

CHURCHES FOCUS GROUP REPORT

20th June, 2011

"BRIDGE BUILDING FOR A BETTER NEWTOWNABBEY-3"

Programme

- ✚ Update from last meeting on 16th May
- ✚ Feedback from discussion of churches' forum idea in the churches
- ✚ Establishing the churches forum
- ✚ Priorities for action

Following some discussion around the nature and activities of the churches' forum, it was agreed to go ahead and set up the forum. People expressed their commitment to proceed. It was noted that Fr Dan White is leaving the parish - the group wished to have their appreciation of his ministry noted.

The following items were agreed:

- ✚ Name: Greater Glengormley Community Churches Forum
- ✚ Led by: Lay church members but with regular communication to the clergy fellowship, possibly by one link person from the steering group
- ✚ Purpose: To build bridges for a more cohesive community. A more comprehensive vision and set of objectives will be drawn up by the steering group.
- ✚ Meeting: to be decided by the steering group
- ✚ Organised by: a representative steering group
- ✚ Strategy and action plan: to be developed by the steering group between now and the end of August, facilitated by Macaulay Associates.
- ✚ Venue: to rotate around the different churches

The following people agreed to form a steering group and develop priorities for action before the end of August:

- ✚ Mark Welsh- New Mossley PC
- ✚ Ian Cahoon- Glengormley Methodist
- ✚ Brain Mullan- St Mary's on the Hill/St Bernard's
- ✚ Gary Bell- Carnmoney PC
- ✚ Paul Caddell- St Bernard's
- ✚ Joanne Ireland- Carnmoney C. of I.
- ✚ Trevor Gibb- Carnmoney C. of I.

(There may also be another representative from Carnmoney PC)

Two meetings have been arranged for the steering group:

1. Tuesday 26th July, 7-9pm; venue- Carnmoney PC
2. Monday 8th August, 7-9pm; venue- Carnmoney C. of I

A meeting for the wider churches forum has been arranged for **Monday 22nd August at Mossley Mill from 6.30-9pm.** A buffet tea will be provided at 6.30pm. This will give the steering group an opportunity to report back to the forum on priorities for action in the autumn months. Macaulay Associates will facilitate these meetings.

Focus Group Participants

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| Maurice Atkinson | Carnmoney Parish Church |
| Doreen Atkinson | Carnmoney Parish Church |
| Trevor Gibb | Carnmoney Parish Church |
| Georgina (Georgie) Gibb | Carnmoney Parish Church |
| Joanne Ireland | Carnmoney Parish Church |
| Rachel Ireland | Carnmoney Parish Church |
| Bert Sheppard | Carnmoney Parish Church |
| Janet Crilly | Carnmoney Parish Church |
| Paul Caddell | St Bernards |
| Bernard Braniff | St Mary's on the Hill |
| Brian Mullan | St Mary's on the Hill |
| Michael Walker | St Mary's on the Hill |
| Ian Cahoon | Glengormley Methodist |
| David Beasarst | Glenabbey |
| Ian Johnston | Glenabbey |
| Deane Houston | Glenabbey |
| Mark Welsh | New Mossley PC |
| Robin Manson | Carnmoney Presbyterian Church |
| Cheryl Wallace | Carnmoney Presbyterian Church |
| Rory McClure | Carnmoney Presbyterian Church |
| Gary Bell | Carnmoney Presbyterian Church |
| Mark Stirling | Carnmoney Presbyterian Church |



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