

Minutes of the East Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Private Meeting

Musgrave Police Station, Belfast
Thursday 25th September, 2014

Political Members	Independent Members
Councillor Mervyn Jones (Chair) Councillor Adam Newton	Andy Moorhead (Vice Chair) Lynda Gibson Mark Houston Olwen Lyner
Designated Organisations	
Yvonne Cowan, H&SCT Carole Johnston, YJA Chief Inspector David Moore, PSNI	Martina McCooley, YJA Pauline Smart, BELB
Staff Present	Apologies
Glenn Thomas, Safer City Coordinator Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer	Gary Ballantyne, NIHE Gareth Beacom Councillor Claire Hanna Councillor Niall O'Donoghaille Alderman Gavin Robinson Patricia Muldoon, YJA

1. Welcome and Apologies

- i. The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting and noted the apologies provided.

2. Declaration of Interests

- i. Declaration of interest was read by the Chair after which no declarations of interest were declared.

3. Minutes of East Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting

- i. The Minutes of the East Belfast Private Meeting held on 28th August, of which copies were previously circulated, were taken as read and agreed correct.

4. Small Grants Tranche 2

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update regarding Small Grants Tranche 2.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that following a verification panel meeting on Thursday 11th September, Members agreed to recommend funding for two projects – Cregagh Wanders, Community Safety through Sport, £3,020 and Lagan Village Youth and Community Group, In Off the Streets, £5,000.
- iii. A Member commented that he had raised queries at the verification meeting, specifically in relation to venue and facilitator costs.
- iv. The Safer City Coordinator commented that clarification regarding the queries identified would be raised with the Central Grants Unit and an update will be forwarded to Members.

- v. The Chair commented that funding should not be released until clarification had been provided regarding the queries identified.
- vi. A Member commented that caution should be taken to ensure funding had been used for the purposes of what it had been applied for.
- vii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that there had been governance procedures implemented by Belfast City Council to ensure that all funding distributed is managed as per the terms and conditions of award.
- viii. Members noted the decision of the Small Grants panel.

5. Action Plan Spend Progress Report

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update regarding progress in relation to the delivery of the 2014/2015 East Belfast DPCSP Action Plan.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the total spend to date had been £17,475.41. He commented that in addition to this, a further £29,978.59 had been committed leaving a projected outstanding spend of £74,176.00.
- iii. He advised Members that a quotation document had been circulated again for Anti Social Behaviour as the previous one had not attracted any submissions.
- iv. He further advised Members that the Action Plan was progressing as planned regarding the delivery of projects and associated spend.
- v. A Member asked if there had been reference to (D)PCSPs in Castlereagh PCSP Action Plan? The Safer City Coordinator commented that he had not been aware of any reference. He commented that he would speak to the Manager of Castlereagh PCSP and update Members accordingly.
- vi. Following a discussion regarding spend and how projects had been identified, the Safer City Coordinator commented that Members can identify potential ways of how funding can be allocated to specific projects. He advised Members once projects had been identified that a proposal would be developed and tabled for consideration at a DPCSP meeting.
- vii. Members noted the report.

6. PCSP Cage Soccer

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the Belfast PCSP Cage Soccer Initiative.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members that the Cage Soccer initiative would be launched on Friday 10th October. He further commented that a formal invitation would be circulated to Members confirming timing and venue.
- iii. Members noted the report.

7. Racism Conference Interim Report

- i. A Member (Independent Member Lynda Gibson) declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members that the Partnership had agreed to fund the first in a series of two conferences on racism. The conference has been organised by the East Belfast Network Centre and the Roundtable Initiative.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that an interim report had been circulated for review following the Racism Conference held on Thursday 26th June.
- iv. He further commented that the organisers had requested funding from the DPCSP for the second, follow up conference on the same issue set for Friday 24th October.
- v. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that he had raised two queries with the group specifically in relation to the administration costs and content of the booklet. He advised Members that he had difficulties getting the requested information for the group.
- vi. Following a detailed conversation, Members agreed that they had concerns regarding the applicant groups rationale for not providing the information requested.
- vii. A Member suggested for a meeting to be held with the group to discuss the concerns identified with the booklet and for representatives from the Partnership to attend the meeting with the Safer City Coordinator. Andy Moorhead, Cllr Jones, Mark Houston and a representative from NIHE to attend the meeting.
- viii. Members agreed in to fund the project less the administration fee subject to the Safer City Coordinator clarifying the spend. Members further agreed for the Safer City Coordinator to grant the additional monies providing he was satisfied that all was in order.
- ix. Independent Member Lynda Gibson rejoined the meeting.

8. AOB

- i. The Safer City Coordinator reminded Members of the closing date for the forthcoming Youth Awards. He asked Members when meeting local community groups to promote the awards and encourage the submission of applications.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator further advised Members of the European Union, Anti Trafficking Coordinator visit on Tuesday 7th October. He advised Members that a formal invitation to the event would be circulated to Members.
- iii. A Member commented that following a discussion held at the last DPCSP meeting regarding joint up working how does the Partnership ensure that this had been achieved?

- iv. The Safer City Coordinator commented that that there had been a lack of cohesion between the Private and Policing Committee Meetings. However, he advised Members that there had been confidential issues discussed at the Policing Committee Meeting and therefore could not be discussed in the Private Meeting.
- v. Chief Inspector David Moore provided Members with an update regarding policing issues within East Belfast.
- vi. The Safer City Coordinator suggested to Members to have a Policing Committee update on the agenda of the Private Meeting. In doing this he commented that Members would be informed and kept up to date with all policing operations and issues. Members agreed to this suggestion.
- vii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the Pottinger PACT had been reinstated. He thanked Members for their input and informed Members that the next PACT Meeting had been scheduled for 16th October.

9. Date of Next Meeting

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the next Private Meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st October, 5.30pm followed by a Policing Committee Meeting in 1st Floor HR Room, Cecil Ward Building, Belfast.
- ii. Following the conclusion of the Private Meeting, a quorum of Policing Committee Members assessed an application submitted for Policing Committee Funding.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the application and detailed the level of funding requested.
- iv. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that he would clarify the refreshments costs against the upper funding limits in keeping with Belfast City Council guidelines and if necessary amend to reflect an appropriate allowance.
- v. Members agreed to fund the application subject to clarification regarding upper funding limits for refreshments.