



Report of Good Relations Working Group of Mid Ulster District Council

Report of Good Relations Working Group of Mid Ulster Council held on Monday 29 June at 6pm in the Council Offices, Burn Rd, Cookstown

Attendees **Members:** Councillors Wilson, McKinney, T Quinn, C O'Neill, R McGinley, J McNamee, S McPeake, Ashton, McLean
Officers: C Linney, P Moffett

Apologies Councillor Bateson

AGENDA	MATTERS AGREED	ACTIONS & RESPONSIBILITY
1.0	Group Terms of Reference	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the position of Working Group Chair and Deputy Chair be rotated between parties represented on the Group, with both 'communities' represented each year in the positions • That Cllr McNamee hold position of Chair and Cllr Ashton Deputy Chair in year 1 (2015-16) 	
2.0	Group Terms of Reference	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work of the Group would also include by activities referred to it from Council and/ or one of its committees • That the Group be a forum for processing and considering Good Relations issues being experienced within communities, as reported to council and known by officers • That the Terms of Reference be clearly defined and 'tightened up' to confirm that activities of the Group were to progress matters of intolerance towards issues of perceived sensitivity such as language, street naming issues and flags. This is on the basis that issues in themselves are not problems but rather intolerance towards them is the issue • Clarification was sought and provided on including 'dealing with the past'. It was clarified that was provided for within the context of the Together Building United Communities (TBUC) Strategy 	<p>P Moffett & C Linney: annex to Terms of Reference</p>

3.0	Membership & Meeting Schedule	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That the Working Group meet bi-monthly and rotate locations in sequence with monthly committee meeting 	P Moffett: sequence meetings
4.0	Mid Ulster Council Good Relations Strategy	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That reviews be undertaken of organisations, such as the Clergy Forum and Churches Forum, who receive funding for trips and activities to ensure that the same individuals are not continually benefiting from council/ OFMDFM financial support That Burns Night celebrations continue to be provided for through community partnership activity That Policing & Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) Independent Members be updated on PCSP activity within the Good Relations Strategy 	<p>C Linney: undertake reviews</p> <p>C Linney: deliver as per Good Relations Plan</p> <p>C Linney: PCSP Independent members to be briefed</p>
Meeting concluded at 6.55pm		

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