

LARG

4th March 2014

In attendance

Patricia, Graham, Sharon, Seamus, Brian, Peter, Ann, Michael & Catherine

Minutes of Last meeting were read

Discussion about Welfare Reform and the cost to Executive in Penalty's

Eileen Forde Confirmed that the Mayor could come up on 25th March.

Ann suggested we look at Oliver Corrs Tri-Council Blog which is on www.radiocoalisland.org to get an update.

With the local government elections coming up in May discussion took place around registration. For anyone on a postal vote this is generally thought to be a permanent thing and you don't have to re-register.

DETI will be visiting Willowbank on 20th March. Ann suggested that LARG photos etc might be good for display at this event.

Discussion took place around the news items relating to the abuse in the Care Facility in Derry as well as the negligence case which was on going. The Trust had falsified training records for staff showing that all staff were up to date with training when they were not. Re the negligence case the family are seeking to change the law regarding compensation. They were told take the offer of £40k or get £9k.

It was agreed that LARG could offer the family a letter of support if they would like this re changing the law. Ann to follow this up

Regarding the residential home in Derry it was agreed that a letter of concern should be drafted to Minister Poots asking how a regulated service could have gotten away with this for so long. This should also be cc'd to RQIA.

Wildlife workshop – Peter and Michael expressed an interest in attending this.

Self Confidence and Assertiveness

Peter, Tom, Sharon, Seamus and Brian all expressed an interest in attending this training if it could be brought to Willowbank.

PPI Conference on 16th April

Michael Hughes expressed an interest in attending this event.