

Minutes of Belfast Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Reception Hall, City Hall

Tuesday, 25th September, 2012

Members Present

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

Invited Organisations (Proposed Future Designated Bodies)

Trevor Murphy, BELB	Stephen Graham, NIHE
Maurice Johnston, NIHE	Chief Superintendent McCrum, PSNI

Eithne McIlroy, PBNI

Staff Present

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

Apologies

Councillor Janice Austin
Councillor Claire Hanna
Valerie Allen
Liz Groves
Mark Vinton
Alan Walmsley, NIFRS
Chief Superintendent Clarke, PSNI
Paula Jack, YJA

1. Declaration of Interests

- i. No declarations of interest were recorded.

2. Minutes

- i. **ACTION:** Members requested that the minutes of the meeting of 28th August should be amended to reflect the Partnership's request that future PCSP Small Grants should be administered centrally by Belfast City Council to improve the governance process.
- ii. Members discussed the continuation of PCSP and DPCSP Chairs and Vice-Chairs meetings. While some Members felt that these were important when identifying cross cutting issues, others felt that, as the Partnerships were now established, there should be no need for these to continue as the DPCSP Chairs are Members of the PCSP.
- iii. **ACTION:** Members agreed that meetings could continue for the purpose of agenda formulation and planning, however the group would not have a decision making role.

3. Draft PCSP Action Plan

- i. Members were asked to consider the draft Belfast PCSP Action Plan for 2012/14 noting that budgets were not yet agreed upon and that items raised at the joint planning session had yet to be included in the plan.
- ii. **ACTION:** Members requested that an engagement element be included under the priority 'To promote and raise awareness of good practice'.
- iii. **ACTION:** Members requested that consideration be given to involvement with the European Forum for Urban Safety's (EFUS) working group on security/technology regarding CCTV.
- iv. **ACTION:** Members approved the PCSP Action Plan but agreed that the term 'hot-spotting' should be replaced with the terms 'focussed area working' and 'targeted interventions'.

4. PCSP Proposed Meetings/Events Schedule

- i. The DPP Manager presented Members with a meetings schedule for the period from September to December, 2012.
- ii. Members approved the list of proposed dates.

5. Requests for Deputations to the PCSP

- i. The DPP Manager advised Members that several approaches had been made by both statutory and voluntary agencies to the PCSP requesting the opportunity to present their aims and objectives to the Partnership.
- ii. **ACTION:** Members agreed to convene a joint event of the PCSP and DPCSPs on Monday, 5th November to receive briefings from two of the organisations who have contacted the PCSP Office. Furthermore, the Partnership agreed to host further joint events as and when required.

6. Launch of the PCSP Action Plan

- i. The DPP Manager advised Members that the launch of the PCSP Action Plan would be held in the Ulster Hall due to the unavailability of the Reception Hall, City Hall, and that an invitation and agenda were being drafted for circulation.
- ii. **ACTION:** Members agreed not to advertise the date of the launch in the three daily newspapers due to the high cost and nature of the document being launched. Instead, Members agreed to the production of an electronic invitation which would be sent to the Partnership for wider distribution, along with the existing DPP and CSP contact databases.
- iii. **ACTION:** Members agreed that the Chair would host the event and provide a brief presentation on projects contained within the plan with reference to projects that the DPCSPs planned to undertake.

7. Criminal Confiscation Receipts Fund

- i. The DPP Manager advised Members that the Community Safety Unit (CSU) within the Department of Justice (DOJ) had been invited to bid for programme funding resources from the Criminal Confiscation Receipts Fund, and that the PCSPs from across Northern Ireland were being given the opportunity to access this funding by submitting an expression of interest for project ideas or initiatives.
- ii. She added that, no obligation had been given by the CSU that suggested initiatives would be submitted for funding and, capital projects would not be eligible for funding.
- iii. Members were subsequently presented with two possible funding proposals; Belfast Good Morning Schemes and 'Design Out Crime' Training..
- iv. **ACTION:** Following discussion, Members agreed that both projects warranted inclusion in the expression of interest to the CSU, and that a Member from each (D)PCSP should participate in the 'Design Out Crime' Training if the bid was successfully funded.
- v. **ACTION:** Members also agreed that the (Re-Integration of Offenders) RIO Project should also be included in the expression of interest bid.

8. Letter from the PPS

- i. The DPP Manager drew Members attention to a letter from the Public Prosecution Service (PPS) advising Members that they would not be in a position to accept the invitation to sit on the Belfast PCSP as a locally designated Member as this would fall outside the remit of the organisation. Members expressed their disappointment at the PPS's refusal to attend and participate at PCSP meetings.
- ii. **ACTION:** DPP Manager to write to the Justice Minister to express the Partnership's disappointment at the PPS declining to participate in the PCSP structure.

9. Autumn PCSP Small Grants

- i. The DPP Manager advised Members that 37 PCSP Small Grants had been received, 5 of which were city wide proposals, and that 3 of these 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 added that the cost of funding these three initiatives would be £13,380 and that a full report would be presented to Members at their next meeting, scheduled for 8th October.

10. Any Other Business

- i. The DPP Manager circulated a communiqué from the Joint Committee regarding the timetable for the designation of formally and locally appointed groups. She advised Members that this would also be sent to them via email.

PCSP Meeting - Summary of Actions

Tuesday, 25th September

PCSP Private Meeting

Action Agreed	By When	By Whom
Amendments to minutes to be noted following Members comments.	September	Katharine McCrum
Continuation of Chairs Meetings to facilitate agenda construction and other administrative requirements, no decision making or financial decisions to be taken.	Ongoing	Lorna Somers
PCSP Action Plan to be updated based on Members comments and previous discussions at Joint Planning session	October	Lorna Somers
PCSP to consider involvement with the EFUS European Working Group on Security/Technology	October	Lorna Somers
Hold joint PCSP/DPCSP briefing session on 5 th November to receive deputations from organisations who have contacted the PCSP Office	November	Lorna Somers
Circulate details of Action Plan Launch to PCSP Members and the DPP/CSP/Community Services contact databases	September	Katharine McCrum
Submit 3 proposals for consideration by the Community Safety Unit in the formulation of its bid to the Criminal Confiscation Receipts Fund – RIO, Good Morning Schemes, Design Out Crime Training	5 th October	Lorna Somers
Write to Justice Minister to express disappointment that an invitation to the PPS to sit on PCSP had not been accepted	September	Lorna Somers