



A project supported by PEACEPLUS, a programme managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB)

## PEACEPLUS PARTNERSHIP MEETING

DATE	Thursday 19th February 2026
TIME	1.30pm
LOCATION	The Courthouse, Bushmills
MEETING CHAIRED BY	Ann McNickle (Vice Chair)
IN ATTENDANCE	
Members	Cllr M Fielding / Alderman Y Boyle / Cllr M Watson / Cllr N Archibald / Cllr J Wisener / K Heaney / K Campbell / S McFall / B Cooper / P Crossley / J Hutchinson
Statutory Agency	D Bradley
SEUPB	S McAnulla (Case Officer)
PEACEPLUS Staff	Lisa Harris (Coordinator)/ Graham Todd (Finance & Verification Officer) / Karen Moses (Business Support Officer) / Liam Hinphey (Capital Projects Officer) / Patricia O'Brien (Funding Unit Manager)

### 1. Welcome

The Vice Chair welcomed all members in person to the partnership meeting and welcomed Sean McAnulla from SEUPB.

### 2. Apologies & Roll Call

See Appendix A

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

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

### 4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Vice Chair referenced previous minutes.

Approved as a true and accurate record.

Proposed by: P Crossley

Seconded by: K Campbell

## 5. Matters Arising from Minutes

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

## 6. Actions from Previous Meeting

- LHi to provide revised Gantt chart to be circulated along with minutes → *Completed and circulated to Partnership in January along with draft minutes from December's meeting.*
- Members requesting changes to Sub-Committee allocations to be agreed by those concerned and the PEACEPLUS team advised by email → *No requests for changes received from members.*

## 7. Update on Implementation of PEACEPLUS Local Action Plan

### • Strand 1 – LCRT Capital Projects

LHi provided a progress update since the last meeting in December on the Capital Projects:

#### Girona Coastal Path:

- Stage 1 Report completed by Design Team, identifying over £1,000,000 worth of works.
- Next stage is to identify what can be taken forward within the PEACEPLUS budget.

#### Layd Path, Cottage Wood & Ronan's Way:

- Stage 1 Report completed by Design Team. Projected cost for all three projects is £1,000,100 however PEACEPLUS budget is £235,000
- POB put forward consideration of removing Ronan's Way from this project for toilet refurbishment due to potential difficulties with land ownership, planning permissions and significant estimated costs. The current PEACEPLUS budget also needs to cover the participant reach activity costs. POB suggested it could become a Community-led project with support of other available funding (an example being PEACEPLUS Change Maker Fund).
- POB asked Partnership members to vote on whether or not they were happy to remove the toilet at Ronan's Way from this project at this time.
- Vote to remove toilet element from project:

For 10

Abstained 3 – MW asked it to be noted that she abstained.

*Action: SMcA requested CCGBC to inform SEUPB by way of a modification request of the decision by the partnership Board to remove Ronan's Way under this PEACEPLUS Capital Project and proceed now with Layd Path and Cottage Wood works.*

#### Mountsandel:

- Specialist Architect Graham Warren and GM Designs now appointed.
- Initiation Meeting held at start of week with Graham Warren, GM Designs, DfC and HED.
- JW asked if there was overlap with this project and Coleraine Future Town Fund. POB responded that the Coleraine Future Town Fund had many projects and Mountsandel is one of them but there will be no duplication. These projects will dovetail with what PEACEPLUS is planning to deliver, enabling more to be done from the bigger picture.

#### Altnahinch Dam:

- Full Design Team now in place and initial scoping has begun. Further updates will be available at next meeting.

#### Benbradagh / Castle Park:

- Approval pending from SEUPB Following Partnership, L&D Committee and Full Council approval to change this project to Castle Park walkway. The modification request was sent to SEUPB and queries arising from the request have been addressed.
- Works for this project are small so will catch-up quickly with targeted timelines.

### ● **Strands 2 & 3 Projects – Monitoring and Reporting**

CMCI delivered an update on the Projects:

- Tracking Project Reporting through MS Forms – Delivery Agents send QR Code to participants to complete surveys. Currently compiling all Projects Reporting data and hopes to finalise in next two weeks.
- Demonstrated how data can be used to track achievement towards key targets, make comparisons and cross-references and highlight areas for concern which can then be addressed with Delivery Agent concerned. Interesting data results appearing from the 262 participants captured so far.
- These reports have been designed to report for PEACEPLUS LAP Programme and individual Projects.

### ● **Communications**

- Newsletter 11 (Feb 2026) has gone out and available on the website.
- The Partnership Profile webpage is currently work in progress, pending return of all Profiles from Partnership Board and working page displayed on screen.

*Action: KM to send another reminder email with Profile template to Board members for completion and Partners to return completed Profiles so the webpage can be completed and made live.*

○ **Upcoming Tenders**

LHa advised the team would be releasing the remaining 12 projects for tender very soon but required Board Approval on small changes that had been applied. LHa asked if any Partners had a potential Conflict of Interest on the following to leave the room:

- 1) Exchange – Cross Border Programme
- 2) Older People's & Intergenerational Programme
- 3) Youth Engagement & Development Programme
- 4) LGBTQIA+ Programme
- 5) Preserving History, Heritage & Home
- 6) Teanga a Wheen o wurd
- 7) Multi-Cultural Learning & Celebrations Programme – Cultural Traditions – Food, Arts, Crafts, Music & Dance
- 8) Multi-Cultural Learning & Celebrations Programme – Sporting Traditions
- 9) Multi-Cultural Learning & Celebrations Programme – Local Bands Development
- 10) The Odyssey - Asylum Seekers & Refugees Development Programme
- 11) Dealing with the Past, Contemplating the Future
- 12) Sustainable Events & Festivals Programme

*(KC and AMcN left the room)*

LHi provided details regarding the scope, outputs, value, participant targets and durations for each of the 12 programmes and advised the programmes would be released in 3 tranches, those with the longest duration being first.

JW highlighted that there was a planned local protest which may impact on the release of one project. POB responded if there is a risk and a need to protect a programme then CCGBC will raise this as a concern with their Good Relations Team and seek more clarity of the current situation within the local communities.

Programme changes approved and accepted:

Proposed by: J Wisener

Seconded by: M Watson

*(KC and AMcN returned to the room)*

○ **Finance**

GT provided an update on progress of previous issues reported:

Project Site Visits

- Finance Visits with all current Delivery Agents have been taking place and further support and contacts being provided to support reaching of participant targets.

#### External Controller

- Following completion of due diligence with KPMG, they are now approved to be appointed.

#### Tenders

- Checklists and Application Forms have been created along with supporting guidance advice for applicants to tender.
- This will be a 3 Tranche Launch via TED/OJEU and/or E-Tenders.ie and E-Sourcing:
  - a) Open 02 March / Close 17 April (to be contracted from 01 June 2026):  
Exchange – Cross Border Programme;  
Dealing with the Past, Contemplating the Future;  
Youth Engagement & Development Programme;  
Preserving History, Heritage & Home.
  - b) Open 18 March / Close 01 May (to be contracted from 01 July):  
Sustainable Events and Festivals Programme;  
Older People’s & Intergenerational Programme;  
The Odyssey – Asylum Seekers & Refugees Development Programme.
  - c) Open 01 April / Close 15 May (to be contracted from 01 August 2026):  
LGBTQIA+;  
Teanga & A Wheen o Wurd;
    - Multi-cultural Dimensions – Cultural;
    - Multi-cultural Dimensions – Sporting Traditions;
    - Multi-cultural Dimensions - Local Bands.
- Scoring Panels and assessments will be carried out between deadlines.
- A Pre-Tender Event has been scheduled for Tuesday 03 March, 10:00am-1.00pm at The Lodge Hotel, Coleraine. The event will address creation of a good tender, provide information and advice and will enable networking and collaboration. Registration will be via Eventbrite and will be circulated very soon.
- POB raised question on target hours per participant, how it was determined and added it was unaffordable to potential applicants. KH recalled it being the overall budget awarded on the LoO that dictated number of hours and participant numbers.

*Action: SMcA to follow up with SEUPB regarding CCGBC target of 26hrs and feed back.*

## **8. PEACEPLUS Membership**

- Sub-Committee Groups - LHa stated that no requests to change allocations had been received. MW interested in putting forward changes.

*Action – KM will issue email for any change requests for return and consideration.*

- Delivery Agents are now completing a Calendar of Events for their programmes. This can be shared with Partners in order to reach out and attend.

*Action – KM will email Delivery Agents to inform them of who from the Partnership is on their Sub-Committee and advise they will be in contact.*

## **9. AOB**

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

- NRC Collaboration Event – Update

Successful event with the students from NRC, quality of the video submissions was of a high standard.

CMCI Winning video was sent to SEUPB which has since been sent out via their Social channels. The other two videos will be used by the end of this year and the following year. It is hoped that NRC students will do videos for all the projects.

*Action: CMCI to upload winning NRC video to CCGBC PEACEPLUS website.*

- Nature and Environment Programme Event

- An invitation was shared with the Partners for attendance to an event in March – contacts details provided in order to register interest in attending. CCGHT are keen to have PEACEPLUS Partnership representation.

- SEUPB Update:

- SMcA - Spend Targets will be given by SEUPB to the PEACEPLUS team within the next few weeks. These must be reached or penalties may be incurred

## **10. Next Scheduled Meeting (Vice Chair)**

- Meeting will take place on Thursday 16th April 2026 with a site visit to Altnahinch Dam.
- Meeting closed at 3.15pm

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

1. CCGBC to inform SEUPB by way of a modification request of the decision by the partnership Board to remove Ronan's Way under this PEACEPLUS Capital Project and proceed now with Layd Path and Cottage Wood works.
2. KM to send reminder email with Profile template to Board members for completion and Partners to return completed Profiles so the webpage can be completed and made live.

3. SMcA to follow up with SEUPB regarding CCGBC target of 26hrs and feed back.
4. KM to issue email for any sub committee allocation change requests for return and consideration.
5. KM to email Delivery Agents to inform them of who from the Partnership is on their Sub-Committee and advise they will be in contact.
6. CMcI to upload winning NRC video to CCGBC PEACEPLUS website.

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A	Attended
Apol	Apologies Sent
N	Non Attendance
AO	Attended Online

## Appendix A: PEACEPLUS Board Member's Attendance

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	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	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	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	A	A	N/A
Clr Maighr�ad 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	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	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	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/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	Loughguile
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	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 wheen o wurd	Cllr Ashleen Schenning	Karen Heaney
CCD 3 - Multi-Cultural Dimensions	Cllr Tanya Elder	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 Ashleen Schenning	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	Cllr John Wisener	
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 wuds		
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	Alderman Yvonne Boyle	
LCRT 1.2 - Development of Benbradagh		
LCRT 1.3 - Girona Causeway Coastal Path		
LCRT 1.4 - Layd Path, Cottage Wood and Ronán's Way		
LCRT 1.5 - Altnahinch Dam		
LCRT 2 - Exchange – Cross Border Programme		