



Community & Voluntary Sector Panel Meeting

Tuesday 26th March 2019 at 6:30 pm

Civic Building, Banbridge

Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Member networking
3. Community Planning update
4. Member update
5. Round Table planning:
 - Follow-on from 'Build the Buzz'
 - Plan for year
6. Flip-chart feedback
7. Next steps & Close

Light supper will be available from 6.00 pm



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Meeting Notes

DATE: Wednesday 26th March 2018 **TIME:** 6 pm **VENUE:** Lakeview 2, Craigavon Civic Centre

Community and Voluntary Panel Attendees: – **Brownlow Ltd** – Brendan Curran, **Craigavon Area Foodbank** – Chris Leech, **ABC Senior's Network** – David Hammerton, **Volunteer Now** – Edel Cunningham, **NIACRO** – Edell McKee, **P2000** – Geraldine Lawless, **Richmount Rural Community Association** – Joe Garvey, **ABC Community Network** – John McGuinness, **Regenerate** – Keith McCann, **Waringstown Together** – Lenny Deans, **Mencap** – Liam Burns, **Banbridge Twinning** - Gilbert Lee.

Others in attendance – **ABC Council** – Jennie Dunlop, Michelle Markey, **Prospects CIC** – Anna Clarke

Apologies: – **Clanrye Group** – Emma Brannigan, **Pontzpass Community Regeneration Company Limited** – John Waddell, **Donaghcloney Community Garden** – Walter Ferris, **Supporting Communities** – Jordan Laverty, **Women's Aid** – Eileen Murphy, **Lislea Community Association** – Sheila McCreech, **BOATA** - Gordon Blevins, **Ulster GAA** – Anne Garvey

1. Welcome and Introductions

John Mc Guinness, ABC Community Network welcomed the panel to the meeting as the Chair of Community and Voluntary Sector Panel. John welcomed Anna Clarke from Prospect Awards CIC who would be facilitating the session.

John advised that since the last meeting of the Panel in November that a small planning group had been established made up of the chairs of the panel and the representatives who sit on the Strategic Partnership. Members of the planning group are: John McGuinness, Geraldine Lawless, Gilbert Lee, Brendan McCann and Sheila McCreech. This planning group had met a few times and the following discussions had taken place:

Panel planning group members have the following concerns:

- lack of coordination and communication between panel members sitting on TAP Teams and with wider panel
- some panel members feel that they are unable to influence action planning process
- unsure how many panel members are actively participating in TAP Teams and whether they are clear about whether they are part of particular TAP Teams
- Panel development programme covered as part of agenda item 5

John went through the notes of the previous meeting and requested an update on the following actions from the community planning team.

Jennie advised the themes identified at the previous session will make up part of the panel development programme and will include a good practice visit. This will be an overnight visit

to Monaghan County Council to meet with their Public Participation Network, which is the community planning equivalent to our panel. An expression of interest will be sent to all panel members.

- Volunteer mileage – council have approved travel expenses for panel members who are not able to claim this back through their own organisation or another source. The agreed rate is 0.45p at the current HMRC mileage rate. The documentation will be sent to all panel members in the next week or two. Panel members who have been involved in meetings from January will be able to back date their claim.

Actions: CPT to circulate expression of interest for Study Visit to Monaghan
CPT to circulate mileage documentation.

2. Member networking

Anna led a round of speed networking to allow panel members to make personal introductions.

3. Community Planning update

Jennie Dunlop, Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council provided a community planning update elaborating briefly on the following points:

- ✓ **Community Plan published**
- ✓ **Community Planning Partnership established**
- ✓ **Six Collaborative Action Plans developed**
Enhanced and Revitalised Action Plan was taken before the CPSP for consideration earlier this month on 20th March. This was final action plan for the community plan to be developed. There are 60 collaborative actions across each of the six action plans with 10% of these being led by the Community and Voluntary Sector. Jennie remarked that the CPSP had praised the input from the sector throughout action planning process.
- ✓ **Communications Plan agreed**
The communications plan for the CPP has been agreed. CPT are mindful that communications is an area in which more work is required for the partnership and that as the communications plan embeds communications will improve. To help improve the flow of the information the community planning team are considering producing a newsletter for the partnership.

The next big things on the partnerships agenda for the coming year are:

- **Community Engagement Strategy**
Community planning partnership is being supported by the Carnegie UKT Trust
- **Leadership Programme**
- **Implementation of Action Plans**
- **First Progress Report due November 2019**

Brendan Curran pointed out that during the action planning process for the Enhanced and Revitalised Place that it was reassuring to see that the community in the room were being listened to and this was evident in the final action plan.

Jennie advised that now the action plans were produced panel members still had an opportunity to shape the projects that will come out of them.

Action: CPT will organise workshop with panel members involved in TAP to find a mechanism for better sharing across the panel.

Jennie presented the plan for the year:



Anna explained more detail on this will be explored during agenda item 5.

4. Member update

Anna invited some panel members to share a good news story about their group or community.

Keith McCann – Regenerate, spoke of the youth project in Kilicomaine that Regenerate was involved in where youth reimagined a disused bus shelter and have now expressed a strong interest in community development work.

Gilbert Lee- Banbridge Twinning Association – had recently taken part in a study visit to Wales with other members of the Community Planning Strategic Partnership as part of the Carnegie UK Trust “Embedding Wellbeing in Northern Ireland project. He shared the Welsh approach and how a library was now being used as a Community Hub and in another town the council have taken over a post office franchise and were planning to run it through a library.

Chris Leech, Craigavon Foodbank – shared a story of local youth worker who had undertaken to walk the Black path at 5am every day in March and had raised £5000 to date.

5 & 6 Round Table Planning

Anna recapped on the themes identified by panel members at the last meeting.

Theme one: Mental Health and Well-being

Theme two: Employability

Theme three: Communities – current context and development opportunities.

Anna facilitated a round table exercise where panel members in their groups planned an event based on their chosen theme. The next meeting would take a mental health and wellbeing focus. Panel members shared initial thoughts on how the next meetings should run and identified some key speakers for each theme. Each table's suggestions on the format are shown at Appendix one. Panel members will be invited to participate in a working group session to organise each of the events.

7. Next steps & Close

Anna thanked everyone for their participation in the meeting notes. Expression of interests will be sent to panel members in regards to the overnight study trip

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Build the Buzz Themes, Round Table Planning Groups

Mental Health and Well Being – 2 Hour event June

Attendees: Geraldine, Joe and Chris

- **Pathways to mental health support**
- **Is there a joint up approach?**
- **Social Prescribing**
- **Loneliness – addressing the issue?**
- **Verve Centre**
- **Mental Health and technology?**
- **Links (such as Laura Wylie) to present on mental health overview**
 - **What are the components to good mental health**
- **Someone to present on young people's resilience, e.g. Jonny Hampdon REACH**
- **Clanrye – presentation/hear about support of families – e.g. Emma Branaghan**
- **Simon Community – e.g. James Dunbar**
- **Dunlevy (drugs and addictions) – e.g. Niall Heron**

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Employability/Skills – 2 Hour event September

Attendees: Liam Burns, Michelle Markey, Brendan Curran, Adele (NIACRO), Adele (Volunteer Now)

- **MENCAP Work Week (Nov) update**
- **Volunteer Now Youth Worker – Highlight employability through volunteering**
- **NIACRO ‘Working Well’, ‘Employability’**
- **Programme for Criminal Justice System People**
- **Representatives from:**
 - **Enterprise Centres**
 - **Southern Regional College (SRC)**
 - **Social Enterprises**
- **Retraining for new vocations (Adults)**
 - **Department for Communities (DFC)**
 - **Jobs and Benefits**
 - **Employers/ COC perspective**
 - **Invest NI**

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CVS Conference – 1 Day event October

Attendees: Lenny, David, Gilbert and John

- **How do we share good practice in context of poor infrastructure and low capacity?**
- **Individuals can make a difference**
- **How do others do it e.g.**
 - **NI Councils**
 - **Rest of GB (councils can have more responsibility)**
- **Showcase events**
- **Council Awards**
 - **Volunteering**
 - **Volunteers not always associated with groups**
- **What are the basic services**
 - **Prioritise e.g. Health (G.P's), Transport, Age, Rural**
 - **Opportunities for joint CWS and statutory agencies to work in partnership**
- **Loss of funding**
- **Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) – Next Door Scheme**