

## ARMAGH CITY, BANBRIDGE AND CRAIGAVON BOROUGH COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP (CPSP) MEETING HELD IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE BOARD, MAIN BUILDING, TOWER HILL, ARMAGH ON WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE 2019 AT 10.00 AM

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PRESENT: Roger Wilson, Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council (Chair)

Ruth Bell EANI (Vice Chair)

OFFICIAL PARTNERS:

BPA	Adrian Farrell
CVSP	Gilbert Lee
CVSP	John McGuinness
EANI	Ruth Bell
EANI	Averil Morrow
HSCB	Louise McMahan
Invest NI	Ethna McNamee
Libraries NI	Adrienne Adair
PHA	Danielle Sinclair
SHSCT	Paul Morgan
Sport NI	William Devlin
SRC	Maggie Grant

APOLOGIES:

NIFRS	Eddie Carroll
PHA	Colette Rogers
PSNI	Chief Inspector Bernard O'Connor
Tourism NI	Rosemarie McHugh

### Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council

Councillor Julie Flaherty  
Councillor Garath Keating  
Olga Murtagh, Strategic Director (Place)  
Sharon McNicholl, Strategic Director (Performance)  
Mark Parkinson, Interim Strategic Director (People)  
Brian Johnston, Head of Department: Tourism, Arts and Culture

IN ATTENDANCE: Sharon O'Gorman, Strategic Director (Position)  
Elaine Gillespie, Head of Department: Community Planning  
Jennie Dunlop, Community and Strategic Planning Manager  
Michelle Markey, Community Planning Officer  
Sara McGeary, Tourism Development Officer  
Patricia McParland, Democratic Services Officer

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Ciarán Mee DfC

## **1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

### **1.1 Welcome**

The Chair (Roger Wilson) welcomed everyone to the seventh meeting of the partnership and thanked Louise McMahan from Health and Social Care Board for hosting.

He extended a particular welcome to new members Maggie Grant from Southern Regional College (SRC) and Adrian Farrell from Business Partnership Alliance (BPA) as well as Ciarán Mee from DfC and Danielle Sinclair from PHA.

## **1.2 Apologies**

NOTED: apologies were received and accepted from Eddie Carroll NIFRS, Colette Rogers PHA, Chief Inspector Bernard O'Connor PSNI, Rosemarie McHugh Tourism NI, Councillor Julie Flaherty, Councillor Garath Keating, Olga Murtagh Strategic Director (Place), Sharon McNicholl Strategic Director (Performance), Mark Parkinson Strategic Director (People), Brian Johnston, Head of Department: Tourism, Arts and Culture, Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council.

## **1.3 Icebreaker Exercise**

The Chair asked those present to introduce each other during an ice-breaker session.

The Chair then explained that all partners had received an e-mail in relation to membership of the partnership. There were 14 new elected members on Council in total and there had been a shift in political constitution with three Alliance Party Councillors having been elected. Previously there had been one representative from each political party on the partnership and now that there were five parties it was proposed to increase membership to reflect this. He asked if partners were happy with this.

All partners were in agreement.

Gilbert Lee expressed his disappointment that no elected members were present at the meeting and recalled that this had also been the case on a previous occasion. The Chair explained that many Councillors had full time jobs which meant it was difficult to attend day time meetings.

Elaine Gillespie explained that she had a copy of the Terms of Reference for all partners to sign on behalf of their organisation. This would be circulated to those present for signature.

### **AGREED:**

- that Elected Member membership of the partnership be increased to five to allow one representative from each political party
- that new Terms of Reference be signed by partners

## **2. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

### **2.1 Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting and Conversation with Eleanor Gill**

Minutes of the Community Planning Strategic Partnership (CPSP) meeting on 20 March 2019.

**AGREED:** that the Minutes of the Community Planning Strategic Partnership (CPSP) meeting on 20 March 2019 having been previously circulated be confirmed and signed off as a correct record.

### 3. GOOD PRACTICE LINKS – Support from Carnegie UK Trust

#### 3.1 Community Planning Partnership Development Programme

Elaine Gillespie went through the report, adding that this was a one off opportunity and she encouraged all partners to have a representative from their organisation in attendance at meetings.

She continued that from September onwards it was proposed to spend less time on progress reports with a greater focus on one to ones and to look at progress of the Community Plan.

The Chair highlighted that this partnership was very lucky to have been selected to work with the Carnegie UK Trust on this project and he also urged partners to attend meetings. He continued that the Local Government Elections had shown a change in political mood and highlighted that the situation in relation to Brexit and the Assembly meant that local politicians were keen to see progress on issues including the Community Plan.

Ciarán Mee remarked that Elaine Gillespie would have conversations with all partners and that by September the Joanne Gallagher report would be completed. He highlighted that the views of new members needed to be taken into account and added that some work with NILGA was also ongoing.

Adrienne Adair stressed the importance of working with the Carnegie UK Trust, highlighting the training which would allow capacity building within the borough. She also endorsed the new approach in relation to the Community Planning Strategic Partnership meetings.

Louise McMahon endorsed the work done to date and remarked on the excellent training which had taken place. She felt that some consideration could be given to how things could be done differently. She highlighted the importance of working with the Carnegie UK Trust to share expertise between Community Planning Partnerships.

Paul Morgan stated that engagement with the community was excellent and he felt that consideration needed to be given to the three Council areas within Southern Trust with a view to carrying out collaborative pieces of work across these organisations.

The Chair acknowledged there were challenges within the current structure and there were probably some statutory partners who felt they did not need to be on the partnership and others which were not but should be.

Elaine Gillespie stated that some time would be taken in September to look at the decision making process.

Gilbert Lee stated that consideration needed to be given not just to the partnership but also the Community Voluntary Sector Panel. He wanted to ensure that ABC was the best place to live in Northern Ireland.

Ethna McNamee referred to the Programme for Government, explaining that the partnership needed to find creative ways of working as there was no finance available for Community Planning.

The Chair explained that this partnership had not asked for funding, however this may change in future. There may be efficiencies that could be made and discussions may have to take place in order to find ways of saving. This may be discussed at the next meeting.

**AGREED:** that partners support the partnership's participation in the Embedding Wellbeing in Northern Ireland project by sending an Officer at the appropriate level to the workshops and meeting that will make up the programme.

That partners consider the Partnership Development Programme and suggest any additional or changes to the programme

#### 4. STRATEGIC CONTEXT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Louise McMahon went through the Powerpoint Presentation elaborating briefly on the following points:

- This building (the workhouse)
  - Public Policy
  - Room preserved as it would have been in 1840
- Making Life Better Strategy
- Visions and Aims
- Values
- Life Course Approach adopted
- Systems not Structures
- Policy Context, November 2015
- Systems not Structures – Changing Health and Social Care
- Wellbeing 2020 delivering together
- Health and Wellbeing 2020
- Delivering Together
- The change needed
- What does that look like?
  - Family Support Hubs
  - Practice based pharmacists
  - Acute Care at Home
  - Ambulatory Assessment and Treatment Centres
  - Elective Care Centres
  - Networking at highly specialised centres
  - Mental Health
  - Carers
- The Approach
  - Partnership Working
  - Workforce
  - Leadership
  - Quality
  - Ehealth
  - Co-design – co-production
- Implementation
  - Transformation Implementation group
- What has happened? Examples

The Chair thanked Louise McMahon for the presentation and remarked that a big part of this work involved changing public attitude. He referred to the recent consultation in relation to Breast Assessment Services, highlighting that this was a big issue for the residents of the borough.

Louise McMahon explained that it was not about blaming people and she pointed out that significant progress had been made. However no matter how many hospitals were built or drugs given out it was not possible to make people live longer. It was ultimately about getting a better outcome.

Paul Morgan pointed out that there was an increasing elderly population and that the birth rate had plateaued which gave an added dimension. There was also an increase in the black and ethnic population including Syrian refugees. Consideration needed to be given to changing attitudes to issues for example obesity in children. Focus needed to be given to

Health and Wellbeing Links with Southern Outcomes and how this linked with the Community Plan.

Louise McMahon pointed out that Northern Ireland was no different from the rest of the world as all faced similar issues. Consideration needed to be given to analysis of what the issues were and how Community Planning could share information. A lot of work was ongoing in the Permanent Secretary's Office.

Ruth Bell referred to the diverse mix of population in the borough with its unique blend of rural and urban residents as well as refugees from other countries.

John McGuinness agreed that the area had a diverse make up which the Community Voluntary Sector was very conscious of. He highlighted the importance of the Community Voluntary Sector which was gaining momentum in modifying behaviour for example by persuading people to attend pharmacies rather than GPs or hospitals. He also stressed the importance educating people regarding the benefits of exercise.

Gilbert Lee stated that more focus needed to be given to prevention and how this could create cost savings which would allow for other work to be done.

Louise McMahon pointed out that when the National Health Service (NHS) had been set up in 1948 it was thought that it would eventually do itself out of business. As time went on the NHS did more work and did it better giving the example NICE which carried out technical assessments. The NHS continued to grow and improve.

The Chair thanked Louise McMahon for her presentation and advised that it would be circulated to partners.

**NOTED.**

## **5. REPORT ON ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP UPDATE**

### **5.1 Presentation on Draft Community Engagement Strategy and associated action plan**

Jennie Dunlop went through the Powerpoint Presentation elaborating briefly on the following points:

- Our Approach
  - Partnership Working
  - Using Evidence
  - Engaging with Communities
  - Draft Community Engagement Strategy
- What is Community?
- The Framework
- Our Partnership

*Averil Morrow joined the meeting at 11.35 am.*

- Standards
- Challenges

*Sara McGeary joined the meeting at 11.38 am.*

- Actions
  - Training and Support
  - Share Good Practice
  - Participatory Budgeting
  - Children and Young people
  - Community Voluntary Sector Panel
  - Business

Elaine Gillespie added that other partnerships were also looking at their Engagement Strategy. She stated that some excellent work was ongoing and encouraged partners to look at what was on the table. It was hoped to sign off the strategy that day.

After a group exercise Elaine Gillespie remarked that having listened to comments she felt that there were no changes required to the strategy. She added that the strategy would act as a manual for TAP teams.

**AGREED:** To approve the Community Engagement Strategy and associated action plan.

## **6. COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY SECTOR PANEL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME UPDATE**

### **6.1 Presentation from John McGuinness and Gilbert Lee**

#### **Community and Voluntary Sector Panel Development Programme**

John McGuinness went through the Powerpoint Presentation elaborating briefly on the following points:

- Community and Voluntary Sector Panel Development Programme
- Build the Buzz Themes
  - Mental Health and Wellbeing
  - Employability
  - Support
- Songs, Sheds and Social Prescribing
- First things first – the prize worth working for

Gilbert Lee went through the Powerpoint Presentation elaborating briefly on the following points:

- Community and Voluntary Sector Panel – Monaghan Study Trip 09.05.19
  - Itinerary
  - Carrickmacross Former Workhouse
  - Castleblaney
  - Public Participation Network
  - 4 Strategic Policy Committees (SPCs)
  - 3 Electoral Colleges
  - Monaghan’s vision of the ideal community

*Paul Morgan retired from the meeting at 12 50 pm.*

Gilbert Lee concluded with the following points:

- *The members of the Monaghan PPN were drawn from very wide and varied groups which was something this CVSP could take account of for future improvements*
- *We must try to ensure all of our “state” owned or sponsored assets must be multifunctional and our statutory partners work together with other partners to ensure our*

*assets benefit the current and future needs of all in our communities and within an achievable budget. Aim for profitmaking*

- *Both Wales and Monaghan had their well-being goals set out in short and simple statements in a clear language plus they had committee titles clearly reflecting their aims to be understood by all in the community. Please urgently review the titles and language used within our Community Planning Strategy as I fear we may not attain the support of our members or communities*
- *Monaghan is our neighbour, I would recommend stronger and closer links being forged with all of our neighbours especially as Brexit could have a negative impact on relationships*
- *Reflect on your own homes – Life is better if you have a good neighbour*

Adrienne Adair referred to a recent event in the Seagoe Hotel which was very successful. She felt that it would be useful to circulate the presentation in relation to the Monaghan Study Trip.

John McGuinness highlighted that the overall message from the event was that more engagement was needed in order to get the Community Planning message out.

Gilbert Lee added that resources needed to be pulled together.

*John McGuinness retired from the meeting at 12.52 pm.*

**NOTED.**

## **7. REPORT ON PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT**

### **7.1 Creative Place Progress Report**

Averil Morrow went through the Powerpoint Presentation elaborating briefly on the following points:

- Creative Place
  - 86% of adults engaged in Arts / Cultural activities
  - Creative Place Action Plan
  - #creativeABC for the borough

**NOTED.**

### **7.2 Tourism Economy Progress Report**

Sara McGeary went through the Powerpoint Presentation elaborating briefly on the following points:

- Tourism Economy Progress Report
  - Tourism Strategy in Place – key aim to increase value in area
  - Action Plan
  - Features Action
    - Quantitative, Qualitative

Gilbert Lee asked if there was a Chair of the Tourism TAP team. Elaine Gillespie explained that this position was currently held by Council, however discussions were ongoing.

Jennie Dunlop referred to the Statement of Progress explaining that information was being collated which would form a baseline ahead of one to one meetings taking place. A draft of the Statement would be brought back in November.

Elaine Gillespie added that there were no standard form for the Statement however DfC had issued guidance.

Louise McMahon enquired as to where the Joanne Gallagher report fitted in. Ciarán Mee explained that it was aimed at all partners with a focus on future planning.

Elaine Gillespie added that Joanne Gallagher had been appointed to prepare the report and it was hoped that it would be released in the coming weeks.

**AGREED:** That partners provide information on actions that they are progressing though the Community Plan and to complete surveys on the performance of the partnership to assist with the development of the Statement of Progress.

## **8. FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATIVE WORKING**

There was nothing to report.

## **9. PROGRAMME OF WORK**

Elaine Gillespie went through the Programme of Work elaborating briefly on the main points.

## **10 AOB**

### **10.1 Dates for Future Meetings**

The Chair reminded partners of the dates of futures CPSP meetings:

- Wednesday 18 September 2019 at 10.00 am hosted by Northern Ireland Housing Executive at Marlborough House
- Thursday 12 December 2019 at 10.00 am – Venue to be confirmed

The business having been completed, the meeting concluded at 1.10 pm.

**NOTED.**