



Minutes of the VSS Board Meeting No 57
VSS, Seatem House, Belfast
Board Meeting Type: Strategic Meeting
19th March 2019

Board Members Present:

Oliver Wilkinson (OW)	Board Member (Chair)
Patricia Haren (PH)	Board Member
Bertha McDougall (BMcD)	Board Member
Richard Solomon (RS)	Board Member

VSS Officers in Attendance:

Margaret Bateson (MB)	Accounting Officer and CEO
Andrew Walker (AW)	Head of Corporate Services
Joanne McConville (JMcC)	Head of Health & Wellbeing

Apologies

Stephen McIlveen and Beverly Clarke sent apologies.

A Minutes of Previous Meeting

19 February 2019. The minutes of this meeting will be finalised and brought for approval at the Board Annual Review session on 28 March 2019 (along with Minutes of this meeting).

B CEO Reporting by Exception

The CEO advised that there were no specific new issues to report by exception since the last Board Meeting.

C Strategic Session – Victims in GB

The strategic session involved presentations from the two VSS-funded organisations providing services and support to victims in GB – through the PEACE IV funded caseworker network.

C1 – South East Fermanagh Foundation (SEFF)

Kenny Donaldson of South East Fermanagh Foundation (SEFF) gave a presentation on his organisation's work to date in relation to GB victims, including statistical information on the numbers of victims supported, and the type of support activities provided.

Mr Donaldson also set out some of the key challenges in this area and engaged with the Board in a Q& A session in respect of the presentation and the challenges outlined.

The Board thanks Mr Donaldson for his useful presentation.

C2 – Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Peace Foundation

Nick Taylor of the Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Peace Foundation gave a presentation on his organisation's background and role, both in respect of victims of the NI Troubles/Conflict, and its wider activities in respect of peace and conflict resolution.

Nick also highlighted the challenges presented by changes in funding availability.

The Board thanked Mr Taylor for his presentation and engaged in a Q&A session.

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Date of next meeting Thursday 28th March 2019 in Titanic Suites, Belfast – for an Annual Review facilitated by Steve Mungavin.