Community Planning

On 8th December Derry City & Strabane District Council hosted a plenary event to give an update on the progress to date of the Community Planning process and to advise stakeholders of the next steps. Council recorded the event in full and the recordings are segmented on the website so that you can click straight on a topic that interests you. The public call for participants to the Local Area Planning process is still live but closing soon.

The 1st meeting of the Ballyarnett DEA Local Community Planning Group (incorporating the Shantallow East, Shantallow, Carnhill, Culmore, Galliagh & Skeoge wards) has been scheduled for :-

Thursday 3rd March (7pm - 9pm) in Hollybush Primary School.

Community Planning is one of the most significant powers of the new Council, with the intention of giving people greater say in how services are delivered in their local area.

More info at: www.derrystrabane.com/subsites/Community-Planning

“Community Planning will provide a form of partnership governance which is evidence and place-based. It will help ensure that by working together and by pooling resources we can improve social, economic and environmental wellbeing for all of our citizens and businesses”

John Kelpie, DC&SDC Chief Executive

Registrations for Local Community Planning Groups are live. Get Involved!

Local Community Plans will develop local actions to address local needs.

Local residents, businesses, community and voluntary groups, statutory partners and all other organisations in each Local Community Planning area are encouraged to join their local group to ensure all ideas and thoughts are considered throughout the process.

You can register online at www.derrystrabane.com/localplans

The 8 local Community Planning Groups are:

- Foyleside
- The Moor
- Derg
- Sperrin
- Faughan
- Waterside
- Ballyarnett
- Strabane

If you have any questions about the local groups please do not hesitate to forward your queries to info@derrystrabane.com

Neighbourhood Renewal is a government strategy that seeks to bring together statutory agencies, service providers, the voluntary sector & communities in an equal partnership to tackle deprivation.

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Neighbourhood Health Improvement Project

NHIP is a collaborative project involving the 6 NW Neighbourhood Renewal areas, DSD, WHSCT, PHA and Derry Healthy Cities. The project supports / enables communities in each of the NRAs to improve their health & well-being, whilst recognising that each NRA is at a different level of capacity, development, population size etc. resulting in the development and provision of appropriate supports to each NRA. The project adds value to existing work by developing new community led approaches to addressing health improvement, supporting groups to identify local need and gaps in current service provision and then tailor project delivery to meet that need.

The development of a NHIP Health Action Plan in each area has allowed groups to identify local need and gaps in current service provision and tailor service delivery to meet need - all seeking to address health inequalities and poor health, which has been a fact of life in this community for decades.

The recent focus within Outer North has been :- Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing (self-esteem & health improvement targeting young women); MOT health checks; Mental Health Information sessions; Physical Health (men’s health group; physical activity programmes targeting older people, children & women, gym and swim); Grow Your Own (Hobby Gardening); Healthy Eating (progs for teens, parents & children, men’s health programme); Alcohol & Drugs Harm Reduction; Winter Health Programme (older people / vulnerable people safe in home and signposting services, winter packs, volunteering services); Cancer Prevention (Action Cancer Big Bus etc…); Smoking Prevention (cessation & awareness progs.); Cardiac – purchase of defibrillators, training programmes.

The Outer North NHIP Co-ordinator [Natalie Logue] is based in and works through the Galliagh Women’s Group. For more info. contact Natalie Logue on T. 71356092 or E. natalie_gwg@hotmail.co.uk

Physical Development - ‘in the pipeline’

Keep your eye out for a couple of significant capital projects which are due for completion soon with a number of others approved & progressing well.

Na Magha Clubhouse & St.Joseph’s Boxing Club (the old 4 Block)

Leafair Pavilion

Shantallow Community Centre

Galliagh Community Centre & Galliagh Co-op ReStore Project

Outer North Neighbourhood Partnership
Talent Northwest has Returned

Talent NW 2016 is searching for the very best & most outstanding artistes, musicians & performers that the Northwest has to offer. In five locations across the NW, the search begins with local heats in Strabane & the 4 Neighbourhood Renewal areas of Derry (Outer North, Outer West, TRIAX and Waterside) - looking to find 2 acts that will go forward to represent each community at an amazing grand final on Easter Saturday, 26th March in the Millennium Forum. An outstanding singer, dancer, comedian, performer or group will ultimately be crowned 2016 Winner of Talent Northwest, receiving £2016 cash & a host of performance and special appearance opportunities.

The Outer North heat will take place in St.Brigid’s College on Saturday 5th March - doors open 11.30am with curtain up at 12noon. All Welcome.

Talent NW is organised by Greater Shantallow Community Arts, supported by the 5 Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships in the Derry & Strabane district and funded by DCAL as part of the City of Culture Legacy Fund.

For more information check out www.talentnorthwest.com

Youth Engagement Plus

This project is aimed at encouraging the engagement of young people in Neighbourhood Renewal Areas, implemented as a strategic and coordinated approach to youth work delivery by the C&V sector in NRAs across Derry - resulting in targeted and structured programmes delivering improved educational, health, personal & social development outcomes for young people.

Coordinated by a Senior Youth Leader within Youth Service - the youth programmes are delivered on the ground by a team of Youth Support Workers employed within a range of local youth providers / organisations. Within Outer North NRA, the youth support workers are employed in Greater Shantallow Community Arts (Marty McGranaghan), Shantallow Community Residents Assoc. (Conchúr McCauley), Leafair Community Association (Michaela McGilloway) and Off the Streets Initiative (Amy Craig).

The three key programme areas within the project are:- Youth Engagement (10-18 year olds); Educational Attainment & Pre-Employment Support (14-16 year olds); Health and Wellbeing (10-18 year olds) - with programmes & interventions developed to meet identified needs.

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Newsletter February 2016
European Youth Capital 2019 Bid

Derry City & Strabane District Council are bidding to secure the title of European Youth Capital 2019 (EYC19) and NEED YOUR HELP!

The ‘European Youth Capital’ is a title awarded to a European city for the period of one year, during which it will be given the chance to showcase, through a multi-faceted programme, its youth-related cultural, social, political and economic life and development.

A successful EYC 19 bid will put the Derry Strabane area on the map as one of Europe’s most progressive and enlightened places for young people to:

**Live / Work / Study / Play**

The EYC initiative encourages the implementation of new ideas and innovative projects, with regard to the active participation of young people in society, and seeks to present a role model for the further development of youth policies in other European municipalities.

The 5 NR Partnerships across the council district are contributing through an advisory group, however the Council wants to involve young people (15 - 24 year olds) in the EYC19 bid right from the off.

So, if you’ve any bright ideas for innovative projects or suggestions about what should be included in a year-long programme of events in 2019 to celebrate young people, get involved and be part of the bid team. EYC19 will put young people first. A successful bid will involve young people to create a programme of events throughout 2019 which will evolve around them, putting them at the heart of everything the Council does.

For more information contact Gemma Scarlett (Project Officer) on Tel: 71 253 253 or Gemma.Scarlett@derrystrabane.com

Social Education Programme - NIHE

The aim of the Project is to give local children (working through their primary school) the opportunity to learn more about and to positively participate within their local community, building their sense of responsibility, self-respect and their ability to positively affect their local community, and in so doing, reducing the potential for anti-social behaviour / crime in their local areas.

The project provides constructive activities, encouraging a sense of civic responsibility and pride, promoting partnership / collaborative working & community relations, developing leadership skills and providing opportunities for intergenerational interaction.

Activities include Neighbourhood clean-ups, planting and landscaping projects, anti-social behaviour talks, city tours and ‘The Way We See It’ photography project.

More info contact Patrick Duddy E: patrick.duddy@nihe.gov.uk

Outer North Neighbourhood Partnership
Galliagh Linear Park
- Residents’ Views

In the coming weeks Social Capital NW will be carrying out a community consultation exercise and household survey to identify what the land at Moss Park & Galliagh Linear Park is currently used for by local residents, to identify from residents what the advantages and disadvantages of the site are in its current state, what are the positive & negative impacts of the site on residents in the area and to identify what if anything, residents would like to see on the site to improve their quality of life and to regenerate the surrounding area.

A range of focus groups will take place over a 4 week period and the household survey field work will take place over a six week period commencing mid-March.

For further information contact Ciara Ferguson on T. 71358787 or E. ciara@shantallow.net

Shantallow Renewal Project

Shantallow Community Residents Association (SCRA) are funded by DSD Neighbourhood Renewal for the provision of a community house / offices, outdoor leisure facilities and services such as, after schools activities, youth diversionary initiatives, supervised and free play through Shantallow’s Multi Use Games Area, environmental projects, summer schemes, community clean-ups, a winter support programme, community representation, housing and safety issues, community safety activities, job / training placements and a community service programme in partnership with the PSNI.

Core staff also oversee the Youth Educated in Safety project and the Teamworks Community Maintenance Scheme which focuses on the physical enhancement of run down areas, volunteering opportunities etc… both projects advocate community involvement, community safety, healthy lifestyles, environmental improvement, the promotion of volunteering to increase community capacity and to improve the quality of life for local residents. SCRA also provide administrative support for a range of smaller organisations such as the Shantallow Children’s Support Group, local Men’s Group and Women’s Group.

For more information contact Cathal McCauley on Tel: 7128 0250 or E. shantallow123@btconnect.com
ASPIRE (St Brigid’s College)

The project works to raise the achievement and aspiration of [all] Year 8 pupils attending St Brigid’s College whilst supporting the pastoral care system for Year 8 vulnerable children attending St Brigid’s. In its third year now, it also maintains contact with its previous participants in Year 9 and 10.

Aspire considers the interests, ability, ambitions, needs of pupils prior to the development of the annual programme and all efforts are made to remove any barriers that would prevent a pupil from participating. An agreed programme is developed by the steering group after the programme co-ordinator consults with parents, pupils, teachers, school pastoral care team and potential delivery agents from the community, voluntary and statutory agencies all in place by end of the first term (in each respective academic year).

The core aim of this project is dealing with poor pupil aspiration, self-confidence and resilience. The project is enabling relationships to be built between positive adult role models & vulnerable young people, through the medium of extracurricular activity, where confidence, self belief and a vision for what is possible in their lives is nurtured.

For more information contact Pat Carlin on Tel: 028 7135 8787 or E. pat@shantallow.net

Active Citizenship Through Sport

Coordinated locally by Shantallow Community Residents Association in conjunction with Council, this project delivers a skills building programme enabling people from groups with few qualifications, young people, the long-term unemployed, disabled people, women, local coaches and community volunteers to take part in an integrated range of accredited training alongside non accredited training opportunities in sport and physical activity.

Individuals are then supported within their local communities to establish and / or to support new or existing sport and physical activities that enable local people to participate in a range of physical activity programmes delivered by the newly accredited coaches / volunteers, increasing community involvement & community self-esteem.

For more information contact Cathal McCauley on Tel: 7128 0250

Outer North Neighbourhood Partnership
Local Heritage Trail

GSAP (as secretariat to ONNP) recently appointed RPD Consulting to develop, negotiate & prepare a Heritage Trail proposal for the Outer North / Gtr Shantallow area.

Many of area’s historical treasures are difficult to locate and are not identified with appropriate signage or interpretation for residents and visitors. To address these issues the contract will tease out the ‘Greater Shantallow Heritage Trail’ proposition, informing the development of a trail connecting the area’s main attractions.

It’s anticipated that the trail will also create stronger links between local heritage areas and our residential estates. It will be a key factor in strengthening the role of tourism & heritage to the area’s economy, acting as a catalyst for training & skills development, volunteering & job creation through community based tourism.

For further information contact Darren Kirby T. 7135 8787 or E. darren@shantallow.net

Exciting new Shantallow History Project : 1916-1966

A new project to establish a permanent history of Shantallow, Ballyarnett and the Middle Liberties from 1916 to 1966 was launched just before Christmas. It aims to build a digital memory bank, which can then be used to develop a range of heritage resources - a book, exhibitions, smartphone apps, tourism kiosks, heritage trails etc...

A steering committee, made up of representatives from Northside Development Trust, ONNP and Guildhall Press, is inviting anyone interested in contributing to make contact.

The area, formerly known as the Middle Liberties, more commonly known today as Greater Shantallow, houses 6 Council wards & is home to up to 30,000 of Derry’s citizens. But until 50 years ago, this area was essentially a rural community. Despite the fact that this area had both a distinct and defined populous, no proper history of its origins or its people, exists – nor is there any authoritative record of its important contribution to regional, national and global heritage.

The organisers intend to correct that and are particularly keen to capture oral histories, stories and photographs from those who lived in the area before 1966, and the housing boom. The research will include WW 1; Amelia Earhart’s arrival; the Racecourse; agriculture / farming / markets; local traditions / folklore; the introduction of the border; industry; rural villages and hamlets – Steelstown, Ballyarnett, Galliagh, Coshquin; the old railway and other transport; WWII and the Collon bomb; the camp for Gibraltarians; the U.S. Army camps; schools and churches; sports; and smuggling.

The project wishes to collaborate with remaining members of the old Middle Liberties community to establish a memory bank – in the form of a digital archive (initially) – to preserve the history of the area for future generations.

For more information contact Sean Quinn on E. sdquinn@gmx.com
Community Safety Wardens

The citywide Community Safety Warden Scheme employs 6 wardens working short shifts (12noon to 5.00pm, Mon. – Wed.) and long shifts (5.30pm to 3.00am Thurs. to Sunday) - funded by Council, DSD, NIHE, PSNI and APEX.

The project was established to address the issue of low level nuisance and anti-social behaviour in the city’s 4 neighbourhood renewal areas. The wardens promote community cohesion, improve the levels of cleanliness / attractiveness of local estates by reducing and reporting signal crime such as graffiti, damaged street lighting, fly tipping, risk perceptions, deviant behaviour etc - liaising at all times with the relevant statutory agencies.

The project also focuses on reducing the fear of crime by implementing crime prevention initiatives to tackle incidents of anti-social behaviour, working closely with community reps, attending meetings of local Community Safety Forums, giving presentations to youth groups & schools, engaging with elderly / vulnerable residents to reduce the fear of crime - this partnership between statutory agencies, the wardens & local community reps has contributed significantly to a reduction in ASB incidents across the Council area. The visible presence of the community safety wardens acts as a deterrent. The wardens also assist to coordinate local partnership working between residents, NRPs and statutory agencies to address crime & anti-social behaviour.

For further information contact Dermot Harrigan (PCSP)
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