

**Minutes of the North Belfast District Policing and  
Community Safety Partnership  
Private Meeting  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015, 6.00pm  
Ligoniel Community Centre, 144 Ligoniel Road, Belfast**

<b>Members Present</b>	
<b>Councillors</b>	<b>Independents</b>
Councillor Mary Ellen Campbell (Chair)	Mr. Pat McLarnon
Councillor Naomi Thompson	Mr. Ian McLaughlin
Councillor JJ Magee	Ms. Jennifer Cornell
Councillor Guy Spence	Ms. Bronach Graham
<b>Designated Organisations</b>	
Chief Inspector Robert Singleton, PSNI	Ms. Patricia Muldoon, YJA
Inspector Gavin Kirkpatrick, PSNI	Mr Mark Nicholson, PBNI
Inspector Robin Gouk, PSNI	Mr. Alan Wilson. BELB
Sgt Nick Williams, PSNI	Mr. David Harbinson, NIFRS
Inspector Roy Watton, PSNI	Mr. Liam Gunn, NIHE
<b>Staff Present</b>	<b>Apology</b>
Richard McLernon, Safer City Coordinator	Councillor Patrick Convery
Edele Cleary, Safer City Project Officer	Malachy McKinney
Alison Allen, Safer City Manager	Martin Morgan

**1. Welcome/Apologies/ Declarations of Interest**

- i. The Chair, Councillor 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. Councillor JJ Magee declared an interest as he is a member of the Safer Streets Partnership. New Lodge Youth Centre has submitted an application for funding however Councillor JJ Magee has not been involved in the application.

**2. Hate Crime Conference Proposal**

- i. The Safer City Manager gave a verbal update on the proposal of the Hate Crime Conference. The proposed dates for the conference are 25<sup>th</sup>- 27<sup>th</sup> March. PCSP will work with the Centre for Democracy and Peace Building to organise a Hate Crime Conference in Belfast which will raise awareness of social inclusion and prejudicial attitudes. It will also provide an opportunity for the community to benefit from international learning and will showcase good practice in Belfast.
- ii. PCSP would like to partner with local groups to carry out site visits for the International Delegates (one site visit in each district- North, South, East and West). The Safer City Manager stated that Youth Award Winners would be included within the conference to showcase the good work already taking place.
- iii. A member stated that they were happy to support and keen to work with PCSP in identifying venues and site visits.
- iv. Members agreed to financially support the Hate Crime Conference to the value of £5,000.

### 3. North Belfast DPCSP Action Plan Project Proposal Approval

#### **Hate Crime and Domestic Violence Seminar**

- i. A Member suggested asking participants questions prior to and after the seminar to evaluate the level of learning as a result of the seminar.
- ii. A Member suggested NIHE should be involved in the seminar.
- iii. Members agreed to fund the seminar to the value of £1,048.90.

#### **Crime Prevention Materials**

- i. A Member stated that if the partnership support this project that all materials must be used within the North Belfast area.
- ii. A Member requested that there is an evaluation on the use of distributing the crime prevention materials.
- iii. Members agreed to fund the Crime Prevention materials to the value of £1,484.

#### **Signage**

- i. Again a Member stated that if the partnership support this project that the signage must be used within the North Belfast area.
- ii. A Member asked if there was any evaluation that these signs are useful in reducing crime.
- iii. PSNI reported that the signs were used within the City Centre before Christmas to remind shoppers about car crime. It appears that the signage as well as other measures was successful in reducing car crime over this period.
- iv. Another Member supported this statement saying that signage was useful within the Lower Shankill and Brown Square are in reducing car crime. The signage was supported by leaflets, posters etc distributed by the local community.
- v. Members agreed to support the purchase of signage to the value of £1,000.

#### **Not the Face of Justice Campaign**

- i. The campaign was discussed at the private meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2014. Members previously agreed to support the campaign however financial support was not requested. PSNI now request financial support to deliver the campaign. Chief Inspector Singleton stated that he is keen to do something locally in North Belfast. This campaign will compliment the Op Taurus campaign and other work in Tigers Bay/ New Lodge work.
- ii. A Member requested a breakdown of figures and to assess the raising awareness of the campaign.
- iii. Members agreed to fund the campaign to the value of £5000.

### **Domestic Violence Crime Prevention Equipment**

- i. Members queried if the equipment would be used within North Belfast. Members were informed that materials would be distributed through PSNI Public Protection officers.
- ii. A Member queried what services were available to male victims of domestic violence. The member was informed that the Domestic and Sexual Violence helpline is for both male and female victims. Furthermore North DPCSP are working with the Mens Advisory Project to deliver the Hate Crime and Domestic Violence seminar on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2015, at Belfast Castle.
- iii. The Chair suggested that Mens Advisory Project are invited to a future North DPCSP Private meeting to deliver a presentation on the services they deliver.
- iv. Members agreed to fund this project to the value of £1,500.

### **Consultation with young people in North Belfast Secondary Schools**

- i. A Member suggested that in future Primary Schools, especially those in the upper age bracket of Primary School should be included in youth consultation exercises.
- ii. Members agreed to commission Ineqe to carry out the youth consultation exercise in North Belfast Secondary Schools to the value of £1,825.

### **New Lodge Youth Centre- Community Safety Initiative**

- i. Young people from the New Lodge area will take part in an 8 week programme of facilitated workshops on community safety topics.
- ii. Members agreed to fund this project to the value of £1,275.

### **Weekend Intervention Programme (WIP Programme)**

- i. A Member queried whether the 300 young people that North Belfast Area Project will work with are new people or young people they are already engaged with.
- ii. Chief Inspector Singleton stated that it is important to identify the right young people, not people who are already involved in activities.
- iii. A Member queried why North DPCSP are paying for BELB workers and questioned whether the additional hours were above and beyond their core business. The Safer City Coordinator informed members that the additional youth hours was included within the Greater Ardoyne Tension Monitoring Group action plan which was presented and agreed by the North DPCSP.
- iv. A Member explained who the members of the Greater Ardoyne Tension Monitoring Group were and its role. They explained that the work of the group has been very useful in calming tensions within their communities and is a hugely valuable project.
- v. A Member queried the accuracy of applications in terms of numbers involved in the project. The total number on the application is 65 young people compared with the 300 young people as claimed. The Member also queried how BELB were going to target the young people. The Member requires clarification of the numbers involved in the project.

- vi. Members agreed that BCC staff would come back with more information on the project, especially the numbers involved. BCC staff will email the information to the members and allow a few days for members to reply with their comments.

#### 4. **Communique from the Joint Committee**

- i. Councillor Guy Spence declared an interest as he is a member of the recruitment process for Independent Members.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator explained that there will be a gap from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 until the independent members are recruited. In the meantime North DPCSP are to develop a Transitional Plan by the end of February.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator will arrange to meet members to develop the transitional plan. Proposed dates to meet is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February or Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February. Richard to email proposed meeting dates to members.
- iv. The Annual Report for North DPCSP is to be presented at the Private Meeting of North DPCSP on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February.
- vii. A Member questioned how could the North DPCSP create a transitional plan prior to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 when policing will radically change from 1<sup>st</sup> April onwards. They also asked how the PSNI revised plan fit into the DPCSP transitional plan.
- viii. The Safer City Coordinator explained that no new projects can be introduced into the transitional plan, the plan will only include extensions of projects in the current plan
- ix. Chief Inspector Singleton wants to align the PSNI and North DPCSP Plan as much as possible.
- x. A Member stated that they anticipate that the transitional plan will be very basic, without any figures, funding breakdown etc.
- xi. The Probation Board representative said he will be looking at aligning their plans with policing plan.
- xii. A Member commended the PSNI on engaging with members of the public through the use of Social Media.

#### 5. **Communication Working Group Update**

- i. Update to be provided at the next meeting.

#### 6. **Forthcoming Meetings**

- i. Drugs Bin Launch- 16<sup>th</sup> February 2015, 11am at Survivors of Trauma Building, 151 Cliftonville Drive.
- ii. NICCY Awards- 18<sup>th</sup> February 2015, 17.30 at Stormont Hotel  
Councillor Guy Spence and Bronach Graham have agreed to attend along with one BCC officer and 7 participants from the project.

- iii. Public Event - Donna Hicks, Dignity Event. 20<sup>th</sup> February 2015, 2.30pm at Belfast Castle.
- iv. Private North DPCSP Meeting - 25<sup>th</sup> February at 18.00hrs, Cecil Ward Building, Linenhall Street.
- v. Domestic Violence/ Hate Crime Seminar- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 9am, Belfast Castle.