LCCC PEACEPLUS Partnership

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

**Wednesday 21st February 2024 at 6pm**

# In Attendance - Partnership:

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| Cllr Jonathan Craig | DUP |
| Cllr Uel Mackin - ZOOM | DUP |
| Cllr John Laverty | DUP |
| Ald Amanda Grehan | APNI |
| Ald Michelle Guy | APNI |
| Cllr Claire Kemp | APNI |
| Cllr Alan Martin | UUP |
| Cllr Gary McCleave (Deputy Mayor) | SF |
| Cllr Gary Hynds | INDEP |
| Johnny Crymble | EA |
| Des Marley - ZOOM | NIHE |
| Lynda Vladeanu - ZOOM | SE Trust |
| Katrina McMullan - ZOOM | PSNI |
| Adrian Bird - ZOOM | Resurgam Trust |
| Mabel Scullion | Early Intervention Lisburn |
| Diane Ewart - ZOOM | TADA Rural Network |
| Pauline McMullan - ZOOM | Lisburn YMCA |
| Caroline Birch - ZOOM | Helping Hands Autism |
| Thomas McKenna - ZOOM | Killultagh |
| Aaron Thompson | Castlereagh South |
| Lynsey Caqeua | Lisburn North |
| Marc Cairns | Downshire East |
| Eddie Doyle | Downshire West |

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# Secretariat/ Other Attendees:

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| Angela McCann | Head of Communities |
| Niamh O’Carolan | Peace Manager |
| Catharine McWhirter | Community Planning Manager |

# Apologies

Apologies were received from The Mayor Cllr Andrew Gowan, Cllr Thompson, Cllr Gallen, Martin Busch, Tanya Hughes and Louise Moore.

# 2. Minutes of the Partnership Meetings held on 25th January and 6th February 2024 and Matters Arising

Cllr Craig invited members to review the minutes of the last two Partnership meetings for accuracy. Members agreed that the minutes of the previous Partnership meetings held on 25th January and 6th February 2024 were a true and accurate reflection of the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** To adopt the minutes of the Partnership meetings held on **25th January 2024** and **6th February 2024** as a true and accurate reflection of the meetings.

**Proposed: Aaron Thompson Seconded: Lynsey Caqeua**

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

The Chair explained that there were nine projects which could be included in the Local Action Plan. He urged Partners if they had an interest in any of the organisations involved to declare it.

* Ald Grehan declared an interest in Canal Boxing Academy
* Aaron Thompson declared an interest in Killynure Community Association
* Cllr Kemp declared an interest in Ballypitmave Development Assoc Ltd
* Adrian Bird declared an interest in Hillhall Community Development which is a mmber of Resurgam
* Thomas McKenna declared an interest in Ballypitmave Development Assoc Ltd

**4. PEACEPLUS Partnership Agreement**

Niamh had circulated the PEACEPLUS Partnership Agreement before the meeting and asked all members present to sign before leaving the meeting. She added that she would send the forms to those online for signing.

**5. Expression of Interest Outcomes**

Angela referred members to the Expression of Interest Outcomes paper and gave a detailed outline of its content including an overview of the process, the scores and the geographical spread of the submissions. She explained that nine applications had scored 70% or above and as the request from these organisations exceeded the amount available, three options were now presented.

Angela subsequently went through the three options presented on an excel sheet and took the members through each option and their implications in terms of funding amounts. She explained that there was no flexibility with the amount assigned to Theme 1, £1.195m. She continued that a reserves list may be created in the event that one of the nine selected groups cannot progress. For the options where lesser amounts were awarded, in order to include all projects, groups may be able to seek funds from other sources or run the project on the lesser award. Angela clarified that we would need to liaise with SEUPB with regards to a reserve list, recommend other projects and include them as partners in the Action Plan.

The Chair congratulated the officers involved in the assessments for the mammoth task completed in record time. Cllr Laverty concurred and paid tribute to the work done so far highlighting the fact that six of the seven DEAs were represented under the Theme. Cllr Laverty declared he was happy to go with Option 1 and was happy to propose that.

Ald Guy agreed that Option 1 gave groups better opportunities to deliver their projects and seemed to provide the best outcomes. She was happy to second that option. Ald Guy asked how the peace outcomes would be met through this option. Angela explained that the peace outcomes on the assessment was weighted more than other questions (around affordability and sustainability). She went on to say that the peace outcomes would be outlined in the Letters of Contract for the groups to demonstrate and deliver on. The top nine ranked demonstrated the strongest peace outcomes. Cllr Craig reminded members that SEUPB needs to approve all of this.

The Deputy Mayor, Cllr McCleave also agreed with Option 1 but wondered if the timeframe might exclude some of the successful groups in terms of viability with the reduced amounts. Angela confirmed that groups would be contacted as soon as possible and they would have until August to ensure match-funding / costings were in place or confirmation of same.

Lynda Vladeanu also felt Option 1 provided the best outcome but asked if Hillhall Regeneration Group refused the award offered (with the smallest allocated percentage of their original request), what would happen to that award; would it go to other groups? Angela explained that an options paper would be brought back to Peaceplus Partnership for further discussion and approval.

Pauline McMullan asked under Option 1 groups do not received 100% of the request so can they amend their schemes to fit the amount on offer. Angela responded that it depended on the project scheme as we can’t compromise on diminished works. The Peace outcomes are the vital part of any of these projects so we have to be assured that any build / refurb scled back can still deliver these. Cllr Laverty paid tribute to the other 19 applicants and enquired if there would be learning outcomes / feedback from the assessments for them and Angela confirmed there would be.

The Chair declared that Option 1 was unanimously agreed. He requested that there was agreement on the Recommendations in the Outcome of Assessments Paper.

**RESOLVED:** To adopt the recommendations as set out in the Outcome of Assessments of Expressions of Interest paper and to proceed with Option 1 - amount based on weighted score until budget exhausted.

**Proposed: Cllr Laverty Seconded: Ald Guy**

# 6. Any Other Business

Angela agreed that the Action Plan would be circulated to the Partnership before it is submitted to SEUPB.

# 7. Date of Next Meeting

To be arranged.

The meeting closed at 7pm.