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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 representative of local community interests together with appropriate Government Departments, public sector agencies, private sector interest and local elected representatives.

About Lenadoon Partnership –

To take forward the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme, Lenadoon Partnership was set up in 2005 to oversee the development and delivery of the local Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan. The Partnership currently comprises 23 members which include representatives from local communities, voluntary organisations, elected representatives, private sector and local statutory organisations. It currently meets on a bimonthly basis.

The Lenadoon Community Forum (LCF) is the lead partner which was formally established in 1992 to address the many social and economic needs that existed in the Lenadoon estate. The Forum is based in the new Glen Community Complex on the Suffolk Road. Since its inception the Forum has evolved to become an umbrella Group for 22 smaller community groups targeting issues that impact upon the lives of residents, such as; health, employment, environment, youth provision, community safety and education.

It should be noted that Lenadoon Neighbourhood Partnership has signed up to abide by the Neighbourhood Renewal Code of Practice and Guiding Principles and subsequent Subgroup Terms of Reference.

Membership of the LNRP is outlined below and is drawn from the voluntary, community, public, private and statutory sectors and includes local elected representatives of Belfast City Council.

Name of representative	Representing organisation
Sean Lennon (Chair)	Community Representative – Greater Andersonstown Safer Neighbourhood Project (GASNP)
Michael Doherty	Community Representative – Lenadoon Community Forum
Renee Crawford	Community Representative – Mid Lenadoon Rep
Terry Donaghy Caroline Murphy	Community Representatives - Suffolk Community Forum Suffolk Community Forum
John Hoey	Stewartstown Road Regeneration Project
Jackie Bunting	Community Representative – Glencolin Rep
Colin O'Neill	Thematic Community Representative - Environmental Rep
Mairead McCrea	Thematic Community Representative - Disability / Special Needs Rep
Glen Philips	Community Representative – St Oliver Plunkett Parish Rep
Harry Murray	Thematic Community Representative – Sporting Rep
Tim Attwood Jim Girvan	Political Representative - Belfast City Councillor (SDLP) West Belfast Partnership Board Rep
Marie-Claire Ferris	Business Representative - Work West
Laura Mullan	Statutory Rep - PSNI
Sean O'Kane	Statutory representative - Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE)
Lisa Wightman	Statutory representative – DFC Community Empowerment Division
Tommy O'Reilly	Statutory representative - Belfast City Council

Paddy O'Donnell	Community Representative Stewartstown / Lower Lenadoon Rep
Yvonne Cowan	Belfast Health and Social Care Trust
Tommy O'Reilly	Belfast City Council
Ann Marie Weir	Upper Lenadoon Representative

Lenadoon Partnership Projects

The Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund is currently supporting 5 projects in the Lenadoon Neighbourhood Renewal Area as follows:-

- 1; Lenadoon Community Forum
- 2; Suffolk Community Forum
- 3; Lenadoon Womens Group
- 4; Glencolin Residents Association
- 5; Glen Parent Youth Group



Pictured above are some of the Certificate Presentations for Lenadoon Training for Employment Project and Lenadoon Womens Group in the Glen Community Complex.(November 2017)

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Community Renewal

1. Lenadoon Community Forum - Co-ordination of Housing, Community Safety and Environmental Services Project

The Lenadoon Community Forum staff team comprises of 3 and is made up of a Strategic Development Coordinator, Community Development Worker and a part time Administrator and carried out some of the following objectives on behalf of Neighbourhood Renewal as well as other additional duties.

The project objectives are to co-ordinate essential services to the most disadvantaged in the Lenadoon Neighbourhood Renewal Area (LNRA) in line with the local Action Plan priorities. These services include:

- Worked with local resident groups in the neighbourhood on a variety of housing, environmental and community safety issues
- Worked in partnership with the NIHE and other Social Housing providers such as Apex Housing , Clanmil Housing, Radius Housing, Choice Housing and others to ensure that housing improvements remain a priority and that new Housing initiatives are given due consideration to independent living standards and initiatives.

- Worked in partnership with the statutory bodies to address the anti-social behaviour that continues to affect the lives of some local residents at hotspots throughout the Neighbourhood Renewal Area.
- Worked in partnership with the statutory agencies to continue to develop the solid foundations across the NRA and to address interface issues that continue to exist which have the opportunity to negatively impact on the area
- We continued to actively participate in Suffolk Lenadoon Interface Group (SLIG) and its sub groups and their programmes of engagement with local people of all ages and abilities across the interface. These have included mixed group activities across several thematic areas as well as a cross community Christmas tree lights event on the Stewartstown Road Interface.
- Throughout the year Lenadoon Community Forum through its involvement with SLIG engaged with residents and young people from both communities who participated in a number of joint community initiatives which included the SLIG Talk Back, Youth Achievement Awards, the Older and Active Group and the Decade of Centenary events for both Communities.
- Lenadoon Staff facilitated a consultation with local residents from both Lenadoon and Suffolk in March to hear at first hand the scheduling of the work that had commenced along the Interface as part of the Rapid Transport Scheme.
- The Forum facilitated an Interface Steering Group to meet with Transport NI and the works contractors working on the BRT Project. These meetings took place on a fortnightly basis for the duration of the project.
- Lenadoon Forum staff continued to provide practical support and advice to a number of groups in the area such as the Tuesday Club, Suffolk Road Residents Network, Black Mountain Men's Group, the Focus Club, Oliver Plunkett Development Association, Cairde Loch na Leathghelai, Mens Shed, Mid Lenadoon Residents Association.
- Lenadoon Community Forum staff facilitated a number of site visits and meetings in July and September 2017 between the developer of the Scrapyrd and local residents from Larkspur Rise and Riverside Mews to both discuss the overall development and to agree on ways that the site can be secured and managed.

- The Forum staff facilitated meetings for the residents of the Suffolk Road Flats along with the NIHE in November 2017 to discuss proposed housing improvements which were being planned for. Issues relating to the management of Waste were also raised with Belfast City Council who successfully addressed the issues involved.
- The Forum staff organised a meeting for residents from the Maisonettes on Lenadoon Avenue to discuss the issues arising from the improvement scheme currently being managed by the contractor Q-Mac Construction. Actions were agreed that minimised the opportunities for vandalism and anti-social behaviour in and around these works.
- Lenadoon Community Forum continued to support Directors who sat on the Board of the Stewartstown Road Regeneration Project along with four Directors from Suffolk Community Forum and four Independent Directors.
- Lenadoon Forum worked in partnership with a range of statutory agencies to improve the overall safety for users of the various Neighbourhood projects such as the Half Moon Lake and those using the Woodbourne Alley gates.
- Through the Lenadoon Housing Environment and Community Safety meetings the Forum has worked to develop Community Safety initiatives in the NRA in consultation with local residents, Belfast City Council and PSNI such as the future sale and distribution of fireworks in the area.
- The Forum staff continued to implement / address the Actions, Priorities and Recommendations regarding the Housing, Community Safety and Environmental theme within the Lenadoon Neighbourhood Action Plan (LNAP) which was reviewed in September 2014.
- Lenadoon Community Forum continued over the past year to engage with wider strategic bodies including the West Belfast Partnership Board, the DSD's Building Successful Communities Initiative, Lenadoon Neighbourhood Partnership the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust, Dementia Friendly West Belfast and other providers to agree priority actions and deliver against these in collaborative partnerships.
- The Forum staff team facilitated a number of meetings and site visits with Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE), Apex Housing, Clanmil, Radius Housing, Choice Housing and other Social Housing Associations, Residents Associations and other statutory bodies to address both physical and social issues impacting on the quality of life for residents in this area.

- Lenadoon Forum facilitated a meeting for local residents with representatives from Translink to discuss the need for the provision of Bus Shelters for the area and a formal application was made to request these.
- Lenadoon Forum continued to facilitate the Bi –Monthly meetings of the Lenadoon Housing, Environment and Community Safety Group which involves statutory, voluntary and community sector representatives meeting and discussing in a collective manner Actions to improve the quality of life for local people.
- Lenadoon Forum organised a Community Health Information morning in November 2017 which allowed a number of statutory and voluntary providers to present their Services and to take referrals from those people in attendance.
- Lenadoon Community Forum (LCF) published on a quarterly basis the Lenadoon Community News which was delivered to three and a half thousand homes in the greater Lenadoon Area each quarter. The magazine updates local people on a number of community safety initiatives and also keeps local people updated on the work of the Forum throughout the area and is a key communication tool to ensure the wider community is aware of what is going on in this area..
- Lenadoon Forum facilitated a visit to the Half Moon Lakes Friends Group in July 2017 by a number of Syrian men who had now taken up residence in Belfast.

Pictured below are members of the Local Tuesday Club (Supported by Lenadoon Community Forum) inspecting the new Bus Halts and Glider Bus with Peter McParland from the department Of Infrastructure in March 2018.



2; Glencolin Residents Association- Community Renewal

The Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund is currently supporting Glen Colin Residents with the funding of our Community Development Worker and running costs. We are responsible for sourcing all relevant funding to promote and deliver services in line with set targets. We have and will continue to source funding for the continuation of programmes which will enhance personal and social development. We have and will continue to be proactive in tackling poverty related issues which directly affect the residents of the area and to lobby and to represent their views and concerns through our representation on the Lenadoon Neighbourhood Partnership, West Belfast Housing Network, WBPB Housing and Environmental Sub Group, West Belfast area renewal forum, Half Moon Lake Committee, Building Successful Communities Forum, Greater Andersonstown safer neighbourhood project , Falls Women's Centre, Colin Neighbourhood Partnership,

Glencolin residents will continue to offer services and family support to improve the health and lifestyle of its beneficiaries. Our welfare advice & advocacy service sits at the core of Community Renewal and cuts across all themes. We will continue to work with other organisations and agencies in addressing anti-social related and environmental and housing issues, Northern Ireland Housing Executive, Belfast City Council, Greater Andersonstown Safer Neighbourhood Project, PSNI, Belfast Hills, Colin Glen Trust, Local Political representatives etc.

3; Suffolk Community Forum- Community Renewal

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4. Glen Community Parent/Youth Group - Community Renewal

They have been actively represented on the following Multi Sectoral Partnerships / Networks

- Lenadoon Building Successful Communities Initiative
- Outer West Family Support Hub
- Lenadoon Neighbourhood Partnership
- Regional Families Voices Forum
- Regional Suicide Strategy Implementation Group.
- Lenadoon Youth Providers Network
- Feile An Phobal Outreach sub group

The two staff members hosted fifteen international, regional and city delegations / visitors to the Complex to view the new facilities and Services being delivered there. Over twenty Projects / Organisations had their meetings / seminars facilitated in rooms in the Complex. A number of major Community Consultations took place in the Glen Complex.

- Woodbourne Major Improvement Scheme
- Suffolk Road Flats Regeneration Scheme
- Proposals to organise a Lenadoon Community Festival in 2018
- Lenadoon Community Counselling Strategic Plan
- Lenadoon Neighbourhood Youth Providers Network

The two staff along with other staff and volunteers organised and facilitated Community Development Services, Activities and Programmes for hundreds of local people of all ages and abilities. Among some of these Services were:

- Daycare Facilities
- After Schools Programmes and Activities
- Homework Club and Support
- Education and Training Support
- Health Living Programme

- Physical Activity Programme
- Senior Youth Programme
- Cross Community / Good Relations Project.
- Drug and Alcohol Awareness Programme
- First Aid Training
- Child Protection Training
- Suicide Prevention Training
- Dementia Awareness Training
- GDPR Training and Workshops
- Eight week Summer Scheme
- Halloween Parade and Party
- Christmas Parties and Concert
- Lenadoons Got Talent Show
- Partnership Working with Peace Players International
- Volunteer and Mentoring Training and support
- Numeracy and Literacy Programmes
- Cycling Proficiency Programme with St Gerards School
- Inclusion Project with St Gerard's
- Assertiveness
- Mindset
- Yoga
- Christmas "Families in Need" initiative

5. Glen Community Parent Youth Group

Glen Community Parent Youth Group delivered a range of educational and homework support programmes and activities that benefitted 309 young people directly and their attainment was enhanced / improved. During the year the two staff worked in partnership with Oliver Plunkett Primary and St Gerard's Special Needs Schools and they referred their pupils to our After Schools and Homework support Projects. We ran a Partnership project with St Gerard's Special Education Needs School every Monday from 10am to 2pm from April 2017 to March 2018.

Accredited training programmes included:

- OCN Peer Mentoring Level 1
- OCN Drug and Alcohol Awareness Level 1
- OCN Level 1 in Youth Work
- OCN Life Skills Level 1
- OCN Team Work
- OCN Level 1 in Functional Skills in IT
- I Can I Have I Will Personal Development Programme

Non Accredited Training Programme included:

- Sexual Health Awareness
- Career Planning
- "One Pill Will Kill" Drugs Awareness Training
- Smoking Cessation (In Partnership with Cancer Focus)
- Multi-Cultural Programmes
- Yoga for Youth
- Internet Safety
- Motivated Programmes
- Cycling Proficiency
- Healthy Living
- Walk Active Programme
- Soccer Coaching Programme
- Drama Programme

6. Lenadoon Womens Group

The staff and Volunteers organised a wide range of Parenting and Connecting with your family Courses over this past 12 months they also provided intensive one to one Parenting support to individuals and parents referred to the Project. In total 222 individuals benefitted from this Parenting Education. An additional 25 children and young people were provided with access to specialist support to enhance their physical and emotional well-being by staff at Lenadoon Women's Group.

"A new Parenting Apart" Course was delivered this Year.

Parents, Grandparents and Guardians were supported at;

- Case Conferences
- Looked After Children Reviews
- Medical / Legal appointments
- Counselling appointments
- Housing / School appointments

The small staff team delivered a number of Programmes to promote the personal and social development of individuals referred to the Project. Over 180 individuals benefitted from these Projects in the twelve months and some of the programmes that were organised included:

- Emotional Health and Well Being
- Confidence Building
- Stress relaxation
- Steps to Excellence Personal Development

Social Renewal –Health

3. Lenadoon Women’s Group – Lenadoon Parenting and Family Support Project

The project objectives were to provide co-ordinated essential services to the most disadvantaged in the LNRA in line with the local Action Plan Priority actions. Lenadoon Women’s Group provided some of the following Services to the most disadvantaged in the LNRA, in line with the local Action Plan Priority Actions.

- Family Support Services were provided on an Outreach and In House basis to scores of individuals and families referred to the Project from a variety of Health and Social Care Professionals, Women’s Aid, Family Support Hubs, Housing Associations, Counsellors, Community Sources etc.
- Dozens of individuals with mental health or depression issues were supported by the staff / volunteers and also signposted for additional Services both internally and externally including Counselling, Complimentary Therapies etc.

- The staff / volunteers worked closely with the Early Years Team and managed to access Day Care / Afterschools respite support for parents with infants / babies who were referred to the Project by Health Visitors and Health and Social Care Professionals and Outerwest Family Support Hub.
- In response to growing concerns around the increased availability and mis-use of drugs in the area. Lenadoon Women's Group organised a number of workshops and drug and alcohol awareness courses for local parents, community workers, adults. This included a Workshop entitled "One Pill Will Kill" on Drug Prevention.
- 60 individuals benefitted from Healthy Lifestyle Programmes organised by the staff.
- 90 individuals attended Health Education / Awareness Initiatives organised by the staff.
- Staff supported 42 individuals in accessing Intervention / Treatment Services such as Counselling, Complimentary Therapies etc.
- Staff also supported 25 individuals in accessing advice / treatment for the misuse of non-prescribed drugs. They liaised with Community and Statutory providers among others for this support.

The Project also delivered the following range of Priority Services to meet the Priority Action Objectives of the Theme. These Services included:

- Christmas "Families in Need" Hamper appeal which benefitted over 100 individuals and their families.
- Worked in Partnership with local Food Banks to assist individuals and families living in poverty.
- Support at medical and hospital appointments for individuals referred to the project.
- Facilitated and attended meetings of the Outer-west Family Support Hub.
- Support at legal, Medical, Housing, and court appointments. For those referred to the project.
- Respite support for vulnerable individuals and families.
- Contributed to Case Conferences / Looked after Children Reviews, Gateway meetings, and Core Strategy Meetings along with Parents.

- Provided support to Parents (whose children are on the Child Protection Register, In Care, or in danger of going into Care).
- Facilitated Parenting Courses to those referred to the Project by Social Workers, Family Support Hubs, Health Visitors, GP's and Housing Providers etc who require this support.
- Organised and facilitated a range of Personal Development, Healthy Living, and Social Education Courses and Workshops.
- Support was given to individuals and families affected by Mental Health and Suicidology Issues.
- Provided holistic wrap around approach and services at point of need.
- Signposted and supported referrals in accessing additional support services.
- Facilitated Workshops on issues such as Alcohol / Drug / Prescription Drugs Misuse.
- Delivered a number of 'Connecting with your Family' Parenting courses
- Facilitated Family Mediation and Contact Services
- Facilitated Workshops on a wide variety of Health Issues including cancer screening and smoking cessation.
- The Women's Group also had active representation and participation on a number of networking bodies including Outer West Sure Start, West Belfast Locality Planning sub group, Women's Support Network, NIHE Housing Community Network and the Outer West Family Support Hub.
- Worked in partnership with Christians against Poverty to assist families in poverty and with debt management difficulties.
- Supported over 50 individuals with Welfare rights and Benefit Changes support.

1. Lenadoon Community Forum

Lenadoon Community Counselling Service facilitated two ASIST (Living Works' Applied Suicide Prevention Training) training programmes in October 2016 and February 2017 funded by the PHA as part of the Protect Life Strategy. Over 30 participants successfully completed this training hailing from a range of backgrounds, sectors (Community, voluntary, statutory and private sector). Training is aimed at raising the confidence, knowledge and capabilities of a wide range of people in communities to support those at risk of suicide. The Service operates a Weekend Suicide Intervention Service on Saturday and Sunday from 12pm to 4pm. It is aimed at anyone who is in distress. This Service has its own direct line number 07516187447

Annually, Lenadoon Community Counselling Service provides in excess of 6,500 individual counselling and psychological therapy sessions to over 750 individuals aged 14 years old and over. Referral can be made by the person themselves or by a range of other people including GPs, the (Mental Health) Hub, staff working within in health and social care settings, voluntary organisations, statutory agencies, family members and friends with the person's consent.

Lenadoon Community Counselling Service received funding from the Building Successful Communities Initiative and BRO (Dept. of Communities) to refurbish its existing facilities on the Stewartstown Road. The new facilities were officially opened by the Health Minister Michelle O'Neill in December 2016. It receives funding from Public Health Agency, Belfast Health & Social Care Trust and the Victims and Survivors Service to provide a range of counselling and psychological therapies.

Lenadoon Community Forum worked with a range of Statutory Agencies/Bodies/Departments through the Lenadoon Housing, Environment & Community Safety sub group in relation to ongoing issues in order to increase the feeling of Safety and improving the quality of life for the residents in the Lenadoon area.

The Forum organised a Community Health Information morning in November 2017 which had

Statutory and Voluntary representatives from Organisations who were able to share their information and advice and receive referrals from the large number of local people in attendance.

The Forum successfully lobbied NIHE to invest in the Maisonettes in Lenadoon Avenue and the work to replace the existing roof and these works are ongoing. Plans to create a secure area to the rear of the properties are scheduled for this autumn.

The Forum lobbied to have improvements made regarding the access to the first floor apartments which will make them much safer and user friendly. Improvements are being made to the waste management system and this will greatly improve the quality of life there.

Site visits to areas where anti -social activity was an issue were facilitated by the Forum with inter- agency statutory and political representatives. Actions agreed were progressed by the Forum to help bring about long term solutions to the identified problems. e.g Woodbourne Alley-gates.

5. Glen Community Parent Youth Group

In this past twelve months the staff at Glen Parent Youth Group facilitated or delivered the following Health Programmes / Activities.

- Healthy Living Programmes for over 317 individuals
- Physical activity programmes for over 154 individuals
- Suicide Prevention Training
- Sexual Health Programmes
- OCN Drug and Alcohol Awareness Training and Workshops
- Multi-Sports Programmes
- Keeping Safe Training Programme

- Yoga for Youth Programme
- “Let’s Cook it” Programme
- Monkey-nastics
- Mind your Head Mental Health Training
- Camogie Training
- Girls Gaelic Football
- Irish Dancing
- Soccer Coaching by Cliftonville Coaches
- Indoor Hurling and Gaelic Football Coaching
- Cycling Proficiency
- Walk Active Programme
- Stress Control and Relaxation Programme
- Youth Fitness Programme and Indoor Gym
- Paediatric First Aid Training
- Slimming World
- Dementia Awareness Training
- One Pill Will Kill Drug Awareness Training

6; Glencolin Residents Association (Health)

Glencolin Residents Association have and will continue to recruit & sustain volunteers through the provision of training, out of pocket expenses & team building activities where funding permits. We offered the following programmes & services aimed at promoting & developing educational & training, personal development & social skills. History project, Media & Digital skills, volunteering in the Community, Personal Effectiveness, Diversity Training, Older person's activities i.e. creative writing, knitting, sewing, art & silver surfers I.T. Our health programme included, Holistic Therapies, Stress Management, Divis mountain walks, Healthy eating on a budget, mental health support group, Addiction support group, Listening ear, Drug & alcohol awareness, managing your personal finances.

7; Suffolk Community Forum CR 7: Groups Supported,

Target reset to 15 as it is a full time role to maintain and sustain these groups for one worker. Should we secure additional staff, we could of course revise this target.

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We have a successful Pilates and Yoga series running weekly with attendance levels at 12 each week.

We are shortly beginning a new series of programmes to address mental health which is a huge problem in Suffolk. Within the project there will also be several weeks of Qigong by one of the only two practitioners in NI.

For the last 18 months/two years we have had a very successful Irish History Education Programme running. Through a range of modules participants have been taken through various periods in NI's shared history. Participants paid their own way to visit Messines as part of the WW1 Module and they are now embarking on an action research project focusing on the Irish regiments that fought as well as people from both communities in the Upper Falls locality.

Social Renewal –Crime

1. Lenadoon Community Forum

Forum Staff continued to lobby for additional safety measures such as improved street lighting, alley gating and traffic calming measures for the local area. The Forum formally applied to Translink for a number of Bus Shelters and these are under consideration. The Forum continues to support the Friends of the Half Moon Lake to ensure that the Lake continued to be enforced as an Alcohol Free Zone and a place of safety which families and individuals are able to enjoy throughout the year. The Forum worked with Community Safety officers from Belfast City Council and the PSNI to examine the present sale and distribution of Fireworks in the area to see if present enforcement legislation was being adhered to. Meetings of the Woodbourne Steering Group from the Building Successful Communities Initiative have been taking place throughout the year in preparation of the major Improvement Scheme taking place at Woodbourne. Meetings of the Carrigart and Corrib Flats steering group from the Building Successful Communities Initiative took place throughout the year to look at what best approach should be taken for both of these projects. Lenadoon Forum was represented on these Steering Groups as well as the main Building Successful Communities Committee. The Forum lobbied NIHE and local MLA Alex Maskey to introduce a new waste management system at the Maisonette's on Lenadoon Avenue and to provide and to transform abandoned land at the rear of the complex into separate grass play areas for ground floor residents as a prelude to the roof replacement scheme and this is now going to happen.

Our community magazine regularly provided information to members of the community as to how they can report persistent dog fouling, graffiti, vandalism, bulky waste collection.

Lenadoon Community Forum continued to play a role in ensuring that the Interface was managed efficiently to ensure minimum violence and threat to local people's lives.

Lenadoon Community Forum met with residents from the Suffolk Road flats to discuss the serious anti-social issues at Flats such as violence, intimidation, drug dealing and street drinking. These reports were forwarded onto the PSNI and NIHE. Issues regarding crime and anti-social behaviour were also addressed in July and August 2017 at the scrapyards on the Suffolk Road with the Forum working with Belfast City Councils Community Safety team and the developer to prevent a bonfire being built on the site of the scrapyards.

The Forum facilitated meetings between residents and their Housing Associations regarding anti-social issues affecting the lives of local residents in the flats to the rear of Woodbourne shops which are managed by Radius Housing. Serious issues were then referred onto Radius Housing and the PSNI.

Through the Lenadoon Housing Environment and Community Safety meetings Lenadoon Forum Staff team worked to develop Community Safety initiatives in the NRA that were agreed in consultation with local residents, Belfast City Council and PSNI such as the future sale and distribution of fireworks in the area.

Lenadoon Forum staff team liaised with the local contractor QMAC and local residents to minimise disruption and improve security of plant and equipment while the improvement Schemes were carried out in the Carrigart area.

Pictured below are members of Lenadoon Community Forum and Feile an Phobal in March 2018 confirming their intention to hold a Community Festival in Lenadoon during the first week of August 2018.



2. Suffolk Community Forum

CR 8; CR Projects Supported;

Unfortunately progress on the Malinmore program has ground to a halt. Due to Lidl applying for part purchase of the Malinmore land from NIHE, there has been lots of community concern. 400+ signatures were collected from residents to oppose the sale of any of this community asset. NIHE agreed to finance the engagement of Tides to mediate conversations between CNR and PUL Suffolk but stopped this because of Lidl's interest in buying a substantial portion of the land. This should be a Community Relations Project, yet due to lack of Statutory and Political Support (a theme it would seem), we have been unable to secure any certain way forward so far.

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We have been working with the community on crime occurring at the Kells Avenue Gate. There have been a number of attacks

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We are working with Suffolk Community Centre and Lidl with support from Christopher Stalford MLA DUP to increase Lidl security at the Kells Avenue interface after a number of attacks and assaults with a hammer on two elderly Suffolk residents at the gate.

CR 9;

Target part-met: 94/ 150

Suffolk Football Club continues to evolve – this is one of our most organic shared spaces as people come from across the city and further to be a member of the football club.

Cultural Come Dine with Us is another success story of shared spaces. Using the Suffolk Community Centre, we have a vibrant program where children are encouraged to view shared space as more than between catholic and protestant. Rather, it is about shared space for all, and includes participants from the Polish and Chinese communities.

We don't believe this is an unrealistic target, but with some issues out of our control, we are seeking to clarify exactly which projects we should be focussing on. For example, Suffolk Community Forum, or any of our residents, rarely access the Glen Community Complex. Thankfully, some individuals feel safe enough to attend programmes alone and quite a few have attended computer training courses.

Conversely, the Woodbourne Physical Improvement Scheme (Building Successful Communities), with the potential to develop social housing on the main interface of the Stewartstown Road, has the potential to be a genuine shared space which could be more accessible to Suffolk, yet we have not been included in any of the conversations to date. This concerns our community greatly and adds to the suspicion arising from the 3 proposed private/ corporate developments on Suffolk's Boundaries this past year.

We have made application to Urban Villages, partnering with Colin Glen Trust to become part of the West Belfast Greenway. This will include St John the Baptist Church of Ireland and we have proposed a History and Environmental Interpretive Centre located along the trail, adjacent to the river and the community garden.

3. Lenadoon Womens Group

In this past 12 months the staff at Lenadoon Women's Group supported 26 individuals who were victims of domestic violence / abuse. This intensive work with the individuals and in many cases their children also, involved liaising with Gateway, Women's Aid, Housing Associations, Schools GPs, PSNI and Legal Representatives. Staff also attended Domestic Violence Training and Seminars to update their skills and knowledge when handling cases of this nature.

Staff were also able to access additional specialist and professional support and services for most of the victims of violence that they worked with, including Counselling and alternative therapies.

Physical Renewal

1. Lenadoon Community Forum-Physical Renewal

Half Moon Lake

Lenadoon Forum staff team has worked in partnership with Cairde Loch na Leathghealai, Belfast City Council, Mens Shed and other Voluntary and Community stakeholders to expand the activities in the new Resource Centre which was established in 2015 and to provide additional opportunities for the community to participate in structured recreation such as art work, assisted fishing lessons, craftwork and a venue for residents groups to meet with other bodies. A new Men's Shed has been established on site and this is proving popular with all those involved. Cairde Loch na Leathghealai successfully lobbied Belfast City Council to invest in additional workspace at the Lake and this will allow more activities to be organised. Hundreds of School Children have engaged in structured environmental education supervised by Belfast City Council and the Friends Group hosted a visit from a group of Syrian men who had moved to live in Belfast. Hundreds of families participated in the Annual Family Fun Day in June 2017 and a large number of People participated in a Family Fishing Day with instruction and training provided by Belfast City Council. Cairde Loch na Leathghealai are planning to launch a Plastic Free Zone initiative at the Half Moon Lake in the Summer of 2018.

Pictured below are local school children @ the Half Moon Lake along with BCC Parks staff and members of Cairde Loch na Leathgheal



Woodbourne Cottages and Shops

The Forum continued to support the residents regarding the consistent operation of the Alley Gates and the issues being created by their close proximity to the Woodbourne Shops. The Forum Staff lobbied statutory bodies to provide support for the residents of the cottages that are vulnerable to flooding throughout the year. The Forum managed to successfully lobby Building Successful Communities to invest in a comprehensive consultation into the overall physical Improvement investment, and the consultations with the residents who live in close proximity and shop keepers was carried out in June 2017.

Pictured below are members of Lenadoon Housing Environment and Community Safety Group with representatives from Translink while lobbying for the provision of Bus Shelters for the Neighbourhood Area in Feb 2018..



New Rapid Transport System;

Lenadoon Community Forum staff team facilitated fortnightly meetings between representatives from SLIG, Suffolk Community Forum and local residents, businesses, political representatives and Transport NI who are the lead statutory body are taking forward these proposals. The Scheme experienced numerous time delays but commenced in April 2016. Our primary objective during this phase was to minimise any opportunities for disturbances along the Stewartstown Road Interface and ensure that residents were well informed about the progress of the project. This Project is due for completion in June 2018 and the Rapid Transit will commence in September 2018.

Woodbourne Environmental Improvement Scheme;

Lenadoon Community Forum in partnership with local residents have been lobbying for 2 decades for a Major Environmental Improvement Scheme in the Woodbourne area.

Lenadoon Forum have been the lead partner in the Woodbourne Environmental Improvement Scheme which will address issues of dereliction and to create safe space at Woodbourne Cottages which are the Oldest built heritage in this part of West Belfast. Significant consultations with the residents and traders is due to be carried out in June 2017. Currently this major scheme is a priority within Building Successful Communities, it is currently going through the planning process.

Stewartstown Road Regeneration Project;

Lenadoon Forum continued to work in partnership with Suffolk Community Forum and the Independent Directors to oversee the Jointly Owned Space .Stewartstown Road Regeneration Project which is a Social Economy Project designed to develop the economic regeneration of the interface and its two communities by providing much needed Services on the site of what once was a derelict interface. The Company continue to trade throughout the last 12 months and in addition to facilitating Retail and Community Services also enabled employment opportunities.

Glencolin Residents Association –Social Renewal Crime

Glencolin Residents will continue to work with the Safer Neighbourhood Project and other relevant statutory agencies in addressing crime and anti-social related issues. Our Volunteers continue to offer their time at weekends to support those residents who experience anti-social related issues. We were successful through the building sustainable communities' forum and city council in having alley gates erected at anti-social hotspots.

Suffolk Community Forum- Physical Renewal

People /Volunteers involved in physical development & / or EI Projects

Target; 350 / 350

It was agreed that this was an unusually high target too, but that with the changing status of local potential development sites that this target would remain under review as there has been much cross community engagement in everything from the Alley gating scheme, to the BRT development, NIHE housing and maintenance program, community safety events and community garden clear up and regeneration. This will remain under review in light of Malinmore, Co-op, Lidl, BRT and the old School Site on the Blacks RD where, for example, SCF were successful in securing the funding to support Suffolk Football Club to commission a Development Plan for the site. Unfortunately, due to the stop/ start nature of working with some stat agencies, we have struggled to maintain any kind of continuity with some of the groups so that is something which we would aim to make more seamless in the coming year.

The community garden has been refurbished and we're intending to make space & time available for children from Kids Together and use it to increase community programmes.

Lenadoon Partnership 2017/18 Expenditure (by Strategic Objective)

The following table details current projects funded via the Neighbourhood Renewal Investment fund. It also details the 17/18 individual spend for each project, the total amount of expenditure by strategic objective and the overall 17/18 total expenditure in the Lenadoon Neighbourhood Renewal Area.

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period 1//4/17 31/03/18	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	17/18 Spend (as at 31/03/18)
COMMUNITY RENEWAL			
Lenadoon Community Forum- Coordination of Housing, Community Safety and Environmental Services Project	01/04/17 - 31/03/18	£88,893.80	£88,914.16
Suffolk Community Forum – Community Development Project	01/04/17 – 31/03/18	£29,805.00	£29,240.20
Glencolin Residents Association- Community Development Project	01/04/17 – 31/03/18	£27,130.00	£27,129.16
Total Community Renewal Expenditure			£145,283.52
SOCIAL RENEWAL – EDUCATION			
Glen Parent Youth Group-Children, Young People and Families Project	1//4/17 31/03/18	£65,978.40	£65,984.80
Lenadoon Community Forum,-Lenadoon Neighbourhood Training for Employment Project	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total Social Renewal Expenditure			£65,984.80

SOCIAL RENEWAL – HEALTH			
Lenadoon Women’s Group- Lenadoon Parenting and Family Support	1//4/17 31/03/18	£48,430.56	£48,513.20
Total Social Renewal – Health Expenditure			£48,513.20
OVERALL TOTAL REVENUE SPEND	01/04/17 – 31/03/18	£260,237.76	£259,781.52
Capital Projects			

Total Capital Expenditure			
Total revenue/capital spend for Lenadoon Renewal Area			
West Wide Expenditure for 17/18			
Overall Total Expenditure	01/04/17 – 31/03/18	£260,237.76	£259,781.52

In the 2017/18 financial year, Lenadoon Neighbourhood Partnership total overall spend was **£259,781.52**

This does not include services delivered on a West Belfast wide basis and across the Greater Belfast area. These services received £1,037,453.63 in 2017/18 from Neighbourhood Renewal funding.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUNDING IN 17/18 YEAR

Community Output Measures* - from April 2017

PROJECT	CR9 – Number of people involved in projects that promote shared space	CR1 - Number of people participating in community relations projects	CR2 – Number of people participating in community bonding projects	CR3 - number of people volunteering for community development activities	CR4 - Number of people engaged/involved in unpaid voluntary work	CR5 -Number of people receiving training in community development	CR6 - Number of people using new or improved community facilities	CR7 - Number of community/voluntary groups supported	CR8 - Number of community relations projects supported	CR9 - Number of people involved in projects that promote shared space	CR13 – Number of people accessing advise services
Suffolk Community Forum		711	13	94		4	391	13		216	
Glen Parent Youth Group		130		38	31	3	300	6	4	122	
Lenadoon Community Forum LCF also made 25 n direct referrals to other services		70		70				16	2		
Glencolin Residents Association	12	153			22						57
Lenadoon Womens Group					8	2					

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Education Output Measures* from April 2017

PROJECT	SR(Ed) 1 - Number of childcare/nursery school places created/safeguarded	SR(Ed) 3 - Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved	SR(Ed) 5 - Number of people engaged in parenting skills development programmes	SR(Ed) 6 - Number of pupils directly benefitting from the project	SR(Ed) 20 - Number of children and young people having access to specialist support to enhance their physical and emotional well-being	SR(Ed) 22 - Increased number of young people and adults taking part on regular physical activity
Suffolk Community Forum	70					
Lenadon Womens Group			222		30	
Glen Parent Youth Group		180		129		154

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SR(ED)1 – Early Years

SR(ED)2-5 – Tackling Barriers to Learning

SR(ED)6-7 – Improving attainment in Literacy and Numeracy

SR(ED)8-9 Closing the Performance Gap
learning Emotional health and wellbeing

SR(ED)10-11 – Tackling barriers to Learning Special Educational Needs
SR(ED)14-17 – Youth Services

SR(ED)12-13 – Tackling barriers to
SR(ED)18-22 – Extended Schools
SR(ED)23-25 – ICT

Social Renewal - Health Output Measures* from April 2017

PROJECT	SR(H)1 - Number of people benefiting from Healthy Lifestyle Projects	SR(H)2 - Number of people attending Health Education/Awareness initiatives	SR(H)3 - Number of people accessing intervention/treatment services	SR(H)4 - Number of health education awareness initiatives provided/delivered	SR(H)5 - Number of people benefiting from new or improved health facilities	SR(H)6 - Number of people participating in suicide prevention projects	SR(H)7 - Number of new/improved sports facilities provided	SR(H)8 - Number of people using new sports facilities	SR(H)10 - Increase (n%) in the number of people using improved sports facilities
Glen Parent Youth Group	317	230	19	10	140	26	2	600	10%
Lenadoon Women’s Group	60	90	42	9		24	n/a	n/a	n/a
Glencolin Residents Association	84	9	12						

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Social Renewal - Crime Output Measures* from April 2017

PROJECT	SR(C)1 - Number of people receiving advice on crime prevention	SR(C)3 - Number of people participating/attending community safety initiatives	SR(C)5 - Number of people participating/attending crime prevention initiatives	SR(C)6 - Number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/diversionary projects	SR(C)9 - Number of Neighbourhood Wardens supported	SR(C)10 - Number of people involved in dealing with the impact of Interface issues
Lenadoon Community Forum		300	190		6	30
Glen Parent Youth Group		18		68		
Glencolin Residents Association	43					

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Physical Renewal Output Measures* from April 2017

PROJECT	PR1 - Area of land improved for open space	PR2 - Area of land reclaimed for open space	PR5 - Number of building(s) improved	PR6 – Number of community facilities improved	PR7 – Number of traffic calming schemes	PR8 – Number of trees planted	PR10 - Number of people/volunteers involved in physical development and/or environmental improvement projects
Lenadoon Community Forum	3	2		1	1	100	50
Glen Parent / Youth Group			1				
Suffolk Community Forum							350
Glencolin Residents Association			1			10	7

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Economic Renewal Output Measures* from April 2017

PROJECT	ER1 - Number of FTE jobs created	ER2 - Number of residents going into employment	ER3 - Number of people accessing careers advice	ER6 - Number of people receiving non job specific training e.g. first aid	ER7 - Number of weeks (per participant) of non job specific training provided	ER13 - Number of new/existing childcare places supported to facilitate training or employment
Suffolk Community Forum						
Glencolin Residents Assoc.		4	7	518	10	
Glen Parent Youth Group	2	3				30
Lenadoon Womens Group	1.5					

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Economic Output Measures* pre April 2017 (only to be used for Annual Report – May 2017)

PROJECT	A1 - Number of FTE permanent jobs created	A2 – Number of FTE Permanent jobs safeguarded	A6 - Number of people trained who obtain permanent jobs who were formerly unemployed	A10 - Number of volunteers sustained/created
Suffolk Community Forum				123
Glencolin Residents Assoc.	1		2	22 varies according to seasonal activities
Lenadoon Community Forum	2.5			50
Glen Parent Youth Group	2	2		31
Lenadoon Womens Group	1.5	1.5		8

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Social (Education) Output Measures* pre April 2017 (only to be used for Annual Report – May 2017)

PROJECT	B1 – Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved	B6 – Number of pupils directly benefiting from project	B8 – Number of people engaged in parenting skills/development programmes
Glen Parent Youth Group	180	129	
Lenadoon Womens Group			222
Glencolin Residents Association			6

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Social (Health) Output Measures* pre April 2017 (only to be used for Annual Report – May 2017)

PROJECT	C1 – Numbers participating in health education/awareness initiatives	C2 – Number of people accessing advice or treatment for the misuse of non-prescribed drugs	C4 – Number of people accessing intervention/treatment service
Glen Parent Youth Group	180		
Glencolin Residents Assoc.	23		18
Lenadoon Women’s Group	90	38	42

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Social (Crime) Output Measures* pre April 2017 (only to be used for Annual Report – May 2017)

PROJECT	D1 – Number of community safety initiatives implemented	D2 – Number of people who participate in community safety initiatives	D4 – Number of crime prevention initiatives implemented	D5– Number of people attending crime prevention initiatives	D6 – Number of victims of crime supported
Lenadoon Community Forum	3	320			12
Glencolin Residents Association		10	4 Alleygates	18	43
Lenadoon Womens Group					26

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Community/Other Output Measures* pre April 2017 (only to be used for Annual Report – May 2017)

PROJECT	O1 – Number of people given access to new cultural opportunities/facilities	O2A – Number of private / public dwellings built/improved	O2B – Number of people benefiting from projects to promote personal and social development	O3 – Number of feasibility/research projects carried out	O4– Number of strategic development plans carried out	O5 – Number of people / volunteers involved in physical development and/or environmental	O6– Number of volunteers sustained/created	O7– Number of people involved in capacity building/citizenship projects
Glen Parent Youth Group	38		66				31	
Glencolin Residents Association		58	49	1	1	8	22	33
Lenadoon Women’s Group			120				8	

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Physical Output Measures* pre April 2017 (only to be used for Annual Report – May 2017)

PROJECT	E8 – No of traffic schemes	E11 – No of people / volunteers involved in physical dev and or environmental	E14 – No of people involved in dealing with the impact of interface	E15 - No of people involved in project(s) that promote shared space
Glencolin Residents Association	1		12	12
Lenadoon Community Forum		50	20	

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Lenadoon Partnership Conclusion

In the 17/18 financial year, *Lenadoon Partnership* total overall spend was £259,781.52

This can be further broken down into Strategic Objective spend as follows:-

Community Renewal	£145,283.52
Social Renewal	£ 65,984.80
Physical Renewal	£ 48,513.20

Breakdown of actual achievements for total expenditure

ANNEX A



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