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MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Group	Meeting of MCC PEACEPLUS Partnership Board		
Date of Meeting	15.07.26	**Time**	3pm – 4.30pm
Meeting Chair	N P	**Location**	Room 6 Level 3 Peace Campus Monaghan

Meeting Objectives
Report on progress of MCC PEACEPLUS programme.

	Attendees	
1	NP	MCC
2	AK	MCC
3	EB	MCC
4	LMcA	MCC
5	HF	MCC
6	DMcC	Monaghan PPN
7	UMcK	Women's Collective
8	CMcN	An Garda Siochana
9	AMcC	River Blackwater Catchment Trust – Mon PPN
10	Cllr RA	Elected Member
11	MMcI	CMETB
12	OR	Peace Link - Clones
13	DB	Carrickmacross Tidy Towns – Mon PPN
14	FMcC	Monaghan Integrated Development
15	KK	SEUPB
16	JM (Guest Speaker)	Peace Link
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	Apologies	
	Name	**Partner**
1	Cllr RT	Elected Member
2	Cllr NMcC	Elected Member
3	Cllr PG	Elected Member
4	CD	TUSLA/HSE
5	Cllr ST	Elected Member
5	AG	Clones Family Resource Centre - PPN
6	F McC J	Truagh Spirit – Mon PPN
7	MB	Scotshouse Comm Childcare – Mon PPN
8	SM	MCC

Agenda, Minutes & Actions			
Item No	**Agenda Item**	**Minutes**	**Actions - Responsible Officer**
1	**Welcome & Introductions/ apologies**	AK welcomed all in attendance and relayed the apologies.	
2	**Co-option/ Succession of New Chair Vice-Chairperson**	It was proposed by Cllr RA, seconded by UMcK that NP be elected Chair. It was proposed by NP, seconded by DMcC that Cllr RA be elected Vice-Chairperson. Following her election as Chairperson, NP advised that she had previous involvement with the Peace Programme and was familiar with this PEACEPLUS initiative. ACTIONS: Addendum to be drawn up and signed by NP	HF/EB completed
3	**Conflict of Interest declarations**	Members were reminded to declare any specific conflicts of interest as and when any issues arise which are over and above what is already held on the written declarations.	
4	**Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held 23rd April 2026**	It was proposed by FMcC, seconded by UMcK, that the minutes of meeting held on 23/4/26 be adopted.	
5	**Matters arising**	EB advised that, following receipt of the SEUPB Spend Target memo in March 2026, the Partnership Board issued a letter dated 20 May 2026 outlining concerns to the SEUPB Director of Programmes on 28 May 2026 (copy circulated). Referring to Item 9 of Aprils meeting EB stated that Training on the new Data Registration System has been delivered to all Theme 2 partners.	
6	**SEUPB Memo – Project Performance Targets**	EB presented on the Memo issued by SEUPB in June 2026 in respect of programme-wide expenditure pressures and the potential risk of decommitments. Members were advised that SEUPB intends to decommit projected salary underspends during 2026; however, discussions with the SEUPB Case Officer confirmed that Monaghan County Council is not currently considered at risk in relation to this exercise. It was acknowledged that wider programme decommitment risks may emerge as the Programme progresses. The PEACEPLUS team will continue to monitor expenditure and claims closely, accelerate project delivery where possible, and maintain regular engagement with delivery partners and the SEUPB to support achievement of N+3 targets.	

7	**Risk Register**	EB advised the Board that **Risk ID 12** was reviewed following the SEUPB N+3 and decommitment memorandum and agreed that the current risk assessment remains unchanged. The risk of potential funding decommitment by SEUPB remains classified as High Impact with a Medium Likelihood. Mitigation measures include ongoing monitoring of project delivery and expenditure, regular forecasting and re-profiling reviews, obtaining SEUPB approvals where required, and maintaining early engagement with the SEUPB on any emerging issues. The Board noted the update and agreed that the risk should continue to be monitored closely.	
8	**Programme Progress Updates**	EB gave a brief overview of MCC Action Plan under the 3 themes: - Theme 1 - €1 million secured for 21 capital projects delivered by MCC. Theme 2 to be delivered by the 5 partners. Theme 3 €662,450 secured for delivery of cultural event projects by Museum and library collaboration **<u>Programme Outputs Progress update</u>** EB outlined steps progressed for each project. Delays in progress re Ballinode were due to advice being sought from SEUPB, MCC Procurement Team, external procurement experts and IPB (MCC insurance provider). Tullycorbet has been identified as possibly requiring a further modification request as works proposed have already been carried out. MMcI together with board members congratulated EB and team on the significant progress to date. <u>Theme 1 Capital Youth Programme</u> All projects progressing well except for delay with Monaghan-Scotstown Playground which is dependent on approval of associated housing application. <u>Theme 1 Womens Hub/Community Gardens</u> Looking for suitable premises in Monaghan Town for Women's Hub. Community Gardens Consultation event planned for Sept 2026 <u>Theme 2 Thriving and peaceful communities</u> EB noted that it was proposed to hold a Partner engagement event in September. J M, Peace Link will present his programme of	

		events shortly, at this meeting and it is hoped that other partners will adopt a similar approach. <u>Theme 3 Celebrating Cultures and Diversity</u> EB stated that a co-ordinator and admin support worker have recently been appointed and will be responsible under a Museum/Library collaborative approach for the delivery of Theme 3 projects. In response to NP's query, EB advised that Theme 3 projects were not expected to be impacted by delays and would be completed on time. EB also provided an April to June update on financial work completed and provided focus on works for July to September period. Following completion of capital works, planned activities can be progressed. The summer edition newsletter has been drafted, and it is expected to be issued shortly. EB introduced and welcomed new Finance Officer LMcA to the PEACEPLUS Team. F McC congratulated EB on her achievements to date, with all members concurring. PEACELINK PRESENTATION JM, Health and Wellbeing Coordinator at the Peace Link presented an engaging outline of several successful inclusive wellbeing and sporting events recently undertaken at the Peace Link, Clones including an overview of the Peace Cup initiative and his engagement with cross border communities, including Monaghan Town FC, Enniskillen Rangers FC, Enniskillen Town United FC and Clones Town FC. He also participated in an interview on local radio. OR added that the cross-border sports groups still use the facility, emphasising the lasting impact of the programme. JM gave mention to the Tai chi programme of events which proved extremely popular with numbers increasing. He also outlined future plans, including Webinars and SafeTALK training events. He highlighted his intention to submit a modification request specifically for a proposed girls workshop.	

		Regarding the SafeTALK event, UMcK recommended incorporating a holistic element into the programme, as this would be beneficial and would ensure compliance with the programme's six-hour minimum sustained contact requirement. CMcN raised the possibility of a Drug Task Force programme to address the rising drugs issue in the county. A McC commended the great initiatives undertaken at the Peace Link and enquired if there were any further plans to mobilise throughout the County. NP advised that the PEACEPLUS Programme was initially developed based on evidenced need, and any future countywide initiatives would also require an evidence-based rationale and subsequent application for funding. All present thanked JM for his excellent presentation. ACTIONS: Consider the need to develop the current Peace Link Programme to include: • holistic element to training events • Consider embedding drug awareness content within training and engagement activities where appropriate. • Examine the potential to expand the programme to other areas of the county, subject to the availability of future funding.	EB/Peacelink Coordinator
9	**Any other Business**	Photo opportunity missed for Summer Newsletter. ACTION: Photo of new Chair and Vice Chair to be organised	HF completed
10	**Date of Next Meeting**	21st October 2026 at 3 pm in M Tek 1 Boardroom. The Board was advised that the proposed meeting schedule may be subject to amendment as the claim cycle becomes established, ensuring that future meetings align with reporting and governance requirements. ACTION: Meeting invites to be issued in advance	HF