



## Forum Meeting Minutes

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2013 @ 10.30am

Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen

### **In Attendance**

John Loughran	Fiona Kelly
Michael Arlow	Briege Voyle
Alan Brecknell	
Mitch Bresland	
Alex Bunting	
Lesley Carroll	
Violet Craig	
Stephen Gault	
Eibhlin Glenholmes	
Peter Heathwood	
Roberta Holmes	
Irene Kerrigan	

John Loughran  
Errol McDowell  
Jennifer McNern  
Sandra Peake  
David Scott  
Jeff Smith  
Ann Travers  
Jude Whyte

### **Present**

Kathryn Stone (Chair)  
Commissioner, CVS  
John Beggs Chief  
Executive CVS  
Neil Foster Research  
Officer, CVS  
Tina McCann Forum  
Manager, CVS  
Michael McCullough  
Records Officer, CVS

### **Apologies**

Liz Clarke  
Geoff Hamilton

### **Minutes from 20<sup>th</sup> June Meeting**

The minutes from the meeting from the 20<sup>th</sup> June were checked for accuracy. Mitch Bresland was not listed as attending and Sandra Peake was added to list of attendees in her absence.

**AP: Tina to amend the minutes accordingly to reflect accurate attendance.**

Jennifer proposed the minutes for adoption and they are to be recorded on basis of amendments detailed.

## **Matters Arising**

Kathryn reviewed each action point in the minutes and updated on each. She added that as the media letter had been issued, requests and correspondence were now coming into the Commission.

## **Steering Committee Feedback**

Kathryn informed the Forum members that the Steering Committee has nominated Lesley Carroll as Deputy Chair of the Steering Committee. The purpose of this is to give regular updates to the Forum on the areas of work on the Steering Committee who are now meeting on a monthly basis and to assist the Steering Committee in the case of Kathryn's absence from Steering Committee meetings.

Lesley then briefed the full Forum with an update from the Steering Committee including items on the ongoing evaluation of the Forum, forward planning towards the Forum advice papers to the Commission by January 2013, media training, feedback from the meeting with MLK Development Corporation on the 29<sup>th</sup> July and attendance

## **Commissioner Feedback and review**

Kathryn presented her reflections on the past 12 months since she took up post as Commissioner. This included a summary of the successes to date, engagements of the Forum and the productivity of working groups.

She informed the members that there are requests from the Secretary of State, Tánaiste and the Richard Haass Team to meet with the Forum. Kathryn also looked forward on how as a Forum, we need to consolidate and build on our credibility and influence. She asked that the members take time today in their working groups to reflect on how, as a Forum, they can best consolidate and maintain credibility and influence in order to improve the lives of victims and survivors.

## **Any other business**

Tina gave an update on the Level 4 Diploma in Working with Victims, Survivors and Witnesses with Time Out Assessment Centre. She informed the proposed participants that a meeting will be held in late October to discuss the programme.

**AP: Tina to forward date of meeting to Mitch Bresland, Alex Bunting, Fiona Kelly, Irene Kerrigan, Eibhlin Glenholmes and Ann Travers.**

Peter gave an update on the Accounts of the Conflict Project, explained what its objectives are and asked members to consider contributing to it. Peter was

nominated to sit on the Local Advisory Group for this INCORE project by his colleagues on the Forum.

Ann spoke to the Forum about the Theatre of Witness Film 'Release 'and recommended that her colleagues watch it. Tina advised that she had forwarded the link to this film.

Alex distributed copies of the 'Legacy' Box set and advised that Tina had additional copies should anyone require one.

**Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2013, Hilton Hotel, Templepatrick.