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PEACEPLUS PARTNERSHIP MEETING

DATE	Thursday 18th December 2025
TIME	11.00am
LOCATION	Cloonavin, Coleraine
MEETING CHAIRED BY	Cllr Dermot Nicholl (Chair)
IN ATTENDANCE	
Members	Cllr P Anderson / Cllr C McQuillan / Cllr N Archibald / Cllr Wisener / M McCormack / A McNickle / K Heaney / K Campbell / P Crossley
Statutory Agency	
PEACEPLUS Staff	Lisa Harris (Coordinator)/ Graham Todd (Finance & Verification Officer) / Karen Moses (Business Support Officer) / Liam Hinphey (Capital Projects Officer)

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed all members in person to the partnership meeting and welcomed Ann McNickle as the newly appointed Vice Chair. The Chair also advised that Cllr MA McKillop has been replaced on the Board by Cllr Ashleen Schenning.

2. Apologies & Roll Call

See Appendix A

3. Conflict of Interest/Respect & Dignity Statement

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

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Chair referenced previous minutes.

(11.10am: Cllr P Anderson, Cllr N Archibald and P Crossley joined the meeting).

Approved as a true and accurate record.

Proposed by: K Heaney
Seconded by: A McNickle

5. Matters Arising from Minutes

The Acting Chair asked the members for any matters arising, none were raised.

6. Actions from Previous Meeting

- LHi to provide breakdown of Layd Path, Cottage Wood, Ronan's Way overall budget allocation to provide clarity: LHi to capture in following updates.
- BC to provide Profile for website and newsletter "Partnership Introduction": LHa received from BC, included in November Newsletter and on website.
- GT to schedule financial site visits with contracted Delivery Agents before end of year to engage in advance of compliance checks: GT – meetings scheduled for January.
- CMcl to finalise Sub-Committee allocations and distribute by end of month: LHa – allocations shared.
- Secretariat to issue Expression of Interest for Vice Chair role 2025/26 to Social Partners by end of month: LHa – Vice Chair appointed.

7. Update on Implementation of PEACEPLUS Local Action Plan

• Strand 1 – LCRT Capital Projects (LHi)

Liam Hinphey provided a progress update since the last meeting in October on the Capital Projects:

Altnahinch Dam:

- Structural Engineer has been appointed alongside a Quantity Surveyor. The appointment of an Architect is pending but the full Design Team should be in place in the new year
- Updated MOU currently with NI Water

Girona Coastal Path:

- Design team now in place.
- Walkway will be reviewed, and an itemised list of works will be compiled for L&D committee meeting in February.

Mountsandel:

- Archaeological Advisor is now in place, and an Architect has been tendered for and will be appointed in the new year.

Benbradagh:

- Following Partnership approval to change this project to Castle Park walkway, this has now received approval from both the L&D Committee and Full Council.
- Currently with SEUPB for approval

Layd Path, Cottage Wood & Ronan's Way:

- Full Design Team now in place
- Detailed costings to be itemised for the end of January, some of which may be allocated to Estates in order to prioritise PEACEPLUS funding.
- Other opportunities may become available through Funding Unit

Catherine Bleckinsop has completed a revised Gantt chart which can be shared with Partnership.

(11.25am – LHi left meeting)

• **Strands 2 & 3 Projects**

LHa delivered an update on the Projects:

Reporting and Monitoring

- Projects are all progressing well with a further 3 launch events happening in Nov/Dec.
- Three projects have met and achieved their first milestone reporting and payments. QR code access for participants to complete open/close surveys; both must be completed to be counted as a participant
- Tender issues still ongoing pending queries with SEUPB. May need to look at original tenders and make adjustments due to the time period that has lapsed.

Communications

- Newsletters 7 and 8 went out respectively in October and November and available on the website.
- Newsletter 9 was sent out this morning.
- Delivery Agents have been actively sending out their own project communications.

• **Finance**

GT provided recap of previous issues reported at previous meeting and provided progress updates:

Procurement and Outstanding Tenders

- Now registered with e-tenders.ie and a potential process has been put in place to meet requirement of advertising in the EU for “Above Threshold Tenders”. This has been confirmed by SEUPB to be compliant with alignment with UK Legalisation Procurement Act & EU Regulations.
- LHa advised that over time, thresholds and guidance have changed but this is all documented to ensure compliancy has been met historically and is being met going forward.
- Training has been completed in-house on E-sourcing NI and plan to start tender process January/February time.
- Advertising tenders on OJEU is being tested currently on the portal, working through and resolving issues in order to progress successfully through each stage.

Project Site Visits

- Finance Visits have been scheduled with all current Delivery Agents to take place in January.

External Controller

- Negotiations are ongoing with KPMG regarding financial and contractual queries before signing of a call off contract and it is hoped these will conclude in January.

8. PEACEPLUS Membership

- Sub-Committee Groups - LHa stated this has been addressed earlier in meeting under 6. Actions from previous meeting. Any requests for changes to be agreed by those concerned and the PEACEPLUS team advised by email.

9. AOB

LHa provided updates on other business for the attention of the members:

- Next Partnership Meeting
 - As per Item 10, the next meeting in February it is intended to have a Capital Projects site visit to Girona Coastal Path followed by meeting in The Courthouse (Designerie), Bushmills. For April, the visit will be to Altnahinch Dam, with meeting held in Loughgiel Millenium Centre.
- Pre-Tender Networking Event
 - This will be aimed at groups/organisations who intend to tender.
 - Provisionally booked the Flowerfields Arts Centre in Portstewart in February.
 - Potentially invite current Delivery Agents to provide experience/support/advice

- NRC Collaboration Event
 - This event came about from an SEUPB requirement to commission a PEACEPLUS video. CMCl initiated a collaboration with Northern Regional College which has involved second year media students creating videos on what PEACE means to them. The event will showcase the collaboration and allow Partnership members to view and vote on which video will be used this year for SEUPB. This will be followed by an acknowledgement presentation to NRC and festive refreshments.

10. Next Scheduled Meeting (Chair)

- Meeting will take place on Thursday 19th February 2026 as per suggested visit and location.
- Chair will not be available so the Vice Chair will deputise.
- Meeting closed at 12.00pm

Actions from Meeting to be added to Agenda for next meeting:

1. LHi: Will provide revised Gantt chart to share along with these minutes when circulated.
2. Members: Any requests for changes to Sub-Committee allocations be agreed by those concerned and the PEACEPLUS team advised by email.

Appendix A: PEACEPLUS Board Member's Attendance

A	Attended
Apol	Apologies Sent
N	Non Attendance
AO	Attended Online

Elected Representative	Party / Organisation / Agency	2023		2024				2025					
		21/12/2023	18/01/2024	21/03/2024	20/06/2024	14/11/2024	19/12/2024	20/03/2025	17/04/2025	19/06/2025	21/08/2025	16/10/2025	18/12/2025
Clr Philip Anderson	DUP	A	AO	A	Apol	A	A	A	A	A	A	Apol	A
Alderman Michelle Knight-McQuillan	DUP	A	Apol	AO	N	AO	A	Apol	AO	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Alderman John McAuley	DUP	N/A	Apol	N	N								
Clr Tanya Elder (Formally Stirling)	DUP	N	N	N	Apol	AO	Apol	Apol	AO	N	A	Apol	Apol
Alderman Mark Fielding	DUP	N	N	Apol	N	A	A	Apol	N	A	Apol	A	Apol
Clr Dermot Nicholl	SF	Apol	N	AO	AO	A	A	AO	A	A	A	A	A
Clr Ciaran McQuillan	SF	A	AO	A	Apol	A	Apol	Apol	Apol	A	A	Apol	A
Clr Niamh Archibald	SF	AO	AO	Apol	AO	AO	A	AO	N	Apol	Apol	Apol	A
Clr Margart Anne McKillop	SDLP	N/A	A	A	N/A								
Clr Maighréad Watson	SF	N	AO	AO	N	A	Apol	AO	N	Apol	A	A	Apol
Clr Ashleen Schenning	SDLP	A	AO	A	N	N	Apol	N	AO	N	N/A	N/A	N
Alderman Yvonne Boyle	Alliance	Apol	AO	AO	AO	A	A	AO	Apol	A	A	A	Apol
Clr John Wisener	UUP	A	AO	A	A	A	A	A	A	Apol	A	A	A
Social Partner													
Mairead McCormack	Glenshane Development Assoc	A	AO	AO	A	Apol	Apol	N	N	A	A	A	A
Ann McNickle	CRUN	A	AO	A	A	A	Apol	A	AO	A	A	A	A
Karen Heaney	Ind	AO	AO	AO	AO	A	A	AO	A	A	A	A	A
Karen Campbell	RVRA	Apol	AO	AO	A	AO	A	AO	AO	Apol	Apol	Apol	A
Shauna McFall	Naturally North Coast	Apol	N	AO	Apol	A	Apol	AO	A	A	Apol	Apol	Apol
Bonny Cooper	Ind	Apol	AO	A	A	A	A	Apol	A	A	A	A	Apol
Marion Walker	Cedar Foundation	A	AO	A	Apol	Apol	A	A	Apol	A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Joe Hutchinson	Youth Representative	N	AO	Apol	AO	A	A	A	N	A	A	Apol	Apol
Patricia Crossley	Ind	A	AO	A	Apol	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Patricia McQuillan	Ind	AO	AO	AO	AO	AO	Apol	Apol	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Statutory Agency													
Tracey Colgan	Public Health Agency	N	N	N	N	A	N	N	N	N	N	N	N/A
Seamus Ward	Western Trust	Apol	Apol	N	N	N	N	N	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bronagh Cooper	Western Trust	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wendy Nixon	PSNI	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Vince Redmond	PSNI	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Louise Clarke	NIHE	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Christine O'Carroll	NIHE	Apol	AO	AO	AO	A	Apol	N	N	N	N	N	N
Deirdre Bradley	EANI	Apol	Apol	Apol	AO	A	Apol	AO	Apol	A	Apol	A	N
Colin Jess	Social Enterprise NI	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Apol
Niall McGurk	(CC&G)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Elizabeth Beattie	(CC&G)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
CCGBC PEACEPLUS Team													
Patricia O'Brien	CCGBC	N/A	N/A	A	A	A	A	A	Apol	A	A	Apol	Apol
Lisa Harris	CCGBC	N/A	A	A	A								
Graham Todd	CCGBC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Karen Moses	CCGBC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Clare McIntaggart	CCGBC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	A	Apol	A	A	A	Apol
Liam Hinphey	CCGBC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	A	A	A	N	A	A
Julie Welsh	CCGBC	N	A	A	N/A								
Sarah-Jane Goldring	CCGBC	A	A	A	A	N	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Suzanne Fol	CCGBC	A	A	A	A	A	Apol	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Lorraine Bell	CCGBC	N/A	N/A	N/A	A	N	A	A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Appendix B: PEACEPLUS Timetable of Meetings for Board

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
18th December 2025	11.00am - 12.00pm	Cloonavin
19 February 2026	1.30pm – 3.00pm	Bushmills
16 April 2026	2.00pm – 3.00pm	TBC
18 June 2026	2.00pm – 3.00pm	TBC
20 August 2026	2.00pm – 3.00pm	TBC
15 October 2026	2.00pm – 3.00pm	TBC
17 December 2026	2.00pm – 3.00pm	TBC

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Appendix C: Membership of PEACEPLUS Sub-Committees

Project	Council	Social
BPTC 1 - Older People's Programme & Intergenerational	Alderman Mark Fielding	Deirdre Bradley
BPTC 2 - A Women's Development Programme	Cllr Ciaran McQuillan	Bonny Cooper
BPTC 3 - Adult Social Prescribing Programme	Cllr John Wisener	Tracey Colgan
BPTC 4 - Community Skills & Employability Programme	Alderman Mark Fielding	Deirdre Bradley
BPTC 5 - Resilient Communities Programme	Cllr Tanya Elder (Formally Stirling)	Mairead McCormack
BPTC 6 - Youth Engagement & Development Programme	Cllr Dermot Nicholl	Joe Hutchinson
BPTC 7 - Nature & Environmental Programme	Cllr Philip Anderson	Karen Heaney
BPTC 8 - LGBTQIA+ Programme	Cllr Ciaran McQuillan	Joe Hutchinson
BPTC 9 - Access all areas – Championing Inclusion in our Society Programme	Alderman Yvonne Boyle	Patricia Crossley
CCD 1 - Preserving History, Heritage & Home	Cllr Philip Anderson	Shauna McFall
CCD 2 - Teanga a when o wurd	Cllr Margaret Anne McKilop	Karen Heaney
CCD 3 - Multi-Cultural Dimensions	Cllr Tanya Elder (Formally Stirling)	Karen Campbell
CCD 4 - The Odyssey - Asylum Seekers & Refugees Development Programme	Cllr John Wisener	Bonny Cooper
CCD 5 - Dealing with the Past, Contemplating the Future	Cllr Dermot Nicholl	Bonny Cooper
CCD 6 - The Loyal Orders Programme	Cllr Maighr��ad Watson	Patricia Crossley
CCD 7 - Sustainable Festivals Hub & Programme	Cllr Niamh Archibald	Louise Clarke
LCRT 1 - Social Action Programming	Cllr Maighr��ad Watson	Mairead McCormack
LCRT 1.1 - Development of Mountsandel	Alderman John McAuley	Tracey Colgan
LCRT 1.2 - Development of Benbradagh	Alderman John McAuley	Karen Campbell
LCRT 1.3 - Girona Causeway Coastal Path	Cllr Niamh Archibald	Shauna McFall
LCRT 1.4 - Layd Path, Cottage Wood and Ron��n's Way	Cllr Margaret Anne McKilop	Ann McNickle
LCRT 1.5 - Altnahinch Dam	Alderman Yvonne Boyle	Louise Clarke
LCRT 2 - Exchange – Cross Border Programme	Cllr Philip Anderson	Ann McNickle

Appendix D: Sub-Committee Roles & Responsibilities

PEACEPLUS Sub-Committee purpose and member expectations

The Sub-Committees of the PEACEPLUS Partnership Board will be aligned to projects under strands 1 to 3:

Strand 1 – Local Community Regeneration and Transformation

Strand 2 – Building Peaceful and Thriving Communities

Strand 3 – Celebrating Cultures and Diversity

Membership

The Sub-Committee shall consist of members of the partnership Board, with 2 members dedicated to each project within each of the strands. Members preferences will be considered however allocation will also be based on where skills or connections are needed

Appointment of Sub-Committee

The Partnership Board shall at their first meeting following the appointment of the new Chair, determine the members of the Sub-Committees for the following 12 months

Duties and responsibilities of the Sub-Committees

The Sub-Committee members will attend a minimum of 3 events/sessions every 12 months for each of the 2 projects they are dedicated to. Sub-Committee members will be asked to provide information/photos/short report etc on the events they attend to the PEACEPLUS team.

A space on the agenda at Partnership meetings will be allowed for members to give a short update on their dedicated projects. This may include bringing any points of concern for discussion amongst board members.

Appendix E: CCGBC PEACEPLUS Live Standing Conflict of Interest Declarations

Project	COI	COI
BPTC 1 - Older People's Programme & Intergenerational		
BPTC 2 - A Women's Development Programme	Ann McNickle	
BPTC 3 - Adult Social Prescribing Programme	Ann McNickle	
BPTC 4 - Community Skills & Employability Programme	Mairead McCormack	Karen Campbell
BPTC 5 - Resilient Communities Programme		
BPTC 6 - Youth Engagement & Development Programme		
BPTC 7 - Nature & Environmental Programme		
BPTC 8 - LGBTQIA+ Programme		
BPTC 9 - Access all areas – Championing Inclusion in our Society Programme		
CCD 1 - Preserving History, Heritage & Home		
CCD 2 - Teanga a wheen o wurd		
CCD 3 - Multi-Cultural Dimensions		
CCD 4 - The Odyssey - Asylum Seekers & Refugees Development Programme		
CCD 5 - Dealing with the Past, Contemplating the Future		
CCD 6 - The Loyal Orders Programme	Cllr Philip Anderson	
CCD 7 - Sustainable Festivals Hub & Programme		
LCRT 1 - Social Action Programming		
LCRT 1.1 - Development of Mountsandel		
LCRT 1.2 - Development of Benbradagh		
LCRT 1.3 - Girona Causeway Coastal Path		
LCRT 1.4 - Laid Path, Cottage Wood and Ronán's Way		
LCRT 1.5 - Altnahinch Dam		
LCRT 2 - Exchange – Cross Border Programme		