



FORUM MEETING

Wednesday 16th April 2014 @ 10.30am

Tullyglass Hotel, Ballymena

MINUTES

In Attendance

Alan Brecknell

Mitch Bresland

Alex Bunting

Liz Clarke

Violet Craig

Stephen Gault

Peter Heathwood

Fiona Kelly

Irene Kerrigan

John Loughran

Jennifer mcnern

Sandra Peake

Jeff Smith

Ann Travers

Jude Whyte

Apologies

Eibhlin Glenholmes

Roberta Holmes

David Scott

Present

Kathryn Stone-
Commissioner (Chair)

Adrian McNamee-CVS

Tina McCann-CVS

1. Minutes from Meeting on 25th March

The minutes from the last meeting on the 25th March were checked and verified. No amendments were recorded and minutes were proposed for adoption by Jude Whyte and Alex Bunting.

AP: Tina to add minutes to the record and upload to website.

2. Matters Arising

Kathryn informed the members that she had submitted her resignation as Commissioner for Victims and Survivors to take a new post in England. She added that this had been a very difficult decision to make and was one of personal sadness for her.

Many members expressed their gratitude to Kathryn and sadness at this news. A discussion followed and Kathryn concluded by stating that the Commission and the Forum are now in a much stronger position now and that they will both continue to effectively represent the interests of all victims and survivors.

3. Adoption of Building for the future Working Group Paper

Adrian gave a briefing on the changes made to the Building for the future paper that were requested at the meeting on the 25th March. These changes were predominately related to the interchange in use of language and not the actual content of the paper.

Jeff asked about the reference he had made to shared teaching resources and it was agreed that this issue would be revisited by the working group in a later session and the paper was formally adopted for the record.

AP: Building for the Future Working Group Paper adopted as a Forum Advice Paper to the Commission.

4. Working Group Planning

Tina recapped and updated on the key areas of work going forward for the two working groups as agreed at the Forum residential.

She also advised that the Services Working group had met with the VSS Board members and management team on the 10th April and were currently discussing the proposed Health and Well Being Review and Individual Needs Schemes and submitting their response on Friday 18th April.

5. Commission's Draft Corporate Plan and Draft Work Programme

Adrian gave a presentation on the Commission's Draft Corporate Plan and Draft Work Programme. Members asked for an update on the research projects. Members also advised that the impact of the interim vacancy created by Kathryn's resignation would be a threat to delivery of the work programme. Adrian advised that the Commission staff would be ensuring the delivery of objectives in the interim absence of a Commissioner.

6. AOB

Adrian advised that the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland had issued an invite to the Forum to attend the *From Prison to Peace Project* conference on June 3rd-4th. Forum members agreed to inform Tina if they were interested in participating or attending when they received the invitation.

AP: Tina to circulate invitation and coordinate attendance on behalf of the Forum.

Tina advised Forum members that the Ulster Museum had invited the Forum to view an exhibition currently showing titled "*The Art of the Troubles*". She advised that the Commission had accepted on their behalf and that the June 12th meeting would be held in the Ulster Museum.

7. Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 15th May at 10.30 am venue to be confirmed.