that a huge amount of work had been carried out by the NIHE within Kilcooley, and the woks are now in the final stages. New kitchens and bathrooms have been installed and the feedback from residents has been extremely positive.

No 1 Kilcooley Square is undergoing Fire Safety regulation checks and there is a 10 week timeframe to prepare the building to ensure its ft for use. The Space will be utilised as a social supermarket and various prgrammes will be run from the building.

Esther Millar informed members that EA Youth were looking at addressing young people at a local level, working alongside local groups to support young people. In addition, Pete Wray confirmed that it was key that young vulnerable youth were identified and protected. Esther Millar asked the Partnership if more could or should be done. A tendor has finally been awarded for the fabricated build and it is hoped the building will be built during the 2021 summer months.

Dorothy Beatie thanked the Partnership for all the work it was doing and for the strong working partnerships that had developed.

Brian McAleenan outlined that the Quarterly payments were now due in and going forward 6 monthly progress reports were to be submitted to the DfC. If there are any changes to the programmes being rolled out please let the DfC aware of this. The DfC would like to promote the

work of the Partnership. Fran will send Brian information on the Arts and Culture Intergenerational Project and Kilcooeytogethjer.com

**NOTED**

**9. AOB**

Kirk Marshall is leaving Ards and North Down Borough Council at the end of April, thanks was given for his contribution over the last 3 years.

**NOTED.**

**10. Date of next meeting**

3<sup>rd</sup> June via Zoom

**NOTED.**