



## Minutes of the Kilcooley Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Meeting

Thursday 23rd September 2021  
2021

### PRESENT:

Pete Wray Vice Chair (Bangor Alternatives)	Liza Wilkinson (Tides Training)
Desy Clayton (KCF)	Dorothy Beattie (AGenda)
	Bernie Mooney (EA)
Judith Thompson (Tides Training)	Laura Redfern (KWC)
Councillor Jennifer Gilmore (ANDBC)	Johnny Crymble (EA)
Stephen Holywood (Bangor Alternatives)	

### ANDBC Officers in Attendance:

Fran Dowler (Neighbourhood Renewal Officer)  
Jonathon Blakely (Community Development Manager)

### APOLOGIES:

Lynda Vladeanu (CHAIR)	Bernie Mooney
Stephen Holywood (Bangor Alternatives)	Pauline Brown (KPS)
	Esther Millar (EA Youth)
Brian McAleenan (DfC)	Aideen Logue (DfC)
Owen Brady (NIHE)	Angela Morrison (The Executive Office)
Tracy Harrison (KWC)	

### 1.0 Welcome and Apologies

Pete Wray Vice Chair 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 22nd April 2021. The minutes were proposed by Desy Clayton 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.

An update paper has been provided to members highlighting the progress of the various programmes and projects taking place.

Fran Dowler highlighted The Labour Market Partnership Programme being rolled out across all councils.

Funded by the DfC, the aim of the Partnership is to help improve employability outcomes and labour market conditions locally by working through co-ordinated, collaborate, multi-agency partnerships, achieving regional objectives whilst being flexible to meet the needs presented by localised conditions and helping to connect employers with employees. The Partnership will be expected to provide an integrated approach to address labour market challenges by bringing together, in a single body, the necessary local knowledge and expertise to build on existing structures locally, operating in a holistic, streamlined and joined up way.

A further update will be provided at the next meeting.

Pete Wray suggested that Bangor Alternatives present an outline of the work being taken forward at the next Education Working group. Pete will liase with Fran to ensure this happens.

**NOTED.**

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

Lynda Vladeanu and Fran Dowler reminded members that the governance and future direction of the Health Improvement Partnership was being reviewed.

Lynda was able confirm that that a meeting took place with the PHA to look at regional priorities in Health and Wellbeing. Once this has been scoped out the information will be shared which could have a bearing on the Health Improvement Partnership Action Plan that has been in development. 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 group had been due to meet on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June but unfortunately the meeting had been cancelled. No further updates are available.

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

Fran Dowler and Desy Clayton informed members that no further progress had been made, however Officials from TEO and SIF have organised a meeting that took place Zoom on the 9<sup>th</sup> June 202, however the meeting as not well received by the Forum. The Kilcooley 3G Pitch is still an agenda item on the SIF Capital Project Programme Board and will continue to be so until further notice. An update will be given to members at the next Partnership meeting.

**NOTED.****7.0 Kilcooley Vision and Action Plan 2021 - 2022**

Fran Dowler thanked members who had updated their relevant sections of the 2021-2022 Vision and Action Plan, ensuring the actions within are realistically achievable. The Action Plan is now complete.

**NOTED.****8.0 Community in Transitions**

Judith from Tides Training informed members that the Capacity Building Programme was being rolled out with organisations throughout the area. 5 Community navigators will be recruited and trained up to assist with the programme.

**Bangor Alternatives**

Pete will send Fran details of the Prisoner Project for the next meeting in September. The STARS project is going well and has recruited 30 individuals across Kilcooley and surrounding area who wish to enhance their skills, tools and knowledge in Restorative Practice and use it within their current setting. Stephen will liase with Fran to ensure all updated information is on KilcooleyTogether.com.

The TEO have acknowledged that Council are not as involved as they could be, therefore Angela Morrison is going to address this. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

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

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

Dorothy Beattie confirmed that AGEnda are working with the Kilcooley Community Forum to identify ways of working together to ensure the voice of the older person is heard. Bangor Alternatives and AGEnda are continuing to work on the Intergenerational programmes and are delighted with the results being achieved.

Desy Clayton, KCF confirmed that with significant financial support from TEO Good Relations branch, Kilcooley Community Forum has just embarked on a year long Programme of Good Relations training with CLTE in Craigavon exploring the historical definitions of Unionism and Nationalism and their impact on attitudes and behaviours. Training continues in Community Development, Horticulture (14 participants to date) and Drama through a mix of socially spaced

and on-line sessions. In addition, with the help of CIT funding a Wood carving course will be run once again. Links will be made with the Kilcooley Primary School to offer this to pupils. A Metal Detector course are being rolled out and Planter workshops.

Unblocking Potential 2021 is bring rolled out once again.

The contract between the Forum and the local church has be renewed allowing classes and training to take place for a further 12 months.

Stephen Hollywood, Bangor Alternatives referred members to the Programme Update paper which highlights the range of different projects taking place.

Pete Wray highlighted that Bangor Alternatives in conjunction with the NIHE were submitting a new application for the funding of the Parental Engagement Programme, this should be approved by the end of September 2021.

Jonny Crymble, EA Youth informed members that the summer programme of events was well underway with 50-60 young people registered from Kilcooley. The Programme will be running until the last week in August. The pre-fabricated build is going well, and completion is on course for the middle of January.

Tracy Harrison, KWC, confirmed that the annual summer schemes were going well and are halfway through completion. Numbers are reduced to 30 due to Covid restrictions, however 3 trips a week are planned for the children and so far, all is going well.

No.1 Kilcooley Square works are ongoing to make it habitable. It is hoped that completion will be end of September.

Bernie Mooney confirmed that The Transitions Programme was going ahead with Bangor Academy, and that funding was approved.

**NOTED**

**9. AOB**

None noted.

**NOTED.**

**10. Date of next meeting**

23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

**NOTED.**

