

**MINUTES OF THE DONEGAL CDB PEACE AND RECONCILIATION
PARTNERSHIP MEETING HELD ON 15TH APRIL 2010, IN THE
REGIONAL CULTURAL CENTRE**

ATTENDANCE

Cllr Dessie Larkin (Chairperson)	Donegal County Council
Ms Paula Leonard	County Community Forum
Ms Cróna Gallagher	VEC
Mr Ian McCracken	TDDA
Mr Neil Gallagher	Abhaile Arís
Cllr Ciaran Brogan	Donegal County Council
Ms Shauna McClenaghan	Inishowen Development Partnership
Ms Charlene Logue	DCBYWC
Mr Micheal O'hEaniagh	Donegal County Council

Present:

Ms Anne Marie Conlon	Partnership Secretariat
Mr. Fearghal O'Boyle	Partnership Secretariat
Ms. Anne McElchar	Partnership Secretariat
Ms Sarah Lapsley	Donegal County Council
Mr Francis Conaghan	Donegal County Council

Apologies:

Ms. JoAnne Kilmartin	Partnership Secretariat
Ms Anne Molloy	Pobal
Ms Maire O'Leary	HSE
Mr James O'Donnell	ICMSA
Mr John Henry McLaughlin	County Community Forum

PR/17/10 Welcome

Cllr Dessie Larkin welcomed the members to the meeting and noted the apologies.

PR /18/10 Minutes of Meeting of 21st January 2010

The Minutes of the Meeting of 21st January 2010, having been reviewed were proposed by Cllr Ciaran Brogan and seconded by Ms Shauna McClenaghan.

PR /19/10 Matters Arising from Minutes

It was noted that the matters arising would be brought up under the agenda items during the meeting.

PR /20/10 Conflict of interest

The Donegal CDB Peace & Reconciliation Partnership Evaluation Panel members / Peace III Secretariat declared an interest in the following projects being considered today:

- Cllr Dessie Larkin declared an interest in the proposal put forward by An Gríanan Theatre and as such advised that he would absent himself for the duration of the consideration of the arts based proposals. This was noted and agreed.
- Mr Michael O'hEanaigh declared an interest in the proposal put forward by the Public Art Office, Donegal County Council

PR /21/10 Development of a coherent message from the Donegal CDB Peace & Reconciliation Partnership promoting equality and embracing diversity – Presentation by Ms Sarah Lapsley, Anti-racism / Sectarianism Awareness Officer

Ms Anne Marie Conlon introduced Ms Sarah Lapsley, Anti racism / Sectarianism Awareness Officer to the Partnership.

Ms Sarah Lapsley subsequently gave a presentation to the Board. It was noted that November 2010, would be they key month for conveying the message of the Partnership. Ms Sarah Lapsley further advised that a Consultation evening would take place at the Port-of-Call Centre, Port House, Letterkenny on 27th April 2010 from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. Cllr Dessie Larkin thanked her for the presentation.

Cllr Ciaran Brogan thanked Ms Sarah Lapsley for her presentation whilst noting it was very positive and important to embrace diversity. This was noted.

PR /21/10 Partner Proposal from Public Art Office, Donegal County Council (CEU/PP/139 - Supports for Ex-servicemen - Schedule 1

Mr Michael O'hEanaigh declared an interest in the proposal put forward by the Public Art Office and absented himself from the meeting at this point.

The Chairman invited Ms Anne McElchar to update the Partnership on the recommendations from the Evaluation Panel with regard to this proposal. Ms Anne McElchar advised that the Partnership at their meeting on 21st January 2010, agreed to fund a programme that would involve the engagement of ex-servicemen and women, who served along the border during the troubles, and acknowledging their contribution to peace keeping measures during the conflict. In this regard, she advised that a partner proposal had been received from the Public Art Office, Donegal County Council for the “How we remember” Programme. She subsequently gave an overview of the proposal and outlined the recommendations from the Evaluation Panel.

She advised that the Evaluation Panel had recommended that €75,000 be awarded to the Public Art Office for the actions requested and that €16,450 be

placed on a reserve list, should additional funding become available, either through slippage or other means. The additional €16,450 would involve a mapping exercise which would be carried out by the 26 historical societies in Donegal. It was further noted that the planned symposium would be a much larger event, should additional funding be available and this would require an additional €5,000.

Having considered the recommendations from the Evaluation Panel, the Partnership approved the recommendation proposed and agreed on a final scoring of 134.

In summary:

Unit	File Ref	Applicant Name	Amount Approved	Score
CEU/TP/	139	Donegal County Council - Public Art Office - "How we remember"	€75,000	134
It was further agreed that €16,450 be placed on a reserve list for this project.				

This was proposed by Cllr Ciaran Brogan and seconded by Ms Shauna McClenaghan.

PR /22/10 Consideration of tenders received to for an Innovative Sports & Recreation Programme of Activity – Schedule 2

Mr Fearghal O'Boyle advised that tenders were requested from suitable organisations to deliver an innovative programme of sport and recreation to engage participants from a cross border and cross community setting to create opportunities for social interaction with a view to breaking down barriers, promoting reconciliation and mutual understanding between all sections of the community. In this regard, he advised that two tenders had been received.

Mr Fearghal O'Boyle gave an overview of the two tenders received, namely CEU/TP/137 - University of Ulster Sports Academy and CEU/PP/138 - The GAA, and outlined the recommendations from the Evaluation Panel in this regard.

Having considered the recommendations from the Evaluation Panel, the Partnership approved the recommendations proposed as follows:

Assessment for Action in Donegal Peace III Action Plan	Innovative Sports & Recreation Programme of Activity.	
No of tenders proposals received	2	
PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM	University of Ulster	Donegal GAA
DATE RECEIVED	23rd March 2010	23rd March 2010

PROPOSAL PRICE	€52,340	€98,350
UNDERSTANDING THE BRIEF = 20	10	15
UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF THE ISSUES AND CHALLENGES FACING DONEGAL = 30	15	20
TENDER PRICE/VALUE FOR MONEY = 40	25	26
Evidence of capacity, competency and expertise of tendering organisation to undertake assignment = 50	30	40
APPROACH PROPOSED TO UNDERTAKE ASSIGNMENT = 60	40	40
TOTAL = 200 (Threshold 130)	120	141
COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS	Proposed by: Cllr Ciaran Brogan and seconded by Ms Shauna McClenaghan.	

This was proposed by Cllr Ciaran Brogan and seconded by Ms Shauna McClenaghan.

PR /23/10 Consideration of tenders received for an Innovative Arts and Drama Theatre Based Programme of Activity – Schedule 3

Cllr Dessie Larkin declared an interest in the proposal put forward by An Grianan Theatre and as such absented himself for the duration of the consideration of the arts based proposals. In this regard, Cllr Ciaran Brogan agreed to chair the meeting for the duration of this item.

Mr Fearghal O'Boyle advised that tenders were received for the delivery of an innovative arts and drama theatre based programme to engage participants from a cross border and cross community perspective to explore themes and issues that are a consequence of the conflict so as to address levels of segregation in Donegal and across the border with a view to promoting reconciliation and mutual understanding.

Mr Fearghal O'Boyle gave an overview of the three tenders received, namely: CEU/TP/134 – Smashing times Theatre Company, CEU/TP/135 Butt Drama Circle Ltd and CEU/TP/136 An Grianan Theatre and outlined the recommendations from the Evaluation Panel in this regard.

Mr Fearghal O'Boyle advised that it was further agreed by the Evaluation Panel, that a meeting be facilitated between the two successful companies namely Smashing Times Theatre Company & An Grianan Theatre in order to create synergies and to ensure there is no duplication.

Having considered the recommendations from the Evaluation Panel, the Partnership approved the recommendations proposed as follows:

Assessment for Action in Donegal Peace III Action Plan	Innovative Arts and Drama Theatre Based programme		
PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM	Smashing Times Theatre Co Ltd	Butt Drama Circle Co Ltd.	An Grianán Theatre
DATE RECEIVED	23rd March 2010	23rd March 2010	23rd March 2010
PROPOSAL PRICE	€106,305.70	€124,940	€125,000
UNDERSTANDING THE BRIEF = 20	15	10	15
UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF THE ISSUES AND CHALLENGES FACING DONEGAL = 30	20	15	20
TENDER PRICE/VALUE FOR MONEY = 40	30	15	25
Evidence of capacity, competency and expertise of tendering organisation to undertake assignment = 50	35	25	35
APPROACH PROPOSED TO UNDERTAKE ASSIGNMENT = 60	40	30	45
TOTAL = 200 (Threshold 130)	140	95	140
COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS			
Proposed by:	Ms Charlene Logue		
Seconded by:	Ms Shauna McClenaghan.		

This was proposed by Ms Charlene Logue and seconded by Ms Shauna McClenaghan.

PR /24/10 Further call for tenders

It was noted that there is additional funding remaining following the allocation of the above tenders. In this regard, it was agreed that a new call for tenders be advertised as follows:

- 1) An Innovative Arts and Drama Programme of Activity for pre-school children
- 2) An Innovative Sports and Recreation Programme of Activity.

This was agreed and proposed by Cllr Ciaran Brogan and seconded by Ms Shauna McClenaghan.

PR /25/10 Correspondence

Ms Anne Marie Conlon advised that Cllr Pdraig MacLochlainn had resigned from the Peace III Partnership and referred to the correspondence as circulated. In this regard, it was noted that the County Secretary's Office, Donegal County Council would be contacted to determine who would be appointed to fill the vacancy. This was noted.

In relation to the resignation from Mr Henry McGarvey, it was noted that IBEC had been contacted to enquire if they wish to continue on the Partnership. It was noted that we are still awaiting a response from IBEC in this regard. It is hoped that this would be available for the next meeting. This was noted.

PR /26/10 Phase II of Peace III Action Plan – Plan for a Plan

Ms Anne Marie Conlon gave an overview of the document as circulated. She advised that Public consultation workshops will be held in Letterkenny PSC on Tuesday 20 April 2010 at 2.pm and in Donegal Town PSC on Thursday 22 April at 2.pm. It was noted that the consultation process was from 25th March 2010 to 7th May 2010.

Ms Anne Marie Conlon further advised that a focus group would be hosted on Tuesday 27 April 2010 in Port of Call, Port House, Letterkenny. This group will include 8 to 10 individuals from the following target group's: protestant community, ethnic minority community and young people. This was noted.

a. Guidelines & assessment framework for Phase II

Ms Anne Marie Conlon advised that the Guidelines & assessment framework for Phase II had been received from the SEUPB. This was noted.

b. Review of the Donegal CDB Peace & Reconciliation Partnership

Referring to the questionnaire as circulated with regard to the review of the Donegal CDB Peace & Reconciliation Partnership, it was agreed that this would be brought back to the next meeting of the Partnership for consideration / completion.

c. Timelines to be considered by Partnership

The following timelines were noted / agreed by the Partnership:

Date	Details	Time
Thursday 25 th March 2010	Public Consultation Opens	
Thursday 25 th March 2010	Networking Event, Ramada Hotel, Letterkenny	10.00am
Thursday 15 th April 2010	Evaluation Panel Meeting	9.30am

	Partnership Meeting to discuss review of Action Plan	11.00am
Tuesday 20 th April 2010	First Public Consultation Workshop, Letterkenny PSC	2.00pm
Thursday 22 nd April 2010	Second Public Consultation Workshop in Donegal Town PSC	2.00pm
Friday 7 th May 2010	Close of Public Consultation	4.00pm
Thursday 27 th May 2010	Donegal Peace III Partnership Conference	
1 st June 2010	Workshop Number 2 with Partnership - Draft Plan to be considered. Letterkenny PSC	1.00pm
18 th June 2010	Final sign off by Partnership Members, Letterkenny PSC	9.30am
22 nd June 2010	Submit final Plan to Pobal / CRC	

PR /27/10 Update from Partners delivering actions on the Donegal Peace III Action Plan

Cllr Dessie Larkin invited updates from each of the Partners on the Partnership who have responsibility for delivering actions within the plan.

CEU/PP/89 – Donegal Community Based Youth Work Consortium

Ms Charlene Logue referred the members to the update report as circulated and subsequently gave an overview of same. The report was noted and the chairman thanked Ms Charlene Logue for her update to the board.

CEU/PP/88 – Donegal County Council

Ms Anne Marie Conlon referred the members to the update report as circulated and subsequently gave an overview of same.

The report as circulated was noted and the Chairman thanked Ms Anne Marie Conlon for her update to the Board.

Donegal County Councils Proposal to deliver an awareness raising campaign to convey a clear and coherent message from the Partnership in relation to sectarianism and racism (P 1&2) - Request for amendment

Ms Anne Marie Conlon referred to the letter as circulated from Mr Michael O'hEanaigh and advised that one of the key actions proposed within the action plan was to *“design and develop a grant scheme for community groups and other organisations in the county to deliver an awareness raising and information campaign in Donegal in early 2010. All successful applicants will be asked to use the Partnerships brand identity and to ensure that events, activities etc will take place during a particular month in 2010 (e.g. February)*

so as to maximise the impact of these events and activities with a view to ensuring that the Partnerships message is heard”.

In this regard, she advised that it is proposed to amend how this action will be delivered in that rather than designing and delivering a grant scheme, that Donegal County Council will lead out on hosting a month long awareness raising and information campaign in November 2010 and that community and voluntary groups and other organisations will be invited to participate and that the costs incurred in hosting events, programmes and activities during this month will be covered by Donegal County Council using the funding available.

Ms Anne Marie Conlon recommended that this request be brought back to the next Partnership meeting for consideration, given the low turnout at the Partnership Meeting today. It was agreed that Ms Sarah Lapsley continue with her work in this regard, until such time as the proposal is considered by the full Partnership at their next meeting, scheduled to take place on 1st June 2010.

CEU/PP/90 – HSE

In the absence of Ms Maire O’Leary, the report as circulated was noted by the Partnership.

CEU/PP/89 – Donegal VEC

In the absence of Ms Cróna Gallagher at this point in the meeting, the report as circulated was noted by the Partnership.

PR /28/10 Update report on Small Grants Scheme

The update report as circulated was noted by the Partnership.

PR /29/10 Update report on Strategic Grant Scheme

The update report as circulated was noted by the Partnership.

PR /30/10 Update report on contracts issued

The update report as circulated was noted by the Partnership.

PR /31/10 Update on Building Capacity of the Donegal CDB Peace & Reconciliation Partnership

Cllr Dessie Larkin thanked the Peace III Secretariat for the preparations made in relation to the Conflict Transformation and Messines Experience Programme, which was subsequently postponed due to the small number of participation. This was noted.

Ms Anne Marie Conlon referred to the report as circulated in relation to the proposed Theatre of Witness Programme – “We carried your secrets”. She advised that the proposal to the Partnership was to arrange a private viewing of the film documentary “We Carried Your Secrets”. She advised that the participants from the film will be in attendance at the event and following the film, they will take the Partnership on a walking tour of the City of Derry, and weave their own personal stories into the geography of the town. This tour can take upwards of 1hr and 30 minutes. She advised that this will be followed by lunch and the day will close with an experiential workshop with the artistic director Teya Sepinuck.

The Partnership agreed that this proposal was very interesting and agreed that it would be brought back to the next meeting of the Partnership for consideration, given the low turn out at the Partnership Meeting today.

PR /32/10 Report from Pobal/CRC

It was noted that Ms Anne Molloy had passed on her apologies for today's meeting.

PR /33/10 AOB

Peace III Partnership Conference – 27th May 2010

Ms Anne Marie Conlon extended her thanks to Ms JoAnne Kilmartin for organising the Partnership Conference proposed for 27th May 2010. The agenda for the conference was noted. Cllr Dessie Larkin commended the high profile of the speakers and advised that he was looking forward to the first conference of the Partnership. This was noted.

PR /34/10 Next Meeting

It was agreed at the next meeting would take place on Tuesday 1st June 2010 at 1.00pm in the Letterkenny Public Services Centre.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

DONEGAL COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD CULTURAL RESOURCES FORUM

MINUTES/MIONTHUAIRISCÍ

25 Bealtaine, 2010. An Grianán, Leitir Ceanainn.

I láthair: Micheál Ó Fearraigh, Aideen Doherty, Joe Gallagher, Denie McCool, Martin Gormley, Anna Ní Laifearaigh, Patricia McBride, Traolach Ó Fionnáin, Micheal Mac Aoidh, Diarmuid Ó Mórdha, Conor Malone, Seán Hannigan, Terre Duffy, Séamús Ó Gallchóir,

Leithscéal: Helen McNutt, Anne Marie Crosse, Niamh Brenann, Paul Browne, Judith McCarthy, Eileen Burgess, Paul Browne.

1. Minutes.

The minutes were proposed by Terre Duffy and seconded by Séamus Ó Gallchóir.

2. Presentation by Gearóid Ó Maonaigh, Director of Donegal Volunteer Centre.

Gearóid Ó Maonaigh gave an outline and profile of the Donegal Volunteer Centre and explained the process involved if cultural organisations wished to access the volunteer network. He said cultural organisations and volunteers could be mutually beneficial to one another and that it was a great opportunity. A whole range of volunteers with a wide range of skills and experience were available, and that voluntary, statutory, not for profit and charitable groups as well as companies limited by association were eligible to access volunteers. Gearóid gave a number of guidelines:

- He stressed that the volunteer must be at the centre of the job offer and the role must be challenging, encouraging and not just filling a gap for the employee.
- A volunteer must not be a replacement for an employee.
- The boundaries, brief and tasks relating to the role offered must be clearly defined
- Training should be a central element of the role and supervision was also vital.

- The basic concept of volunteers was ‘giving time to the community’, and this should be borne in mind when recruiting a volunteer.

Gearóid distributed brochures, etc and said further information on the Volunteer centre could be found at www.volunteerdonegal.ie Gearóid gave details about a training course on volunteerism, tailor made for employees. The course would be run over 4 half days and would be beneficial to organisations who recruited volunteers regularly. The presentation was opened up to the floor for forum members to ask questions and get more information.

It was agreed that Micheál Mac Aoidh would send the contact details of the forum members to Gearóid Ó Maonaigh, so as he could forward details of the training course for employees, and any other relevant information, to Cultural Forum members

3. Matters Arising

Derry's bid for UK City of Culture 2013: Aileen Doherty gave an update on Derrys bid for the City of Culture. She said Derry had a great chance of winning the bid. She said the decision would be made on Thursday 15th of July.

CDB Strategic Day: Martin Gormley commended Terre Duffy on her presentation on the role and importance of Culture at the CDB strategic day. It was generally agreed that it was very positive that Culture was a major part of the agenda at the CDB strategic day and speakers such as Finbarr Bradley made a cogent case for Culture.

Donegal Live Day: It was generally agreed that the day had being a great success. Patricia McBride noted that ‘Culture’ had being used to draw people in and was central to the success of the day. Martin Gormley suggested a letter be sent to congratulate the committee and Storm PM. Micheál Ó Fearraigh said this had already being done. A number of issues had arisen as regards the organisation of the Donegal Live day, notably difficulties in communication and co-ordination. It was also felt greater lead-in times were needed. It was generally felt that the benefits the Cultural sector get from the day should be commensurate with the huge input they make. It was agreed that and a number of points should be drawn up and that this feedback be sent to Máire Áine Gardiner at Fáilte Ireland. Seán Hannigan said the Cultural Sector was not ‘in the loop’ in terms of the tourism perspective of culture, and he felt the sector needed to develop a tourism element. He said Máire Áine Gardiner was a great conduit between the two sectors.

4. Cultural Forum representative for Tourism Forum meetings.

Traolach Ó Fionnáin said it was important the Cultural Forum had a representative on the Tourism Forum. Martin Gormley agreed that a formal link was important. Seán Hannigan added that it was important a

clear, strong and consistent link be developed with the tourism sector. The person appointed, he said, should sell the case of 'culture' to the Tourism sector on a consistent basis. Aideen Doherty said it is important for the Cultural sector to identify what they want out of any co-operation or joint projects with the Tourism sector. It was agreed that Terre Duffy be appointed the representative at the Tourism Forum meetings. It was agreed that Micheál Ó Fearraigh and Terre Duffy would meet with Máire Áine Gardiner to discuss some of the issue discussed and links between the two sectors.

Marketing on a Shoestring course. Micheál Ó Fearraigh said that Máire Áine Gardiner/Fáilte Ireland were going to facilitate a 'Marketing on a Shoestring' course for the Cultural Sector. Máire Áine needed the Forum to fix a number of possible dates for the course and to identify any particular subject areas they would like covered. Tuesday June 8th and Thursday July 17th were set as possible dates. Members expressed an interest to learn more about Social Networking, IT marketing in general and how to use photos, jpegs, etc.

5. Cultural Resources Template

Aideen Doherty said the Cultural Forum template is working very well and she believed the forum was leading the CDB in terms of collaboration and co-ordination. Members spent time at the meeting filling in the template. Micheál Mac Aoidh would send the completed template to be presented at the next meeting of the CDB. He would also send the last completed template to forum members.

6. Priority Goals.

Facebook site: Conor Malone said the Facebook site was attracting interest and was quite active. Traolach Ó Fionnáin said that most members of the forum couldn't access Facebook or other social networking sites from the workplace, as such sites were restricted. This was problematic, he said, as most of the cultural sector communicated and did a substantial amount of their marketing through social networking sites.

Cultural Forum Newsletter: Micheál Mac Aoidh said the email newsletter was developing and expanding with every issue. It was hoped, he said, it would be distributed monthly from now on, and it was hoped a volunteer would be recruited to help edit the newsletter. Seán Hannigan said it would be a good idea to expand the database and distribute it to a wider audience. Traolach Ó Fionnáin said he would put a database together for the next meeting. Micheál Ó Fearraigh said it would be a good idea for Cultural Forum members to re-distribute the email newsletter to people on their contact lists.

Funding: Traolach Ó Fionnáin and Micheál Ó Fearraigh would be meeting with representatives of the Arts council and other bodies to discuss the issue of funding. They said that feedback and opinions from forum members was very welcome and would be useful. Traolach said Donegal

County Council had appointed Carol Margey as a grants researcher. She provided a search facility to find out what grants are available for specific projects on a national and European level, cultural projects included. Micheál Ó Fearraigh suggested inviting her to give a presentation at the forum in a few months time. Any forum members who wished to access this service could go through Aideen Doherty.

7. Any other Business

Patricia McBride gave an brief on the public meeting that was held to discuss the possibility of Donegal and Derry being showcased at the Milwaukee festival in 2011. She believed a budget of €100,000 was available and said it was a great opportunity for groups in Donegal to showcase their talents and, in turn, to attract Cultural Tourists to the North West. She said over 100,000 attend the festival every year. The festival focussed primarily on music and dance, but smaller stages were provided for theatre, literature, and other cultural forms. Patricia asked if anyone had more information on who was driving the move to make Donegal /Derry the focal point of Milwaukee 2011. Traolach Ó Fionnáin said he believed Liam Ó Cuinneagán of Oideas Gael had initiated the meeting and the aim was to try and get someone to take up the reins of co-ordinating Derry/Donegal's input. Micheál Ó Fearraigh said he would talk to Liam Ó Cuinneagáin to get more information. It was generally felt it was a good opportunity for the Cultural sector.

8. Whats on.

Members gave details on events and notifications relating to their organisations. Information as per email newsletter.

Meetings of the Cultural Forum for 2010.

Tuesday November 16th 10.00 a.m. Venue TBC