



FORUM MEETING

Thursday 23rd May 2013 @ 10.30, Radisson Blu Hotel, Belfast

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE

	Jennifer McNern	Tina McCann-CVS
Michael Arlow	Sandra Peake	
Alana Burke	Jeff Smith	APOLOGIES
Violet Craig	Ann Travers	Alan Brecknell
Stephen Gault	Briege Voyle	Mitch Bresland
Eibhlin Glenholmes	Jude Whyte	Alex Bunting
Geoffrey Hamilton		Lesley Carroll
Peter Heathwood	PRESENT	Liz Clarke
Fiona Kelly	Kathryn Stone- CVS	Roberta Holmes
Irene Kerrigan	Adrian McNamee-CVS	John Loughran
Errol McDowell	Annette Begley-CVS	David Scott

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting were checked for accuracy, Kathryn asked for an amendment to be made at Item 5. Forum members were advised that they “should” sign up to the Nolan Principles and not only those who “wished to”.

AP: Tina to amend Point 5 to reflect amendment.

The minutes were subsequently verified subject to amendment.

2. Matters Arising

In a review of the Action Points listed, Tina advised that a meeting with Forum members to discuss recruitment of members would be held in June as the Commission had to meet with the Steering Committee in advance. This meeting has now taken place and a date will be set to discuss this with Forum members.

3. Work Programme 2013/14

Adrian briefed the members on the Forum Work Programme for 2013/14 and advised that the Commission did not see any difficulties with the Forum meeting its targets and agreed outputs.

A discussion was held on the Work Programme and Geoff Hamilton advised that he was not content with the Forum's involvement with the Maze Long Kesh Development. He stated that many victims he knows are against this development and that this is a perceived "fault line" for some victims and survivors. Jeff Smith also agreed with this comment.

Kathryn advised that she appreciated his comments but that at the Forum meeting in November 2012, the Forum had agreed that the voice of victims and survivors was very important and that the Forum should ensure that their voice was integral to this development. Geoff's comments were noted for the record.

AP: Geoff Hamilton's concerns noted on Maze Long Kesh Development.

4. NVQ Accreditation Opportunity with Time Out Assessment Centre

Tina outlined the accreditation opportunity available through Time Out Assessment Centre. She requested that any interested members should email her.

AP: Forum members to email Tina McCann and register their interest in NVQ opportunity

5. Representation on Victims Practitioners Working Group

Adrian briefed the Forum on a request from the Victims and Survivors Service for Forum representative/s to sit on the newly established Victims Practitioners Working Group. This group will meet approximately once every six-eight weeks. Any Forum members who are interested in registering their interest are to contact Tina.

AP: Interested Forum members are to contact Tina and confirm their willingness to represent Forum.

6. Commissioners Feedback

Kathryn updated the Forum on her recent engagements including meeting the Good Friday Committee, Department of Foreign Affairs and the Office of the Taoiseach in Dublin. Officials in Dublin expressed a keen interest in meeting the Forum with the intention of facilitating a meeting with Taoiseach at a future date.

Kathryn asked the Forum to consider this offer and it will be discussed at a later date.

AP: Schedule as Agenda Item for June 2013.

Kathryn also had engagements with the Tim Parry Jonathan Ball Peace Foundation in Warrington, England who wish to engage with the Forum at a later date. Kathryn also met with representatives of the Alliance Party and attended the SEFF Memorial Quilt Service and the Transgenerational Seminar held by Commission on the May 16th. An event was also held in WAVE (NB More detail required)

Adrian also advised that the consultation period on the Commission's work programme and corporate plan had closed and there had been a healthy response to date and they are now being considered.

The next Commission Seminar will be held on June 13th in the Beech Hill Hotel Derry/Londonderry on Women's Lived Experience of the Troubles.

7. Any Other Business

Tina advised that the NI Assembly need all car registrations in advance of the meeting with Ministers on the 20th June.

AP: All Forum members are to forward car details to Tina by 29th May

8. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The Forum business meeting concluded to allow Forum members to meet with DSD on the issue of Personal Independence Payment and to meet in working groups for the afternoon session.

Room 115 NI Assembly, Stormont. Thursday 20th June @ 9.30am