

Stakeholder forum – online meeting note
Wednesday 13 March 2024 10:00am – Noon

Attendees:

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| Ian Simpson | NIPSCBF – Vice Chairperson |
| Andrea Brown | Disability Action |
| Mary T Conway | Omagh Forum for Rural Associations |
| Denise Copeland | NICVA |
| Lorraine Griffin | COSTA |
| Diarmuid Moore | Early Years |
| Brenda McMullan | Halifax Foundation |
| Michele Crilly | Special Olympics |
| Clare Jenner | Parentkind |
| Louise Little | North Down Community Network |
| Derek Powell | Causeway Rural & Urban Network (joined meeting at 10:30am). |
| Valerie McConville | C03 |
| Ashleigh Roberts. | EBCDA |
| Ann Breslin | CCNI – PDM, Notetaker. |

Apologies:

Charlene Brooks, Gerry McCurdy, Tony Clarke, Conor Flanagan, Bill Megraw, Leslie-Anne Newton, Denise Hayward, Lisa Keys, Colin Hayburn.

| Ref | Item | Action point/Decision | Update |
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| 1 | Apologies | | |
| 2 | Notes of previous meeting. | <p>Decision: Note of meeting accepted.</p> <p>AP1: Check with SK re use of photo taken at meeting.</p> | Published on Commission’s LinkedIn page. Agreed steps with Charlene and Ian at preparation meeting on Thursday 30 May – see notes at end. |
| 3 | Sub-group Review ToR. | After discussion proposed changes to Terms of Reference, accepted by forum. Vice Chair thanked | |

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| | | <p>the sub-group for their work.</p> <p>AP2: Amendment to summary of changes AP3: to Board meeting in May 2024.</p> | |
| 4 | Feedback on complaints guidance | <p>AP4: Amend guidance to say that in exceptional circumstances the Ombudsman office will look at complaints.</p> | Accepted |
| 5 | Members update. | <p>AP1: to send thank you note to Catherine Cooke who has resigned.</p> <p>Update on Threshold working group.</p> <p>AP5: When this consultation goes live members are asked to encourage their own and other charities to respond.</p> <p>AP6: when Department release press release about Threshold circulate to forum.</p> | Completed |
| 6 | Dates of meetings 2024/25 | <p>Change in circumstances, Charlene can no longer attend on Wed. Thurs do not suit other members.</p> <p>AP7: Ann to re poll members.</p> | <p>Only date agreed is 10 June.</p> <p>Next dates: 18 Sept & 13 Nov (this will be an in person meeting and review)</p> |
| 7 | Rota for blogs | <p>Mary T – April Louise – May</p> <p>AP8: Shirley, Comms person to liaise with both.</p> | |
| 8 | A.O.B | There were no items under A.O.B | |

Due to short agenda meeting ended at 11:30am.

Prepared by: Ann Breslin.

Next meeting: online – Monday 10 June, 10:00am – 12.30pm.

Re: Taking and publication of photos

Agreed to add a line into the ToR to say that on occasion, for example at the annual in person meeting, photos of the forum members will be taken by Commission for use on its social media channel. Purpose is to promote the work of the forum. We will let people know in advance and anyone who does not want to be in the photo can let the Chairperson know in confidence.