

**Minutes of the North Belfast District Policing and
Community Safety Partnership
Private Meeting
Wednesday 24th September, 6.00pm
1st Floor HR Conference Room, Cecil Ward Building, Belfast**

Members Present	
Councillors	Independents
Councillor Mary Ellen Campbell (Chair)	Ms. Jennifer Cornell
Councillor Patrick Convery	Ms. Bronach Graham
Councillor JJ Magee	Mr. Pat McLarnon
Councillor Guy Spence	
Designated Organisations	
Chief Inspector Robert Singleton, PSNI	Ms. Patricia Muldoon, YJA
Inspector Gavin Kirkpatrick, PSNI	Mr. Alan Wilson. BELB
Mr. David McComiskey, NIFRS	Inspector Roy Watton, PSNI
Mr. Malachy McKinney, NIHE	
Staff Present	Apologies
Alison Allen, Safer City Manager	Councillor Naomi Thompson
Richard McLernon, Safer City Coordinator	Mr Martin Morgan. BH&SCT
Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer	Mr Mark Nicholson, PBNI

1. Welcome/Apologies/ Declarations of Interest

- i. The Chair, Cllr Mary Ellen Campbell, welcomed Members to the Private Meeting of the North Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership and noted the apologies provided.
- ii. The Chair highlighted the declarations of interest policy. No declarations of interest were recorded.

2. Minutes of North Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting

- i. The Minutes of the North Belfast Private Meeting held on 13th August, of which copies were previously circulated, were taken as read and correct.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update regarding actions from the last DPCSP Meeting:
 - a. The Chief Inspector to forward an update regarding new police boundaries when information is available;
 - b. Information regarding funding applications had been circulated to Members;
 - c. Update regarding hate crime as requested had been circulated to Members; and
 - d. Update provided regarding Policing Committee deadline.
- iii. The Safer City Manager advised Members that in relation to a fixed deadline being implemented for the receipt of Policing Committee applications, other DPCSPs had agreed for the date to be flexible. She advised Members it is up to the Partnership on how this is managed and if a deadline should be adopted for Policing Committee applications that are being submitted to North Belfast DPCSP.

- iv. A Member suggested that the issue regarding a deadline for policing committee application to be raised at the next Belfast PCSP Meeting. He commented that it would be beneficial if a corporate approach could be adopted and implemented regarding deadlines.
- v. The Safer City Manager advised Members that Belfast PCSP would be hosting an International Hate Crime Event later in the year and details regarding the event would be circulated to Members in due course.

3. **Policing Committee Update**

- i. The Chief Inspector provided Members with an update regarding PSNI operations.
- ii. He advised Members of the 'Scratch and Sniff' Launch on 25th September, in City Hall, Belfast. He informed Members of forthcoming parades and an update regarding the scheduled football match between Cliftonville and Crusaders.
- iii. A Member asked for an update to be provided regarding a hate crime incident in Glenrosa Link. Malachy McKinney, Northern Ireland Housing Executive commented that he would forward an update to the Member regarding the incident.
- iv. Following a conversation regarding PSNI and Tigers Bay, the Chief Inspector informed Members that local residents had requested a PACT meeting. He extended an invitation to Members to attend this meeting.
- v. A Member commented that there had been a number of recent attacks on BELB staff within the Waterworks. He commented that the incidents had been reported to PSNI Antrim Road. He asked if the PSNI could provide an update regarding the attacks. Inspector Watton commented that there had been a number of reports received regarding attacks in the Waterworks and that CCTV had been reviewed. He advised that the PSNI were still investigating the attacks.

4. **Community Safety Updates**

- i. The Chair advised Members that at the Planning Session held on 19th September, the purpose of community safety updates at DPCSP meetings had been discussed.
- ii. A Member commented that community safety updates needed to be refocused again and for the updates to be focused on community safety concerns within the local area.
- iii. A Member provided an update regarding the number of ASB cases on the NIHE system. He suggested that an update regarding such incidents could be forwarded to Members in advance of the DPCSP meeting. Members welcomed this suggestion.
- iv. The Chief Inspector provided Members with an update regarding Service First. He advised Members of the importance of call grading and how this can assist with the deployment of PSNI officers. He commented that call grading allowed the PSNI to screen out calls that do not require immediate response.
- v. He informed Members that the time taken to finalise cases had now been reduced to 28 days.

- vi. A Member provided an update regarding unwanted bonfires. He suggested for Belfast PCSP to take the lead next year which would allow for key statutory agencies to work in partnership. He commented this would allow for an easier tendering process and value for money to be achieved regarding unwanted bonfires.
- vii. Following discussion, Members agreed for this issue to be tabled at the next Belfast PCSP Meeting and for a local meeting in North Belfast to be held to discuss the issues of unwanted bonfires.

5. **Chair Update on Work with Belfast PCSP**

- i. The Chair provided Members with an update on the PCSP and associated approvals.
- ii. She advised Members of the EU Anti Trafficking Visit scheduled for 7th October. She commented that information regarding the event will be circulated to Members in due course.
- iii. She advised Members of the scheduled Belfast PCSP ASB Integrated Service Delivery. She commented that the delivery would include a review of best practice models and an economic appraisal. She informed Members that a working group would be established with one representative from each DPCSP. However, she advised all Members would be involved at a later stage.
- iv. 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.

6. **Priorities for Action and Timetabling**

- i. No issues for sign posting noted.

7. **Sign-posting**

- i. Following discussion, Members agreed for unwanted bonfires to be raised and tabled at the next Belfast PCSP Meeting.
- ii. Policing Committee funding – Members felt that the application should be submitted at least six weeks in advance and that should not be optional. The Chair is to raise that at the next Belfast PCSP as the guidance would need to be city wide.

8. **Items for Action**

Action Plan Delivery

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update regarding the delivery of the 2014/2015 North Belfast DPCSP Action Plan.

Policing Committee Applications

- i. The Safer City Coordinator circulated two proposals to Members for consideration.

- ii. A Member declared an interest and left the meeting.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of a project proposal from the Early Intervention Project – New Lodge. He advised Members that the project aimed to improve community safety by tackling crime and anti social behaviour. He advised Members that the total request for funding was £1,430.
- iv. A Member asked how the impact of the project would be measured.
- v. Following discussion, the Safer City Coordinator suggested that clarification regarding how the impact of the project would be measured should be confirmed with the group. Members agreed to this suggestion and for an update to be provided at the next DPCSP meeting.
- vi. The Chair requested for the Early Intervention Project to submit a copy their unit plan to the DPCSP to ensure no duplication.
- vii. Members agreed to defer funding the project until the information requested had been submitted for review at the next DPCSP Meeting.
- viii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members of an additional project proposal submitted by the Belfast Area Domestic Violence Partnership. He provided Members with an overview of the project proposal and commented that a total of £420 had been requested to support the delivery of two seminars.
- ix. Members agreed to fund a total of £420 for the project proposal submitted by the Belfast Area Domestic Violence Partnership.

Performance Management Framework

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update regarding the performance management framework for (D)PCSPs.
- ii. He advised Members that a total of £2,000 had been allocated in the 2014/2015 North Belfast DPCSP to delivering against this piece of work.
- iii. He asked Members to note the contents of the report as to the purpose and scope of the Independent Evaluation in line with the 2014/2015 North Belfast DPCSP Action Plan.
- iv. Members noted the report and a total of £2,000 had been allocated in the 2014/2015 North Belfast DPCSP Action Plan to the delivery of this work.

Greater Ardoyne Tension Monitoring Group

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the report on the Greater Ardoyne Tension Monitoring Group and their Action Plan.
- ii. The Chair declared an interest and left the meeting for the duration of the discussion on the project proposal.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator asked Members to consider the Action Plan for Greater Ardoyne Tension Monitoring Group and the associated detail on each of the work streams.
- iv. He informed Members that due to the time constraints, he would request for delegated authority to be given to allow for the Assistant Safer Manager and him to review individual projects submitted by the four area based Halloween diversionary activities and commented

that a report would be tabled at the next DPCSP meeting regarding the review and activities.

- v. He requested that Members approve that £1,000 funding to be allocated to collective response to emerging issues based on potential increases in tensions at key times/dates. He informed Members that a report would be presented at the next DPCSP meeting on proposed activities for those dates
- vi. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members if they had any questions in relation to the report to forward them and he would present an update report at the next DPCSP meeting.
- vii. He further requested for Members to agree for Officers to work with Greater Ardoyne Tension Monitoring to identify one lead partner from within the group who will take overall responsibility for each work stream. He advised Members this would further encourage collaborative working.
- viii. The Safer City Coordinator asked Members to consider a more detailed project proposal for the “Building Good Relations” work stream at the next DPCSP meeting on 29th October 2014.
- ix. Members noted and agreed to the Safer City Coordinator recommendations.

Small Grants

- 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 24th August, Members agreed to recommend funding for the following projects:

Group	Project	Amount
Lower Shankill Community Association	Lower Shankill: A Restorative Community	£1,260
Fortwilliam and Macrory Presbyterian Church	Fortwilliam and Duncairn Community Garden Project 2014	£4,528
Shankill United FC	Shankill Midnight Soccer Programme	£4,590
Crusaders Youth Academy	RELATE with Crusaders Youth Academy	£3,960
		Total: £14,338

- iii. He advised Members that an under spend had been created and suggested to Members for the under spend to be reprofiled.
- iv. Members agreed for the Safer City Coordinator to review associated budgets and any identified underspend. Members requested for an update regarding reprofiling of budgets to be provided at the next DPCSP meeting.
- v. A Member requested additional time to be allocated when assessing applications.

Emergency Funding Process

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members of a discussion held on 13th August around the financial approval processes to be followed when considering an application for funding in an emergency situation.
- ii. He advised Members of the protocol surrounding the financial approval process regarding emergency funding up to £1,000.
- iii. He advised Members that a request for emergency funding would be brought to the next available meeting of the DPCSP or alternatively a request to be brought to a specially convened decision making panel of at least five DPCSP Members.
- iv. He requested for Members to grant delegated authority for spend under £1,000 to the to the Safer City Unit Manager, Assistant Safer City Unit Manager, and Safer City Coordinator, who will consult with the Chair and Vice Chair of North Belfast DPCSP for final approval.
- v. He asked Members to approve the financial process for emergency situations.
- vi. Members noted the protocol surrounding the financial approval process regarding emergency funding up to £1,000 and agreed to the recommendations suggested by the Safer City Coordinator.

9. **Next Meeting**

- i. Members noted that the next North Belfast DPCSP Public Meeting will be on Wednesday 15th October, at 7.30pm in Clifton House, Belfast.
- ii. Members also noted that the next North Belfast Policing Committee and Private Meeting will be held on Wednesday 29th October at 5.00pm in the Cecil Ward Building.