



24 August 2018
Dunsilly Hotel, Antrim

Present

Judith Thompson (JT)
John Beggs (JB)
Tina McCann (TMC)
Patricia Stewart (PS)
Alana Fisher (AF)

Paul Crawford
Donal Dunn
Paul Gallagher
Paul McCormac

Kathryn Johnston
Minty Thompson
Emmett McConomy

Apologies

Alan Brecknell
Carmel Rooney
Denise Mullen
Don Mackay
Hazel Deeney
Jan Crawford
Jeremy Adams

Lesley Veronica
Mary Moreland
Mina Jadeja
Niall Ó Murchu
Robert McClenaghan
Sam Wilson

Outline of Meeting

JT welcomed Forum members and noted a number of apologies due to holidays and the increase in volume of activity due to the NIO consultation on Legacy.

The meeting commenced by outlining public calls for an extension to the Legacy Consultation process - the Forum advised if there was to be an extension, it would need to be purposeful with improved communications and still closed within a reasonable timeframe.

Joint Engagement with the Northern Ireland Office (NIO) and Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (D/FAT) in Ireland

The Forum discussed the key issues around the four mechanisms outlined in the Legacy Consultation, namely the Historical Investigations Unit (HIU), Independent Commission for Information Retrieval (ICIR), an Oral History Archive (OHA) and Implementation and Reconciliation Group (IRG).

A Question and Answer session with the NIO and D/FAT followed and the Forum relayed the importance of applying the key guiding principle of each mechanism being victim-centred and victim-led and of building public confidence through successful implementation of each.

Action Point: Commission to invite the Lord Chief Justice to a future Forum meeting.

Informing Commission response to NIO Consultation 'Addressing the Legacy of Northern Ireland's Past

TMC gave an overview of the issues that had been identified throughout the period of the consultation to date based on engagements with the Forum, individuals, voluntary and community sector organisations and other service providers.

JB then outlined the Secretary of State's request for an update to the Commission's advice on a pension for those severely injured during the Troubles to include those who have been psychologically injured and an update on figures since the 2014 advice.

Meeting closed.

Agreed Actions

1. Commission to invite the Lord Chief Justice to a future Forum meeting.