LCCC PEACEPLUS Partnership

**Minutes of the proceedings of the LCCC PEACEPLUS Partnership held in the Chestnut Room, Civic Headquarters, Lagan Valley Island,**

**Monday 26th September 2022 at 6pm**

# In Attendance

# Partnership:

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| Cllr Jonathon Craig | DUP |
| Cllr Uel Mackin | DUP |
| Cllr John Laverty | DUP |
| Cllr Andrew Gowan | DUP |
| Cllr Michelle Guy | APNI |
| Cllr Sian Mulholland | APNI |
| Cllr Simon Lee | SDLP |
| Johnny Crymble (deputy) | Education Authority |
| Laurence Ferguson | Belfast Trust |
| Des Marley | NIHE |
| Garry King (deputy) | PSNI |
| Janice Cooke | SERC |
| Francie Ferris (deputy) | Early Years Intervention |
| Denis Paisley (deputy) | Resurgam Trust |
| Diane Ewart | TADA Rural Network |
| Pauline McMullan | Lisburn YMCA |
| Lynsey Agnew | Lisburn North |
| Martin Busch | Lisburn South |
| Eddie Doyle | Downshire East |
| Thomas McKenna | Killultagh |

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# Secretariat/ Other Attendees:

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| Niamh O’Carolan | Peace Manager |
| Angela McCann | Head of Communities |
| Louise Moore | Director of Communities & Wellbeing |
| Lorraine McCourt | Consultant (for LCCC) |
| Therese Hogg | Consultant (for SEUPB) |

# Apologies

# Apologies were received from Councillor Jenny Palmer, Ald Michael Henderson, Cllr Ross McLernon, Ald Amanda Grehan, Councillor Ryan Carlin, Caroline Birch, Tanya Hughes, Catherine McWhirter.

# Introductions

The Peace Manager explained that as there wasn’t a chair appointed so she would be chairing the first meeting. She welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the inaugural meeting. She asked everyone to introduce themselves and say what party or organisation they belonged to. The Peace Manager went on to explain the role of the PEACEPLUS Partnership, emphasising the importance of the members’ representation, their input in driving, designing, implementing and delivering the Local Action Plan.

The Peace Manager concluded by asking all members to complete the Conflict Of Interest forms and returning to her by email.

# Consultant (Consortium) for SEUPB

Therese Hogg, Director of BluZebra and Lead Partner of the Consortium appointed by SEUPB to work with the councils, delivered an overview of the process started ahead of the call document for Theme 1.1, PEACEPLUS Local Action Plans. She outlined the importance of developing a sound Partnership, developing meaningful and transformative relationships and then explained how the co-design process should progress. She completed with an estimated timeline for the application call, submission and issue of Letter of Offer (Autumn next year).

# PEACEPLUS next steps – Lorraine McCourt

Lorraine presented an overview of the PEACEPLUS programme including the three themes, funds available, the context with Peace IV, the target numbers, examples of actions under each of the three themes. Lorraine went on to explain the co-design principles and how these would be applied when consulting locally. She further outlined how the Action Plan would be developed - through desk research, consultation, online survey and inclusive co-design. Lorraine went through the three themes listing priorities for each.

The Peace Manager added that based on the Good Relations consultation process, she was considering clustering the DEAs for the consultation process and welcomed members’ thoughts on this. Both the Peace Manager and Lorraine invited questions from the Partnership members.

Thomas McKenna mentioned that he had been involved in the Good Relations consultation and felt the clustering approached worked well. Cllr Guy said she felt that the consultation would work better on a separate DEA basis as Castlereagh East and West were very different in community makeup and relations. Martin Busch agreed that consulting with each DEA seemed a better approach as there was a lot of interest in the PEACEPLUS programme and there was a significant amount of funding attached to it.

Lynsey Agnew added that it was important to bring new communities to consult and that her organisation could support any themed consultation around BAME (Black and Minority Ethnic) groups. Cllr Mulholland asked if childminding would be provided during consultations as this could pose a barrier to attendance. The Peace Manager reassured her that this was eligible and where practical would be provided.

Therese Hogg emphasized the importance of reaching groups that may not have engaged with the council or who have not benefitted previously from Peace funding.

Janice Cooke (SERC) said the college has an active Students’ Union with a diverse background and the college had previously supported Syrian and more recently Ukrainian events. She suggested that consultation events could be held there with the students.

Louise Moore concluded by saying that there was a huge opportunity for collaboration and welcomed the flexibility afforded by SEUPB on criteria and approach.

# Any Other Business

The Peace Manager reminded members that there was still a vacancy for the Downshire West position and asked if anyone knew of a suitable candidate to let her know so she could get in touch with them.

# Date of Next Meeting

The Peace Manager reported that the Partnership meetings would take place on the third Thursday of each month at a time that best suited the members, most likely from 5.30pm. The next meeting would therefore take place on Thursday 20th October.

The meeting closed at 7.17pm.