

Minutes of Belfast Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Lavery Room, City Hall

Monday, 8th October, 2012

Members Present

Councillor Jim McVeigh (Chair)	John MacVicar (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Janice Austin	Eva Grosman
Councillor Matt Garrett	Harry Maguire
Councillor Claire Hanna	Frank Mulhern
Councillor Colin Keenan	Mark Vinton
Councillor Gareth McKee	Alan Wardle
Alderman Jim Rodgers	
Councillor Guy Spence	

Invited Organisations (Proposed Future Designated Bodies)

Alan Hamill, NIFRS	Eithne McIlroy, PBNI
Superintendent John McCaughan, PSNI	Superintendent Muir Clark, PSNI

Staff Present

Eve Bremner, Safer City Manager
Lorna Somers, DPP Manager
Katharine McCrum, Partnership Support Officer

Apologies

Valerie Allen
Liz Groves
Maurice Johnston, NIHE
Chief Superintendent George Clarke, PSNI
Chief Superintendent Alan McCrum, PSNI
Mary Brannigan, YJA
Paula Jack, YJA

1. Routine Matters and Matters Arising

- i. Members were introduced to Alan Hamill of the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service and advised that he would be the representative on the PCSP from this point forward.
- ii. The DPP Manager advised Members that the dates, times and venues of the PCSP and DPCSP Action Plan Launches had been circulated via email and asked Members to forward these on to their contacts.
- iii. She also advised that details of the three proposals made to the Community Safety Unit in respect to the Criminal Confiscation Receipts Fund would be circulated to Members for their information.

2. Declaration of Interests

- i. No declarations of interest recorded.

3. Minutes

- i. Members questioned the Officers as to why minutes from the meeting held on 25th September were not included in the papers and asked that every effort be made to ensure that minutes are up to date.
- ii. The Safer City Manager explained that Officers did endeavour to have all previous minutes available however a delay was at times unavoidable due to the number of meetings and competing priorities.
- iii. The minutes of the meeting of 19th September, copies of which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and signed as correct.

4. Autumn PCSP Small Grants

- i. The DPP Manager advised Members that five Citywide Small Grants applications had been received, one of which had been deemed as ineligible. She explained that, of the remaining four, three had scored above 30 marks which was the minimum score agreed by the Small Grants Working Group at which a group would be recommended for funding.
- ii. She further explained that the total cost of funding these three applications would be £13,348, while Members had previously agreed to allocate £10,000 towards the Autumn Small Grants. Members were, therefore, asked to consider allocating an additional £3,348 in order to fund all three projects, otherwise only the first two applications that had received the highest score would be funded.
- iii. **ACTION:** Following discussion, Members agreed the following;
 - Stadium Projects, Higher Force Challenge - Defer approval based on concerns regarding the possibility of duplicate funding and the cost of catering
 - Disability Action, Safe Zones - Approve funding and address concerns regarding their overdrawn bank account through the conditions laid out within their letter of offer
 - No Limat, Diversionary and Capacity Building Project – Approve funding on the condition that participants are drawn from two or more areas of the city to ensure the city wide nature of the project.
- iv. **ACTION:** Members agreed to grant delegated authority to the Chair and Vice-Chair to approve funding once assurances were received regarding the points listed above.

5. Final DPCSP Action Plans

- i. Members approved the content of the DPCSP Action Plans as presented by the DPP Manager.

6. Draft PCSP/DPCSP Action Plan Leaflet/Information Leaflet

- i. The Safer City Manager asked Members to approve the production of a generic information leaflet which would contain information about the Partnerships but not its Members so as to avoid frequent updates being required.
- ii. She also asked Members to consider the format of a leaflet to accompany the launch of the PCSP and DPCSP Action Plans which would contain localised information, a copy of which was circulated.
- iii. Members voiced their concerns that the leaflet had not been circulated prior to the meeting and that DPCSPs would not have the opportunity to review the document prior to printing.
- iv. To resolve these issues, Members discussed various solutions including postponing the launch, holding meetings of the PCSP and DPCSPs in order to review the document, and circulating the leaflet via email for comment.
- v. In addition, several Members suggested that one generic leaflet be produced given the timescale with the option of adding more localised information at a later date.
- vi. **ACTION:** Following discussion, Members agreed that the draft leaflet to accompany the launch of the Action Plans would be circulated to the Partnerships for comment and that delegated authority be requested to allow the Chair to approve the final draft.
- vii. **ACTION:** It was also agreed that an insert listing the (D)PCSP Members be produced alongside the launch leaflet.

7. Any Other Business

- i. The DPP Manager reminded Members that the launch event was scheduled for Monday, 22nd October at 12 noon in the Group Space, Ulster Hall.
- ii. Members were also reminded that a joint PCSP/DPCSP briefing session would take place on Monday, 5th November at 5.45pm in the Reception Hall, City Hall.