

Coleraine Future Town Fund Board Minutes

Date of Meeting: Thursday 10th April 2025

Location: Teams **Present and Absentees:** List of Attendees detailed below on pages 7&8.

1.	Welcome / Apologies / Minutes & Matters Arising	Professor Gerry McKenna		
	Actions	Lead	Status	Remarks
a	Declarations of interests	Officers		Noted
b	Conflict of interests	Officers		Noted
	Decision: Agreement from the board to Board members submitting written submissions where they have relevant knowledge around a key issue or subject matter.	CFTF Board		
2.	Plan for Neighbourhoods – CFTF Board Procedural Business	Hazel King (SIB)		
	Actions	Lead	Status	Remarks
a	Discussion, review & Board agreement to submit the updated Coleraine Future Town Fund funding boundary map with the additional elements (as presented to the Board and detailed in the Minutes below) to the MHCLG for review and consideration by 22 nd April 2025 as per PfN requirement.	Hazel King		
b	CFTF Board Terms of Reference agreed to be uploaded to MHCLG as part of the CFTF submission.	Hazel King		
5.	Date of Next Meeting			
	Thursday 15 th May 2025, Board meeting followed by a boat trip on the River Bann and walk about of Coleraine Town Centre. Advance notice of next in person meeting – 2.30pm Thursday 15th May 2025. Cloonavin		Status	Remarks

4.	AOB	Professor Gerry McKenna
	<p>H King advised the board of a proposed visit by Minister Norris on either 18th or 19th June 2025. Opportunity to hold the CFTF Board meeting to coincide with this visit. Further details to follow.</p>	

Red  Not yet commenced
Yellow  In Progress
Green  Complete

1.	Welcome / Apologies
	<p>GMK welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted apologies listed on Pg 7&8.</p> <p>GMK reminded all board members about completing Declarations of interest and Conflict of Interest documents. He noted that board members where they have declared an interest or conflict of interest could have invaluable knowledge that could be given to the board in a written submission. He asked the board if they would be happy with receiving written submissions.</p> <p>Decision: Agreement from the board to Board members submitting written submissions where they have knowledge around a key issue or subject matter, but have declared a conflict of interest.</p> <p>DF advised the board of a Declaration of Interest on some of the areas being discussed re the changes to the funding boundary map and excluded himself from voting on the proposed changes.</p>
2.	Plan for Neighbourhoods – CFTF Board Procedural Business
	<p>GMK advised that the board would review the proposed changed to the funding boundary. He passed over to HK and NMS who shared an interactive map showing the initial funding boundary, the separate proposed additions and the rationale behind the additions.</p> <p>HK introduced Justine Daly Ministerial Advisory Group (MAG) Advisor for the Department of Communities who will be working with the council and the CFTF Board on the Coleraine PfN project.</p>

HK advised the board that she had held meeting with the planning team in council and the Government policy team for PfN and discussed the proposed additions, noting that the additions must have a clear rationale and be in the spirit of the programme. She advised that most of the proposed inclusions had received a positive reaction from the PfN policy team but advised that the settlement of Castleroe was a separate development and therefore could not be included. She advised the PfN policy team that the CFTF board wished to include as much river frontage as possible and provided a rationale to include The Cutts, Lock Gates and Fish Pass as they will not add any population but increase access to the river.

HK shared the PfN guidance in relation to additional elements to the funding boundary, alongside an interactive map showing the initial boundary and the Board's proposed additions of:

- Mountsandel Forest: Recommendation to include in funding Boundary.
- Somerset Forest: Recommendation to include in funding Boundary.
- The Cranagh: Recommendation to include in funding Boundary.
- Castleroe: Does not meet PfN criteria, recommendation not to include in funding Boundary.
- The Cutts Lock Gates and Fish Passes: Recommendation to include in funding Boundary.
- Somerset Riverside Park & Picnic Area: Recommendation to include in funding Boundary.

GMK thanked HK for the very clear and succinct presentation and noted the lack of option to include Castleroe, he asked the Board if they were happy to submit the revised funding boundary to MHCLG.

Decision: Agreement with the decision to the additions seconded by YB with approval by AMN, LK, KY, BOB, RS and written approvals received by GT & CS, noted RW unhappy at the exclusion of Castleroe. GMK confirmed that Castleroe would not meet the ministries criteria to be included.

HK advised that the draft Terms of reference for Coleraine Future Town Fund have been updated to reflect the new Plan for Neighbourhoods, with updates on elected members voting rights and confirming that board membership is a non-renumerated position. GMK asked the board if they were happy for the CFTF Plan for Neighbourhoods Board ToR to be submitted to MHCLG.

Decision: Agreement to submit the ToR. Confirmed by YB, ID, JT, BOB.

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3.	Developing the Vision and CFTF 10-year Regeneration Plan	Therese Hogg (SIB)
	TH shared the draft Community Stakeholder Engagement Programme with the Board, noting that the first subgroup meeting will take place on Thursday 1 st May. She noted that the draft document contained a summary timetable including dates for stakeholder engagement, CFTF Board and subgroup meetings, workshops, consultation, CFTF Board approvals, presentation to council and submission to MHCLG in December 2025.	
4.	AOB	Professor Gerry McKenna
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5.	Date of Next Meeting	
	Thursday 15th May 2025 walkabout in Coleraine town centre and boat trip. Meeting to commence at 2.30pm at Councils Offices, Cloonavin.	

Contact Name	Code	Attendance 27/02/2025	Organisation
Chair			
Professor Gerry McKenna	GMK	1	Independent
Board Members			
Karen Yates	KY	1	Causeway Chamber Commerce
Rob Skelly	RS	1	Harbour Commissioner
Inspector Bjorn O'Brien	BOB	1	PSNI
Elaine Donnelly	ED	1	Coleraine Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (Chair)
Ann McNickle	AMN	1	Causeway Rural & Urban Network,
Jonny McKane	AMK	1	Council of Churches
Ian Donaghey	ID	1	Chairman Coleraine BID, Harbour Commissioner

Contact Name	Code	Attendance 27/02/2025	Organisation
Jayne Taggart	JT	0	Enterprise Causeway
Duane Farrell	DF	1	The Honourable The Irish Society
Graham Thompson	GT	0	Causeway Coast & Glens Heritage Trust Board
Mark Lennox	ML	1	Northern Regional College
Victor Gault	VG	1	Ulster University
Mark Alexander	MA	1	NI Housing Executive (Teams)
TBC			Arts Council NI
Caitlin Bond	CB	0	CCGBC Youth Forum
Charlie Smyth	CS	0	CCGBC Youth Forum
Henry Taggart	HT	1	Coleraine Town Team
Lynn Kane	LK	1	Coleraine Equality Forum
Local MP			
Gregory Campbell	GC	1	MP
Elected Members			
Councillor Philip Anderson	PA	1	Coleraine DEA
Councillor Niamh Archibald	NA	1	Coleraine DEA
Alderman Yvonne Boyle	YB	1	Coleraine DEA
Councillor Tanya Stirling	TS	1	Coleraine DEA (Teams)
Councillor Russell Watton	RW	1	Coleraine DEA
Councillor John Wisener	JW	1	Coleraine DEA
MLAS's Observers			
Caoimhe Archibald	CA	0	Sinn Féin Constituency: East Londonderry.
Maurice Bradley	MB	0	Democratic Unionist Party Constituency: East Londonderry
Cara Hunter	CH	0	<u>SDLP East Londonderry</u>
Claire Sugden	CS	0	Independent Constituency: East Londonderry
Departmental Observers			
Rhonda Williamson	RW	1	Department for Communities
Alan Keys	AK	1	Department for Infrastructure
Helen McGorman	HMG	1	Tourism Ireland

Contact Name	Code	Attendance 27/02/2025	Organisation
Ciaran Doherty	CD	0	Tourism NI
Justine Daly	JD	1	MAG Advisor Department for Communities
Council Officers			-
Niall McGurk	NMG	1	Head of Prosperity & Place
David Wright	DW	1	Head of Finance
Pat Mulvenna	PMV	1	Director Leisure & Development
David Jackson	DJ	0	Chief executive
Des Donnelly	DD	1	Secretariat to CFTF Board
Nial McSorley	NMS	1	GIS
Jayne McAleese	JMA	1	GIS
SIB			-
Hazel King	HK	1	CFTF PM
Therese Hogg	TH	1	Community Engagement (SSU)
Gavin Boyd	GB	1	Communications
Total		35	