

Minutes of the South Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Private Meeting

Monday 25th January 2016, 6.00pm

Room 1C, The Cecil Ward Building, Linenhall Street, Belfast BT2 8BP

Political Members	Independent Members
Councillor Declan Boyle (Chair)	Aidan Hughes
Councillor Jeffrey Dudgeon	Richard Kennedy
Councillor Paula Bradshaw	Aleksandra Lojek-Magdziarz (Vice Chair)
Councillor Deirdre Hargey	Paul McDonnell
Alderman Christopher Stalford	Michael Boyle
Statutory Designated Bodies	
Christine Hunter PBNi	Dermot Magorrian YJA
Gary Ballantyne NIHE	Yvonne McKnight
Chief Inspector Robert Murdie PSNI	Jamie Hughes PSNI
Staff Present	Apologies
Suzanne Gowling, Safer City Coordinator	Anita Duff EA
Alyson Crompton, Partnership Support Officer	Cllr Geraldine McAteer

1. Welcome & Routine Matters

- i. The Chair welcomed Members to the South Belfast DPCSP meeting and noted the apologies provided. He introduced Alderman Stalford to the partnership.

2. Declarations of Interest

- 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.
- ii. No declarations of interest were noted.

3. South Belfast DPCSP Minutes and Matters Arising

Private Minutes

- i. Yvonne McKnight asked for an amendment to the minutes, to show that she had sent her apologies by email prior to the meeting.
- ii. A Member raised a query over Item 5 xvi – xviii, a focused package of therapies and support services for vulnerable adults, had this been agreed as it is not in the action agreed table. Another Member said she had not been at the previous meeting however this is an excellent project and should be supported.

It was confirmed by the Safer City Co-ordinator that this had been agreed by the Members at the meeting.

- iii. The minutes of the South Belfast DPCSP Meeting held on 26th November, copies of which had previously been circulated, were taken as read notwithstanding the amendment noted above in (i), the minutes were agreed as correct.

Public Meeting

- i. The minutes of the public meeting held on 26th November 2015, copies of which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.

4. February Public Meeting

- i. The Safer City Co-ordinator advised the Members that the South Belfast DPCSP is required to hold a further public meeting before the end of March 2016.
- ii. The Members discussed the date, time and location for the public meeting it was agreed that the meeting would take place in City Hall over lunch time no date or exact time was confirmed.

5. Action Plan 2015/16 Update

- i. The Safer City Co-ordinator asked the Members to note the Action Plan progress report item 5a. The Members agreed to note the Action Plan.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator updated the Members on the action plan; the two round table events had been postponed.
- iii. The Safer City Co-ordinator outlined the following proposals;
 - a. Resources invested in meetings with communities to explore policing and community safety issues, normal capped rates applied, see 2.1 and 2.8.
 - b. £2000 to be invested in projects to build community confidence in Sandy Row and Finaghy see 2.8.
 - c. Belfast PCSP has allocated £10,000 to be invested in the wider university area (Area 3) before the end of March 2016 see item 5b (2.4)
- iv. The Members agreed proposal (a) and proposal (b) as outlined above.
- v. After lengthy discussions regarding proposal (c) in area 3; including clarification of the temporary hub, concern over numerous reports and the project in general. Another option discussed was to return the £10,000 to the Belfast PCSP or look for an alternative proposal to allocate it to.

- vi. The Safer City Co-ordinator explained that the £10,000 from Belfast PCSP had to be used before 31 March 2016 and it must be used in area 3; withdrawing the money at this stage would be very negative. The most likely venue for the hub was the City Church. She also stated that the aim was to focus on the community becoming a community, working together with a number of stakeholder groups to improve community safety and well being.
- vii. The Chair Declan Boyle retired from the meeting and the Vice Chair Aleksandra Lojek-Magdziarz took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.
- viii. The following three proposals were made by the Members;
 - 1. Look for an alternative way to spend the £10,000 in area 3 and to retain the £10,000 if unable to find a suitable project.
 - 2. Use part of the £10,000 for this project and reallocate the rest for another project in area 3.
 - 3. Use the money £10,000 from Belfast PCSP to support the projects in Area 3, within this budget line. Either a subgroup or PCSP Officers to lead the project and agree the way forward.
- ix. Proposals (1) and (2) were rejected by the members.
- x. A Member stated that in proposal (3) she was concerned about conflict of interest within a subgroup. She said this project proposal was timely and that as the Safer City Co-ordinator had already worked and consulted in area 3, that the PCSP officers should be supported as there would be no conflict.
- xi. Another Member also supported proposal (3), stating that the PCSP Officers should lead the project and agree the way forward.
- xii. Proposal (3): Use the Money £10,000 from Belfast PCSP to support the projects in Area 3, within this budget line. PCSP Officers to lead the project and agree the way forward. This proposal was agreed by the Members.

6. South Belfast DPCSP Draft Action Plan for 2016/2017

- i. The Safer City Co-ordinator asked the Members to note the draft action plan. The Members agreed to note the Draft Action Plan.
- ii. The Members were asked to agree a further planning session to discuss and refine the South Belfast DPCSP Draft Action Plan for 2016/2017 in advance of February's Public meeting. This was agreed by the Members
- iii. The Safer City Co-ordinator asked the Members to consider the South Belfast DPCSP Draft Action Plan for 2016/2017 and to refer any queries to the Co-ordinator; this was agreed by the Members.

7. Chair's Update

- i. The Vice Chair advised the Members in the absence of the Chair that she did not have an update. However the Safer City Co-ordinator advised that the PCSP were also engaged with the allocation of the remaining budget within tight time restraints.

8. PCSP Report – Strategic Objectives for Policing 2016/2020

- i. The Safer City Coordinator asked the Members to consider the contents of the Strategic Objectives for Policing Document from the Northern Ireland Policing Board (item 8a) and recommended they provide any feedback to Alyson Crompton cromptona@belfastcity.gov.uk no later than Wednesday 27th January 2016.

9. Emerging Issues

- i. The Safer City Co-ordinator advised Members that there were no emerging issues.

10. Date of Next Meeting

- ii. The Safer City Co-ordinator advised Members that the next Private meeting would take place on Monday 29th February.
- iii. She also advised that a Public Meeting and a Planning Session would take place before the next private meeting once a date, time and venue had been confirmed for each.
- iv. The Vice Chair thanked the Partnership for attending and closed the meeting.