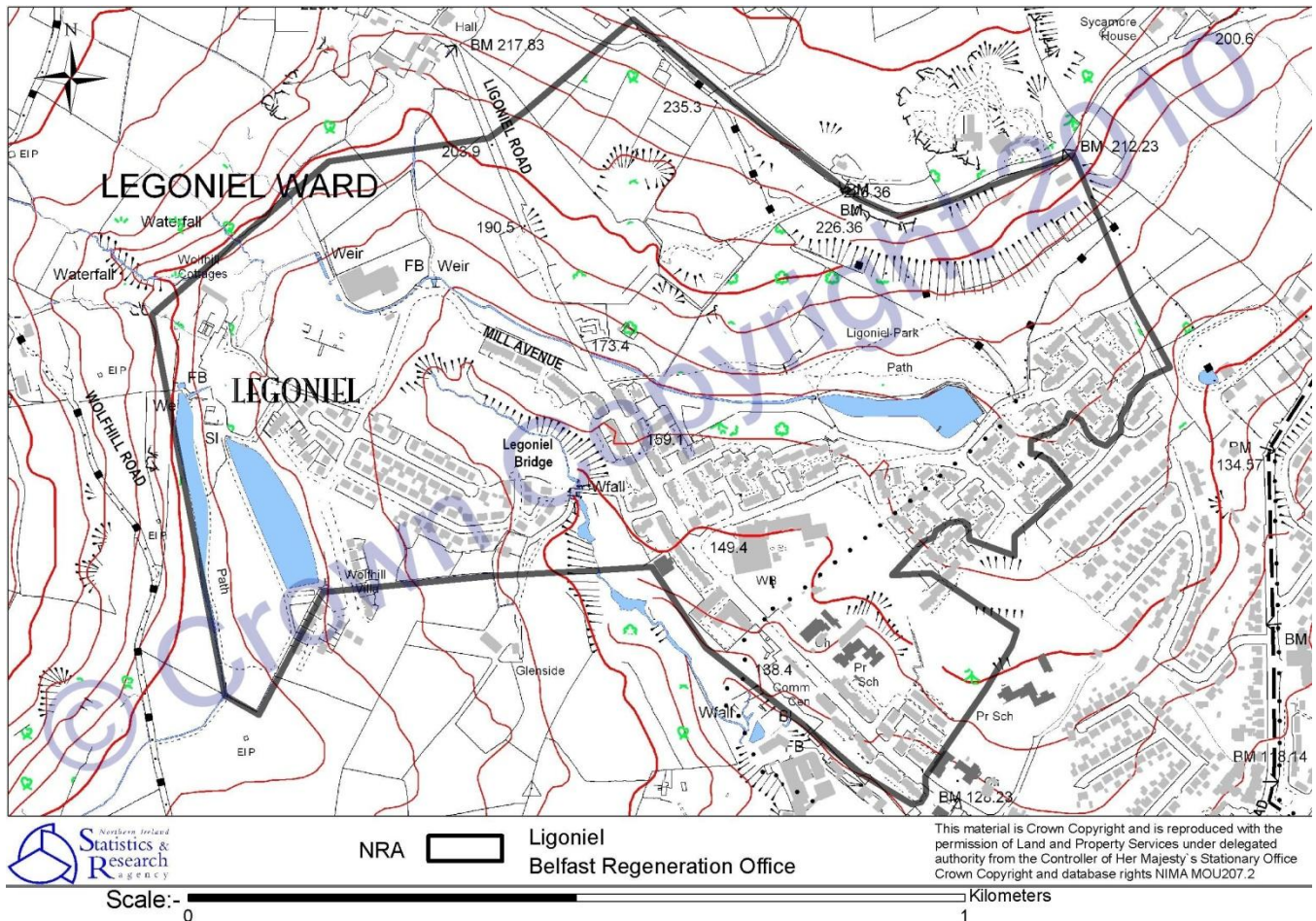




Ligoniel Village Neighbourhood Renewal Area Annual Report 2014/15



Ligoniel Area Profile



About Neighbourhood Renewal

The Neighbourhood Renewal Programme aims to reduce the 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. Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships were established with representatives of local community interests together with appropriate Government Departments, public sector agencies, private sector interest and local elected representatives. The socio economic statistics demonstrate some of the principal challenges facing the Ligoniel area; reflecting high levels of unemployment, low educational attainment, community health issues and the challenges facing young people in the area and lack of facilities available.

About Ligoniel Village Neighbourhood Partnership

Ligoniel Village Neighbourhood Partnership area is located in the hills of North Belfast and holds a unique position above the city with breathtaking views across the city. It has a very specific 'village' feel with the Belfast hills bordering the village. The area takes into account approximately 1900 people based upon 2010 census figures, which is a significant increase from 2001 census figures of 1400 people. This change and expansion in the intervening years is due to major development in housing. An additional 800 housing units have been constructed within the Neighbourhood Renewal area with the total number of homes in the area now estimated at approximately 1300 in total. The location of the area brings its own challenges with problems identified in the transport links across the city and additional cost for the community to access services.

To take forward the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme, Ligoniel Village Neighbourhood Partnership was set up in 2006 to oversee the development and delivery of the local Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan. The Partnership currently comprises eight members which include representatives from local communities, voluntary organisations, elected representatives, private sector and local statutory organisations. It currently meets on a bi-monthly basis and its administration services are provided through Ligoniel Improvement Association.

The main Partnership Committee of Ligoniel Village Neighbourhood Partnership provides the overall direction to the work of the partnership. Its membership is listed below:

Chairperson	Arthur Acheson
Ligoniel Improvement Association	Maria Morgan
Belfast City Council Representative	Ulrike Letzner
Belfast City Councillor	Gerry McCabe
North Belfast Partnership	John McCorry
Ligoniel Village Neighbourhood	Kieran O'Reilly
Belfast Regeneration Office	Marcella McNeill
Belfast Health & Social Care Trust	Gabi Mornhingweg
Ligoniel Healthy Living Centre	Maria Burke
Administrative support - LIA	Viktoria Strain

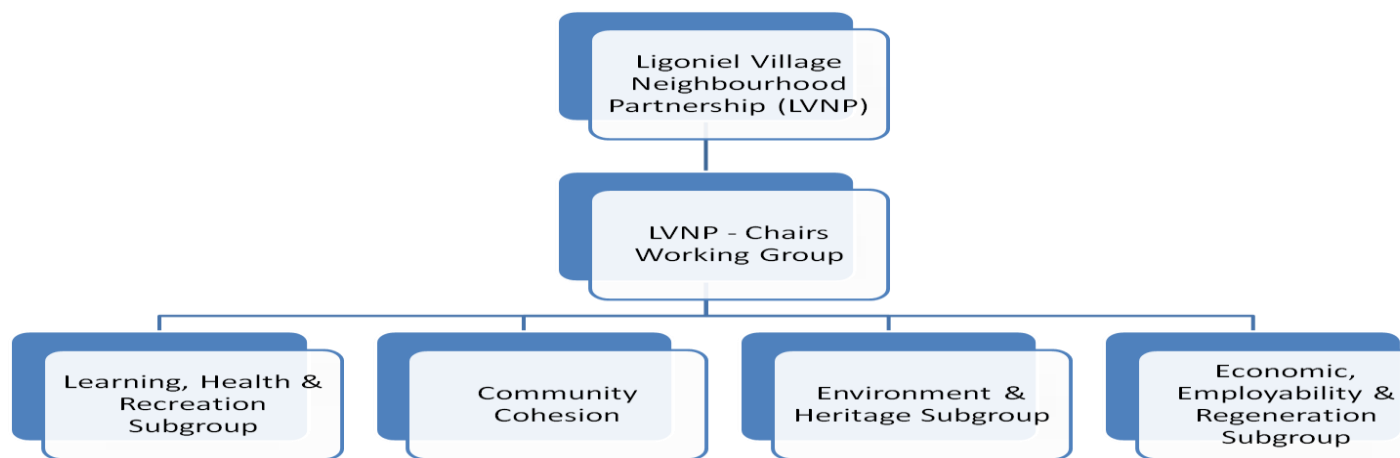
The Partnership has established 4 sub groups to assist them in the identification, development and where appropriate the delivery of projects which aim to address the Programmes 4 strategic objectives of community renewal, social renewal, economic renewal and physical renewal. They also assist local community organisations to co ordinate actions that are beneficial for all communities living in the Ligoniel Village Neighbourhood Renewal Area (NRA). They include:

- Ligoniel Family Centre
- Ligoniel Fishing Club
- Ligoniel Boxing Club

- Mountainhill Youth Club
- Ligoniel Working Men's Darts Club
- Ligoniel Working Men's Football Club
- St Vincent De Paul Primary School
- Ligoniel Primary School
- Ligoniel Healthy Living Centre
- Ligoniel Residents Association
- Ligoniel Community Events Committee

With the development of the first neighbourhood action plan in 2007 all those groups involved in delivering neighbourhood renewal had a seat at the main Partnership Committee. After the review of the implementation plan in 2009 it was agreed that we move towards a smaller more focused Partnership committee. This coincided with the re-launch of 4 sub-groups which would draw their membership from all those sub-groups working on neighbourhood renewal.

Each subgroup would then nominate at least one member to sit on the main Partnership management committee. Each sub group was to appoint a chairperson and a secretary and engage with the appropriate statutory representatives to ensure representation on the subgroup.



The subgroup members are made up from a range of :

Learning, Health & Recreation subgroup

Maria Morgan	Chairperson
Aoife McCallum	Belfast City Council
Caroline Milligan	Sure Start
Catherine Rock	Ligoniel Family Centre
Claire Hillman	Ligoniel Primary School
Gabi Mornhinweg	Belfast Health and Social Care Trust
Josephine Rice	Resident
Kathleen Kelly	North Belfast Advice Partnership
Kieran O'Reilly	Ligoniel Improvement Association

Marcella McNeill	Belfast Regeneration Office
Maria Burke	Ligoniel Healthy Living Centre
Mary Bartolo	North Belfast Advice Partnership
Nichola Mallon	Belfast City Councillor – SDLP
Sinead McKinley	North Belfast Advice Partnership
Ulrike Letzner	Belfast City Council

Community Cohesion subgroup

Maria Morgan (LIA)	Chairperson
Billy Johnston	Belfast City Council - Wardens
Eammon Canavan	PSNI
Gerard McCabe	Belfast City Councillor
Kieran O'Reilly	LIA
Laura Gibbons	Clanmil Housing Association
Liam McKinley	Belfast City Council - Parks
Margaret Gallagher	N.I.H.E
Maria Burke	Healthy Living Centre
Mark Corbett	Belfast City Council – Safety Officer
Nichola Mallon	Belfast City Councillor
Paul Reynolds	Helm Housing
Paula Brennan	N.I.H.E
Roger Clarke	Clanmil Housing Association
Sean Kelly	Residents Association
Ulrike Letzner	Belfast City Council – Community Development
Gerard Flynn	N.I.H.E
David Slaters	Belfast City Council
Marcella McNeill	Belfast Regeneration Office

Environment & Heritage Subgroup

Arthur Acheson	Ligoniel Community Enterprises
Kieran O'Reilly	LIA
Damien McCallin	LIA
Emma Campbell	Belfast City Council
Jerry Drew	GroundworkNI
Jim Bradley	Belfast Hills
John Gray	LIA
Liam McKinley	Belfast City Council
Lizzy Pinkerton	Belfast Hills
Maria Morgan	LIA
Judy Meharg	Groundwork NI
Maria Morgan	LIA
Marcella McNeill	Belfast Regeneration Office

Economic, Employability & Regeneration

Arthur Acheson	Ligoniel Community Enterprises
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Alice Quinn	North City Business Centre
Brian Maguire	North Belfast Partnership – Leap
Catherine Rock	Ligoniel Family Centre
Gerry Rooney	Local Chemist
John McCorry	North Belfast Partnership
Kieran O'Reilly	LIA
Sharon Polson	DETI
Nichola Mallon	Belfast City Council SDLP
Maria Morgan	LIA
Marcella McNeill	Belfast Regeneration Office

Ligoniel Village Neighbourhood Partnership Projects

The Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund is currently supporting 2 projects in the Ligoniel Village Neighbourhood Renewal Area. This support provides leverage to the organization access funding from many other sources to provide programmes to meet the needs of the community.

Community Renewal/ Economic Renewal/Social Renewal & Physical Renewal

1. Ligoniel Improvement Association – Community Development and

Relations: This project provides services through community development including health & wellbeing programmes, advice, training , education, housing, personal development and capacity building, local history, cross community programmes and a wide range of other activities. Collaborative working and youth initiatives target all age groups and sectors in the Ligoniel Village Neighbourhood Renewal Area.

The development and regeneration of the surrounding area is a key priority to link the village with the city and beyond. LIA is a key stakeholder and resource within the community and works closely with statutory agencies and other voluntary and community organizations to promote community development in the area.

It addresses the following themes in the Action Plan :

- Learning, Health & Recreation
- Economic, Employability and Regeneration
- Environment & Heritage
- Community Cohesion & Events

2. North Belfast Advice Partnership – Welfare advice: This project deliverers of front line welfare and benefit advice services across North Belfast through various advice centres and outreach locations. The service is available throughout North Belfast and customers are offered a choice of advice centres to ensure client confidentiality and support. The advisors are highly trained in welfare rights and have an excellent network of partnerships which link into specific initiatives and programmes in relation to a range of services including;

- training and employment,
- healthy living support services,
- family support services,
- addiction services,

- elderly care teams,
- carers support
- suicide support

3. Ligoniel Improvement Association – The Ligoniel Development Project: This project has three different elements.

1. Cornmill site – Environmental Centre –feasibility survey, and a number of surveys to be carried out on the land.
2. Wolfhill Centre Site – Development –feasibility survey, with a site investigation report.
3. Mountain Hill Youth Club –feasibility study, survey of existing building, needs analysis and community audit.

SITE 1 – Cornmill Site

The proposal is to develop the site of a disused Cornmill into an environmental centre which will have the potential to act as a hub for activities, initiatives and to provide space for work on environmental issues. The site is an opportunity for cross community and reconciliation structures that will provide opportunities to all ages and groups to access the mountain and walkways and the Ligoniel Dam which is currently owned by LIA. The proposal will include a number of surveys that are required on the site to prepare the case for development. This element is to develop the concept plan in collaboration with the Belfast Hills Partnership to link areas of environmental interest in the Ligoniel Hills, Divis Mountain and Cavehill. It includes a feasibility study and specific surveys of the site including a structural survey, topographical survey, ground condition survey and bat survey.

Site 2 – Wolfhill Centre Site.

LIA currently operate from the Wolfhill Centre which is owned by the Ligoniel Community Enterprises. The current facility provides a range of offices, retail units, workshop units and horticultural area. However LIA have ambitious plans to develop the site to develop and extend the current horticultural centre, extend the existing premises to provide a full time childcare facility, provide additional office space and housing units for the elderly and disabled. All of the facilities would be operated on a social enterprise model as is currently operated for the Wolfhill Centre. To facilitate this development a site investigation report and feasibility study has been undertaken.

Site 3 – Mountain Hill Youth Club

Mountain Hill Youth Club is a BELB youth service in the Ligoniel Area. BELB have approached LIA with regard to establishing a community steering group to manage

the Mountain Hill youth club with the goal of LIA taking responsibility for the full time management of the centre. This will allow for the services provided in the area to focus on the needs of the community and youth services. A prerequisite of the acceptance is that research is undertaken and the outcomes can be agreed with BELB to satisfy their criteria. However before this can be considered LIA undertook feasibility study, survey of the existing building, needs analysis and community audit so they could they could determine the additional and legal requirements and impact on the organisation.

All three elements will allow for the delivery of Neighbourhood Renewal and the implementation of the Ligoniel Village Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan.

Ligoniel Village Neighbourhood Partnership 2014/15 Expenditure (by Strategic Objective)

The following table details current projects funded via the Neighbourhood Renewal Investment fund. It also details the 2014/15 individual spend for each project, the total amount of expenditure by strategic objective and the overall 2014/15 total expenditure in the Ligoniel Village Neighbourhood Renewal Area.

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	2014/15 Spend (as at 31/03/14)
COMMUNITY RENEWAL/ SOCIAL RENEWAL			
Ligoniel Improvement Association	1/4/2014 - 31/3/2015	£143,920.44	£136,719.00
Total Community/Social Renewal Expenditure		£143,920.44	£136,719.00
ECONOMIC RENEWAL			
North Belfast Advice Partnership (Lead Partner Vine Centre) LIA Portion only	1/4/2014 - 31/3/2015	£60,093.27	£60,093.27
Total Economic Renewal Expenditure		£60,093.27	£60,093.27
PHYSICAL RENEWAL			
Ligoniel Improvement Association – The Ligoniel Development Project	1/4/2014 - 31/3/2015	£41,897.50	£39,446
		TOTAL ALLOCATION	TOTAL SPEND
		£245,911.21	£236,258.27

ACHIEVEMENTS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUNDING IN 2014/15 YEAR

Community Output Measures* - post 2011 (mid term review)PROJECT	CR1 - Number of people receiving training in community development skills	CR2 - Number of people volunteering for community development activities	CR3 - number of people employed directly in voluntary work	CR4 - Number of people using new or improved community facilities	CR5 -Number of community/voluntary groups supported	CR6 - Number of projects improving community facilities	CR7 - Number of community relations projects supported	CR8 - Number of people participating in community relations projects
Ligoniel Improvement Association – Community Development & Relations	10	87	59	288	12	2	15	1414
North Belfast Advice Partnership – Ligoniel Improvement Association – Welfare and Benefit Support		4						

Education Output Measures from April 2011

PROJECT	SR1 - Number of childcare/nursery school places created/safeguarded	SR2 - Number of people attending parenting skills development programmes	SR 3 - Number of pupils benefiting from projects designed to improve attainment (primary)	SR 4 - Number of pupils benefiting from projects designed to improve attainment (secondary)	SR5 - Number of adults obtaining qualification through NR Projects (accredited)	SR6 - Number of adults obtaining qualification through NR Projects (non-accredited)
Ligoniel Improvement Association – Community Development & Relations		48	142	66	96	150

Social Renewal - Health Output Measures from April 2011

PROJECT	SR7 – NUMBER OF PEOPLE BENEFITING FROM HEALTHY LIFESTYLE PROJECTS	SR8 – NUMBER OF PEOPLE BENEFITING FROM NEW OR IMPROVED HEALTH FACILITIES	SR9 – NUMBER OF NEW OR IMPROVED HEALTH FACILITIES	SR10 – NUMBER OF PEOPLE BENEFITING FROM SUICIDE PREVENTION PROJECTS	SR11 – NUMBER OF NEW/IMPROVED SPORTS FACILITIES PROVIDED	SR12 – NUMBER OF PEOPLE USING NEW SPORTS FACILITIES
Ligoniel Improvement Association – Community Development & Relations	397	81		673		

Social Renewal - Crime Output Measures from April 2011

PROJECT	SR13 – NUMBERS RECEIVING ADVICE ON CRIME PREVENTION	SR14 – NUMBER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVES IMPLEMENTED	SR15 – NUMBER OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATING/ ATTENDING COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVES	SR16 – NUMBER OF CRIME PREVENTION INITIATIVES IMPLEMENTED	PEOPLE BENEFITING FROM YOUTH INCLUSION/ DIVERSIONARY PROJECTS	SR18 – NUMBER OF VICTIMS OF CRIME SUPPORTED	SR19 – NUMBER OF HOMES WITH INCREASED SECURITY	SR20 – NUMBER OF BUSINESSES WITH INCREASED SECURITY	SR21 – NUMBER OF NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDS SUPPORTED
Ligoniel Improvement Association – Community Development & Relations	1231	6	385	4	192	23	29		6

Physical Renewal Output Measures from April 2011

PROJECT	PR1 - Area of land improved or reclaimed for open space	PR2 - Area of land reclaimed and made ready for development	PR3 – Number of buildings improved	PR4 – Number of traffic calming schemes	PR5 – number of trees planted
Ligoniel Improvement Association – Community Development & Relations	3	3	1	0	300

Economic Renewal Output Measures from April 2011

PROJECT	ER1 - Number of FTE jobs safeguarded/created	ER2 - Number of NR residents going into employment	ER3 - Number of people accessing careers advice	ER4 - Number of people receiving job specific training	ER5 - Number of weeks (per participant) of job specific training provided	ER6 - - Number of new business start ups	ER7- Number of new/existing businesses requiring/receiving advice/support	ER8 - Number of people becoming self employed	ER9 – Social Economy Indicator	ER10 – Number of enquiries for advice
Ligoniel Improvement Association – Community Development & Relations	4.8	29		25	51	5	5	4	0	
North Belfast Advice Partnership – Ligoniel Improvement Association – Welfare and Benefit Support	2									1057

Ligoniel Village Neighbourhood Partnership Conclusion

In the 2014/15 financial year, Ligoniel Village Neighbourhood Partnership total overall spend was £236,258.27 broken down as follows :

Community / Social Renewal – £136,719.00

Economic Renewal - £60,093.27

Physical Renewal – £39,446



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