

**Minutes of the North Belfast District Policing and  
Community Safety Partnership  
Policing Committee  
Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> June 2014, 5.00pm  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor HR Conference Room, Cecil Ward Building, Belfast**

| <b>Members Present</b>                         |                                     |
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| <b>Councillors</b>                             | <b>Independents</b>                 |
| Councillor Mary Ellen Campbell (Chair)         | Ms. Jennifer Cornell                |
| Councillor Pat Convery                         | Mr. Pat McLarnon                    |
| Councillor Guy Spence                          | Mr. Ian McLaughlin                  |
| Councillor Naomi Thompson                      |                                     |
| <b>PSNI</b>                                    |                                     |
| Chief Inspector Robert Singleton               |                                     |
| Inspector Robin Gouk                           |                                     |
| <b>Staff Present</b>                           | <b>Apologies</b>                    |
| Richard McLernon, Safer City Coordinator       | Councillor JJ Magee                 |
| Edele Cleary, Project Officer                  | Chief Superintendent Nigel Grimshaw |
| Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer | Inspector Gavin Kirkpatrick         |
|  | Inspector Roy Watton                |

**1. Welcome & Routine Matters**

- i. The Chair, Cllr Mary Ellen Campbell, welcomed Members to the Policing Committee of the North Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership and noted Members apologies.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

- i. The Chair highlighted the declarations of interest policy.
- ii. No declarations of interest were recorded.

**3. Minutes of North Belfast DPCSP Policing Committee**

- i. The Minutes of the North Belfast Policing Committee Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> May, of which copies were previously circulated, were taken as read and correct.

**4. Area Commanders' Update Report**

- i. Area Commander Robert Singleton provided Members with an update on crime statistics and performance against the Local Policing Plan.
- ii. Area Commander Robert Singleton commented that there had been a lot of proactive work undertaken through social media. However, commented that 50% of burglaries had been a result of open doors and windows. He advised Members that the Neighbourhood Policing Team had been distributing information cards to highlight home safety issues.

5. **Review of the previous month's policing**

- i. The Area Commander advised Members of recent events and commented that they all passed off without any major incidents.
- ii. The Area Commander provided Members with an update on the PSNI's Hate Crime launch and the recent PSNI recruitment exercise.
- iii. The Area Commander commented on the recent traffic collision, which resulted in the death of a young person, and advised Members that investigations were still ongoing. He offered his condolences to the young person's family.
- iv. The Area Commander advised Members that there had been three recent arrests for drink driving. He also advised Members that there had been a seizure of cannabis, which had a total street value of £50,000.

6. **Forthcoming policing events/issues**

- i. The Area Commander advised Members of forthcoming policing events. He informed Members that the Whiterock Parade would be held on Saturday. He further advised Members of the forthcoming Somme Church Parade, Senate Parade and the 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> July Parades and Bonfires.
- ii. The Area Commander also advised Members that there had been another sectarian hate crime in the Invest NI site. He commented that the investigation had been ongoing and that there had been a protest held on the Springfield Road for the injured person.
- iii. The Area Commander informed Members that anti social behaviour, hate crime including sectarian hate crime and bonfires had been his priority for the forthcoming months.
- iv. A Member asked that following the recent Spotlight Programme, had the PSNI investigated the incidents highlighted? The Area Commander commented that the PSNI had investigated but concluded there had been no criminal offences.
- v. A Member commented that following the recent incident in Parkmount, there had been allegations made regarding local residents being racist and further commented that this had not been the case and that the local residents condemn the attack.
- vi. A Member commented for caution to be taken forth coming parading season. He asked the PSNI if there had been any indications of public disorder at the Whiterock Parade?
- vii. The Area Commander commented that determinations are out and only 50 people are allowed to pass through the gate. He commented that no information had been received to indicate any disorder had been planned but commented that the PSNI are prepared for all eventualities.
- viii. A Member commented that she had recently received emails from a local organisation. She commented that the local organisation described the last North Belfast DPCSP Public Meeting as good and commended the Area Commander for his openness. She commented that the email recipient had made a request for a copy of abstraction figures. She further commented that the email received highlighted communities concern regarding PSNI attending burglaries and the local community felt that there had been no support for Neighbourhood Watch.

- ix. The Area Commander commented burglary figures would be available in the Service First Report. He further commented that an update will be provided in relation to what the PSNI had been doing regarding burglaries.
- x. A Member commented that there had been a robbery recently whereby a knife had been used. He asked if any arrests had been made following the robbery. The Area Commander confirmed that an arrest had been made following the robbery.
- xi. The Project Officer advised Members that a meeting had been held with Superintendent Paula Hillman and commented that all Officers within A District had to go through Onus Training.
- xii. The Chair, on behalf of North Belfast DPCSP, thanked Councillor Thompson for her work and commitment in relation to the delivery of Onus training.

## **7. Members Written Questions and Responses**

- i. No written questions submitted.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that there may be Policing Committee Applications before the next DPCSP Meeting. He suggested if applications are submitted, he will forward applications to Members for approval.
- iii. The Project Officer reminded Members that the Small Grant Application process closes on 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 12.00noon.

## **8. Date of next meeting**

- i. Members noted the date of the next North Belfast DPCSP P Policing Committee/ Private meeting as Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August, 5.00pm.