LCCC PEACEPLUS Partnership

**Minutes of the proceedings of the LCCC PEACEPLUS Partnership held in the Chestnut Suite, Civic Headquarters, Lagan Valley Island,**

**Wednesday 15th January 2025 at 5.30pm**

# In Attendance - Partnership:

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| Cllr Jonathon Craig | DUP |
| Cllr Uel Mackin | DUP |
| Cllr Claire Kemp – Chair | APNI |
| Cllr Nicola Parker | APNI |
| Cllr Gretta Thompson - Teams | APNI |
| Cllr Alan Martin | UUP |
| Cllr Gary McCleave | SF |
| Cllr John Gallen - Teams | SDLP |
| Cllr Gary Hynds | IND |
| Johnny Crymble (5.45pm) | EA |
| Des Marley | NIHE |
| Lynda Vladeanu - Teams | SE Trust |
| Denis Paisley - Deputy | Resurgam Trust |
| Francie Ferris - Deputy | Early Intervention Lisburn |
| Pauline McMullan - Teams | Lisburn YMCA |
| Diane Ewart | TADA Rural Network |
| Caroline Birch - Teams | Helping Hands Autism |
| Marc Cairns | Downshire East |
| Aaron Thompson | Castlereagh South |
| Amanda Marshall - Deputy | Castlereagh East |
| Lynsey Caqeua | Lisburn North |
| Martin Busch | Lisburn South |

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# Secretariat/ Other Attendees:

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| Louise Moore | Director Leisure and Community |
| Angela McCann | Head of Communities |
| Niamh O’Carolan | Peace Manager |
| Philip Frazer | Finance and Admin Officer |

# 1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Laverty, Ald Grehan and Catherine Shipman.

# 2. Minutes of previous Partnership meeting 16th October 2024

Cllr Kemp invited members to review the minutes of the last meeting for accuracy. It was noted that Cllr Parker’s surname was incorrect. This was noted to be amended. Members agreed that the rest of the minutes of the previous Partnership meeting held on 16th October 2024 were a true and accurate reflection of the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** To adopt the minutes of the Partnership meeting held on 16th October 2024 as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting.

**Proposed:** Cllr Craig **Seconded:** Cllr McCleave

**3. Declaration of any interest or conflict for items on the meeting agenda**

Francie Ferris, deputising on behalf of Mabel Scullion, declared an interest in the capital project in Hillhall to be discussed.

**4. Match Funded Projects**

Head of Communities, Angela McCann presented the timeline of conversations, correspondence and meetings that she, Niamh and the Director, Louise Moore have had with staff from SEUPB. She outlined how the issue of percentage funding was raised by the council with SEUPB in September and from then the various meetings that had occurred. The timeline was also shown on a presentation to the members. Angela emphasized that at every stage, SEUPB officers were made aware of the independent and transparent processes that the council employed to include capital projects in the Action Plan under Theme 1.

Angela further explained that SEUPB said the PEACEPLUS percentage of the three match funded projects under Theme 1 must be “substantial in nature”, however they did not qualify what substantial should be. She added that issues raised with SEUPB had still not been resolved and that Gina McIntyre had since confirmed the current percentages presented would not be approved.

Aaron Thompson asked if SEUPB wanted to be seen as the main funder to which Angela agreed but added that LCCC has used its full quota of Peace funds. She explained that previously a capital project delivered under PEACE IV had an area ringfenced and funded 100% with no requirement for a percentage split. Louise Moore agreed that the council was not in breach of any guidance, the process was robust and articulated peace benefits and dividends. Angela added that everything had been communicated to the Chief of SEUPB, Gina McIntyre and that a meeting was being arranged with her, the Chief of LCCC, David Burns and Director Louise Moore. Denis Paisley thanked the members and staff for the work achieved so far.

Cllr McCleave enquired what would happen if the options the Partnership present to SEUPB aren’t accepted. Louise Moore explained she was confident to stand over the council’s processes and that governance issues/ options are being looked at. She also said that there is flexibility to extend decision time if required.

**5. Small Grants Programme 1.2 and 6.2**

Niamh had recently attended an information session delivered by SEUPB about the Change Makers Small Grants Programme to be delivered under Investment Areas 1.2 and 6.2. She outlined the thresholds, criteria and requirements. The call should open soon and will be a rolling call. She reminded members that it present another opportunity for grassroot groups in the area to apply for cross community and cross border funds.

# 6. Any Other Business

There were no items raised under AOB.

# 7. Date of Next Meeting

To be arranged for 19th February.

The meeting closed at 6.15pm.