

Minutes of the North Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Private Meeting

Room 1c, Cecil Ward Building, Belfast
Thursday, 28th January, 2016

Political Members	Independent Members
Alderman Patrick Convery	Jennifer Cornell Catherine Patrick Gerald Solinas
Designated Organisations	
Phil Burch, NIFRS T/Chief Inspector Gavin Kirkpatrick, PSNI Malachy McKinney, NIHE	Patricia Muldoon, YJA Inspector Roy Watton, PSNI Alan Wilson, EA
Staff Present	Apologies
Richard McLernon, Safer City Coordinator Katharine McCrum, Partnership Support Officer	Alderman Guy Spence (Chair) Councillor Mary Ellen Campbell Councillor Mary Clarke Councillor Nuala McAllister Alderman Gareth McKee Michael Murray (Vice-Chair) Gerard O'Reilly Gabi Mornhinweg, H&SCT Mark Nicholson, PBNI

1. Welcome and Routine Matters

- i. In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, Alderman Convery welcomed Members to the meeting and noted the apologies provided.

2. Declaration of Interests

- i. Members were asked to declare any material interests which they may have in relation to any item of business to be considered during the meeting. No declarations were provided at the outset of the meeting.

3. Minutes

- i. The Safer City Coordinator recapped on the actions from the previous meeting of the North Belfast DPCSP noting that:
 - Last year's Halloween initiatives had been recorded and were available for circulation as required,
 - A project brief had been developed to begin work on the intergenerational DVD, details of which were contained within the papers,
 - Several Members had volunteered to sit on the Transient Youth Working Group,

- Contact had been made with RADAR regarding hosting a DPCSP meeting however no response had been received as yet,
 - Information on the alcohol by-laws had not been circulated but would be ahead of the next meeting, and,
 - The Community Prioritisation Index had been circulated to the Planning Sub-Group.
- ii. The minutes of the North Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting held on 24th November, copies of which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.

4. Small Grants Update

(Jacqui White, Grants Manager, and Ruairi Donnelly, Grants Officer, attended in relation to this item)

- i. Jacqui White, Grants Manager, provided Members with information on the Council's Central Grants Unit which assists in the administration of PCSP Small Grants.
- ii. Members were advised that the role of the Unit was to improve governance and accountability, ensure separation between each stage of the grants process, and to create a corporate approach to funding.
- iii. In response to a query regarding what cross referencing was done with other funding bodies, it was advised that checks were carried out internally to avoid duplication and some sampling of external funders was also done. It was added that details of all grants were submitted to the Local Government Funding Database.
- iv. The Safer City Coordinator asked for volunteers to sit on the Independent Members Panel to review the North Belfast DPCSP Small Grants scores.
- v. Mr Gerald Solinas volunteered and the Safer City Coordinator agreed to request further nominees via email.

5. Chairs Update on PCSP

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the PCSP had agreed to fund a Graffiti Removal Project across Belfast. Members were asked to contact the PCSP Office with any graffiti removal requests. Members were further advised that £1,000 of funding was available in each area for a piece of specific work relating to this project. The Safer City Coordinator agreed to confirm what exactly this funding could be utilised for.
- ii. In response to the comment that the NIHE removes graffiti from its properties and also supplies resources for others to do so on non-Housing Executive properties, the Safer City Coordinator agreed to feed this information back to the PCSP Managers to ensure that there was no duplication of effort.

6. Members North Belfast Priorities and Emerging Issues

- i. A Member advised of her continued attendance at the Upper North Belfast CPLC and confirmed that their priorities had remained unchanged, namely burglaries amongst the elderly and concerns over PSNI resourcing/Neighbourhood Policing Teams.

7. Project Briefs

- i. The Safer City Coordinator presented Members with 5 Project Briefs for approval;
 1. Community Champion Recruitment and Capacity Building Project – £1,500;
 2. Ardoyne Marrowbone Drug Initiative – £2,950;
 3. Alternatives DVD 'Protect Yourself' Project - £2,660;
 4. Marrowbone and Ardoyne Youth Support – PYI Project - £2999;
 5. North Belfast Area Project Youth Engagement Conference - £1,000;
- ii. A Member noted that projects 2 and 4 appeared similar, to which the Safer City Coordinator confirmed that one project was focusing on youth engagement while the other proposed to develop a community education and prevention programme. He also confirmed that the groups did work alongside each other.
- iii. In relation to questions about whether the costs listed for items such as facilitation were queried by Officers, the Safer City Coordinator confirmed that as part of the terms and conditions within funding Letters of Offer, groups are required to obtain 2 quotations for all spend over £500. He added that specific terms could be added to Letters of Offer and that regular project monitoring would ensure compliance with the terms and conditions.
- iv. In response to a query regarding the requirement for groups to work with the PSNI, the Safer City Coordinator confirmed that while that was a requirement of Policing Committee funding, these applications focused more on community safety issues and the same requirements did not apply to general Action Plan funding.
- v. Members discussed existing Youth Support Worker provision across North Belfast. The Safer City Coordinator advised that the costs associated with Youth Support Workers contained within Project Briefs would be for hours worked above any contracted hours. At the request of Members, he agreed to obtain a list of those involved in the Ardoyne Youth Providers Forum. Alan Wilson, Education Authority, confirmed that his organisation did not provide any programme costs for youth groups.
- vi. Members also discussed whether centre based or detached young people would be selected to take part in the North Belfast Youth Conference. Members felt that according to the Project Brief, the young people would be centre based, however Education Authority Area Projects did include both centre based and detached work.
- vii. Members approved funding for the 5 Project Briefs and asked that the following conditions were added to the relevant Letters of Offer:

- Those trained in acupuncture as part of the Ardoyne Marrowbone Drug Initiative are to be requested to deliver their services within the community,
 - Additional costs are to be made available for the production of a further 100 DVDs as part of the Alternatives 'Protect Yourself' DVD Project.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator asked Members to provide extended delegated authority to the Chair and Vice-Chair to approve time-sensitive projects alongside the Manager and Assistant Manager of the Community Safety Unit above the £1,000 limit currently in place. The Safer City Coordinator explained that this was being requested in order to ensure that the Action Plan was fully delivered before 31st March.
 - iv. Members approved the extension of the delegated authority for project approval.

8. DPCSP Action Plan Update

- i. The Safer City Coordinator presented Members with a progress report on the delivery of the North Belfast DPCSP Action Plan. He advised that the Partnership was on course to spend the majority of its budget with a small underspend possible within the anti-social behaviour theme. He added that the working groups would continue to meet to progress projects and that regular staff meetings were being held to review the Plan and budget spend.
- ii. Members noted the contents of the report.

9. Draft 2016/2017 North Belfast DPCSP Action Plan

- i. Members were presented with a draft North Belfast DPCSP Action Plan for 2016/2017 which had been developed by the Planning Sub-Group. The Safer City Coordinator advised that a further meeting of the Sub-Group would be held during February to finalise the detail of the Plan.
- ii. In response to queries regarding Bonfire Initiatives, the Safer City Coordinator confirmed that the Community Safety Unit would work alongside the Good Relations Unit to deliver the Council's Bonfire Programme, focusing on Community Safety elements such as anti-social behaviour and diversionary activities. He added that the DPCSP would also be looking specifically at bonfires in North Belfast, and that a working group had been requested to look at unwanted bonfires.
- iii. Members commented upon the omission of any text relating directly to consultation in North Belfast, and suggested that the Partnership should be clear on whether existing infrastructures would be used during consultation or if additional resources were needed.
- iv. The Safer City Coordinator reassured Members that community engagement would run through each strand of the Action Plan.
- v. In response to a comment regarding repeated funding of groups, the Safer City Coordinator advised that he would produce a progress report on the work of the

Greater Ardoyne Tension Monitoring Action Plan in order to demonstrate the continued development.

- vi. A Member queried whether the burglary working group would be established as an additional sub-group or convened once in order to develop a plan of work.
- vii. The Safer City Coordinator suggested that this would need to be decided on by Members, but noted that the issue was of concern to communities, and was also being looked at by the overarching PCSP.
- viii. Members discussed the use of the term 'transient youth' and noted that this term had both positive and negative connotations. The Safer City Coordinator agreed and advised that the use of public spaces needed to be considered when dealing with the issue.
- ix. Members approved the contents of the draft North Belfast DPCSP Action Plan for 2016/2017.

10. PSNI Youth Academy

- i. The Safer City Coordinator drew Members attention to a letter that had been received from the PSNI regarding their Youth Volunteer Academy (YVA) pilot scheme.
- ii. Members noted the contents of the letter.

11. Dates of Next Meetings

- i. It was suggested that the Public Meeting scheduled to take place on 15th February be moved into March to allow more time to plan the event.
- ii. Members agreed and provided venue suggestions including Highfield/Glencairn, Girdwood and North City Business Centre.
- iii. Members agreed to hold the next meeting in the Highfield area and to visit the other venues in the new financial year. The Safer City Coordinator stated that he would confirm a new date via email.
- iv. Members were reminded that at the previous meeting it had been agreed that the DVD produced by the intergenerational drama group, Heel and Ankle Community Theatre Company, would be launched as part of the next public meeting. Members were also reminded that the RADAR centre had also been suggested as a venue for the next Public Meeting.
- v. It was suggested that a future meeting could focus on youth services and include a presentation on the Education Authority's Area Youth Plan. Members agreed to hear details of the Area Youth Plan at the next Private Meeting of the DPCSP, before considering wider dissemination at a Public Meeting.