

**Minutes of South Belfast District Policing and Community
Safety Partnership
Monday, 24th March 2014, 9.00am
Malone House, Belfast**

Political Members

Cllr. Tom Ekin

Independent Members

Ms. Paula Bradshaw (Vice Chair)
Mr. Trevor Greer
Mr. Niall Kelly
Ms. Nuala Toman

Statutory Designated Bodies

Chief Inspector Gaby Moran, PSNI
Christine Hunter, PBNI
Aideen McLaughlin, YJA

Staff Present

Denise Smith, Safer City Coordinator
Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer

Apologies

Ald. Ruth Patterson
Cllr. Kate Mullan
Cllr. Máirtín Ó Muilleoir
Mr. Gary Ballantyne, NIHE
Ms. Anita Duff, BELB
Ms. Debbie Hammill

1. Welcome & Routine Matters

- i. The Vice Chair welcomed the Members to the Private Meeting of the South Belfast DPCSP.
- ii. Apologies were noted for Alderman Ruth Patterson, Cllr. Kate Mullan, Cllr. Martin O'Mulleoir, Mr Gary Ballantyne, Ms Anita Duff and Ms Debbie Hammill.

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 5th March, copies of which were previously circulated, were taken as read and correct.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update regarding actions from previous DPCSP Meeting. She advised Members that actions from the last emergency meeting regarding ongoing issues in Smithfield had been circulated and that a follow up meeting had been scheduled to take place in the next week. She also advised Members that the Belfast City Council Grant Manager will attend a future DPCSP meeting and confirmed that there had been no threshold on catering costs and therefore the small grant applicant had been awarded full costs requested for catering. She further advised Members that additional information had been sought regarding another applicant as requested and that the no funding will be awarded until all information had been obtained.

- iii. Cllr Tom Ekin advised Members that a bar in the Smithfield area had been awarded an entertainment licence and if any Members had any queries reference this to contact him.
- iv. The Vice Chair requested a report to be written and presented to Members regarding legal highs and surrounding issues.

4. Action Plan 14/15

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that a Sub Group Meeting had taken place to review the South Belfast DPCSP Action Plan 2014/15.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that there had been an agreement to keep identified priorities and the funding allocated to priorities.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that it had been agreed that work in relation to the Focused Area Working would be in two themes.
- iv. The Emergency Working Group would develop an evaluation process in order to monitor and review the impact on Partnership interventions.
- v. She also commented that in relation to the Public Information Sessions, there had been a need to utilise these events better, identify how links can be made with other agencies and how social media can be used to engage with the local community. Members agreed for a £3,000 to be allocated to Public Information Sessions.
- vi. The Safer City Coordinator recommended to Members that the Policing Committee priority to be reviewed.
- vii. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members that in relation to the priority Hate Crime, it had been agreed to facilitate a Roundtable Information Session in September and a budget of £6,500 had been allocated. She commented that this area had to be refined and for consideration to be given to projects identified at the last Roundtable Information Session. She further commented that elements of this work can be facilitated by Officers, however the Partnership needs to identify other stakeholders who could lead on this priority.
- viii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that a budget had been allocated to Drugs and Alcohol and this area should focus on procuring services rather than doing small projects. She also advised Members that engagement will continue with Pubs of Ulster.
- ix. The Safer City Coordinator also advised Members that a total budget of £10,000 had been allocated to the Good Neighbour Scheme. The Safer City Coordinator requested for a meeting to be held with the PSNI and other external partners to review how the DPCSP can assist with the delivery of this priority.

- x. She further advised Members that work will continue with the Youth Justice Agency and Northern Ireland Probation Board to reduce risk factors associated with young people. She commented that a total budget of £2,500 had been allocated to this priority.
- xi. She advised Members that they will continue to receive updates regarding Anti Social Behaviour Forums and Alleygates.
- xii. The Safer City Coordinator also provided Members with an update regarding Anti Social Behaviour, Violent Crime and Gender Based Violence. The Vice Chair suggested that in relation to Gender Based Violence, a direct link with Men's Advisory should be made to raise the profile their services.
- xiii. She further advised Members that Joint Enforcement will continue and commented that Members will be updated accordingly. She also provided Members with an update regarding Policing Committee and confirmed the associated budget.
- xiv. The Safer City Coordinator commented that the Partnership needs to focus on realistic targets to measure the impact of all work facilitated by DPCSP and also key stakeholders. She suggested that if a sub group is required to establish these targets that Members participate in the sub group if they are available. However, she informed Members that she would continue to work on the implementation of the Action Plan, but Members would be informed of all decisions required.

5. Communication Paper

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that Belfast PCSP had appointed LK Communications to develop Communication Strategy.
- ii. She advised Members that each partnership has been asked to nominate 3 x Elected Members, 3 x Independent members and three representatives from our statutory partners to take in part in the first phase of the consultation process.
- iii. Following a discussion, Members requested for LK Communications to attend the next DPCSP.

6. Drugs Campaign Update

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update on the Belfast PCSP Drugs Campaign. She advised Members that Crimestoppers have reported an increase in calls since the launch of the campaign. She further commented that a full evaluation will be reported on the campaign and circulated to Members at a future DPCSP Meeting.
- ii. Members noted the paper.

7. Emerging Issues

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members of the ongoing issues around Lower Ormeau and the walkway. She also advised Members that work is continuing regarding Gresham Street and a report will be circulated to Members.
- ii. A Member informed Members that Groundworks had been doing cleanup work in the area of Cregah Road to prevent the building of bonfires.
- iii. A Member requested for a Council Representative to attend a future DPCSP to provide an update regarding bonfires and also boundary changes.

8. Date of Next Meeting

- i. Date, venue and time for next South Belfast DPCSP to be agreed and circulated to Members.