



**Causeway  
Coast & Glens  
Borough Council**

**Notes of Women's Working Group (Meeting No 3)  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021 at 7.00pm  
Via MS Teams**

**Present**                    **Members:**            Councillor Peacock (Chair)  
   Aldermen Baird, Boyle  
   Councillors Beattie, Chivers, Knight-McQuillan (Vice Chair)  
   **Officers:**            Democratic and Central Services Manager

**In attendance:**        Elaine Crory, Women's Resource and Development Agency

<b>Agenda No.</b>		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	
	Councillor McGurk	Note
<b>2.</b>	<b>Women's Resource and Development Agency</b>	
	<p>The Chair welcomed Elaine Crory from the WRDA to the working group and thanked her for attending.</p> <p>The WRDA works regionally to advance women's equality and participation in society and Elaine provided Members with an overview of the Agency's work and how it can assist organisations in terms of women's equality. The Agency works with a wide range of organisations to enhance visibility of women in communities and to enable women to articulate the issues that matter to them. The WRDA can work with the WG to categorise its Action Plan priorities.</p>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Draft Action Plan</b>	
	Elaine advised that she had looked at the draft Action Plan being developed by the WG.	DCSM to bring further draft to next meeting.

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	<p>Discussion took place around the AP and other actions which would demonstrate Council's commitment to women's issues and opinions.</p> <p>Short term actions  AGREED: explore IWD event themed around history of area – female role models/those who made public contributions. Effective way to get the public to interact. Councillor Knight McQuillan noted NI100 WG had developed the Famous Sons and Daughters initiative so some work already done in this regard.  Suggest asking community for their suggestions and opinions to demonstrate Council is listening and value the contribution of women.</p> <p>Violence against women and girls – WRDA had recently sent a motion to Councils; 8 out of 11 had agreed the motion. CC&amp;GBC had recently adopted a similar motion on the proposal of Councillor Knight McQuillan, seconded by Alderman S McKillop.  The WRDA motion included Councils displaying posters in council buildings and receiving training for staff and councillors.  AGREED: that the information is sent by Elaine for further consideration by the WG.</p> <p>Under the theme of Women in Council important to take account of how Council does business impacts on women (as well as other groups).</p> <p>AGREED: Important that Council consider the option of holding some meetings remotely. Suggest the monthly Council meeting could be a physical meeting with others being held in hybrid form.</p> <p>AGREED: The WG requested that female officers be invited to take part and contribute to the work of the WG.</p>	<p>To CPR</p>

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<b>4.</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b>	
	Date to be confirmed.	DCSM

**This being all the business the meeting closed at 8.00pm.**