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Chairperson's Report



Welcome to Colin Neighbourhood Partnership's Annual Report for the year 2013/2014. Over the next few pages you can read about the events, programmes, and initiatives that take place every week throughout the Colin community of Twinbrook, Lagmore, Poleglass and Kilwee. You will read of our successes and achievements, as well as our challenges.

Over the last year, we have been working hard to deliver our strategic objectives which have found the team focused on providing a wide variety of services and support for all who live in the Colin area.

From April 2013 to March 2014 the Partnership organised and delivered 109 events for the Colin community. These included major public events such as the Colin Summer Festival, Parents Week, Halloween, Men's Health Week and Christmas events which were attended in record numbers and with plenty of new faces present. This figure also includes events such as Family Trips, Bring Your Parent to School events, Volunteer BBQ Celebration, Trips for Seniors, Craft Workshops, the Leap of Faith Awards, Stargazing Nights and many other events that bring families together, increase community cohesion and instil a stronger sense of community pride. We calculated that there were 60,000 attendances at these events throughout the year, a great achievement which reveals our level of impact at reaching out to the community.

Not included in this figure are the numerous programmes that are carried out throughout the year under the direction of specialist teams at the Partnership. These include Strengthening Families, Colin Early Parenting Programme, Incredible Years, Time for Me, Speech and Language Therapy, Roots of Empathy, FAST programme, and adolescent counselling. You can read more about the outcomes of these programmes, and others, on page 7.

This year has seen the Partnership forge new relationships with statutory and non statutory organisations which has allowed us to provide new activities and programmes. For example in March, after support and assistance from DCAL, we were delighted to have the Ulster Orchestra perform in a very busy Dairy Farm Shopping Centre one afternoon, definitely a first for the Colin area! It was a pleasure to see local schoolchildren accompany the orchestra with their papier maché violins. The event really captivated the adults in the audience, as well as inspiring the children to pursue further musical interests in the future.

In terms of key strategic projects, I am delighted to report that the Colin Town Centre project has gathered significant momentum over the past reporting period. Funding remains a challenge, but we are optimistic. Please refer to page 6 to read all about the developments this project has achieved since April 2013.

This project, like many others, has not been without difficulties but we feel we are in a great position to tackle the challenges ahead. Next year will see us move into the Belfast City Council (BCC) area and we are already looking forward to it. Engagement and dialogue will be key to a successful transition - initial signs are good based on the BCC staff who are already engaging with us.

It is down to the dedication of our volunteers, staff, board members, funders and partners that we find ourselves best placed to face the challenges, and successes, ahead of us. And for that I thank each one of you for your commitment.

As always, you can keep up to date with all of our news throughout the year by visiting our website, logging onto facebook and following us on twitter. The details are on the back page of this report.

Rose Mary Stalker

**-
CHAIRPERSON**

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

Neighbourhood Renewal Manager's Report

Neighbourhood Renewal aims to reduce social and economic inequalities which characterise the most deprived areas. It does so by making a long term commitment to communities to work in partnership with them to identify and prioritise needs and co-ordinate interventions designed to address the underlying causes of poverty.

DSD support has been, and remains, key to the success of CNP. DSD funding has demonstrated confidence in our organisation's ability to deliver against objectives and in our governance. This has helped in securing funds from other sources to support a range of social, economic and environmental programmes in the Colin area. We at CNP believe that the past 12 months have seen us continuing to address the aims of the Neighbourhood Renewal strategy by supporting local people and providing activities, programmes and events that help to reduce social and economic inequalities. Below I have highlighted just some of the activities that made a difference to local residents.

Snow freezes Colin

Another busy year got off to a difficult start with the Colin area being one of the worst affected areas during the unexpected snow fall in March 2013. While the entire area experienced many difficulties, Lagmore proved to be the most challenging because Road Services were unable to get diggers to some areas and there were concerns for vulnerable residents. With the support and leadership of CNP staff, local residents decided to take matters into their own hands by creating roadways in and out of the estates by shovelling the snow off the roads and ensuring vulnerable residents had access to whatever help and support was needed.

Summer Family Festival

The annual festival held in August 2013 featured events for all including a carnival parade, family fun days, arts exhibitions, a cultural food day,

GAA tournament, a family treasure hunt and much more. The summer festival was our best yet and we were delighted to see so many people participate. The summer festival is massively important to this area; it brings the community together and instils a sense of pride by lifting the spirits of the entire community.

Halloween - Parents Week - Harvest Festival

October to December is one of our busiest times of the year in relation to Community Renewal, we have National Parents Week and Halloween closely followed by Christmas events. Our annual Halloween parade proved to be even more popular than previous years with more and more local residents recognising this event as very much a family affair. Thousands of people from all over the area and beyond attended this marvellous event.

CNP's annual Harvest Festival took place in September 2013 and showcased all the great food grown by local residents at the Colin Allotments. Giant marrows, crisp lettuces, cucumbers, quality spuds and the sweetest tomatoes you ever tasted were just some of the home grown food the community were invited to sample and takeaway. The purpose was to show how families can feed themselves with healthy, fresh organic produce on a budget. On the day participants were also afforded cooking demonstrations and tips for healthy eating.

Christmas 2013

Each year, Christmas proves to be a difficult time for many families in this area. Christmas 2013 proved to be a



real headache for many more families because of the high cost of heating and food. Many children and families in this community live life on the margins, excluded from opportunities and often unable to break the cycle of intergenerational poverty.

CNP attempts to identify these families over the Christmas period and tries to support them by ensuring that their children don't feel marginalized; we try to make sure these children experience the spirit of Christmas. Each year we organise a Christmas Family Appeal, appealing for donations of new clothes, toys etc. With support from Cash for Kids, Mission Vineyard Hampers, St. Vincent DePaul Family Appeal and many individuals, we were able to support 38 families (97 children) by providing meat vouchers, hampers, clothes, footwear and toys. Our support doesn't end there, our staff will continue to support these families to enable them to get to grips with the costs of living, the costs in advance of these big days throughout the year, and help them take control of their spending and hopefully alleviate this pressure for Christmas 2014.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our board members, staff, subgroup members, volunteers, partners, funders, and every single person who supports us so that we are able to make the differences that benefit everyone in the Colin community.

Annie Armstrong

NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL MANAGER

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

Key Projects



Arts and Culture

2013/2014 has been a fantastic year for public participation in our events and activities with record numbers of attendance confirmed at events such as the Colin Summer Festival, Parents Week, Christmas, and Halloween. Colin Neighbourhood Partnership has continued to facilitate a wide range of arts and cultural activities at these events including music, art, dance, craft, song, technology, and sport.

As the Colin community reaps the benefits of the arts, CNP continues to grow and expand programmes of activity to meet demand. Recognising the importance of the arts in bringing people together, we developed a closer partnership with DCAL. This has allowed CNP to strengthen and build on its programme of arts related activity. 2014 saw a whole month long programme of new activities take place during the month of March as part of the wider DCAL initiative, Creativity Month. Colin Creativity Month included family trips to various locations of interest including the Grand Opera House, Armagh Planetarium, Ulster Folk and Transport Museum, and W5. All these programmes allowed us to provide activities that bring families together to experience new arts and culture activities that they may not have experienced before at little to no cost. We have also developed a closer working link with the Ulster Orchestra resulting in a local school,

Good Shepherd Primary School, receiving free tuition to all of their Primary 2 classes and all children receiving a new instrument for future lessons. One of the highlights of the year was seeing the children perform with paper instruments alongside the Ulster Orchestra. This Creativity Day in the Dairy Farm Shopping Centre saw Paul Clark from UTV accompany the children and the orchestra in a unique rendition of 'Peter and the Wolf'. Definitely a unique experience for the Colin community.

We continue to build and develop new programmes and have just took possession of a number of iPads that will help us to introduce new technologies into new and existing programmes and provide residents with the opportunity to learn new skills. I would like to take this opportunity to thank DCAL for their support and look forward to developing this relationship further.

John Paul Russell

ARTS AND CULTURE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

Colin Town Centre Project



Good progress is being made towards the submission of an outline planning application for the new Colin Town Centre (CTC). We remain faithful to the findings of the Public Consultation Report published in 2013, which has provided the cornerstone of this more focused piece of urban design work. The receipt of planning approval will be key to initiating the first phase of the development.

More recently, the Paul Hogarth Company have been appointed by the Department for Social Development to lead a design team in developing the masterplan and overarching application for a Colin Town Centre. This should be submitted to DOE Planning Service before the end of the year.

The design team has continued to engage with the Colin community, organising many events to give people the opportunity to inform the process. They have also had detailed meetings with the technical teams and officials across six government departments, statutory agencies, Belfast City Council (BCC) and the Council for Catholic Maintained Schools (CCMS) to fully inform the outcome of the masterplan design. They have gathered the information required to produce a working plan that will radically transform this part of the Stewartstown Road. The proposed plan will include new accommodation for health, education, retail and community uses, as well as high quality parkland and public transport facilities.

Looking forward, draft proposals for the town centre masterplan will be published in the autumn of 2014, and continued public consultation will ensure that residents have their say in shaping the detail of the emerging plans before the submission of a planning application. The aim is to have outline planning approval for the CTC site and RIBA Stage 2 planning for the Integrated Neighbourhood Centre (INC) and parkland by 2015, and be ready to move forward with the delivery of the first elements of the town centre on site, shortly thereafter.

Future connectivity with the rest of the city will be underpinned by the construction of DRD's Belfast Rapid Transit (BRT) terminus as part of the first phase of the Colin development. This will significantly improve accessibility in and out of the area and will establish Colin as a destination on the Belfast citywide transport system. The plan is to have BRT operational by autumn 2017.

The CTC team continue to meet departments, agencies and other potential investors to cumulate the resources and to develop the cross departmental 'joined up' approach required to implement this large and complex infrastructure project. This year, the process of transition of responsibilities for urban regeneration projects has begun to move from departments to local Councils. Under RPA, the Colin area will move from Lisburn into the Belfast jurisdiction in 2015. The CTC team is working closely with BCC officials to align the CTC proposals with the BCC future plans for Colin, to maximise the positive outcomes to the community.

The announcement that Colin is a designated Urban Village is expected to place increased priority on departments and statutory agencies, to allocate the funding and support required for the proposed infrastructure development and other projects identified for the area. Meantime, CTC Project Board meetings have indicated an increase of cross departmental support and commitment, subject to budgets and area priorities. A branding process for the Colin Town Centre has successfully been developed. The result is a strong and vibrant brand with a theme of 'Together We Are Colin.' Information and digital platforms are also being created.

The temporary 'pop up' Colin Community Hub at the Laurel Glen shops will be the first footprint on the ground for the Colin Town Centre before the Integrated Neighbourhood Centre is developed. The Hub will serve as an event and activity space, a place to share information and to maintain an effective two-way dialogue with the community around shaping the new CTC development. It will also be a central, easily accessible location for the Colin Early Parenting team to base themselves. Appointment of builders to progress the refurbishment is imminent, and the proposed opening date for the Hub is the end of October 2014.

Brenda Burns

COLIN TOWN CENTRE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

Parenting Programmes

Early intervention programmes to help mums, dads and children in Colin

Some Numbers...

3

3 years - We started out in 2011 to create a community where love, nurturing and children would be to the fore.

10

10 different programmes are being funded in Colin to assist parents and children.

420

At the end of March 2014, 420 children and parents were involved in services and programmes. In addition another 1,400 children had access to the "Take Ten" programme in the Colin primary schools.

480

We interviewed 480 people in Colin to ask what they thought of local services and how they could be improved.

14

We are very proud of what is happening in Colin and always delighted when asked to make presentations or people come to visit us. This provides an opportunity to explain what we are trying to do and share ideas from other areas. In the last year we made 14 presentations, which included the Northern Ireland Policing Board, a group from Sweden and a delegation from Montenegro.

Some of our visitors to Colin

In May 2014 we were delighted to welcome a large delegation from Sweden who were very interested in how the Colin community was leading the development of initiatives to improve the area.



The Fenix programme from Sweden relaxing at Cloona House.

In June 2014 we also hosted the International Childcare expert Dr. Carolyn Webster-Stratton, here to take part in an Incredible Years conference organised by Colin Neighbourhood Partnership. Dr. Webster-Stratton is a pioneering figure in the world of education, childcare, and parenting. Dr. Webster-Stratton took part in a question and answer session with local childcare practitioners, schoolteachers and parents.



Dr. Webster-Stratton speaking at the Incredible Years event in Colin

A focus on Incredible Years

The Incredible Years Programme (IY), developed by Dr Carolyn Webster-Stratton, is recognised as one of the best evidence based programmes in the world to help parents manage their children.

Led by Bernie Donaghy, Co-ordinator of Incredible Years in Colin, we have completed:

- Year one Teacher Classroom Management in three Primary Schools
- The first round of training for 17 IY Parent Group Leaders
- Six Basic Parent Programmes, approx 60 Parents
- The IY Baby Programme Training with nine new facilitators
- One IY Baby Programme

It's a Marathon!

We have always said that achieving real, long term change will take time. We can see the positive impact that our programmes are making with regards to how children are cared for, and whilst we know there are no "quick fix" solutions, we also know that; together we will make a difference.

Kieran Drayne

EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAMME MANAGER

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

Colin Allotment Project

This has been another bumper year for the Colin Allotment project, with plot leases at full capacity and plot holders reaping the benefits of their labour, with more than enough tasty organic produce to both enhance their dinner table and save them more than a few pounds off the weekly bills.

Our partnership with Groundwork NI has again reaped rewards with added funding obtained towards the new state of the art Eco Centre and training facility. Planning, lease agreements and services to the site have all now been acquired and we should be tendering for contract, with work commencing before the end of 2014.

This facility will provide the Colin Allotment site with a means to sustain and, hopefully produce a small profit, in the years ahead. We also hope to produce, local environmental champions, trained on



site and given an appetite for positive environmental study.

It would be remiss of us not to mention the untimely death of John 'Dino' Dines, Vice Chair of the Allotment committee and a well known figure in our community. Dino's support for all those seeking growing advice or a quiet chat will be very much missed. To Anne, the Dines Family, and his many friends, our heartfelt sympathy.

Michael George

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT OFFICER

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

Social Economy Projects

Enviro Care



Enviro Care has continued to trade profitably during a quite dynamic year. The company manager left, additional financial support was provided by DSD to enable new equipment be purchased, and we were able to retain the work from Helm Housing for the time being.

The financial support from DSD allowed the company to obtain a new tipper truck and trailer, ride on mower, two other lawn mowers, chainsaw, pressure washer and back-pack blower. This has enabled the company to tender for additional work and complete some of the existing contracts in-house.

As always, Enviro Care was very busy in the summer months with significant slowdown in the winter months. Costs are managed to reflect the level of work and this continues to be the case. There were significant levels of private work obtained but the company have been unable to obtain any more long term contract work. This continues to have management attention.

Overall, it has been a satisfactory year.

Colin Care



Colin Care has had another successful year where they have continued to focus on their core market of providing domiciliary care into the local community. The management team have worked very hard to ensure that the quality of care remains at a high level and recent survey results indicate that this is so.

The annual inspection by the Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority (RQIA) has been successfully completed giving encouragement to management that they continue to move in the right direction. Staff numbers have grown over the year to 45 at year end, a 12.5% increase year on year. The company continues to focus on training and all staff have gone through at least 4 training sessions in the course of the year. A new training session was introduced to focus on customer service specifically, and survey results indicate that this has had a very positive impact. Whilst staff numbers have grown, staff turnover continues to be an issue, as it is throughout the caring industry.

The company continues to trade profitably, but margins are tight, so there is a continued need to manage costs very tightly. However, the company is in a good position to continue to grow and provide employment opportunities for local people.



Good Morning Colin

The Good Morning Colin (GMC) project is a free telephone support service for older and vulnerable adults offering a listening ear, advice and signposting to other services enabling clients to remain independently for as long as possible within their own homes and reducing isolation. Its geographical coverage is Colin, Greater Dunmurry, and urban/rural Lisburn. It operates 365 days a year and is a cross community project with 271 clients registered. GMC is based in Cloona House and is operated by 1 staff member, 19 volunteers and 3 bank volunteers.

The project works in partnership with voluntary, community and statutory organisations to identify and address the needs of older and vulnerable people.

Events and trips organised by the project over this last year has seen a marked increase in participation, particularly of men. Our Valentine's Day Dinner saw over 100 seniors enjoy a valentines themed dinner in a local venue. Other events included our May Day Ball, Christmas Dinner, Tea Dances for Tri Age Week, a Hugo Duncan Show visit, Day trips to Newcastle, Belfast City Bus Tours, Market Trips, Folk Park Trips, Titanic Centre visits, Concert in the Ulster Hall by the Ulster Orchestra, Reminisce Day to mark International Women's Day, and Community Relations Days with local nursing homes.

The intergenerational work carried out by the project has expanded and now includes community partners such as Colin Youth Development Centre, Saints Youth Centre, Youth Initiatives, Cloverhill Hostel, and local schools. Programmes carried out include an event to mark European Solidarity Day between generations, visits to older people's homes by young people, day trips covering Arts, Culture and Reminiscences, Take your Grandparent to School events, Fashion Shows, Mural Design and

painting, lawn bowling, St Patricks Day Ceili, Christmas parties and various BBQs. A key achievement of the year was the preparation and delivery of 111 Christmas hampers, 33 winter packs, and 96 pairs of slippers to older resident's homes in the Colin area by our volunteers and young people.

Good Morning Colin has a focus on the promotion and maintenance of good health within our older population. Therefore, a number of health information days were held to promote nutrition, physical activity, good mental health, Dementia/ Alzheimer's awareness, home accident prevention, community safety, medicine management and smoking cessation.

I wish to express my appreciation for the support and commitment of the Good Morning Colin Project volunteers, past and present, who have made a difference to the lives of the older residents of our community.

Isabel Flood

COORDINATOR

Good Morning Colin

Draft Accounts

Statement of Financial Activities (including Income & Expenditure Account) for the Year Ended 31 March 2014

	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total Funds 2014 (£)	Total Funds 2013 (£)
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Voluntary income	23,308	1,296,346	1,319,654	1,115,070
Activities for generating funds	715,124	-	715,124	677,752
Investment income	38	-	38	(6399)
Incoming resources from charitable activities	1,225	-	1,225	-
Total incoming resources	739,695	1,296,346	2,036,041	1,786,423
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Costs of generating funds				
Costs of generating voluntary income	-	-	-	-
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	675,481	1,239,086	1,914,567	1,753,069
Governance costs	2,209	3,671	5,880	6,300
Total Resources Expended	677,690	1,242,757	1,920,447	1,759,369
Net income before transfers	62,005	53,589	115,594	27,054
TRANSFERS				
Gross transfers between funds	5,058	(5,058)	-	-
Net movements in funds	67,063	48,531	115,594	27,054
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	291,577	510,794	802,371	775,317
Total funds carried forward	358,640	559,325	917,965	802,371

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2014

	2014	2013
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible assets	70,130	33,154
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors	238,064	101,745
Cash at bank and in hand	741,057	733,344
	979,121	835,089
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(131,286)	(65,872)
Net current assets	847,835	769,217
Net assets	917,965	802,371
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY:		
Total restricted funds	559,325	510,794
Unrestricted assets		
Unrestricted income funds	358,640	291,577
Total charity funds	917,965	802,371

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).



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