

# AREA CHILDREN'S SERVICE FORUM

## Parenting Group

### Minutes

	21 <sup>st</sup> Sept 2005	<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>	Partnership Meeting
<b>PRESENT</b>			
Ian Goode, Jeanette Walker, Mary Cosgrove			
<b>APOLOGIES</b>			
Charles Stephen, Pamela Galbraith, Alan Richards, Catherine Zawalnyski, Eileen Burnham, Susan Campbell, Colin Wilson.			
<b>MINUTES</b>			
<b>1. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising.</b>			
All action from previous minutes has been followed up except.			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Professional referral form for Courses – <b>Action Ian Goode &amp; Jeanette Walker.</b></li><li>• Template timetable for courses which is on it's way – <b>Action Colin Wilson.</b></li></ul>			
<b>2. Feedback from Seminar.</b>			
Due to the low attendance at the meeting, this item was agreed to be too big to deal with and it was agreed to circulate out to members to fill-in for the next meeting. <b>Action Ian Goode to circulate to sub group.</b>			
<b>3. Update on Courses.</b>			
1. Jeanette Walker summarised the 2 Webster Stratton groups running at present. In week 4 of the Muir of Ord, one person has dropped out but otherwise going very positively. There has been good liaison between Mulbuie School on certain issues and venue is working fine in the Church of Scotland Hall.			
Week 4 in Cromarty – also going very well with no individuals dropped out – the one family arriving by public transport arrives late, however this does not disrupt the group.			
The Crèche for both groups is going great and well received.			
The transport issue is and will continue to be difficult – there is a requirement for a minibus and driver for future courses – this element must be costed as fully as possible for any future application for funds and in the mean time where possible, existing transport such as school minibuses could be utilised. Head teachers to be consulted on this where appropriate. <b>Action – Jeanette Walker.</b>			
<u>Ullapool Course.</u>			
Due to start on the 11 <sup>th</sup> January at 9.15 am. Transport needs to be set up now. <b>Action - Jeanette Walker to speak to HT.</b>			
Posters out during/after October holidays and referrals in by early December via new			

referral forms.

### Invergordon Course.

Due to start on 10<sup>th</sup> January, venue to be finalised but it is hoped to be at the leisure centre in Invergordon where transport may also be made available. All agencies and particularly the primary schools have had a very positive attitude to this course.

Evaluation of all the four courses is ongoing.

### 2. Positive parenting feedback – emailed to the meeting.

Positive parenting has been involved in a group in Portmahomack and this is linked to Rm 22.

There is also some joint work being undertaken by PP and the Youth Action Team to enable delivery of teenager workshops in Alness.

The meeting discussed asking Gerard Storey, Youth Action Team to the next meeting to discuss teenager parenting.

**Action Ian Goode.**

### 3. Mellow Parenting course run in Alness by Homestart.

An update will be available at the next meeting on this course.

### 4. NCH Parents on the Ball

In Susan Campbell's absence, Ian Goode reported on recent feedback he had received on this course.

The course in conjunction with Ross County has been received extremely well by the participants and the mix of sporting activities works well, as does the mix of Mums and Dads – one participant had said that this had given them a significant confidence boost not only in her approach to their own parenting but felt that they were able to offer support to others in their community and that the health discussions and exercises on offer was great fun and had made a significant impression upon them.

There was as usual a need now to ensure that the opportunities created here are not lost and that the group have the opportunity to link into a next step programme.

**Action – Ian Goode will attend this group and discuss what next, this having been agreed by NCH.**

### **4. Sure Start.**

To ensure that targeted parenting money under the Sure Start programme is used effectively, there is a need to discuss the type of programmes that should be made available now and where this should be – it was agreed that all agencies should be asked as to potential referrals, however it should be decided what is actually achievable before this is undertaken.

**Action – Sub Group with a decision for the next meeting.**

### **5. Finances for next year.**

Catherine Zawalynski, in consultation with the group, is due to prepare a plan for discussion at the next meeting to approach the agencies for funds to carry on the work that is present, being undertaken for next financial year. This needs to be completed

and submitted by November.

**Action – Catherine Zawalynski and Sub Group’s members.**

**6.Date of next meetings.**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October** 10.00 am Conon Family Resource Centre.

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December** 10.00 am Conon Family Resource Centre.