

Minutes of the South Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Private Meeting

Conor Room, City Hall, Thursday, 30th August, 5.30pm

Members Present	Independent Members
Political Members	
Alderman Tom Ekin	Ms Paula Bradshaw
Councillor Kate Mullan	Mr Mark Caffrey
Councillor Máirtín Ó'Muilleoir	Mr Trevor Greer
Alderman Christopher Stalford	Miss Debbie Hammill
	Ms Nuala Toman
Invited Organisations (Future Designated)	
Chief Inspector Gaby Moran, PSNI	Yvonne Adair, Youth Justice
Andy Woods, NIFRS	Liam Kinney, NIHE
Staff	Apologies
Denise Smith, CSP Coordinator	Cllr D. Hargey
Richard McLernon, CSP Coordinator	Ald R. Patterson
Katharine McCrum, Partnership Support Officer	Christine Hunter, PBNI

1. Welcome and Routine Matters

- i. The Chair, Alderman Ekin, welcomed Members and Statutory Agencies to the meeting and noted the apologies provided.

2. Declarations of Interest

- i. No declarations of interest were recorded.

3. PCSP Small Grants, Autumn 2012

- i. The Community Safety Coordinator, Denise Smith, requested that Members consider allocating £15,000 towards autumn 2012 Small Grants and a further £35,000 in 2013/2014 towards summer and autumn grants.
- ii. A Member expressed concern regarding the large level of funding being allocated towards the end of the financial year.
- iii. The Community Safety Coordinator confirmed that the £35,000 which was apportioned towards the summer round of Small Grants was not fully allocated in South Belfast due to the low number of applications. She added that Members would have the opportunity at the Small

Grants meeting on 4th October to distribute the £15,000 of autumn funding to applicants from South Belfast.

- iv. **ACTION:** Members agreed to the allocation of £15,000 towards autumn 2012 Small Grants and a further £35,000 during 2013/2014.

4. Preparations for Fresher's

- i. The Community Safety Coordinator provided Members with an update on the work of the various agencies tasked with preparing for fresher's week. She confirmed that the Community Safety Wardens would be in the university area from 10th September, with the service dedicated to the area from 17th September. She also advised that Belfast City Council's night-time noise officers and on-street drinking teams would be operating additional staff during the period and that mobile CCTV may also be available.
- ii. Chief Inspector Moran confirmed that additional policing resources had also been approved and that a media strategy was underway.
- iii. Members discussed how the DPCSP could support this work in the future, with discussions on night time safety and possible diversionary activities focusing on sport rather than alcohol consumption.

5. Planning Session

- i. Mr. Ricky O'Rawe, external facilitator, attended in connection with this item in order to facilitate the group in further developing its action plan for 2012-2014. Members split into three groups and discussed the priorities and projects that had previously been agreed upon.
- ii. **ACTION:** Following feedback on each of the priorities, Members agreed to hold a Working Group to finalise project suggestions and allocate funding. Members also discussed the need to be responsible when spending their budget and consider affordability, sustainability and value for money. The need for discussions regarding mapping exercises was also discussed.

6. Date of Next Meeting

- i. Members were reminded that their next Private Meeting was scheduled to take place on Thursday, 27th September.
- ii. **ACTION:** Several Members stated that they would be unavailable on this date, and so it was agreed to reschedule the meeting.

7. Policing Committee Procedures

- i. The Chairman invited Members to consider the format, time and duration of future Policing Committee meetings.
- ii. **ACTION:** Members requested that statistics provided by the police be as up to date as possible, and asked that crime trends and clearance rates be included in the information. Members also requested that narratives be provided on areas of specific interest or concern and that reporting be measured against the Policing Plan and DPCSP Action Plan priorities.
- iii. Members discussed the procedures for submitting questions to the police and agreed advance notice would be important. Members also referred to the confidential nature of the information that would be discussed and stated any procedures that were to be developed should reflect this.
- iv. **ACTION:** Members agreed to hold Policing Committee meetings 1 hour prior to private meetings on a bi-monthly basis, commencing at the next meeting in September.
- v. **ACTION:** It was agreed that written questions should be submitted 10 working days prior to Policing Committee meetings to allow the Area Commander to provide a comprehensive answer, if possible.

8. Northern Ireland Policing Plan Measures of Success

- i. Members were asked to consider the Northern Ireland Policing Plans 'Measures of Success' as laid out within the report provided, and to add any additional measures as deemed suitable.
- ii. Members noted the contents of the report.