LCCC PEACEPLUS Partnership

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

**Wednesday 19th February 2025 at 5.30pm**

# In Attendance - Partnership:

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| Cllr Jonathon Craig - 5.53pm | DUP |
| Cllr Uel Mackin - 5.53pm | DUP |
| Cllr John Laverty - Online | DUP |
| Cllr Andrew Gowan - Online | DUP |
| Cllr Claire Kemp – Chair -5.45pm | APNI |
| Ald Amanda Grehan - 5.53pm | APNI |
| Cllr Alan Martin | UUP |
| Cllr Gary McCleave  | SF |
| Cllr Gary Hynds | IND |
| Johnny Crymble  | EA |
| Laurence Ferguson | BHSCT |
| Des Marley | NIHE |
| Megan Rocks - Online | PSNI |
| Lynda Vladeanu  | SE Trust |
| Catherine Shipman | SERC |
| Adie Bird | Resurgam Trust |
| Mabel Scullion | Early Intervention Lisburn |
| Pauline McMullan - Online | Lisburn YMCA |
| Diane Ewart - Online  | TADA Rural Network |
| Caroline Birch - Online | Helping Hands Autism |
| Thomas McKenna - Online | Killultagh |
| Aaron Thompson | Castlereagh South |
| Amanda Marshall - Deputy | Castlereagh East |
| Marc Cairns - Online 5.50pm | Downshire East |
| Lynsey Caqeua  | Lisburn North |
| Martin Busch - Online  | Lisburn South |

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# Secretariat/ Other Attendees:

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| Louise Moore - Online | Director Leisure and Community Wellbeing |
| Angela McCann | Head of Communities |
| Niamh O’Carolan | Peace Manager |
| Philip Frazer | Finance and Admin Officer |

# 1. Apologies

The Chair apologised for the late start at 5.45pm due to unforeseen circumstances.

Apologies were received from Cllr Thompson, Cllr Gallen and Cllr Parker.

# 2. Minutes of previous Partnership meeting 15th January 2025

Cllr Kemp invited members to review the minutes of the last meeting for accuracy. Members agreed that the minutes of the previous Partnership meeting held on 15th January 2025 were a true and accurate reflection of the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** To adopt the minutes of the Partnership meeting held on 15th January 2025 as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting.

**Proposed:** Cllr Gary McCleave **Seconded:** Cllr Alan Martin

**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 Update**

Louise Moore informed the partnership that the meeting she attended that afternoon with the Chief David Burns and Gina McIntyre (CEO, SEUPB) was productive. They discussed a number of different options for the three match funded projects under scrutiny, how these would be moved forward to come to fruition. SEUPB insist on a substantive percentage of peace fund towards each project. There was an option discussed to increase the amount of one of the projects to make it substantive, transferring the funds from the other two projects. Once agreed, Gina was happy to agree in principle. Louise stressed that there is a governance issue to overcome at council level and work to do with the Head of Finance to get this presented to the committee in April.

The Chair, Cllr Claire Kemp opened the floor for questions.

Cllr McCleave asked where would funds be found to be moved around. Louise explained that it would have to be moved within Theme 1 and not taken from the other two themes. Aidie requested clarification on the mechanics of how the transfer of money would work as organisations had applied for specific funds. Louise advised that the money would be reorientated between PEACEPLUS and the Community Investment Fund (Council CIF). She stressed that it was imperative to look at the governance of this as the peace portion needed to be substantive and deliver a peace dividend.

The Chair asked, recognising that the situation is fluid with lots to work out, what is the deadline to reconfigure and in terms of engagement with the three groups and how aware they are of what is going on. Louise affirmed that the Peace Manager had been in contact with the three organisations about the funding options. In terms of a timeline, Louise said they would work towards 4th March for Committee. She emphasized the fluidity of the situation and the fact they needed to meet with the finance team to check the governance around it. Cllr Kemp asked is there was another option if this was not successful. Louise responded stating that the last plan would be to look at the other two themes and potentially move funds from them into theme 1.

Cllr Jonathon Craig queried the legalities of the adjusting fund amounts and feared it might be open to challenge. Louise reassured that him they would liaise with Finance and agreed to check the T&Cs of council and SEUPB. The Chair reminded everyone in the room that the meeting and everything that had been discussed was confidential in nature.

**Pre Tender Event**

Niamh reminded everyone of the upcoming Pre Tender training and Networking event on 4th March and asked the Partnership members to share the information with groups who might avail of this training.

Louise reminded the Partnership about the PEACEPLUS Change Makers Funds offering more funding opportunities which would be rolling out soon.

# 5. Any Other Business

There were no items raised under AOB.

# 6. Date of Next Meeting

To be arranged for 19th March.

The meeting closed at 6.06pm.