

Acting Chair Person Report.

The year began with Deirdre McCann as Chairperson. Unfortunately Deirdre became unwell so I, Gemma McMeel stepped up as acting Chair person. We would like to wish Deirdre a speedy recovery to full health.

In December, a very successful Christmas Craft Fair was organised and held at the Community Centre, raising vital funds for the much needed improvements of our outdoor play area.

January brought about discussion and confirmation of funds for the go ahead of the outdoor play area project. This project involved removal and replacement of old play equipment and soft rubber flooring. Quotes from a number of suitable companies were received and in March it was decided that Play and Leisure Services would be the tender for the new outdoor play area. Work was to begin on the new playground in April but due to delays of materials and shipping this was held back to June. We are delighted to say that this project has now been completed and the finished result is an asset to our services. A shrubbery area was also planted and groundwork tidied up around the mud kitchen area to make the area a little more accessible for the children. The big gate at the entrance to the carpark and the small path gate were also replaced.

In May a fundraising event was organised along with the coaches from Level up Gym. This event raised money to help Deirdre McCann and her family as Deirdre recovers from a very rare and serious illness. This event was very successful and supported by the whole community.

Thankfully Covid restrictions eased this year which allowed the staff and the setting to return to nearly normal. Thankfully covid cases remained at a low and staff were able to continue to keep the setting open and running as smoothly as possible.

An Environmental Health Inspection took place in April and a follow up review in June. Both meetings saw positive outcomes and high praise for the setting and services.

Michaela, the Afterschool leader handed in her resignation in May. The other members of staff have been working very hard together to ensure the Afterschool remains open. A suitable candidate is required to fill this position and hopefully this will be achieved before returning in September for a new academic year.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the current committee and staff for their continuous support all year. I wish the newly appointed committee future success and development of the Woodlands Adventure Playgroup and Afterschool.