

PEACE PLUS PARTNERSHIP MEETING

The Lodge Hotel Coleraine 19th December 2024 12.30pm

Table of Approvals/Recommendations

No.	Item	Summary of Key Approvals/Recommendations
1.	Welcome	
2.	Apologies	Cllr Stirling/Cllr McQuillan/Cllr Schenning/M McCormack/P McQuillan/A McNickle/S McFall/J Hutchinson/D Bradley/C O'Carroll
3.	Conflict of Interest Statement	No conflicts raised.
4.	Minutes of Previous Meeting 14th November 2024	Agreed. Proposed by: P Crossley; Seconded by: B Cooper
5.	Matters arising from Minutes	Launch of Programme 20 th February 2025 in Royal Court Portrush.
6.	Signing of Partnership Agreement	Copies of Partnership Agreements distributed to take away for individual review before signing at next meeting.
7.	Monitoring of Projects	Deadline for 2 OJEU programmes is 22 nd November. All other tenders have been assessed.
8.	AOB	Partnership Development Programme to be set up in due course.
9.	Next Meeting	Thursday 20 th March 2025 Venue and time tbc .

In the Chair: Cllr Anderson (C)
Members: Ald Fielding (C), Ald Knight-McQuillan (C) Cllr Nicholl (C),
 Cllr Archibald(C) Ald Boyle (C) Cllr Wisener (C),
 K Heaney (C), K Campbell (C), J Hutchinson (C), B.Cooper (C),
 P Crossley (C), M Walker (C)

Statutory Agency: None

In Attendance: Patricia O'Brien (Head of Funding Unit)
 Graham Todd (PEACEPLUS Finance & Verification Officer)
 Lorraine Bell (Funding Unit Business Support Officer)

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Apologies: Cllr Stirling/Cllr McQuillan/Cllr Schenning/Cllr Watson/M
McCormack/P McQuillan/A Mc Nickle/S McFall/J Hutchinson/D
Bradley/C McCarroll/S Fol

Item 1. Welcome

Cllr Anderson welcomed all members to the meeting.

Item 2. Apologies & Roll call

As noted above.

Item 3. Conflict of Interest Statement/Respect & Dignity Statement

The Chair read out Statement and no conflicts of interest were declared.

Item 4. Draft Minutes of Previous Meeting November 14th, 2024

- Approved as a true and accurate record.
Proposed by: P Crossley
Seconded by: B Cooper

Item 5. Matters arising from Minutes.

- PO'B confirmed that following on from the last meeting the date of the official launch of programme had been confirmed as 20th February 2025 in The Royal Court Hotel. Gina McIntyre (SEUPB) had confirmed attendance. The Chair emphasised the importance of a great attendance and POB highlighted what a good PR opportunity this would be and that Communications Subgroup would meet before launch to oversee marketing, PR, press releases and funding announcements etc.
- PO'B explained that there were two programmes still on hold as it was discovered that Procurement in council had advertised programmes via a link and not in the official journal (OJEU) resulting in tenders going back out and re-advertised early January 25 and programmes awarded hopefully March. The two submissions already submitted will have to resubmit. There is also one more tender going out again for the Cross-Border Programme. SEUPB requirements state that tender must be advertised in ROI (Tenders.ie) as well as the North. Overall, there are 6 programmes in total being retendered – (1) Youth Engagement & Development Programme (2) Dealing with the Past, Contemplating the Future (3) EXCHANGE – Cross Border Programme (4) Preserving History, Heritage & Home (5) The Odyssey: Asylum Seekers & Refugee Programme (6) LGBTQIA+. Programmes 4,5 & 6 – no submissions or didn't pass Stage 1 of eligibility.

8 tenders awarded totalling £1,262,265.70 :-

Women's Development Programme	Blu Zebra Ltd	£186,990.00
Adult Social Prescribing Programme	CRUN	£206,000.00
Community Skills & Employability	Ashton Trust	£171,695.00
Resilient Communities Programme	Third Sector Connect	£168,388.00
Nature & Biodiversity Programme	CC&G Heritage Trust	£152,992.70
Access All Areas	Blu Zebra	£99,500
The Loyal Orders Programme	Dalriada Training Services C.I.C	£111,700.00
Social Action	Third Sector Connect	£165,000.00
		£1,262,265.70

PO'B highlighted that we were in the position to invite delivery agents to our launch event in February, at which stage they should be possession of some of their funds and should have their marketing and promotions.

Alderman Knight-McQuillan asked if time had been lost due to having to readvertise and if SEUPB had advised of advertising on OJ from the outset. PO'B explained that there had been an anomaly and there had been no instant access to the OJ system. Time had been lost but SEUPB had given an extension of six months to June 2028 and further extensions may be expected. Tender report to be distributed to all to help everyone get up to speed with who the delivery agents are.

Item 6. Signing of Partnership Agreement

Forms were handed out to everyone to take away and review in their own time. Any comments or issues to be emailed to P O'B before the next meeting to enable The Chair and P O'B to make any amendments. SEUPB have asked that all members sign forms individually.

Item 7. Monitoring of Projects.

PO'B explained that the development of Sub-Groups had been agreed and what they would be named, and members had been asked to put forward their preferences. Where possible members were placed in their first preference group. PO'B suggested not putting anyone on Monitoring Sub-Committee in the meantime as thematic sub committees could complete monitoring.

She referred all to the Sub-Committee draft list and asked that if anyone wished to change committees or if anyone was involved with an organisation that was delivering any of the programmes within the themes and wanted to highlight as a conflict to email Graham (graham.todd@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk).

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PO'B read through the Sub Committees, programmes and members allocated, sub committees were as follows: -

Local Community Regeneration & Transformation Sub Committee (LCRT)
Building Peaceful & Thriving Communities Sub Committee (BPTC)
Celebrating Culture and Diversity Sub Committee (CCD)
(Plus-Monitoring and Communications Sub-Committees)

PO'B highlighted that under the Terms of Reference re the establishment of subgroups it was agreed that each sub-group would be made up of 6 members, 50% of which would be Elected Members, each subgroup having a Chair and Vice Chair agreed by individual sub group members, both holding a 1-year term of office. Meeting of sub-groups should be held quarterly to enable them to report back and feed into Partnership.

Alderman Boyle enquired why the LCRT sub committee covered two programmes, but BPTC sub-committee had seven. Patricia explained that under LCRT there would be five capital projects to be closely monitored by this subgroup. PO'B informed everyone that Council had just appointed a Capital Grants Officer the management and administration of these capital projects is contained within their job description. The Chair reiterated the fact that it would be possible to change committees and PO'B suggested that if anyone wanted to be part of any of the programmes that this would be beneficial to the Partnership.

Alderman Fielding asked if the sub-committees would meet during the day. PO'B confirmed that it would be up to members on each sub-committee when they would meet.

Item 8. Any Other Business

The Chair and PO'B discussed creating a Partnership Development Programme with any monies remaining after all tenders have been allocated.

Cllr Anderson wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year and PO'B thanked everyone for their commitment and dedication in getting the Partnership to where it is now.

Item 9. Next Meeting

- Thursday 20th March 2025
- Meeting closed at 1.10pm.