

Minutes

Meeting	Children & Young People's Working Group
Date	2nd October 2019
Times	10.00 am
Venue	NAN TAIT CENTRE



<p>Attendees: Cllr Anne Burns, CCC Cllr Kevin Hamilton, CCC Alison Meadows, CCC Helen Wall, CCC Tracey Ingham, CCC Michelle Rigg, CCC Derek Brook, BBC Bev Morgan, BBC Terry Assouad, BBC Dennis Laird, SAFA Michelle Doherty, Action for Children David Proctor, Cumbria Police Jim Bailey, Cumbria Police Ros Harrison, Walney Community Trust Sophie Birkett, Cumbria Youth Alliance Rachel Head, Brathay</p>	<p>Apologies: Katie Clarke, CCC Graham Bassett, CCC Cath Corkill, Dropzone Maxine Baron, ICC Roger Exley, CCC Lorraine Thompson, CCC Keith Johnson, BBC Liz Strickland, NHS Andy Travis, Cumbria Police Paul Kelly, Cumbria Police Noelle Kirk, Barnardo's</p>
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Item No.	Discussion / Action
1.	<p>Introductions</p> <p>Attendees introduced themselves.</p>
2.	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Apologies noted.</p>
3.	<p>Declarations of interest</p> <p>None.</p>
5.	<p>Workshop Session</p> <p>Notes attached separately. Key points as below:</p> <p><i>What are the re-occurring issues/themes that you frequently deal with?</i></p> <p>Issues around numbers of children in care, children missing, county lines, knife crime and gang culture.</p> <p><i>What do you feel works well that you do now with Children, Young People and Families?</i></p>

	<p>Positive role models, partnership working, activities in communities</p> <p><i>What do you feel doesn't work well?</i></p> <p>Links for Police and Children's Services and Public Health input.</p> <p><i>What needs to change to make it work or work better?</i></p> <p>Children, young people and families' multi-disciplinary team to be set up. Community policing. Plan, avoid confusion and fill gaps where needed. Need for a youth zone and funding given to the best place to deliver services. Groups to support families – Children, Young People & Families. Representative from Adult Social Care to represent adults</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Budget Update Universal Provision Funding - £25,042 Strategic Funding £20,799</p> <p>Walney Community Trust - £8,250 – Funding agreed</p> <p>Walney Community Trust based at Spring Mount is a centre running lots of different groups within the building from youth groups to toddler groups, elderly contact groups, special interest groups and community meals.</p> <p>The Trust runs a SNOW group (Saturday night on Walney) from 5.30 pm – 8.00 pm and has been piloting this project for the last 12 months. It meets each Saturday night and provides a place for people to socialise, chat over a cup of coffee and have a hot meal. They provide age appropriate activities and these can vary from film night, baking, games night, pool, xbox, bingo, open-mic night, arts and crafts nights, clothes give and take nights. These are run by 3 workers each evening with 15-70 people depending on the night, averaging 30-40 a night. The group has a variety of people who attend weekly ranging from single people, families, young people, older men and women, single parents, ex-offenders, recovering addicts, leaving care young people and foster carers with their families.</p> <p>The pilot has evidenced over the last 12 months that people attending the group are struggling and feel isolated, in need of support and a cooked hot meal and somewhere to socialise and engage with other people. It is an informal session and people can sit and chat with other people attending but also use it as a platform to identify anyone who may need some targeted help and can be signposted to other activities in the Centre or other support groups/practical help elsewhere. The session is now well-established and the organisation is seeking funding to support people for the longer-term and provide activities as appropriate. The group is also able to access items that people may need and pass on food from collections they make at Greggs, Aldi and the Co-op.</p> <p>The main cohort of people that the Centre seeks to help is people in poverty and deprivation to access a free evening and help them connect with services and other people to support their health and wellbeing, reducing isolation. They aim to support struggling families, single parents and young people to keep them from offending or re-offending to help with mental health difficulties by way of active support. They provide opportunities for volunteers and employ staff from the local area, give encouragement to gain experience for future employment. Examples have been an opportunity for an ex-offender helping cooking in the kitchen alongside a recovered (10 years) alcoholic. A girl in her 20s who has never had a job due to mental health difficulties and a single mum of 5 who has fled a domestic violence situation. They also direct people to life skills, money management, parenting, dependancy and mental health courses.</p> <p>The project meets the Council Plan to ensure people in Cumbria are healthy and safe and that children, young people and vulnerable adults are protected.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Any other business</p>

8.	Date time and venue of next meeting
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	Presentation by Jonathan Taylor, Children's Service, 4 th December 2019, 10.00 am.
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