

Minutes of the East Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Private Meeting

1st Floor HR Conference Room, Cecil Ward Building
Thursday 28th August, 2014

Political Members	Independent Members
Councillor Mervyn Jones (Chair)	Mr Andy Moorhead (Vice Chair)
Councillor Adam Newton	Mr Gareth Beacom
Councillor Niall O'Donngaile	Ms Lynda Gibson
Alderman Gavin Robinson	Mr Mark Houston
	Ms Olwen Lyner
Designated Organisations	
Chief Inspector Darrin Jones, PSNI	Yvonne Cowan, H&SCT
Chief Inspector David Moore, PSNI	Martina McCooley, YJA
Gary Ballantyne, NIHE	
Staff Present	Apologies
Glenn Thomas, Safer City Coordinator	Pauline Smart, BELB
Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer	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. 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 23rd June, of which copies were previously circulated, were taken as read and correct.

4. Minutes of East Belfast DPCSP Public Meeting

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5. PCSP Communication Strategy

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update regarding the PCSP Communication Strategy.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator asked Members to note the content of the final report and agree the strategic direction. He further asked Members to agree to the establishment of a Communication Working Group. Mark Houston and Yvonne Cowan agreed to attend the working group on behalf of the DPCSP.
- iii. A Member commented that he attended the briefing regarding the Communication Strategy in the City Hall and noted that presentation provided had been very detailed. He suggested for future presentations regarding the Communication Strategy to be less detailed and more succinct.

- iv. A Member suggested that all key messages should be relayed to community organisations. She further commented that in doing this, the community would become reassured and for all future work to be completed in collaboration with community activists.
- v. A Member requested for the comment on Page 6 of the Communication Strategy to be reworded to 'seek to reassure local communities in a timely fashion in partnership with key community leaders'.
- vi. A Member suggested that DPCSP Members should be included on Council's text alert system. He further commented that Members receiving text messages would curtail inaccurate information being relayed to local communities.
- vii. A Member commented that reference had been made to the implementation of a stakeholder engagement strategy and for the strategy to be reviewed on an annual basis. She commented that there had been a number of stakeholder strategies undertaken by Council and suggested for the strategies to be reviewed and to be considered rather than developing a new one.
- viii. Members noted the report.

6. Project Proposal - Filthy Rich

- i. The Safer City Coordinator reminded Members that at a Meeting held on 5th June a number of project briefs were agreed and delegated authority had been approved to the Safer City Coordinator to progress the projects.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of a project proposal for the Filthy Rich Campaign.
- iii. He advised Members that the Filthy Rich Programme had not been implemented in Northern Ireland and that the programme will replicate a programme that had been launched in London. He suggested to Members that £1,000 to be allocated to assist with the implementation of the campaign in Northern Ireland.
- iv. Following a discussion, Members agreed to support the campaign and the associated costs detailed.

7. Project Proposal - Youth Engagement Conference

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of a project proposal for the Youth Engagement Conference.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members that the project aimed to further build capacity amongst community groups by exploring and sharing good practice with regards to tackling anti social behaviour. He commented that the conference would showcase a number of successful projects as well as seeking to promote collaborative working between groups within East Belfast.

- iii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the conference would only be for one day and once the draft agenda had been completed, it would be circulated to Members for consideration, comment and agreement.
- iv. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members that a total of £1,500 had been requested to support the delivery of the conference.
- v. A Member commented that the delivery of the conference could be an opportunity for the commencement and development of a long-term strategy regarding youth engagement. She further commented that this could be an opportunity to get other government departments involved in the development of a long-term strategy.
- vi. A Member welcomed this event and commented that the conference could be used as a trust building exercise which would allow for adding merit and support to the local community within East Belfast who have concerns. He further commented that there had been people working within the community who do not receive any recognition and through this event recognition can be achieved.
- vii. A Member commented that he agreed with the conference, however suggested for deliverables to be achieved at the conference. He further commented that the conference may create an opportunity to get the local community and key agencies to adopt a cohesive approach.
- viii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the total cost for the delivery of the conference had been £1,500. Following a discussion regarding the purpose of the conference and the outputs required, Members agreed to increase the associated budget for the conference to £2,000.
- ix. Members agreed to set up a working group to assist with the development and management of the conference. Mark Houston, Gareth Beacom, Linda Gibson, Yvonne Cowan and Any Moorhead agreed to participate in the working group.
- x. The Safer City Coordinator commented that a date for the first working group would be circulated in due course.

8. 2014/15 Action Plan Update

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update regarding the 2014/15 Action Plan. He informed Members that due to reduced funding from the Joint Committee, total of £121,630 had been granted to get DPCSP representing a reduction of £3,370.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the reduction in budget could potentially be saved by reducing the associated budget within Strategic Objective 2 – To Improve Community Safety by Tackling Crime and ASB from £14,000 to £10,630.
- iii. Members agreed to the aforementioned change in the associated budget as detailed.

9. Small Grants Tranche 2

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update regarding Tranche 2 of the East Belfast DPCSP Small Grants Scheme.

- ii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that within the East Belfast DPCSP Action Plan 2014/15, a total of £30,000 had been allocated to Small Grants.
- iii. He informed Members that a total of 38 eligible applications had been received across all districts. He further commented that six of these applications were for East Belfast.
- iv. He requested for a quorum of Members to attend a verification panel to review the applications received. Andy Moorhead, Gareth Beacom, Linda Gibson and Yvonne Cowan agreed to attend. The Safer City Coordinator commented that he would contact absence Members to check their availability to attend and circulate a meeting request.
- v. A Member commented that no evaluations from Tranche 1 had been presented to the DPCSP. The Safer City Coordinator commented that Members will receive an evaluation report on all small grant projects when completed.

10. PCSP's Local Government Reform Update

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update following the recent elections using the new government boundaries and that the new Council is operating in shadow format.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator also informed Members of the requirement for the reconstitution of the PCSP's after the elections.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members that a recruitment process for Independent Members will commence in September. He advised Members that further details on the recruitment process would be made available to the Partnership in due course.
- iv. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that it may be beneficial for a policing and community safety stakeholder map from the new transferring areas to be presented at a future DPCSP meeting. He further requested Members to agree to the inclusion of new transferring areas in any consultation work undertaken during 2014/15.
- v. A Member commented that the Vice Chair of Castlereagh PCSP had been a Member of the Councils' Shadow Committee and suggested for a contact to be made.
- vi. Members noted the paper and agreed to the recommendations.

11. 2013/14 East Belfast DPCSP Annual Report

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the East Belfast DPCSP Annual Report 2013/14.
- ii. The Chair informed Members that the Annual Report had to be completed due to a request by the Joint Committee and also it is a legislative requirement.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members that the Chairman's report had been updated and circulated revised copies to Members.
- iv. The Safer City Coordinator asked Members if they had any amendments to the Annual Report to forward them on for inclusion.

- v. The Chair asked Members to agree for the Annual Report to be circulated to Council and Joint Committee. She further asked Members to agree to the publication of the Annual Report on the Council's website.
- vi. Members noted the Annual Report and agreed to the requested recommendations.

12. East Belfast DPCSP Disability Action Plan

- i. The Safer City Coordinator updated Members on the South Belfast DPCSP Disability Action Plan.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator requested Members to consider the Disability Action Plan for the East Belfast DPCSP.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator recommended Members to endorse the submission of the Disability Action Plan to the Equality Commission.
- iv. A Member asked if the DPCSP will be receiving Action Plans for all Section 75 Groups?
- v. The Safer City Coordinator commented that he would get clarification on this and update Members at the next DPCSP Meeting.
- vi. Members noted the paper and agreed to the recommendations.

13. East Belfast DPCSP Equality Scheme – Annual Progress Report

- i. The Safer City Coordinator updated Members on the South Belfast DPCSP Equality Scheme Annual Progress Report.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator requested Members to approve the contents of the Disability Equality Scheme Annual Progress Report.
- iii. Members noted the paper and agreed to the recommendations.

14. Project Proposal, Support PACT's

- i. The Safer City Coordinator updated Members on PACT's current structure and existence within East Belfast.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that agreement had been given to support PACT's in the East Belfast DPCSP Action Plan.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members there had been a need to support PACT's financially to assist with payment for meeting place venues and a contribution towards other costs such as information leaflets and advertising.
- iv. A Member asked what information had been available to inform members of the general public about PACT's?
- v. The Safer City Coordinator commented that there had not been much information available regarding PACT's. However, he suggested if the Partnership agreed to provide financial support, information regarding the PACT's could be advertised to invite members of the public to attend future PACT Meetings.

- vi. The Safer City Coordinator recommended Members to consider allocating £2,000 to support the PACT structures within East Belfast.
- vii. Members noted the report and agreed to financially support the two East Belfast PACT's.

15. Project Proposal – Alive and Kicking

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the project proposal 'Alive and Kicking'. He reminded Members that during the financial year 2013/14 the East Belfast DPCSP in partnership with the police developed a project named Alive and Kicking at a cost to the Partnership of £4,104.
- ii. He informed Members that the project had been piloted in Strathearn School and had been a huge success. He commented that the pilot included pupils being tasked with producing user friendly content for the website, which is then amalgamated to create a central resource which can be accessed by other pupils, parents and the wider community.
- iii. Following a discussion regarding the project, the Safer City Coordinator advised Members that in order to host, expand, provide technical assistance to the website, provide practical support and assistance in the delivery of the workshops for a second year there had been an associated cost of £4,104.
- iv. A Member asked how the schools delivering the project had been identified? The Safer City Coordinator commented that all schools within East Belfast had been invited to attend the launch. He further commented that there had been some expressions of interest received from local schools to be involved in the project.
- v. A Member asked if there could be the possibility of involving Castlereagh PCSP in the delivery of the project. The Safer City Coordinator commented that a consultation exercise had already been undertaken with schools in East Belfast and due to timing constraints consultation with Castlereagh PCSP could not be undertaken. He further commented that Castlereagh PCSP could become involved in the near future.
- vi. Members noted the paper and agreed to the financial contribution requested.
- vii. In addition to this proposal, the Safer City Coordinator advised Members of the forthcoming Youth Awards 2014. He informed Members that there would be a total of nine awards which included one for each DPCSP. He advised Members that a total of £1,500 had been requested from each DPCSP to support the delivery of the Youth Awards. Members agreed to support the Youth Awards and fund £1,500 towards the delivery of the Awards Ceremony.

16. Tension Monitoring

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the three-month trial period for the Short Strand Tension Monitoring Group had ended.
- ii. He informed Members that there had been no financial contribution had been required in supporting the Short Strand Tension Monitoring Group.

- iii. A Member asked how effective had the Group been considering recent events in East Belfast?
- iv. The Safer City Coordinator commented that in advance of the July Parades, representatives from the local community and the Tension Monitoring Group met with the Area Commander. He further commented that at this meeting the Area Commander presented his operational plan for the July Parades and in doing so provided reassurance to the local community.
- v. A Member asked if there had been a way to collate information on how issues had been dealt with in East Belfast?
- vi. A Member commented that there needed to be a more proactive approach adopted rather than a reactive approach.
- vii. Members confirmed the DPCSP's continued support of the Short Strand Tension Monitoring Group.

17. Chairs Update on work with Belfast PCSP

- i. The Chair provided Members with an update regarding the work of Belfast PCSP.
- ii. A Member asked if Belfast PCSP had identified child exploitation as a future work area? The Chair commented that this issue had been raised at Belfast PCSP and will raise again at the next meeting and will update Members accordingly.

18. Emerging Issues

- i. A Member commented if an update could be provided regarding the recent incident of paedophilia mentioned on the Nolan Show.
- ii. The Area Commander commented that the incident had now been a Police Ombudsman investigation and that support for the families had been provided by the PSNI.
- iii. A Member advised the Partnership that the local community had been working with the PSNI to remove graffiti in the area.

19. Date of Next Meeting

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the next DPCSP Meeting will be held on Thursday 25th September, 5.30pm in Musgrave Police Station.