

Community Development Annual Report 2015-16	9th August 2016
To: Leisure and Development Committee For Information	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Resilient, Healthy & Engaged Communities
Outcome	Council will work to develop and promote stable and cohesive communities across the Borough
Lead Officer	Julie Welsh - Head of Community & Culture Louise Scullion – Community Development Manager
Cost: (If applicable)	N/A

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an Annual Report in relation to the activities of the Community Development section for 2015-16.

Strategic Context

A Community Development Strategy for the Causeway Coast and Glens area was developed for 2015-18 and guides the work of the Community Development section within the Community and Culture service area of the Leisure & Development Directorate. Community development seeks to empower individuals and groups of people by providing them with the skills they need to effect change within their communities.

Financial assistance is provided by Department for Communities through its Community Support Programme to local Councils to support the provision of community centres, advice services, grants to community groups and the employment of community support staff in Councils. The Department's Urban Regeneration and Community Development Policy Framework (Jul 2013) sets out the strategic direction for the delivery of urban regeneration and community development policies and programmes in Northern Ireland. The provision of local advice services is delivered in line with the 'Strategy for the delivery of Generalist Advice Services in Northern Ireland 2015-20, Advising, Supporting, Empowering' (Oct 2015).

Community Development Strategy

Council's Community Development Strategy was developed through intensive engagement with the local community and voluntary sector, and Council's role is very much an enabling one with a vision for the area that has a strong community infrastructure, which will in turn allow services to be provided locally in a more sustainable and efficient way.

The four main themes of Council's Community Development Strategy are detailed below:

Strategic Theme	Programme Summary	Programme Aim
1. Increase Community Development Capacity	Building Core Capacity through a Small Grants Programme, Generalist Advice Provision, mentoring, training, networking and development support.	Build the capacity of local communities to ensure they have the skills, knowledge and confidence to engage in collaborative, partnership working.
2. Promoting Productive Engagement	Programme to develop and support capacity to ensure active constructive engagement by residents, council and C&V sector.	Developing skills to ensure the planning and delivery of effective services across the Causeway Coast and Glens area.
3. Targeting Deprivation and Evidenced Need Through Partnership Working	Programme supporting C & V sector and service providers to engage with the relevant statutory agencies developing policy decisions which impact on the social, economic and physical regeneration of the area.	Supporting partnership working to develop policy and practice, promoting social, economic and physical regeneration of the CC&G area.
4. Supporting Communities to Achieve their Maximum Level of Sustainability	Programme Development for Council & Community Owned Community Facilities; Organisational Sustainability for Community Organisations;	Supporting the Sustainability of Community Infrastructure.

Community Development Action Plan

Grant assistance of £274,780.70 was provided by Department for Communities (formerly DSD) in 2015-16 towards the implementation of a detailed Community Development Action Plan. A detailed report of the operational actions, performance indicators and outcomes that were achieved in relation to the 2015-16 Action Plan is attached at **Annex A**.

Beneficiaries

The target beneficiaries of the Community Development Action Plan are the community and voluntary sector organisations operating the area. In order to provide a picture of the sector, there are approximately in excess of 500 Community and Voluntary Sector organisations operating in the Borough. At least 100 of these are community development organisations with the remaining groups focusing specifically on particular groupings or interests, including older peoples groups, youth clubs and young people's groups, women's groups, ethnic minority groups, groups dealing with disability issues, and other interest groups including arts and cultural groups, environmental and conservation groups and festival and other social Groups.

Groups operating in the sector are provided with information and advice about funding opportunities, training, events and other information of relevance on a regular basis. Currently a process is underway to update and create one Register of all community and voluntary organisations in the Borough.

Organisations that participated in and benefitted from the various programmes provided during the year are detailed at **Annex B**.

In summary:

- 51 organisations received grants totalling £89,644 through the Community Development Support Grant Programme which was developed to support, promote and develop the capacity of core community development organisations by providing financial assistance towards their running costs.
- Social Inclusion Grants were awarded to 39 groups totalling £18,652 to provide activities that encourage people within their community, particularly those that are socially excluded, to participate in social and recreational activities.
- 45 organisations received Grants totalling £66,847.50 through the Community Festivals Fund which was designed to best support, promote and develop the capacity of communities to host community festival events across the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area.
- In addition 5 groups in Limavady were awarded grants for Age Friendly activity programmes with funding that was secured by Council through Public Health Agency in Western HSCT.
- 500 + groups received communications on capacity building and funding opportunities
- Generalist Advice was provided in 7 locations across the Borough with 27,597 enquiries during the year. £6,406,233 in additional benefit entitlement was secured in the Borough as a result of the Generalist Advice provision undertaken by Citizens Advice Causeway, Limavady Community Development Initiative and Glenshane Community Development.
- 12 community based organisations receive targeted developmental support to develop their services/activities.
- In excess of £158,000 funding was levered by community groups through direct officer support and provision of match funding.
- 48 community based organisations received signposting and generic support to access external funding/support opportunities.
- 130 local volunteers attending networking events themed on volunteering, advice provision and older peoples activities.
- One to one business mentoring support provided to 9 organisations to develop sustainability of community facilities; to develop business cases for new/enhanced community facilities or to support improved social enterprise activity/organisational sustainability.

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Operational Actions	Performance Indicators	Outcomes
THEME 1: INCREASING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CAPACITY		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Community Development Grants Programme ii. Social Inclusion Grant Programme iii. Community Festivals Fund Grant Programme iv. Capacity Building Support offered through one to one visits/mentoring from CD staff v. Generalist Advice Service provided throughout Borough 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Development Grant Programme delivered financial support of £89,644 to 51 community development organisations towards running costs of core community development activities • 39 organisations received grant assistance totalling £18,652 towards Social Inclusion projects. • 45 community festival events received financial support totalling £66,847.50 • 12 community based organisations receive targeted developmental support to develop their services/activities • In excess of £158,000 funding levered by community groups through direct officer support/match funding awards • 48 community based organisations received signposting and generic support to access external funding/support opportunities • Weekly e-communications provided to 500+ groups on capacity building and funding opportunities • Generalist Advice contract awarded to local advice providers – Citizens Advice Causeway, Limavady Community Development Initiative and Glenshane Community Development. • One to one generalist advice was provided at 7 locations across the district • 27,597 generalist advice enquiries dealt with • £6,406,233 in additional benefit entitlement secured 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased level of community development and social inclusion activities • Improved range and quality of services provided by local communities • Increased levels of volunteering throughout the new Council area • Stronger skilled and more confident community and voluntary sector • Improved levels of governance and financial capability within the community sector • Improved financial stability of community organisations • Additional funding levered into local communities • More people in need access benefits and services • Additional funds/benefits levered in

THEME 2: PROMOTING PRODUCTIVE ENGAGEMENT

<p>i. Training and mentoring programme for community groups on finding out what the needs are in their community</p> <p>ii. Community engagement learning session provided for relevant staff</p> <p>iii. Thematic networking events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 groups participated in training and mentoring programme to carry out consultation on local needs • 16 Council staff participated in community engagement learning sessions • Support provided to staff on undertaking community engagement – RDP, Funding Unit, Community Planning • At least 3 thematic peer networking initiatives organised involving community and voluntary groups based on the following themes: advice providers; older peoples activity providers; volunteering. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased ability of groups to meet local needs • Community groups have the necessary skills to undertake constructive engagement with local residents • Active community participation in community planning process • Provision of improved area specific services to meet needs • A culture of constructive community engagement within Council depts • Developed and improved relationships between issue based groups across the district • Sharing of skills and expertise, good practice and resources • Shared voice for local issue based groups
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THEME 3: TARGETING DEPRIVATION THROUGH PARTNERSHIP WORKING

Targets as set by DSD Neighbourhood Renewal for the period 2015-16*

*(see separate report item for summary of NR Annual Reports for Coleraine and Limavady)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NR Partnership Board and Working Group meetings facilitated in Coleraine and Limavady • Communication and promotion of NR Programme across NR areas in Coleraine and Limavady • Ongoing engagement with all relevant statutory and non-statutory bodies to support project delivery • Facilitation of review of Action Plans in Coleraine and Limavady NR areas. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased collaborative working to deliver effectively on tackling deprivation • A targeted approach to addressing deprivation and evidenced community need • Increased value for money in relation to public expenditure • Increased community capacity in target areas |
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THEME 4: SUPPORTING COMMUNITY CENTRE PROVISION/SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES TO ACHIEVE THEIR MAXIMUM LEVEL OF SUSTAINABILITY

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| <p>i. Detailed analysis of existing activities offered in Council run community centres</p> <p>ii. Detailed research carried out on community needs and identification of opportunities for enhanced community centre service delivery</p> <p>iii. Developmental support to develop use and sustainability of local community owned or managed facilities and to develop business cases for new</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of activity in 14 Council owned Centres ongoing • Regular meetings held with community in Dervock in order to encourage and promote sustained use of Community Centre. • Audit of Need and Options Appraisal carried out in relation to community facilities in Ballymoney • One to one business mentoring support provided to 4 organisations to develop sustainability of community facilities • One to one business mentoring support provided to 3 organisations to develop business cases for new/enhanced community facilities • One to one business mentoring support provided to 2 organisations to support improved social enterprise activity/organisational sustainability | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased community use of Council owned community facilities • Increase in quality and range of services provision through community facilities • Parity of service provision across the new Council area • Increased opportunity for collaborative working between Council and community groups • Increased use of community owned facilities • Increased sustainability of community organisations |
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<p>or enhanced community owned or managed facilities</p> <p>iv. Developmental support to promote community based organizational sustainability</p>		
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Annex B: Organisations that participated in Community Development Programmes or that received Community Development Grants in 2015-16

Table 1: 'What are the Needs in Our Community' training and mentoring programme

Programme Name: 'What are the Needs in Our Community' training and mentoring programme
Programme overview: Training sessions offered to organisations on finding out about the needs in their area, accessing relevant statistics and designing community consultation. Groups then received one to one mentoring support to carry out a local consultation exercise in order to inform the work of the organisation and help in preparing cases for funding.
No of groups participated: 14
Participating groups: Age Concern Causeway Ballycastle Town Market Ballycastle TRAINS Ballymoney Churches Forum Bee Heard Carey Faughs GAC/ Ballyvoy & Carey Development Group Causeway Volunteer Centre Crow's Nest Playgroup, Culcrow Cushendall Development Group Dervock & District Community Association Drumboghill Community Association Glebeside Community Association Little Orchids Playgroup Macosquin Community Association Margaret Avenue and Square Residents Association (Ballymoney)

Table 2: Sustainability Mentoring Programme

Programme Name: Sustainability Mentoring Programme
Programme overview: Provision of specialist one to one support from business mentor in relation to sustainability of voluntary run community centres or business case development for new/ renovated community centres
No of groups participated: 9
Groups which participated: Armoy Community Association Benbradagh Youth Cornfield Project, Coleraine Cushendun Building Preservation Trust Friends of Glenariff Glenariff Improvement Group Glenshane Care Magilligan Community Association Vineyard Compassion

Table 3: Training for Community Festivals and Event Organisers

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Programme Name: Training for Community Festivals and Event Organisers
Programme overview: 3 different sessions offered in 4 venues covering creative programming; event management and marketing events through social media
No of groups participated: 36
<p>Participating groups:</p> <p>Antrim Glens Tourism Asian 50+ Club Big Telly Theatre Company Blackwater Clay Pigeon Club Causeway Ethnic Minority Project Causeway Volunteer Centre Christians Against Poverty Citizens Advice Causeway Coollessan Community Association Cross Glebe Community Association Cunshendall Development Group Cushenall Golf Club Cushendun Big Arts Festival Cushendun District Development Assoc Cushendun GAC Danny Boy Jazz & Blues Dervock & District Community Association Dervock District Cultural & Musical Society Garvagh Development Trust Glenariffe Oisín GAC Greysteel Community Enterprises Heart of the Glens Festival Juniper Hill Caravan Occupiers Association Keady Clachan Kingdom of Dalriada Ulster Scots Society Mens Sheds Ballykelly Project Fusion Rathlin Development & Community Assoc Riding for the Disabled St Mary's Faughanvale GAA The Sandal Centre Coleraine Toon Festival Ullans Speakers Association Utoniae Cultural & Heritage Society Vineyard Compassion Waterfoot Residents Group</p>

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Table 4: Community Development Support Grant awards

Grant Programme: Community Development Support Grant
Purpose of Grant: To support, promote and develop the capacity of core community development organisations by providing financial assistance towards their running costs.
No of awards: 51 Amount awarded: £89,644
<p>Grant recipients:</p> <p>Aghanloo Community Association Armoy Community Association Ardinariff Historical & Cultural Society Ballymaconnelly Renewal Group Benbradagh Community Support Benedy Community Association Boveedy Community Association Building Ballysally Together Burnfoot Community Development Association Bushmills Residents & Environmental Forum Cairns Residents Group Castlerock Community Association Cloughmills Community Action Team Coolestan Community Association Cushendall Development Group Dromobughil Community Association Drumsurn Community Association Dunloy Development Association Eagle Glen Community Partnership Ltd Feeny Commuity Association Focus on Family Foreglen Community Association Garvagh Development Trust Gelvin Community Association Glenariff Improvement Group Glenmanus Residents Association Glens Community Association Glenshane Community Development Glenullin & Agivey Conservation & Development Group Gortnahey Community Association Greysteel Community Association Greysteel Community Enterprises Keady Clachan Community Group Killowen and Churchlands Community Association Killowen Community Association Killyrammer & District Community Association Killyvally Residents Association Largy Community Association Loughguile Community Association Macosquin Village Community Associaton Magilligan Community Association Millburn Community Association Portballintrae Residents' Association Portstewart Community Association Restore Community Group Roe Valley Residents Association Somerset Residents Association Stranocum Community Centre</p>

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<p>Waterfoot Residents Association West Bann Development Windyhall Community Association</p>
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Table 5: Community Festivals Fund awards

Grant Programme: Community Festivals Fund
Purpose of Grant: to support, promote and develop the capacity of communities to host community festival events across the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area.
<p>No of awards: 45 Amount awarded: £66,847.50</p>
<p>Grant Recipients: 1st Castlerock Scout Group Apprentice Boys of Derry Campsie Club Rasharkin Ballymacconnelly Renewal Group Big Telly Theatre Company Building Ballysally Together Bushmills Residents & Environmental Forum Bushmills & District Community Association Cairns Residents Group Cloughmills Community Action Team Coleraine Festival Committee Corrymeela Cushendall Sailing and Boating Club Cushendun GAC Dervock & District Community Association Dunaghy Flute Band Finvoy Rural , Educational & Cultural Society Friends of Glenariff Glack Community Assoc Glebe Rangers football Club Glenariff Improvement Group Glenmanus Residents' Association Glens of Antrim Comhaltas Gortnahey Community Association Greysteel Community Enterprises Heart of the Glens Festival Hope Limavady Juniper Hill caravan Occupiers' Association Killowen Community Association Killyrammer & District Community Association Kingdom of Dalriada Ulster-Scots Society Loughgiel Community Association Marconi Radio Group Millburn Community Association Moneydig Rural Network Group North Antrim Band Forum O'Connor's GAC Glack Portballintrae Residents' Association Portstewart Community Association Rasharkin Community Association Rasharkin Residents Association Riding for the Disabled - Coleraine Branch Roe Valley Residents Assoc</p>

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<p>Somerset Residents' Association Waterfoot Residents Association Windyhall Community Association</p>
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Table 6: Social Inclusion Grant awards

<p>Grant Programme: Social Inclusion Grant</p>
<p>Purpose of Grant: To provide small grants to local community and voluntary organisations that are involved in activities that encourage people within their community, particularly those that are socially excluded, to participate in social and recreational activities.</p>
<p>No of awards: 39 Amount awarded: £18,652</p>
<p>Grant Recipients: Age Concern Causeway Armoy Over 55 Club Asian Over 50 Club Ballybogey Over 50's Club Ballymoney Mini Rugby FC Ballymoney Ornithological Association Beautiful Minds Big Telly Theatre Company BRG Lint Dam Allotments Group Bush Valley Amateur Radio Society Bushmills & District Community Association Bushvale Friendship Group Causeway Hospital Radio Causeway U3A Cloughmills Cultural & Historical Society Coleraine Borough 50+ Forum Coleraine Ulster Scots Regeneration Group Crafts with Love Derrykeighan & District Community Assoc Dungiven Regeneration Club Faughanvale Community Project Glack Community Association Glengad Threshing and Vintage Club Glens Social Club Glenshane Care Association Hands that Talk Kilraughts Friendship Club Loughgiel Mums n' Tots Marconi Radio Group N Ireland Fife Fancy Canary Club North Antrim Cultural & Musical Society Rasharkin Community Association Rathlin Development & Community Assoc Riding for the Disabled – Coleraine Group Solas Moyle Tapp Friens Community Group The Open Door Windyhall 50+ Club Zomba Action Project</p>