

**Barnet Voluntary Sector Children, Young People and Families' Network  
Emerald Suite North London Business Park**

**Minutes - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

**Present**

Dadia Conti	Community Barnet
Allison Cooper (Minutes)	Community Barnet
Barry Rawlings	Community Barnet
Pauline Seaton	Eversfield Centre/Britsom
Karon Lyne	Young Voices, Barnet
Karen Hart	Consultant for Community Barnet
Lisa Barry	Pre School Learning Alliance
Selina Rodrigues	Community Barnet
Bozena Merrick	Terapia
Barbara Howard	NBCA
Anne Turner	GroOops
Zoe Kattah	Community Barnet
Ahmad Farid Mall	Paiwand
Cathy Goldin	EZER
Peggy Sharp	IPOP
Bob Pettingale	Family Lives
Kavdina Peszko	St Marys Church of England high school
Darwin Bernardo	Nutmeg
Karen Goodman	Norwood
Margaret Kojlo	Whitefields School
Bob Pettingale	Family Lives
Jo Domingo	Community Barnet
Andrew Baker	IPOP
Simon Gordon	SoundSkool
Alison Kira	BA4Y/Catch 22
Barbara Howard	New Barnet Com Centre/Allsorts
Pauline Seaton	Eversfield Centre
Susan Clydesdale-Cotter	IPOP

**Visitors**

Flo Armstrong	LBB
Elaine Tuck	LBB

**Apologies**

Harris Rosenberg, Pennie Aston, Esmond Rosen, Jackie Silverman

<b>1</b>	<b><u>Minutes of last meeting</u></b>	<b><u>Actions</u></b>
	Dadia welcomed everyone to the November meeting Minutes from last meeting approved. There was a change to the original agenda as Brain Davis was here to talk about the Barnet Inclusion Strategy.	

<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b><u>Reports</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Childrens Trust Board</u></b>  This board heard a report from Andrew Burnett on the links between adult literacy and child poverty. This includes some useful data and evidence.</p> <p>See this document in the new electronic library on the CBarnet childrens service website  <a href="http://www.communitybarnet.org.uk/data/files/Child_poverty_presentation_for_Childrens_trust_Board_meeting.pdf">http://www.communitybarnet.org.uk/data/files/Child_poverty_presentation_for_Childrens_trust_Board_meeting.pdf</a></p> <p><b><u>Youth Justice Matters.</u></b>  Recent inspection by HMIP gave a disappointing grading. This was due to interpretation of numbers and data. It is being challenged.  The closure of Barnet youth court and hearings in Brent (Neasden) are causing some problems.  Kay Gray is running a community based reparation project for young people with low level offences. She is looking for meaningful placements where they can do unpaid work. Please contact Kay through CB office.</p> <p><b><u>Participation Strategy Group.</u></b>  The group has not met recently. Chris Mc Mullen has left the council and has joined NSPCC. Suzy Naish has moved into his post and will be reviewing the role and the Participation Strategy.  The UK Youth parliament elections are going to be in February 2012. The BOBBY Panel has been working on an anti bullying campaign. 35 schools are now represented on the BOBBY Panel. Youth Shield finished their consultation and report on Barnet Young Peoples Safeguarding. Their next step is to meet with the Barnet Safeguarding Childrens Board. Youth Shield is also judging the Safeguarding Awards at the end of November and they are currently checking out the projects. 5<sup>th</sup> December the results will be announced. Youth Shield is in the process of recruiting new members.  The CAMHS user group met with the commissioners at woodhouse road. Health watch is a big priority and they will be having a children and young people's/parents reference group.</p> <p><b><u>Inclusion Strategy Group</u></b>  There is to be a capital round of spending on capital items for short breaks. We think this is around £400k. Please send through ideas to Cathy and Susan via email. <a href="mailto:director@ipop.org.uk">director@ipop.org.uk</a> or <a href="mailto:cathy.goldin@gmail.com">cathy.goldin@gmail.com</a>  See DCATCH and Brian Davis items below.</p> <p><b><u>Children's Workforce strategy</u></b>  On the 8<sup>th</sup> December the group will be meeting to discuss strategy and critical agenda. The Children's Careers fair at the RAF museum on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Ally to book a stall.  The workforce team were also responsible for Disabled Children's Access to childcare grant - Funding to increase the skills of providers working with disabled children was allocated to Meynell Games. We think the take up was poor as the workforce team did not approach any current providers for support in this.  This has not been on CWS meeting agenda.  Andrew and Lisa agreed to find out if there is any information and to ask how we can help in future.  BCVYS is developing a Training Hub to provide courses for VCS and others in the children and youth sector. Karen Hart is leading on this and we expect to have courses including intro to Youth Work available from February.</p>	<p><b>ALL</b></p> <p><b>ALL</b></p> <p><b>AB/LB</b></p>
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	<p><b><u>Children's Centre Strategic Groups</u></b>  The focus group/away day with 4 Children was not very useful. The council are using the sessions to look at new models of delivery which could include setting up mutuals where centres could set up independently or in partnership with VCS groups. It was unfortunate that on the day some centres were left feeling their work was not valued and that we were going to take over and do it better and cheaper.  We agreed that a better way forward would be for all VCS organisations to be able to 'explain' what they do. There will be a market place coming up for the Voluntary Sector and also the Children's Centres on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at NLBP.</p> <p><b><u>CAF and Early Intervention</u></b>  The new CAF form has been agreed. It is now four pages long, and a consultation was done to produce a better form and suitable for families. The next practitioner event is at The rainbow Centre. Karen Lewis is available to help with CAF process. The new Family Focus team will incorporate current parenting practitioners and will be fully operational by the new year. This will provide more services for CAF families and more referrals for your services.</p> <p><b><u>Safeguarding Children's Board and Sub Groups</u></b>  The SCIE system has been piloted in Barnet. This is a new way of dealing with serious incidents and will allow greater learning.  Barry will be providing feedback to the board on how it could help smaller vcs sector. is being reviewed.  Safeguarding month went very well and the conference was excellent.  There are changes in CRBs vetting and barring. The protection of freedoms act. Those people who are working in the same field you will just have one CRB, which will become transferable. CRBs will now have a unique reference number.  Youth Shield work plan included looking at the exploitation of children and young people. We are arranging a briefing on Tuesday February 13th 10.00-1.00. The ACT Roadshow will look at human trafficking – both adults and children – and will not only raise awareness but seek to get a local action plan to carry on the work.</p>	
3	<p><b><u>Brain Davis – Barnet Inclusion Strategy</u></b>  Brian presented a list of issues that will be developed in the ISG 2012-15. <a href="http://www.communitybarnet.org.uk/pages/cyp-library.html">http://www.communitybarnet.org.uk/pages/cyp-library.html</a> The meeting had lots of questions for Brian including:  the development of more specialist groups e.g. Leading Edge for PMLD and Emotional  more information about the way transitions were being improved  sharing responsibility for young people with mental health needs with new health arrangements  short breaks and Choice board arrangements 2012 onward</p> <p>Brian recommended that CYP network members of ISG could provide feedback from ISG meeting in January.</p>	<p><b><u>CG/SCC</u></b> <b><u>/JS</u></b></p>
4	<p><b><u>Children's Service Budget 2012-13</u></b></p> <p>Flo Armstrong and Elaine Tuck attended to present the 'offer' for next year. They took questions and advised us to respond via the weblink. The consultation ends on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2012.  Please click on this link to see the presentation  <a href="http://engage.barnet.gov.uk/childrens-service/budget_consultation_2012-13">http://engage.barnet.gov.uk/childrens-service/budget_consultation_2012-13</a></p> <p>A children and young people's friendly presentation about cuts in the youth service has been produced as well.</p>	<p><b><u>ALL</u></b></p>

	<p>Flo reminded the meeting that funding for activities was still available. Please find at this link here the IYSS positive activities grant information</p> <p><a href="http://www.communitybarnet.org.uk/data/files/IYSS_Positive_Activities_Grant_Guidance.pdf">http://www.communitybarnet.org.uk/data/files/IYSS_Positive_Activities_Grant_Guidance.pdf</a></p>	
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b><u>Quality Network Group</u></b></p> <p>Selina from the development team at Community Barnet came to speak to everyone about the quality network group. The group has been set up to enable voluntary and community groups in Barnet to realize the benefits of operating a quality standard as part of an organisational strategy of service delivery and improvements. It supports a vast area of an organisations operation, introduces good practice consideration and helps strengthen an organisation’s ability to fulfill its legal and contractual requirements / obligations, and improving effectiveness in relation to monitoring and evaluation, inducting and supporting trustees, reporting to your funders and regulatory bodies and meeting funder’s requirements and user needs.</p> <p>The group meets fortnightly and support each other through the process to develop an appropriate quality assurance system and standard for their service/project and ultimately apply for accreditation. Each meeting looks at [at least] one of the quality areas from the relevant quality workbook to build their knowledge and understanding of the different quality areas of the standard, discuss and develop appropriate evidence / systems, implement and embed within organisational processes, strengthen their overall systems and service delivery mechanisms towards achieving individual organisational objectives.</p> <p>An example of a quality area in the PQASSO standard includes “Planning, Governance” and “Managing Resources”. Standards supported include PQASSO, Matrix and Quality Mark Standard for advice services.</p> <p>We would like to encourage community groups and organisations to join the group and achieve a relevant quality mark accreditation. To find out more about quality assurance systems and standards or to join the quality network, please contact the Development Team at <a href="mailto:development@communitybarnet.org.uk">development@communitybarnet.org.uk</a> or telephone 020 8364 8400.</p>	
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b><u>Information Share</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Sound Skool</u></b> They will be fundraising for a double-decker bus which will include fashion and music facilities to be held in it. Simon also mentioned they are looking for premises for Sound Skool. Please contact Simon.</p> <p><b><u>IPOP</u></b> Annual sponsored sky dive coming up please contact Andrew Baker if you are</p>	

	<p>interested. Also free training sessions are coming up in regards to disability equality and autism training. There is also a sensory room set up at Greentops. Contact <a href="mailto:andrew@ipop.org.uk">andrew@ipop.org.uk</a> for more information.</p> <p><b><u>Eversfield Centre</u></b> Office space and lettings available please contact Pauline Seaton for more information. <a href="mailto:Church.secretary@trinitymillhill.org.uk">Church.secretary@trinitymillhill.org.uk</a></p> <p><b><u>Whitefields School</u></b> Will be introducing parent fitness classes. Please contact Margaret for more information. <a href="mailto:mko@whitefield.barnet.sch.uk">mko@whitefield.barnet.sch.uk</a></p> <p><b><u>Paiwand</u></b> Refugee support and advice and advocacy services. Parenting classes every Saturday. Global gathering youth project every Wednesday evenings on the Graham Park Estate. Also a young people's mentoring project with Barnet College. For more information please contact <a href="mailto:Faridmall@paiwand.com">Faridmall@paiwand.com</a></p> <p><b><u>Parenting Courses with Community Barnet</u></b> Please contact <a href="mailto:zoe.kattah@communitybarnet.org.uk">zoe.kattah@communitybarnet.org.uk</a> for more information on parenting courses in the borough.</p>	
7	<p><b><u>Date of next meeting</u></b></p> <p>20<sup>th</sup> January 2012 9:30-12:30pm at the <b>Rainbow Centre</b>, Dollis Valley Estate, Barnet EN5 2UN</p>	<b><u>ALL</u></b>