Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough
Community and Voluntary Sector Panel
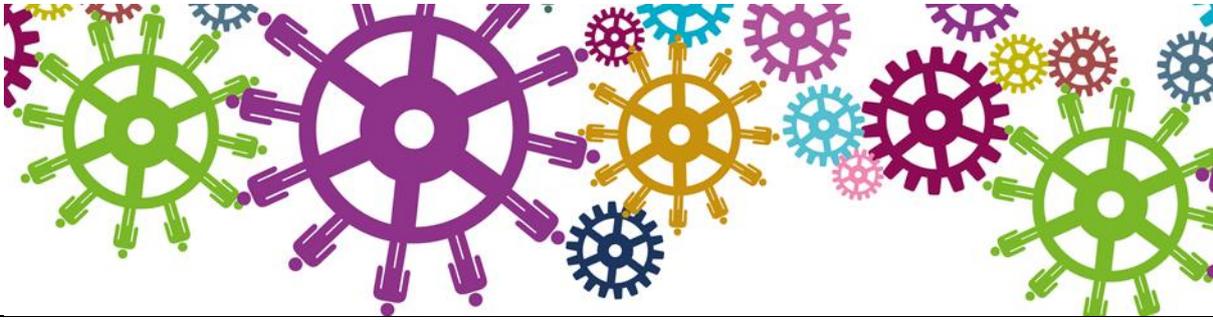Thursday 8th November 2018 at 6:30pm
Market Place Theatre, Armagh

Agenda

Light Supper at 6:00pm

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Notes of previous meeting 20th August 2018

3. Chairs Update

4. Build the Buzz
    "Generating ideas, prioritising themes and implementing plans for Community Panel action."

5. Thanks and Close

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Meeting Notes

DATE: Thursday 8th November 2018 **TIME:** 6 pm **VENUE:** Workshop 2, Market Place Theatre,

Community and Voluntary Panel Attendees: – **Brownlow Ltd** – Brendan Curran, **County Armagh Community Development** – David McMullen, **Pontzpass Community Regeneration Company Limited** – John Waddell, **Richmount Rural Community Association** – Joe Garvey, **ABC Community Network** – John McGuinness, **NIACRO** – Edell McKee, **Lislea Community Association** – Sheila McCreesh, **Ulster GAA** – Anne Garvey, **West Armagh Consortium** – Stephen Fields, **Donaghcloney Community Garden** – Walter Ferris, **Prospects CIC –** Anna Clarke

Others in attendance – **ABC Council** – Jennie Dunlop, Michelle Markey, Louis O'Neill, **Southern Health & Social Care Trust** – Tracey Powell

Apologies: – **Mencap** – Liam Burns, **Craigavon & Banbridge Volunteer Bureau** – Donna Stewart, **Women's Aid** – Eileen Murphy, **Barnardo's NI** – Eugene Mone, **REACT NI** – Marion Jamison, **IncredABLE** – Nigel Hampton, **The Right Key/Recovery Café CIC** – Sheila Smyth, **Powered By Sport** – Stephen Lynch, **Supporting Communities** – Siobhan O'Neill**, Clanrye Group** – Emma Brannigan, , **Banbridge Twinning Association** – Gilbert Lee, **LLTCA** – Claire Patience, **ABC Senior's Network** – David Hammerton **P2000** – Geraldine Lawless, **Regenerate** – Keith McCann,

1.   Welcome and Introductions

John McGuiness, ABC Community Network welcomed members as Chair of the Community and Voluntary Sector Panel meeting. Introductions were made and added a number of apologies had been received and would be recorded in the meeting notes.

John advised that the meeting would be facilitated by Anna Clarke, Prospects Award and welcomed Anna to the meeting.

2.   Notes of previous meeting 20th August 2018

John went through the matters arising from the notes of the Community and Voluntary Sector Panel (CVSP) meeting on 20 August 2018 that were previously circulated:
- Volunteer Expenses
  Community planning team undertook some research around expenses and a recommendation was going to the Council and the Community Planning Strategic

Partnership for mileage to be payable to panel members who weren't able to claim costs through own group.

- Panel Support Plan
  John explained that progress on this had commenced, he advised that himself, Geraldine Lawless and Sheila McCreesh the Community Planning Team and Anna attended a meeting with the Manager of Peace IV to discuss the option of developmental programme for panel members to be supported through the Peace IV programme. He advised Anna would cover this under agenda item 4.
- Membership of panel
  John reminded members, there had been some discussions at the previous meeting and the

John invited Jennie Dunlop, Community and Strategic Planning Manager to give a brief update on Community Planning progress since the last meeting on 20th August.

Action Plans:

Economy theme: Skilled and Enterprising Economy TAP team presented their first progress report to the CPSP in September. Tourism Economy were due to present their first progress report to the next

Community theme: The chairs of Confident and Welcoming Community TAP team and the Healthy Community TAP team presented the action plans to the CPSP in September, work is ongoing with action coordinators of each team to set performance measures.

Place theme: Action planning workshops for Creative Place are underway with the final session scheduled for 22nd November. Enhanced and Revitalised Place will commence in January 2019.

3. Chairs Update

By way of update, John advised that panel that himself and Brendan McCann attended the Community Planning Strategic Partnership meeting 13th September. John advised that the Code of Conduct and the Terms of Reference for the Panel was approved by the CPSP. He added that himself and Brendan covered all points raised at the previous Panel meeting in August. Sheila McCreesh advised that she had attended the CPSP away day on the 26th September.

4. Build the Buzz

Anna explained, this part of the meeting was an opportunity to identify themes that the Panel could use as a conduit to engage and connect with communities. She remarked that Panel members are and hold the key links into communities.

Anna explained that herself and the community planning team along with John, Geraldine and Sheila had met with John Devaney, the Manager of Peace IV to discuss the option of developmental programme for panel members to be supported through the Peace IV programme. Anna shared with panel members the draft proposal that was sent to Peace IV, and that through this session there would be an opportunity for panel members to shape and design the final proposal that would be submitted to Peace IV.

Each table conducted an exercise to identify themes/issues that are concerning and impacting people in the borough. The groups identified emerging themes and prioritised the top 3 for their table thinking about three questions: *1. Why these themes are important? 2. How do they affect people?, 3. Why do they matter?*

During discussions Appendix 1, the panel members agreed the Top 3 areas where:
1. Mental Health and Well-being
2. Education, Training, Employment and Economy
3. Communities/CVS

5.   Thanks and Close

John closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their time.

The next meeting of the Community and Voluntary Sector Panel would be in Banbridge area, date and venue to be confirmed.

Community and Voluntary Sector Panel Build the Buzz Session

BIG THEMES		
Mental Health and Wellbeing (top)	Education, Training, Employment and Economy (2nd)	Communities/CVS (3rd)
Health – • obesity • Health programmes and health education at ground level • 5 Steps to Wellbeing	• Programmes for skills development leading to employment • CSR cards	• Lack of community infrastructure • Lack of good basic services in rural areas
Mental health – • Support for mental health • Events to tackle young peoples mental and physical health	• Employment training for young people – apprenticeships etc • Learning for Work	• Standard of rural community centres and premises
Older people – • Social care • Isolation • Support • Division between old and young/teenagers • Security in relation to feeling/being safe from crime – anti-social drug related issues	• NEETs – longer term programmes	• Rural Broadband
	• Rural job creation	• Loss of funding to the sector
	Economy – • Worry over Brexit and economy collapse • Economy will suffer if EU citizens not let in • Long term planning?	
Loneliness/Social Isolation • young parents • Retirement • Be-friending isolated older people • Implementation of Loneliness Strategy as announced by Prime Minister Oct 2018 – links between loneliness, mental health and elderly		
Addictions – • drug/alcohol/smoking • Strategy to cope with gambling addictions • Addiction to technology		

Other themes identified but which did not feature as prominently as priorities (although some of these are still linked to some of the sub-themes above)

- Young People – involvement in sport, impact of social media on young people, lack of young people involved in decision making
- Good relations – community relations, discrimination, hate crime, needs of minority communities
- Childcare – expensive, hard to access for low income families
- Housing – social housing
- Volunteering opportunities and support for volunteers
- People affected by imprisonment
- Access to support with benefits take up
- Transport -public transport links, rural transport