

Minutes of the West Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Private Meeting

Dunmurry Presbyterian Church
9 Glenburn Road, Dunmurry
BT17 9AG

Monday 23rd November 2015

Political Members	Independent Members
Councillor Stephen Magennis, (Chair)	Elizabeth Groves, (Vice Chair)
Councillor Matt Garrett	Eoin McShane
Councillor Brian Heading	Claire Canavan
Statutory Designated Organisations	
Anthony McNally, PSNI	Harry Bradley, YJA
Carol Carville, PBNI	
Chris Robinson PSNI	Keira Whoriskey PSNI
Clare Lloyd PSNI	
Staff Present	Apologies
Alan Wardle, Safer City Coordinator	Alderman Chris McGimpsey
Alyson Crompton, Partnership Support Office	Tommy Boyle, H&SC Trust
	Davy Harbinson, NIFRS
	Sharon Beattie NIHE

1. Welcome and Routine Matters

- i. The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting of the West Belfast DPCSP and noted the apologies provided.

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. West Belfast DPCSP Minutes & Matters Arising

- i. The minutes of the Private meeting held on 28th October, copies of which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.
- ii. There were no matters arising from the minutes

4. Agreed actions update

- i. The Safer City Co-ordinator advised the Members that all the agreed actions from the meeting held on 28th October have been completed.

5. Chairs Update on PCSP Planning Process

- i. The Chair advised the Members that during the Joint Planning Session for all PCSP and DPCSP Members on 9th November the process of identifying the priorities for each DPCSP had been discussed.
- ii. The following priorities in order of priority were established for West Belfast DPCSP:
 - a. ASB
 - b. Violent Crime
 - c. Burglary and Theft
 - d. Drugs
 - e. Confidence in Policing.
- iii. The Chair advised the Members, that to further progress the planning process a Planning Sub Group was to be established from West Belfast DPCSP. The sub group will develop the Partnerships priorities and present to Members at a later date.
- iv. The following Members were unanimously proposed and agreed, to sit on the Planning Sub Group: Councillor Stephen Magennis, Councillor Brian Heading and Mr Eóin McShane. Ms Lauren Slane and Ms Claire Canavan subsequently also joined the sub group.

6. West Belfast DPCSP Action Plan – Progress Report

- i. The Safer City Co-ordinator gave the Members a progress report on the West Belfast DPCSP Action Plan; he asked the Members to note that the latest remaining budget at 23rd November 2015 is £258.00.
- ii. A Member commented that there may be a possibility of further funding being made available from the Joint Committee for projects before 31st March 2016
- iii. The Safer City Co-ordinator advised that there was a possibility of further funding; however the funding, if available would need to be spent before the middle of February 2016. The need for effective planning for the 2016-2017 Action Plan was discussed, with a planning session for the Planning Sub Group to be organised at Members earliest convenience.
- iv. The Members noted the report.

7. City Wide Transient Youth Project

- i. The Safer City Co-ordinator gave the Members an outline of the City Wide Transient Youth Project, which should begin delivery in January 2016.
- ii. He asked the Members to volunteer a representative from the Partnership (Political, Independent or Statutory) to sit on a steering group for the project. The steering group would consist of Members from the five Partnerships, who will strategically assist in the development and oversight of the project.
- iii. The Chair said that this was an important piece of work and that the Partnership should lend its full support to the project.
- iv. The Safer City Co-ordinator advised that there would be multi layered approach to the delivery of the project with some capacity building work in Lenadoon as the first proposed spend.
- v. The Members proposed and agreed Mr Eóin McShane as the West Belfast DPCSP representative.

8. West Belfast Performance against Local Policing Plan November 2015

- i. The Chair invited Chief Inspector McNally to give an update to the Members on the West Belfast Performance against the Local Policing Plan for November 2015.
- ii. Chief Inspector McNally advised the Members that car theft in the Court West area has decreased mainly due to key offenders being off the streets he also commented on high visibility patrols being carried out by Community Safety Officers and the PSNI in the area.
- iii. He further advised that in the Black Mountain area there had been 11 drug searches which have resulted in five positive finds of illegal substances. This outcome has been made possible by the continued positive partnership working between the community, political representatives and the police. Chief Inspector McNally also briefed the Members of two recent shooting incidents in the area. The police intend to increase their profile in the area to try and reassure the community and discourage this type of serious criminal activity.
- iv. Chief Inspector McNally gave an update on the Colin area where reported ASB had decreased recently. He further stated that he was particularly encouraged by the good working relationship developed in Suffolk between the police and community workers. In Lenadoon there is an ongoing issue with transient youth. The police do not want to criminalise the young people and are liaising with community workers to encourage a change in the young people's behaviour. There had also been searches carried out over the weekend in a house in the area which uncovered materials connected to terrorist activities.
- v. Chief Inspector McNally advised that operations are ongoing in preparation for the Christmas and New Year period including night time and get Home Safe campaigns.
- vi. A Member thanked the police for their support in the Colin area over the weekend especially in relation to the searches and also the support for the Chair who had received threats. He also asked for letters of support to be sent to Holy Trinity Youth Centre and the Turf Lodge Residents Association following the graffiti on the youth centre, after they held a Community Safety Event on Friday 20th November.
- vii. The Chair also stated that it was important that the PCSP and PSNI continue to support community groups who work with the Partnership. He also confirmed that he had positive feedback following meetings with the Turf Lodge Residents Association.
- viii. The Safer City Co-ordinator advised the Members that West Belfast PCSP Officers had also been in attendance at the Community Safety Event in Turf Lodge.
- ix. The Chair asked Members to note the PCSP Christmas Crime Prevention and Safety Event would be held in City Hall on Wednesday 2nd December 2015 from 10.00am – 1.00pm.

9. Emerging Issues

December Planning Sub Group Meeting

- i. The Safer City Co-ordinator advised the Members that the Planning Sub Group Meeting would need to be held on a suitable date before the PCSP meeting on Monday 7th December 2015' in order to present a draft plan to the PCSP.
- ii. He confirmed that he would liaise with the Sub Group Members to arrange a suitable date.

December Private Meeting

- i. The Safer City Co-ordinator advised the Members that a Meeting had not been scheduled for West DPCSP for December 2015 at present.

Locally Designated Groups

- i. The Safer City Co-ordinator advised that email invites had been sent to Colin Neighbourhood Partnership (CNP), Upper Falls Community Safety Forum (UFCSF), Falls Community Council (FCC) and Greater Falls Community Safety Forum (GFCSF).
- ii. He confirmed that to date two replies had been received and that he would follow up with the other two groups to confirm their acceptance.

Small Grants Road show

- i. The Safer City Co-ordinator asked the Members to note and pass on to any relevant community groups that a Small Grants Road show would be held in Sally Gardens on Tuesday 24th November 2015, to deliver information on all current Belfast City Council Small Grants.

Private Meeting – Date Change in March 2016

- i. The Safer City Co-ordinator advised the Members that due to the closeness to the end of the financial year it would be necessary to change the date of the March meeting from Wednesday 30th March to Wednesday 23rd March 2016.
- ii. He would also confirm the new date with Members.

Public Meeting 23rd November 2015

- i. The Safer City Co-ordinator advised the Members that the agenda for the Public Meeting which would follow the Private Meeting would be as follows:
 - a. Introduction of the PCSP including its work and functions.
 - b. Introduction of the PSNI including new district structures and boundary changes.
 - c. Question and answer session for members of the public.
- ii. The Chair stated that this was an excellent opportunity for the West Belfast DPCSP to showcase its work in the new Belfast area of Dunmurry.

10. Dates of Next Meetings

- i. The Safer City Co-ordinator advised Members that the date of the next meeting was to be confirmed.

11. Close

- i. The Chair thanked Members of the Partnership for attending and closed the meeting.