

GOOD RELATIONS PARTNERSHIP

MONDAY, 10TH MARCH, 2014

MEETING OF THE GOOD RELATIONS PARTNERSHIP

Members present: Councillor Hendron (Chairman);
Councillors Attwood, Mac Giolla Mhín
and Reynolds.

External Members: Mr. S. Brennan, Voluntary/Community Sector;
Ms. A. Chada, Minority Ethnic Groups;
Mr. R. Galway, Confederation of British Industry/
Shorts Bombardier;
Mrs. J. Hawthorne, Northern Ireland Housing Executive;
Ms. M. Marken, Catholic Church;
Mr. B. McGivern, Belfast City Centre Management; and
Mr. P. Scott, Catholic Church.

In attendance: Mrs. S. Wylie, Director of Health and Environmental
Services;
Mr. I. May, PEACE III Programme Manager;
Ms. M. Hand, Good Relations Officer; and
Mrs. P. Scarborough, Democratic Services Section.

Apologies

Apologies were reported on behalf of Mr. P. Mackel, Ms. C. Moore and Ms O. Barron.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 10th February were taken as read and signed as correct.

Declarations of Interest

Mr. S. Brennan declared an interest in relation to item 2, PEACE III – Implementation Update, insofar as he was a facilitator for the Belfast Interface Projects – Inner East/Outer West.

Peace III – Implementation Update

The PEACE III Programme Manager provided an overview of the Phase II projects which had been approved, including the total project expenditure to date, together with a summary of project targets and commentary on the impact thereof. He reported that Programme staff had met with the Special European Union Programmes Body in order to review progress on the Phase II Plan, including the achievement against the work plan to date and the 2014 Plans; the target spend and claims progress against the target; the claims submission; any underspend or slippage encountered; an

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assurance statement; the Letter of Offer conditions; and the Programme closure. He advised that the next claim to the Special European Union Programmes Body was in the process of being prepared and would be submitted by 30th April. The claims target set by the Programmes Body was approximately £767,000. He informed the Partnership also that the terms of reference for its review, as discussed previously, were being developed.

After discussion, during which the PEACE III Programme Manager provided clarification on the communications plan in connection with Phase II and undertook to provide, to a future meeting, a summary of the communications activities which had occurred in that regard, the Partnership noted the information which had been provided.

Annual Day of Reflection

The Director reminded the Partnership that an invitation had been received from the Healing Through Remembering organisation for the Council to commemorate the annual Day of Reflection, which would take place on 21st June. Following discussion at the February meeting of the Partnership, it had been agreed that the Council would mark the day and that options in that regard would be reported to its March meeting.

The Day of Reflection would be offered as a day for personal, private and individual reflection, either as individuals or within a family at home, or as a group or organisation in the workplace. In order for the Council to provide an area for people to engage with the Day, it was proposed that a small space within the City Hall, including the provision of tea and coffee, be made available for people to gather in which to spend time reflecting.

The Partnership agreed to recommend to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee that approval be granted to the provision of tea and coffee, up to the value of £150, and an appropriate space within the City Hall for the hosting of an event to mark the Day of Reflection in 2014.

Good Relations Action Plan

The Partnership was reminded that, in November, 2013, approval had been granted for an audit of Good Relations issues and needs to be undertaken in order to inform the Good Relations Action Plan. That audit had been conducted during January and February and a presentation had been provided previously to the Partnership in order to obtain its views and to input into the process.

The Partnership was informed that the action plan, which had been required to be based upon an up to date audit of Good Relations issues and need, had been submitted to the Office of the First Minister and the Deputy First Minister on 28th February for consideration. It was pointed out that the action plan had been submitted at 100% of the costs, which amounted to £818,738, and that any activity delivered might be recouped at 75% under the District Council's Good Relations Programme.

After discussion in terms of the role of the Partnership, the information which had been provided was noted and the Partnership approved the implementation of the

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action plan as presented, subject to the receipt of a Letter of Offer from the Office of the First Minister and the Deputy First Minister.

**Good-Relations Grants and
Summer Intervention Fund**

The Good Relations Officer reported that, by the closing date, a total of 65 applications from the Good Relations Fund had been received, requesting a total of £369,459. Fifty-five applications, seeking a total of £232,837 from the Summer Intervention Fund, had been received also. Those applications had been assessed in line with the pre-agreed criteria, following which 51 submissions, totalling £157,578, had been recommended for funding from the Good Relations Fund and 43 claims, amounting to £112,653, had been recommended for support from the Summer Intervention Fund. She pointed out that 75% of the expenditure for the Good Relations Fund grants would be recouped from the Office of the First Minister and the Deputy First Minister through the District Council's Good Relations Programme and that 100% for the Summer Intervention grants would be recouped from its United Communities Programme.

Accordingly, she recommended that the Partnership agree that grant-aid of £157,578 from the Good Relations Fund, and £112,653 from the Summer Intervention Fund, be awarded under the delegated authority of the Director of Health and Environmental Services to the following organisations, subject to the receipt of the Letter of Offer from the Office of the First Minister and the Deputy First Minister, and to the satisfactory monitoring and completion of prior year funding and the organisations meeting all of the required terms and conditions in the Letter of Offer for 2014-2015:

Good Relations Fund:

No.	Organisation	Recommended Amount, up to £
1	Cultúrlann McAdam Ó Fiaich	8,000.00
2	Fortwilliam & Macrory Presbyterian Church	1,320.00
3	Primecut Productions	7,300.00
4	Lower Ormeau Residents Action Group	4,240.00
5	Ballymacarrett Arts and Cultural Society	4,580.00
6	Blackie River Community Group	6,200.00
7	Ligoniel Improvement Agency	1,940.00
8	Forthspring Intercommunity Group	3,700.00
9	Belfast Boxing Ring	5,250.00
10	Youth Initiatives	4,590.00
11	Smashing Times Theatre Company	3,040.00
12	The Institute for Conflict Research	8,488.00
13	Woodvale FC	2,000.00
14	ArtsEkta	3,460.00

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No.	Organisation	Recommended Amount, up to £
15	North Belfast Play Forum	4,000.00
16	Stadium Projects	3,200.00
17	Féile an Phobail	1,942.00
18	The Linenhall Library	1,200.00
19	Newington Youth FC	800.00
20	Shankill Women's Centre	6,220.00
21	Terra Nova	5,520.00
22	Women's Resource and Development Agency	6,302.00
23	St James' Forum	1,500.00
24	Marrowbone Community Association	1,878.00
25	APAC NI	3,500.00
26	Barnardo's	2,250.00
27	1 st North Belfast Ladies Somme Society	3,350.00
28	Crossover Basketball NI	3,500.00
29	Adullam Christian Ministries	2,800.00
30	Green Shoot Productions	4,725.00
31	An Droichead	1,850.00
32	Kabosh	3,500.00
33	Cathedral Quarter Trust	3,500.00
34	Royal Irish Rangers OCA	4,070.00
35	TDK Community	1,500.00
36	North Belfast Women's Initiative and Support Project NBWISP	1,195.00
37	PLACE	1,735.00
38	Public Achievement	2,963.00
39	Ulster Covenant & Historical Society	3,000.00
40	Springfield Star Blackmountain	1,500.00
41	Community Watersports Co CIC	2,600.00
42	Star Neighbourhood Centre	1,000.00
43	Beyond Skin	1,500.00
44	Fitzroy Presbyterian Church	1,000.00
45	All Nations Ministries	1,000.00
46	Dalriada Culture & Historical Society	2,700.00
47	Seaview Enterprises	2,000.00
48	Embrace Ballysillan	1,500.00
49	NITECA	600.00
50	The Church of Pentecost (Belfast Assembly)	570.00
51	Association Darfur of Northern Ireland	1,500.00
TOTAL		157,578

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Summer Intervention Fund:

No.	Organisation	Recommended Amount, up to £
1	Lower Shankill Community Association	3551.00
2	Glen Community Parent and Youth	3400.00
3	Southcity Resources ad Development Agency	3640.00
4	Ballymac Friendship Trust	5000.00
5	Loughside FC	4592.00
6	Greater Shankill Prop Dev Co	4830.00
7	Ballymacarrett Arts and Cultural Society	4200.00
8	Clonard Neighbourhood Development Partnership	3000.00
9	Crusaders Youth Academy	4116.00
10	New Lodge Arts	4556.00
11	North Belfast Interface Network	3500.00
12	Youth Initiatives	3000.00
13	Colin Glen Trust	2500.00
14	Falls Youth Providers	3000.00
15	The HUBB Community Resource Centre	2750.00
16	North Belfast Play Forum	2500.00
17	Roden Street Community Development Group	3000.00
18	Greater Village Regeneration Trust	2500.00
19	Norman Whiteside Sports Facility	2500.00
20	Seaview Enterprises	2500.00
21	Fortwilliam & Macrory	1771.00
22	Markets Development Agency	2500.00
23	North Belfast Womens Initiative & Support Project	1750.00
24	St James' Forum	3000.00
25	Gleann ABC	2000.00
26	Interaction Belfast	2827.00
27	Newington Youth FC	2500.00
28	No Limat	2000.00
29	Wheelworks	1000.00
30	Dean Clarke Foundation	2000.00
31	Gort na Mona Sports Association	2000.00
32	Greater New Lodge Youth Forum	1500.00
33	Inner East Youth Project	2000.00
34	Loughview Community Action Partnership	4020.00
35	St Matthew Sports and Social Club	2000.00
36	Short Strand Community Forum	2500.00
37	Springfield Star Blackmountain	2000.00
38	St John Bosco	1400.00

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No.	Organisation	Recommended Amount, up to £
39	Concerned Residents Upper Ardoyne	1500.00
40	Crosscollyer St Evangelical Presbyterian Church	1000.00
41	Shankill United FC	1500.00
42	Star ABC	750.00
43	Fairhill Community Association	500.00
TOTAL		112,653

During discussion, a Member highlighted the importance of ensuring an equal balance of the distribution of funding, as far as possible, across all geographical areas of the City and the need also to ensure the inclusion of applications from ethnic minority groups.

In response, the Good Relations Officer undertook to provide an analysis of the distribution across the City of applications and of those from ethnic minority groups to a future meeting. She undertook also to investigate the inclusion of the grants awards onto the Government Grants Awards database.

The Partnership agreed that funding be awarded from the Good Relations Fund to the 51 organisations and from the Summer Intervention Fund to the 43 organisations, as set out above.

Meeting in May

The Partnership noted that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, at its meeting on 21st February, had, given that the Local Government Elections were due to take place on 22nd May, agreed that all Committee meetings in May should be cancelled to allow Members to concentrate on the forthcoming European Parliament and Local Council elections.

Accordingly, the Partnership agreed not to hold its meeting which had been scheduled for 12th May.

Chairman