LCCC PEACEPLUS Partnership

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

**Thursday 25th January 2024 at 5.30pm**

# In Attendance - Partnership:

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| Cllr Jonathan Craig | DUP |
| Cllr Uel Mackin | DUP |
| Cllr Andrew Gowan (Mayor)  | DUP |
| Cllr John Laverty - Teams | DUP |
| Ald Amanda Grehan | APNI |
| Ald Michelle Guy - Teams | APNI |
| Cllr Claire Kemp | APNI |
| Cllr Gretta Thompson - Teams | APNI |
| Cllr Alan Martin | UUP |
| Cllr Gary McCleave (Deputy Mayor) - Teams | SF |
| Cllr John Gallen - Teams | SDLP |
| Cllr Gary Hynds - Teams | INDEP |
| Johnny Crymble - Teams | EA |
| Des Marley | NIHE |
| Janice Cooke - Teams | SERC |
| Adie Bird | Resurgam Trust |
| Francie Ferris (Deputy) | Early Intervention Lisburn |
| Diane Ewart - Teams | TADA Rural Network |
| Pauline McMullan - Teams | Lisburn YMCA |
| Thomas McKenna - Teams | Killultagh |
| Aaron Thompson | Castlereagh South |
| Tanya Hughes | Castlereagh East |
| Lynsey Caqeua | Lisburn North |
| Martin Busch | Lisburn South |
| Marc Cairns | Downshire East |
| Eddie Doyle | Downshire West |

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# Secretariat/ Other Attendees:

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| Angela McCann | Head of Communities |
| Louise Moore | Director Communities & Wellbeing |
| Niamh O’Carolan | Peace Manager |
| Catharine McWhirter | Community Planning Manager |

# Apologies

Apologies were received from Caroline Birch.

# 2. Minutes of the Partnership Meetings held on 29th November and 18th December 2023 and Matters Arising

Cllr Craig invited members to review the minutes of the last two Partnership meetings for accuracy. Des Marley requested that his name be added to the apologies for the meeting held on 29th November. Members agreed that the minutes of the previous Partnership meetings held on 29th November 2023 and 18th December were a true and accurate reflection of the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** To adopt the minutes of the Partnership meeting held on **29th November 2023** as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting.

**Proposed: Cllr Mackin Seconded: Cllr Thompson**

**RESOLVED:** To adopt the minutes of the Partnership meeting held on **18th December 2023** as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting.

**Proposed: Cllr Martin Seconded: Cllr Kemp**

**3. Declaration of any interest or conflict for items on the meeting agenda**

There were no declarations of interest/ conflict made. It was agreed that declarations could be made during the course of the meeting.

**4. PEACEPLUS Partnership Agreement**

Angela gave an overview of the content of the Partnership Agreement reminding members that it was a mandatory agreement and was tabled for review and approval in advance of the submission of the Action Plan. Cllr Craig added that it was a standard document, similar to that of the previous Peace programme and members could sign at the next meeting.

**RESOLVED:** To adopt The Peaceplus Partnership Agreement as recommended.

**Proposed: Ald Grehan Seconded: Adrian Bird**

**5. Assessment Panel Composition**

Angela referred members to the Assessment Panel Paper and gave a detailed outline of its content including the composition of the panel, conflict of interest implications and the assessment process. Once all the Expression of Interest forms are submitted, they will be circulated to panel members so they have an opportunity to declare a conflict of interest. Any conflict of interest will preclude that member from the process. Attention needs to be paid to gender and community background. The outcomes of the EoI process will be presented at the next meeting in February with delegated authority being requested for March committee ahead of submission of the Action Plan the end of March.

Angela continued that an officer from capital projects/ technical services will be on the panel for technical expertise which will be complemented with attendance from an independent QS/architectural expert to sense check the project content. She concluded that the appointment of two social DEA partnership members for the assessment panel was now required.

Cllr Mackin asked where the 70% threshold score originated and Niamh explained that this threshold was employed previously for other programmes. He also questioned the involvement of the planning team in assessing as this would potentially pose a conflict of interest. Angela clarified that no planners would be involved; that it would be a capital project officer.

**RESOLVED:** To adopt the composition of the panel as set out in the briefing paper

**Proposed: Aaron Thompson Seconded: Ald Grehan**

Cllr Craig asked members for two nominations of the Social DEA reps to sit on the panel. Lynsey Caqeua was proposed as the first panel member.

**RESOLVED:** Lynsey Caqeua to be a member of the assessment panel.

**Proposed: Cllr Mackin Seconded: Cllr Gowan**

Martin Busch was proposed as the second nomination but as Martin sits on the Resurgam Board, and they intend to submit a form, Eddie Doyle was suggested as an alternative panel member.

**RESOLVED:** Eddie Doyle to be a member of the assessment panel

**Proposed: Ald Grehan Seconded: Adrian Bird**

# 6. Scoring Matrix

Niamh gave a brief overview of the assessment scoring matrix, explaining that the questions on the project and peace outcomes score higher weighting than those around affordability and sustainability. Cllr Craig added that the panel will have time to go through the scoring process before the assessments. Martin Busch enquired would there be a right of appeal and Angela confirmed that there was no right of appeal. Ald Grehan asked if unsuccessful groups would get feedback and Angela confirmed that they would.

# 7. Any Other Business

There were no items raised under AOB.

# 8. Date of Next Meeting

To be arranged for February. Cllr Laverty suggested that due to the technical online difficulties experienced at the beginning of the meeting, that the next meeting be held in the Council Chamber. Cllr Craig agreed that the next meeting should take place in the Chamber.

The meeting closed at 6.20pm.