

**Minutes of South Belfast District Policing and Community
Safety Partnership
Tuesday, 4th February 2014, 6.00pm
1st Floor HR Conference Room, Cecil Ward, Belfast**

Political Members	Independent Members
Cllr. Deirdre Hargey (Chair)	Ms. Paula Bradshaw (Vice Chair)
Ald. Tom Ekin	Mr. Trevor Greer
Cllr. Kate Mullan	Ms. Debbie Hammill
	Ms. Nuala Toman
Statutory Designated Bodies	
Chief Inspector Gaby Moran, PSNI	Christine Hunter, PBNI
Gary Ballantyne, NIHE	Yvonne McKnight, YJA
Anita Duff, BELB	Aideen McLaughlin, BHSCT
Staff Present	Apologies
Denise Smith, Safer City Coordinator	Ald. Ruth Patterson
Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer	Cllr. Máirtín Ó Muilleoir
	Mr. Niall Kelly

1. Welcome & Routine Matters

- i. The Chair welcomed the Members to the Private Meeting of the South Belfast DPCSP.
- ii. The Chair welcomed Aideen McLaughlin to the DPCSP and on behalf of the Partnership thanked Yvonne Adair for her support and commitment.
- iii. Apologies were noted for Alderman Ruth Patterson, Cllr. Martin O'Mulleoir and Mr Niall Kelly.

2. Declarations of Interest

- i. No declarations of interest were declared.

3. Previous Minutes

- i. The Minutes of the South Belfast DPCSP meeting held on 17th December, copies of which were previously circulated, were taken as read and correct.

4. Proposal Papers

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with a report detailing an update in each of the Neighbourhood Renewal Areas for 'Focused Area Working'.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the budget allocated to the Focused Area Working is on track regarding spends and that all projects had been continuously monitored.

- iii. The Safer City Coordinator also updated Members on the Emergency Meeting held on 24th January. She commented that the Emergency Meeting had been triggered as a result of local traders in Belfast City Centre. She also advised Members of the outcomes from the Meeting and that a further follow up Inter Agency meeting will be held within the next few weeks.
- iv. The Chair thanked staff for organising the meeting, however commented that there may be other emergency meetings required due to the activities happening in Lower Ormeau and also the burglaries in the Ballynafeigh area.
- v. Members requested that the action points from the Emergency Meeting to be circulated for review.
- vi. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the DPCSP would facilitate another Public Meeting in March. She further commented that a venue and theme had yet to be confirmed and asked Members to suggest a theme for the meeting.
- vii. A Member suggested that the theme of the next Public Meeting could be to highlight the work of the Partnership and to invite organisations who had received funding from the Partnership.
- viii. Members agreed that this theme would be good as it would help raise the profile of the Partnership within South Belfast.
- ix. Members agreed for the Safer City Coordinator to review theme and circulate information to Members.

5. Progress Report Action Plan

- i. The Safer City Coordinator updated Members on the South DPCSP Action Plan and budget spend to date.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members that:-
 - The Get Home Safe Campaign had been delivered;
 - partnership work had been ongoing with the West Belfast DPCSP in relation to Finaghy cross roads;
 - a roundtable discussion had been held regarding hate crime. Proposal paper tabled for further discussion later in the meeting;
 - South Belfast DPCSP had contributed funding to the Belfast PCSP Drugs Campaign. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members of the date and venue of the Drug Campaign launch.
- iii. PACT structure reviewed and the next PACT meeting would be held on Tuesday 25th February, City Hall, Belfast.

- iv. The Safer City Coordinator also provided Members with an update regarding ongoing work with the ASB Forums.
- v. The Safer City Coordinator updated Members on the ongoing work on the Youth Engagement Programme, Joint Enforcement, Anti Social Behaviour Roundtable Event and Gender Based Violence.
- vi. A Member asked what the format would be for the 'One Punch Campaign'.
- vii. The Safer City Coordinator commented that the event would be held in the evening with PSNI in attendance and also if possible to get some testimonials for the event.
- viii. Key dates for events with regards the Focused Area Working projects were noted and Members welcomed to attend the events
- ix. Members agreed for a representative from Belfast City Centre Management to attend a future DPCSP meeting to provide an update regarding the City Centre Consultation.
- x. A Member asked if there had been a point of contact for the Roma Community and if there had been an increase in the Roma Community within South Belfast.
- xi. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that there had been a point of contact for the Roma Community and there had not been a dramatic increase within the Roma Community within South Belfast. She also advised Members that Officers attend Roma Tension Monitoring Group meetings.
- xii. Members further agreed for a representative from Opportunity Youth to attend a future DPCSP meeting.
- xiii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that following the Roundtable Discussions on Gender Base and Violent Crime, a follow up meeting had been held with key agencies to discuss how a collaborative approach could be implemented to address identified concerns. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the key agencies had been keen to update their websites and make them more user friendly. Members noted the Proposal Paper and agreed to support the key agencies. Members to be invited to the launch of the new websites.
- xiv. The Safer City Coordinator updated Members that following the Hate Crime Roundtable Discussion, South Belfast Roundtable had identified a need for training regarding Hate Crime. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that funding had been sought from OFMDFM to deliver the training, however suggested that Members support the training and have either Members or community representatives to attend the training.
- xv. Two Members declared a declaration and left the meeting before Members discussed the proposal.

- xvi. The Chair commented that if OFMDFM do not fund the project, South Belfast DPCSP could support a limited number of people to attend the training.
- xvii. A Member asked if the training included disability training.
- xviii. The Safer City Coordinator to confirm the categories that the training covers and to update Members at the next DPCSP meeting.
- xix. A Member commented that there had been an increase in the amount of hate crime this year both in South and East Belfast, and if this could be an opportunity to work collaboratively with East Belfast DPCSP to address this issue.
- xx. A Member asked if the trainers delivering the training had been versed in the Northern Ireland legislation.
- xxi. The Chair commented that the training had been delivered before and is off high standard.
- xxii. A Member commented that they completed the course and the course is very effective. She further commented that given the fact that figures regarding hate crime are increasing, she was supportive of the DPCSP funding the project. She further commented that that the training would empower more people to train other people and therefore it would have a cascading affect and assist with addressing the issue of hate crime in South Belfast.
- xxiii. The Chair confirmed her support for the initiative, however requested that further clarification to be sought to confirm disability category.
- xxiv. Members agreed that there should be a mixture of Members and community representatives to attend the training.
- xxv. The Area Commander suggested that following the training, a report should be produced to allow for the Partnership to review the impact of the training.
- xxvi. Members noted the paper and agreed to contribute a total of £6,500 to the training proposal.

6. Preventing Unwanted August Bonfires Project

- i. The Safer City Coordinator updated Members on the Unwanted Bonfire Project.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator recommended to Members for a working group to be established engaging with young people in an attempt to prevent the young people becoming involved in similar activities as they did last year.

7. 2014/15 Small Grants

- i. The Safer City Coordinator updated Members on the Small Grants 2014/15 assessment process.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator requested three Members to participate in the assessment of the applications.
- iii. Cllr Kat Mullan, Alderman Christopher Stalford, Nuala Toman and Trevor Greer to participate on the assessment panel.

8. Scrap Metal Consultation

- i. The Safer City Coordinator presented Members with documentation relating to a consultation on a Scrap Metal Dealers Bill which was received from Mr. Beggs, MLA.
- ii. Members noted the information provided and agreed to respond on an individual basis if they wished to do so.
- iii. A Member suggested that a letter to be sent confirming South Belfast DPCSP is supportive of the consultation. Members agreed for letter to be forwarded.

9. Emerging Issues

- i. A Member asked if the Partnership would be looking at the budget for 2014/15.
- ii. The Chair commented that once the Partnership had agreed the priorities and themes for next year, the Partnership could confirm budget allocation.

10. Date of Next Meeting

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the next South Belfast DPCSP Meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th March. Venue to be confirmed and circulated to Members.