Present: Abbie, Emma, Vicki, Keith, Roisin, Sharon, Claire, Joanne, Donna, Helen
Apologies: Krystal, Debbie

1. Welcome
Abbie welcomed everyone to the AGM and thanked committee members for their work, contribution and support over the past year.
Abbie went over this year’s annual report.
There was a brief discussion as to whether or not membership needs reviewed. There are currently 32 families signed up as members, but not all attend or participate in events and meetings. Further discussion of this will happen at the next meeting.

2. Accounts and Monies
The Hub has maintained a healthy balance of income and expenditure this year, with nearly £6000 fundraising and a spend of just over £3000
Abbie thanked all those who have contributed to fundraising over the past year
Copies of accounts have been forwarded to those attending the meeting
The Group realises the importance of continuing Fundraising and the following ideas were discussed:
   • Raffle for a night away, tickets to be sold on FB page (Emma to contact Croke Park Hotel to enquire about possibility of the sponsoring this
   • Relay team for May’s Belfast Marathon & Kids’ Fun Run

3. Event Review
Everyone felt it had been a very successful year for events and Abbie thanked those who had contributed and organised
Highlights included: Christmas Panto, Dublin Zoo and overnight, Little Wings Pizza, Fairy Trail, Stena Line Trip, W5
It was felt that in particular, more event ideas from newer members would be most welcome – at the minute a lot of events are aimed for ages 3 – 10 and some fresh ideas on what other age groups would enjoy doing would be fantastic!
Members have agreed that the organisation of events needs to be shared out among families – this has been done in events for this coming year

4. Upcoming Events
   • October - Playzone
     Abbie to check with Debbie about availability of Playzone
   • November – Disney on Ice, SSE Arena
     Abbie has booked this and 11 families are attending on Saturday 4th November at 2.30pm
     Tickets given out at meeting
   • December – Christmas Panto, The Courtyard Theatre
     Abbie has booked this and 12 families are attending on Sunday 3rd December at 4pm
   • January – Music & Magic
     Roisin & Sharon to look into this event & book for a Saturday
   • February – Little Wings
     Keith will contact and book
   • March – Easter Egg Hunt?
     Vicki to research National Trust venues
   • April - Carnfunnock
   • May - Fun Run / Marathon
   • June – Clementsmount / Streamvale Farm
     Emma to organise
   • AVT
     There is also the possibility of a Parent / Tod / AVT event, run by Rosie Gardner at some stage early next year.
     Abbie to liaise with Rosie
   • Overnight Trip
     Whilst Dublin was an expensive trip, all member agreed that it was extremely worthwhile and a huge beneficial experience for both parents and children. Everyone agreed that another similar event would be good for next year – possibly an Activity Centre? This will be discussed at the next meeting.

5. New Office Bearers
Abbie expressed how she had enjoyed being Chairperson over the last 5 years, but felt that it was time for another member to take on the role. Emma and Keith had enjoyed their first year as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, and were happy to continue this year.
Abbie proposed Keith as Treasurer and Vicki seconded
Vicki proposed Emma as Secretary and Donna seconded
No member was interested in taking on the role of Chairperson. Abbie said she would be happy to continue for another year as long as other members would be happy to take on a more active role within the Hub. Everyone agreed this would be a good idea. The following roles were decided upon:
Social Media – Donna
Fundraising Forms – Keith & Abbie
Child Protection – Claire
Website – Peter
Event Organisation - Everyone
Emma proposed Abbie as Chairperson, Keith seconded

6. AOB
NDCS Annual Council Details to follow

7. Next Meeting
Everyone felt Corr’s Corner had been a very suitable venue and were happy to continue with it. Committee meetings for the year are as follows:
Tuesday 21st November
Tuesday 9th January
Tuesday 6th March
Tuesday 15th May

8. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.30pm