

Colin Neighbourhood Partnership

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NEW CHAIRPERSON / VICE CHAIRPERSON



Colin Neighbourhood Partnership wish to extend a very warm welcome to our new Chairperson Nigel Kinnaird, Property Director of Alburn (Property Developers & Investors).

Nigel qualified as a Chartered Surveyor in London in 1988 and joined Alburn in June 2002. Nigel previously worked for six years under Noel Smyth's chairmanship at Dunloe Ewart plc. Nigel splits his time between Dublin, Belfast and London covering all the property interests of Alburn.

Nigel is also married and a father of 4.

"I am very excited to join the Partnership Board as your Chairman to build on the strong foundations established by the local community, and built upon by board representatives under the chairmanship of Ciaran Sheehan. It is an exciting time as the Partnership has recently secured funding for some major capital projects and other initiatives, and we are now in a process of delivery. With your support the Partnership can and will make a difference. I look forward to working in your Community and in time meeting as many of you as possible. In the meantime you can contact me through Annie and her team at CNP offices Dairy Farm or @ www.newcolin.com."



The Partnership Board has also recently appointed Mr Bernard Moane who also sits on the board as the Kilwee community representative as the new Vice Chairperson. After his nomination he stated,

"I am delighted to accept the post of Vice-Chair and I am grateful to the Board for considering me and subsequently nominating me. I look forward to working closely with the new Chairperson, Board members and all the community representatives in the Colin area to regenerate this community for the benefit of all it's residents and it's future generations."

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**Are you interested in getting involved in youth work in your area -
contact 02890 623813 or gemma@newcolin.com**

COLIN ACTION PLAN



Colin Neighbourhood Partnership (CNP) alongside the Belfast Regeneration Office of the Department for Social Development is currently working to develop a long term vision and action plan designed to deliver improvements in the Colin area. This is an important initiative that aims to make a difference to where you live.

Five consultation events were held at the end of February and beginning of March in Kilwee, Lagmore, Poleglass and Twinbrook. These gave an opportunity for local people to talk about the issues that concern them. In addition survey forms have been completed and returned by almost 400 local people.

This survey highlighted the top priorities that residents felt needed to be addressed. The priorities included a lack of services in the area (for example a laundrette or a bank), drug and alcohol abuse, the need for greater use of school facilities in the community, feeling safe at home, the need for more play facilities for children and sports and leisure facilities for the area as a whole.

The Action Plan being developed by the CNP, with the help of Deloitte, will seek to ensure that specific actions are included that address these priority issues for local people.

Thank you to all who attended the consultation events or completed and returned a survey form. Your contribution is appreciated!

ST PATRICK'S WEEK



(Picture - Children from Green School of Irish Dance and tutors from Andersonstown School of Music)

An array of activities were held in the Colin Area over St Patrick's Week including Irish dancing exhibitions, Ceili's, and traditional music workshops.

Pensioners throughout the area were treated to a dance extravaganza by the Green School of Irish Dance in Sally Gardens Community Centre where young dancers entertained them with various reels and jigs. The young people in the centre also helped to make them some traditional Irish foods such as stew.

Two céilís were also held in the Poleglass and Lagmore area for the local children. A dance teacher taught them the basic steps of céili dancing, allowing them the opportunity to participate in these traditional Irish dances.

The final activity took place in the Dairy Farm Centre, here the Green School of Irish Dance showcased their skills by putting on a performance for the local shoppers. Tutors from the Andersonstown School of music gave the community the chance to learn some traditional Irish instruments during the free taster workshops. They were also there to guide and advise the participants on what instrument would suit them best. This was also a great opportunity to get more information on participating in the new Colin School of Music that will be up and running in the next few months.

TWINBROOK UNDERPASS



**(Picture - Families involved in the project -
taken by Andersonstown News)**

In conjunction with the opening of the St. Lukes Celebration of Life Garden in November 2006 the nearby underpass was refurbished. The garden represents the young people from the Colin area that lost their lives in tragic circumstances, and the idea was to carry the

theme of the garden over to the underpass.

“Unfortunately the underpass was vandalized which left our staff, the local community, and the young people who worked so hard on the project devastated. This underpass is very important to the residents of the area as it is used by all members of the community from young people travelling to school, the elderly, disabled and young families for whom it is too dangerous to cross the busy road. Since this underpass is so widely used we wanted to make it a pleasant place.

The families involved in the garden helped us to redo the underpass, so it is very personal to them. The hearts that they provided for the walls of the underpass symbolize the young person that they have tragically lost. Given the sensitivity of this project we would encourage the local community to look after this underpass” explained Scap.

Cathy Lennon explained, “We are just one of the families that have come together to work on this project, which is very emotional for us. I would ask the community to support what we are doing and respect the underpass as it is very upsetting for the families to see a project of this sensitivity vandalized.”

COLIN MINI WEBSITES

Within the Colin Neighbourhood Partnerships website www.newcolin.com there is a directory section where the CNP is setting up individual mini websites free of charge for all of the organizations in the community ranging from sports groups and community forums to education and youth groups.

The mini sites are a great chance to advertise your organization free of charge and to update the community on what your association is up to. These mini sites have all the functions of larger websites including galleries for photographs.

For a small charge of around £10 per year each group can also buy a domain name for their site allowing them to advertise their personal web address.

We are constantly looking for organizations to build a website for. If you are interested in setting up a site or buying a domain name contact Sinead at 028 9062 3813 or at sinead@newcolin.com. All groups in the area are welcome, big or small

DJ WORKSHOP



A DJ taster workshop was held on Monday 12th March in the Dairy Farm Library. This event was well attended with 15 D.J. enthusiasts from the Colin area coming in to learn techniques on how to use the decks. The young people ranging from between 12-22 yrs were taught a mixture of techniques and mixes and were provided with the opportunity to practice their skills with qualified tutors. If you're interested in getting involved in a longer-term DJ project, contact Gemma on 028 90623813

**Interested in the Colin drama group, dance group or school of music? -
Contact 02890 623813 or johnpaul@newcolin.com**

FESTIVAL / SUMMER ACTIVITIES



The Colin Neighbourhood Partnership is gearing up for summer. This years Féile takes place from 5th – 12th August and we want the Colin areas festival events to be bigger and better. If you are a community group, residents group, youth group etc and are organising an event and would like it to be publicised in a Colin festival booklet or if you would like further information on running event please send your information to johnpaul@newcolin.com Tel: 028 9062 3813. Closing date for information is 29th June.

COLIN ARTS AND CULTURE FORUM

The Colin Arts and Culture Forum has recently been established as a way of encouraging more people to become involved in drama, music, dance, story telling etc. The group intend to establish a Colin School of Music, School of Drama, and School of Dance as a centre point for arts and culture in the area. Each of these schools will offer a variety of activities including the opportunity to learn a new instrument, performing concerts and dramas, Irish dancing, hip hop, DJ-ing, and many more activities.

The Forum will also focus on key events throughout the year including St Patrick's Day, Easter, summer festival, Halloween, and Christmas where they will provide the community with fun and exciting activities for the whole family.

We would encourage members of the community to participate in this group to use their talents and ideas to boost Art and Culture in the Colin community. If you are interested in joining this forum or have any ideas that you would like the forum to take on board contact John Paul on 90623813 or at johnpaul@newcolin.com

FEILE FM



The Colin Community has secured a weekly slot on Féile FM after the launch of it's new radio which has extended its frequency to cover the Colin Area and the whole of Belfast.

This is a great opportunity for the whole community to reach a wider audience to promote any activities or projects that they may be involved in or to discuss important issues which affect the area. Listeners will also have the opportunity to phone up and ask questions or find out more information on the topics discussed.

The Colin community slot will be each Tuesday from 11am - 12.30pm. All community groups and organisations are welcome to book a slot. For more information or to book contact sinead@newcolin.com or 90623813

MIDNIGHT FOOTBALL



(Picture - midnigh soccer football team)

The Midnight Street Soccer 'Championship' is a 5-A-Side Soccer competition that is held from 9pm to midnight on Friday nights at the Brook Activity Centre.

The young people involved take part in this league for 10 weeks, with 4 teams from each facility qualifying for the Midnight soccer finals.

The project addresses the lack of youth provision in local communities, and provides opportunities for young people to take part in sport at the times when communities are most vulnerable to anti social behaviour.

The teams that participate in the Colin area are Saints A , Saints B, Summerhill Boys, Sally Gardens A, Sally Gardens B, Youth Initiatives, and Mount Eagles. Each team has 10 members and all 10 take part during the night. Young people can access the website each week and find out how their teams are doing. www.midnightstreetsoccer.com

Each week over 100 young people come to the Brook Activity Centre to take part and to support their club. These young people need to be commended for their commitment especially during cold and wet weather. This project would not have been possible without the help of Kevin Madden Lisburn City Council, Dirmaird Mc Auley & Staff Midnight Street Soccer, Safer Neighbourhoods Project and Brook Activity Centre.

COLIN YOUTH FORUM



Colin Youth Forum is an established group of young people who are working on the issues of young people in the Colin area.

They have recently been working on producing a DVD addressing the problems and consequences of teenage drinking. The DVD was developed in partnership with the Public Achievement W.I.M.P.S project and is available for viewing at www.wimps.org.uk under the media section.

Members of the Colin Youth Forum also recently presented their work to a delegation from the Basque Government at the Poleglass Youth Club in February. More information can be found on this event on the Public Achievement website on www.publicachievement.com

If you are interested in joining this group please contact Gemma on 02890623813.

**Is there a safety issue in your area that you are concerned about? -
contact 02890 623813 or michael@newcolin.com**

COLIN CLEAN UP



(Picture - Staff of The Colin Neighbourhood Partnership with local children from St Kierans School)

As part of the St Patrick's day programme the Colin Neighbourhood Partnership, Lisburn City Council, NIHE, Conservation Volunteers Northern Ireland, shop owners and local children from St Kierans School participated in a clean up of the Laurelbank Shops in the Poleglass estate.

Michael George, Colin Neighbourhood Partnership explained;

"This is part of an ongoing strategy to clean up and enhance the Colin area. We had a very successful clean up in the Colin Mill area before Christmas and this is the second phase of this strategy. The partnership hopes that along with other organisations we can educate people to be more responsible for the area that they live in.

We would like to thank all those who took part especially the local kids and given the fact that confirmations took place this week it was an added incentive for all of us."

TRAFFIC CALMING IN DUNMURRY

The Kilwee Community Safety Group has been working with the Colin Neighbourhood Partnership to have traffic calming measures introduced on Upper Dunmurry Lane. This successful campaign has resulted in enhanced signing, central hatching and coloured surfacing being put in place between Old Golf Course Road and the Teeling Roundabout.

"This has always been a dangerous stretch of road that has claimed so many young lives not to mention several minor accidents that have gone unreported. Speeding is an issue here especially at weekends with young drivers, and I hope that with the new more visible signs that drivers will take heed of the speed limit," explained Michael George.



(Picture - Michael George at the site of the new traffic calming measures on Upper Dunmurry Lane)

HOME ACCIDENT PREVENTION DVD

As part of home accident prevention week the Colin Neighbourhood Partnership has been working with young people from the Sally Gardens Community Centre to produce a home accident prevention DVD. The aim of the DVD is to make people aware of the dangers around the home including escape routes, fire, electricity, obstructions etc. Arts and Cultural development officer John Paul Russell said, "this is a great opportunity for the young people to be made aware of this important issue. We aim to re-produce this DVD and distribute it throughout the Colin area."

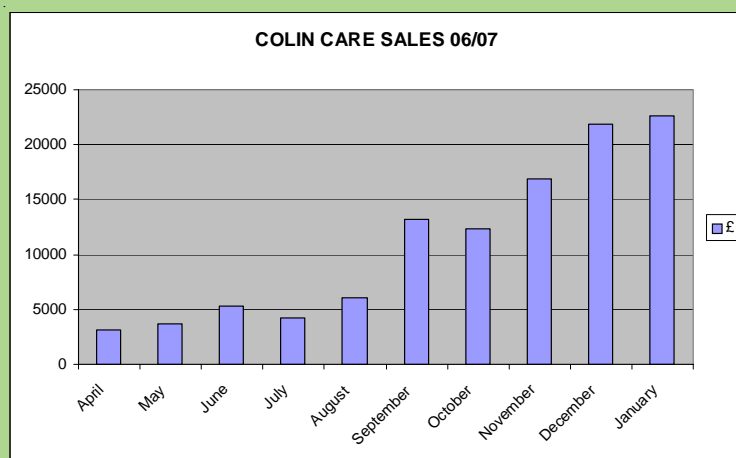
COLIN CARE

Colin Care was established in August 2005 with an aim to provide a new era of care for the elderly and vulnerable members of the community. The company currently employs 16 support workers and provides over 400 hours of domiciliary care in the wider Colin community each week.

Phyllis McQuillan, co-ordinator of Colin Care stated,

“Business has developed significantly over the last year with our sales rising from £3000 per month in April 06 to £23,000 at the beginning of this year. We fully intend to continue this growth to enable us to provide more jobs for the local community and better care for the elderly in our area. This year we should create over £500,000 in new local salaries, all profits of the company will be reinvested into your community.

I would also like to congratulate Lorraine who has recently been presented with a certificate at the employers Forum Workforce Buddies Celebration, held in the Holiday Inn. Lorraine has successfully completed a course in Mentoring new employees at NVQ level 3 which will help her mentor new employees to enhance the quality of service offered to clients. Lorraine enjoyed working with Jim McCurdy, Programme Manager with Business in the Community whose excellent training skills went a long way to helping her successfully complete this training programme.”



(Picture - Lorraine McCabe receiving her certificate at the Work Buddies Celebration)

COLIN COMMUNITY COUNSELLING - 90604347

Colin Community Counselling provides a free therapeutic one to one counselling service for male and females, aged over 18 years and living in the Colin Area.

They offer you an opportunity to talk about and explore issues in your life and to discover ways of managing these issues and living more resourcefully. You may want to talk about things that have happened in the past, like bereavement, sexual abuse or family problems or problems in your life right now or lack confidence and self esteem. Often people find it easier to talk to someone outside their family and friends.

HINTS TO HELP - When you are worried, anxious or troubled it can use up a lot of your energy and resources. It is important to take care of yourself!

1. Try to get a reasonable amount of sleep.
2. Walk and take every opportunity to keep active
3. Eat well; try to ensure you eat nourishing food.
4. Drink in moderation.
5. Tell someone how you feel!
6. Remember – you do not have to be alone with your feelings.
7. Be good to yourself.
8. Ask for help

COLIN SUICIDE PREVENTION - £100 prize give away!!

The Colin Suicide Prevention Taskgroup would like people from the Colin area to design a slogan which will be used to promote a healthy attitude to valuing the lives of people. This slogan will be used as the slogan for the Colin Suicide Prevention Taskgroup and will be used in promotional material for suicide prevention over the forthcoming years. A prize of £100 will be given to the winner!!!

Complete and leave your slogan and contact details into the C.N.P. office or you can text your slogan, name and address to 07946 787478