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## PEACEPLUS PARTNERSHIP MEETING

|                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| DATE               | Thursday 18th June 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| TIME               | 2.00pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| LOCATION           | Glenshane Community Development, Dungiven                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| MEETING CHAIRED BY | Cllr Dermot Nicholl                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| IN ATTENDANCE      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Members            | Cllr C McQuillan / Alderman Y Boyle / Cllr M Watson /<br>Cllr J Wisener / Cllr A Schenning / Cllr N Archibald / Cllr<br>P Anderson / A McNickle / M McCormack / B Cooper / P<br>Crossley / J Hutchinson                                                                                                      |
| Statutory Agency   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| PEACEPLUS Staff    | Patricia O'Brien (Head of Funding Unit)/ Graham Todd<br>(Finance & Verification Officer) / Clare McIntaggart<br>(Project Officer) / Christopher Henry (Project Officer)<br>/Karen Moses (Business Support Officer), Charlotte<br>Walsh (Business Support Officer) / Liam Hinphey<br>(Capital Grants Officer) |

### 1. Welcome

POB and the Vice Chair (on behalf of the Chair being delayed) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 2. Apologies & Roll Call

See Appendix A

(2.05pm - The Chair joined the meeting)

### 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.

Approved as a true and accurate record.

Proposed by: M Watson

Seconded by: B Cooper

## **5. Matters Arising from Minutes**

The Chair asked the Members for any matters arising. None were raised.

## **6. Actions from Previous Meeting**

The Chair read out the Actions for response:

- a) KM to clarify wording regarding Ronan's Way to reflect that issues lie with difficulties with land ownership and planning permissions. – Complete
- b) KM to update Appendix E regarding declaration from AS – Complete
- c) KM to issue Calendar Invites for Project Events to Partnership once ready. – Pending change to process, will be addressed under Strands 2&3 Update
- d) CMcl to share Participant Report with Partnership by end of next week and will also upload to PEACEPLUS website. – Complete
- e) LH/GT to enquire on possibility of tender extensions should it be needed. - 5 tenders have been readvertised with closing date of 3rd July – further information to be given in Item 7 of meeting
- f) Partnership to send photos and narrative to CMcl where they have attended project events. – In progress

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

### **• Strand 1 – LCRT Capital Projects**

POB led a discussion to respond to queries arising from the recent L&D Committee meeting around PEACEPLUS capital projects' budgets, specifically regarding Altnahinch Dam and the budgets presented, these differ from what is on the website. There has been a miscommunication from the initial period of the Partnership approving the budgets for the purposes of the Local Action Plan (LAP) to returned/reduced budgets from SEUPB, transition of PEACEPLUS management within Council departments and subsequent adjustments made to accommodate reductions.

POB shared the Altnahinch Dam Programme Aims, Activities and Budgets as per the approved LAP:

#### AIMS

"The aim of this Programme is to upgrade the Boardwalk potential and the accessibility of this offering in rural North Antrim. Currently there is a raised boardwalk for approximately 372m giving access along the southern banks of the reservoir. There is a desire to extend the raised boardwalk further along the southern and eastern banks of the reservoir to enable walkers to complete a circular walk around the reservoir. To enable a circular walk, it will be necessary to

construct approximately a further 950m of raised boardwalk. Altnahinch Dam is owned by Northern Ireland Water and is part of the DAERA Public Angling Estate fisheries, so any proposed development would require a multi-agency collaborative approach.”

## ACTIVITIES

- o Launch Event
- o Educational & Information Programmes
- o Health & Well-Being Programme
- o Biodiversity & Natural Environment Programme
- o Angling Programme
- o Finale Event

## BUDGET (all Capital Projects)

| PEACEPLUS Capital Project Budget                      |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                                                       | Mountsandel     | Castle Park     | Girona          | Cushendall      | Altnahinch      |
| <b>Surveys including 10% contingency</b>              | £9,515          | £6,820          | £12,150         | £19,437         | £23,650         |
| <b>Consultants and fees including 10% contingency</b> | £38,830         | £11,374         | £41,724         | £21,340         | £36,036         |
| <b>Fees including HED approvals</b>                   | £1,050          | 0               | £14,631         | £1,890          | 0               |
| <b>Construction Budget including 10% contingency</b>  | £135,300        | £80,300         | £130,900        | £154,000        | £195,800        |
| <b>Resource and Education Programme</b>               | £30,435         | £13,043         | £16,522         | £17,391         | £21,739         |
| <b>Staff costs apportioned</b>                        | £20,130         | £20,130         | £20,130         | £20,130         | £20,130         |
|                                                       |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| <b>Total</b>                                          | <b>£235,260</b> | <b>£131,667</b> | <b>£236,057</b> | <b>£234,188</b> | <b>£297,355</b> |

POB stated that over time, a few differentiation versions of the budget have been circulated.

Under LCRT a total budget of £998,000 for all activity was allocated, this included £597,000 for the 5 x Capital projects and £397,000 for Staffing and Revenue /activity associated with the capital projects.

POB confirmed that no capital staff were recruited, instead administration of the capital projects was built into Council’s Capital Grants Officer’s job description.

POB further added that the infrastructure costs for the 5 x capital projects were underestimated.

POB is reviewing the capital budgets and a final budget report will be presented to the PEACEPLUS Partnership in due course.

POB also explained that capital works are never straight forward with shifts and changes as they progress through the different stages and Council are always looking for additional funding opportunities to support the same.

An internal Working Group consisting of SMT, Funding Unit, Capital Works, Planning has been formed and are focussed on accelerating the PEACEPLUS capital work so they are done efficiently and within budget. If on target, there is possibility of extra funding from SEUPB. Capital work plans and budgets will be relayed at each Partnership Meeting going forward as changes will be an ongoing occurrence.

*Action: Regular feedback from working group meetings will be brought to Partnership meetings along with plans and budgets as these are likely to change between meetings.*

(2.55pm – PA left the meeting)

- **Strands 2 & 3 Projects – Monitoring and Reporting**

CMcl delivered an update on the Projects:

- o Project Reports and Partner Reports for Reporting Periods 1 to 9 successfully uploaded to JEMS to meet SEUPB deadline. Period has been successfully verified by External Controller and they are now working on Period 2. The PEACEPLUS team are now commencing submission for Reporting Period 10.
- o Delivery Agents' participants have been completing the MS Forms Baseline Open Survey and we are now starting to see the Close Surveys being completed. We are tracking these submissions with Milestone Reports and now generating Bi-Monthly Participant Reports which are available on the website.
- o Tracking allows us to identify any “red flags” in order to steer Delivery Agents.

- **Communications**

- o Newsletters Vol.14 (May 2026) and Vol.15 (June 2026) have gone out via Mailing List and are also available on the website.
- o The Partnership Profile webpage is live. Some profiles (narrative and/or photos) still outstanding and will be followed up with by the team.
- o Tenders currently promoted on website and social platforms with link and QR code to procurement site.
- o A PEACEPLUS Invitation to Tender video has been produced and currently being shared via CCGBC's social platforms.

- **Tenders**

- o GT provided an update on the 12 Programmes recently advertised for tender and the eligibility and assessment criteria. For the final step in the process, GT asked for the Partnership to provide ratification for the successful tenderers.

The Chair requested any partners with a Conflict of Interest to leave the room briefly.  
MMcC left the room.

- o GT continued with the Tender award ratifications:

Tranche 1

BPTC 6 – Youth Engagement and Development Programme: awarded to Roe Valley Residents Association (Scored 81%)

CCD 5 – Dealing with the Past, Contemplating the Future: awarded to Utopian Training Solutions (Scored 80%)

LCRT 2 – EXCHANGE – Cross Border Programme: awarded to Glenshane Community Development (Scored 91%)

CCD 1 – Preserving History Heritage and Home Programme: awarded to Sequoia (Scored 83%)

Proposed by: Ashleen Schenning

Seconded by: Maighr  ad Watson

Tranche 2

CCD 7 – Sustainable Events and Festivals Programme: awarded to Anderson Spratt Group (Scored 90%)

BPTC 1 – Older Peoples and Intergenerational Programme: awarded to Roe Valley Residents Association (Scored 90%)

CCD 4 – Asylum Seekers & Refugees Development Programme: awarded to GEMS NI (Scored 87%)

Proposed by: Patricia Crossley

Seconded by: Ashleen Schenning/John Wisener

Tranche 3

BPTC 8 - LGBTQIA+ Programme: no submissions

CCD 2 – Teanga & A Wheen O Wurds: no submissions

CCD 3.1 – Multi Cultural Dimensions – Food, Arts, Crafts Music and Dance: no submissions

CCD 3.2 – Multi Cultural Dimensions - Sporting Traditions: awarded to Third Sector Connect (Scored 92%)

CCD 3.3 – Multi Cultural Dimensions - Local Bands Development: no submissions

Proposed by: Ashleen Schenning

Seconded by: Niamh Archibald

- o GT advised the tenders with no submissions have been re-advertised (along with the resource element of the Development of Mountsandel Tender) with a deadline of 3<sup>rd</sup> July. These are currently being promoted on the website and socials and are also now looking at a radio advertisement. Despite the delay to accommodate re-advertising, the Programme timelines will still be achievable, beyond that however, a conversation with SEUPB will be needed.
- o GT played the short video created and share on Facebook.

*Action: Members of the Partnership to share with connections/networks/organisations who may be interested in applying.*

- o The Chair shared that he spoke with LHa who is in the process of compiling an email for the attention of all Elected Members regarding the re-advertised Tenders also.

- **Finance**

GT updated partners regarding Period 10 – there is an underspend from what was forecast. This is due to the NJC salary uplift for salaries 2026/27 not yet being agreed and Capital invoices now not due to be paid until after mid-June as a result of dates for work being amended. SEUPB were made aware of these potential risks.

SEUPB have also been made aware of potential underspend to Period 11 forecast spend if the re-advertised tenders do not receive submissions.

## **8. PEACEPLUS Membership - Project Partnership Representatives**

CMcl informed partners that following a request for Calendar of Events from Programme Delivery Agents it has been realised that the template issued was not being utilised correctly and sending actual Calendar Invites for every event to partners was not practical for several reasons. A more simplified version of the Calendar is now in use and this will be shared with the partners bi-monthly. The Calendar will allow partners to manipulate the information as they require and use the contacts provided to reach out.

Some Partners (BP, PC and DB) recently attended a Nature and Environment Programme event and will be following up with images and narrative.

*Action: Partners to send photos and narrative of attended project events to CMcl.*

Partners will use this Agenda slot going forward feedback in person to the partnership.

## 9. AOB

AMcN informed the partnership of her recent attendance at a successful and impactful “All Ireland Social Prescribing” event in Dundalk but expressed disappointment that there was no representation from the PEACEPLUS team.

POB explained that the team will attend where the Projects are delivering at events. The Calendar of Events should help to increase everyone’s awareness of these for attendance.

DN added that Projects need to have PEACEPLUS staff / Board Member presence.

## 10. Next Scheduled Meeting (Vice Chair)

- Meeting will take place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August at 2pm. As no more site visits will be occurring, a venue/location is to be confirmed.
- Meeting closed at 3.25pm

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

- a) Regular feedback from Capital Working Group meetings will be brought to Partnership meetings along with plans and budgets which are likely change between meetings.
- b) Partners to share re-advertised tenders with connections/networks/organisations who may be interested in applying.
- c) Partners to send photos and narrative of attended project events to CMcl.

## Appendix A: PEACEPLUS Board Member's Attendance

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## 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   | Loughgiel    |
| 18 June 2026       | 2.00pm – 3.00pm   | Dungiven     |
| 20 August 2026     | 2.00pm – 3.00pm   | TBC          |
| 15 October 2026    | 2.00pm – 3.00pm   | TBC          |
| 17 December 2026   | 2.00pm – 3.00pm   | TBC          |

CONFIRMED

## Appendix C: Project Partnership Representatives

| Project                                                                    | Council                       | Social            |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| BPTC 1 - Older People's Programme & Intergenerational                      | <b>Cllr Tanya Elder</b>       | 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                                   | <b>Alderman Mark Fielding</b> | 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 wuds                                              | <b>Cllr Maighr  ad Watson</b> | 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                                      | <b>Cllr Philip Anderson</b>   | Tracey Colgan     |
| LCRT 1.2 - Development of Benbradagh                                       | <b>Cllr Dermot Nicholl</b>    | 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            | 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 | Cllr Ashleen Schenning |
| 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 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                                      | Alderman Yvonne Boyle |                |                        |
| LCRT 1.2 - Dungiven Castle Park                                            |                       |                |                        |
| 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                                 |                       |                |                        |