

Note of meeting held on 16/3/2016

Present

Rachel McEllhinney, Kumar Parker-Bowles, Katie Pollock, Linden Ross, Steven Wray, Chris Yule

Apologies

Tina Pollock, Jo McNamara, Liz Humphries, Pat Tweedie, Fiona Masters, Carly le Mole, Laura Veitch
Lizzie Martin

Note of previous meeting – Accepted as read

Parent pathway updates

RCWC – Linden to contact Elaine and Jo about plans for course this year.

Baby massage – Fiona is just completing a well attended group with Nicola Dickson in support (Health care assistant and trainee baby masseur). Katy will be running a further course to start shortly with a Home- start volunteer Tammy who is training as a baby masseur in attendance.

PEEP – A group has just completed – which went well although many of the babies in attendance were very young which made the group more of a challenge to facilitate. Agreed that there should be a lower age limit of three months for Baby PEEP, unless there was a particular reason why a parent with a younger baby should attend. Carly to make sure H.V team is aware of this. A new group is planned that will be run by Julie and a Home-start volunteer.

Chris Yule has completed PEEP training and is planning sessions associated with Muddy Buddies.
Laura Veitch was unable to make the available dates but is planning to attend for training in June.

Clazzoo Update

Rachel informed the group that Clazzoo is now ready to launch in East Lothian it will go live then launch a few weeks later. There will be a closed FB page for ‘sellers’ who are promoting their classes on Clazzoo.

School Uniform Bank & Bursary update

The school uniform bank is open for referral and donations – Jo has kindly agreed the community centre can be a drop off and pick up point if needed. The bursary has had its first Dunbar referral from Home-start.

Peep the Bear

The first refugee children in East Lothian from the Syrian conflict all received a bear with a personalised message. East Lothian Action for refugees’ collection points can be used for donation of bears.

Recruitment to the group and Bleachingfield display area

Linden reported that the proposed funding of £400.00 to help create additional space for parents at the Bleachingfield is no longer needed from the group.

Linden would like the group to re-examine the notice board provision for Dunbar and Area Support from the Start.

Linden let the group know that at the Leads' meeting, Sharon Saunders had said that she would contact Sean Rafferty, Service Provision manager, with a request that Phil Coady visit the group to inform us of local social work arrangements.

Planned events

Steven reported on behalf of Liz Humphries that East Linton play group would be happy to help with a Play session / marketplace in East Linton but it would have to be in June. The playgroup thought that an 'Art' theme would be helpful and could attract the local art groups to participate. **Action: Liz to set a date with the playgroup for the session**

The Pop up shop is planned for June by Home-Start – but the option for a play session doesn't look to be a possibility as the space is not appropriate.

Muddy Buddies

Chris Yule described how he hoped Muddy Buddies would shortly be constituted as an organisation and development plans for the coming year. He has recently trained in PEEP with the support of the group and will be using that in the woods as part of the Muddy Buddies session. He is going to be submitting a proposal asking for support with cost of insurance for the sessions and for the purchase of a tent to deliver the PEEP sessions in. Chris plans also include developing an after school club version of Muddy Buddies and he will seek advice and support from the councils early years and childcare team in taking this step.

DONM

Tues 19/4/16 6.30 pm at Linden's house
Thu 19/5/16 Daytime at school
Tue 21/6/16 6.30 pm at Linden's house
Wed 24/8/16 6.30 pm at Linden's house
Thu 15/9/16 6.30 pm at Linden's house
Mon 24/10/16 6.30 pm at Linden's house
Wed 16/11/16 6.30 pm at Linden's house
Wed 7/12/16 at 12.30-2pm Xmas meeting