

Minutes of the Belfast Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Private Meeting

Lavery Room, City Hall
Monday 15th August, 2016

Political Members	Independent Members
Councillor Declan Boyle Councillor Carole Howard Councillor John Hussey Councillor JJ Magee Alderman Jim Rodgers Alderman Guy Spence	Debbie Hammill (Vice-Chair) Michael O'Hara Susan Russam
Designated Organisations	
AGC Chris Fee, NIFRS Superintendent Melanie Jones, PSNI Eithne McIlroy, PBNI Patricia Muldoon, YJA	Chief Superintendent Chris Noble, PSNI Helen Russell, NIHE Cecil Worthington, H&SCT
Staff Present	Apologies
Lorna Somers, Safer City Assistant Manager Denise Smith, Safer City Coordinator Katharine McCrum, Partnership Support Officer	Councillor Matt Garrett (Chair) Councillor Janice Austin Councillor Stephen Magennis Mary Lambe John Loughran Carmel McKinney Anne-Louise Toal

1. Welcome and Apologies

- i. In absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair welcomed Members to the meeting and noted the apologies provided. Melanie Jones, Superintendent in charge of Strategic Partnerships and Community Planning for Belfast City District Command Unit, was also introduced to the Partnership.

2. Declarations of Interest

- i. The Vice-Chair advised Members that they were required to declare any material interests that they may have in relation to any items on the agenda.

3. Minutes

- i. In relation to the actions from the previous meeting, Members were advised that:
 - A meeting had been scheduled with the Street Pastors during September,
 - Details of the outcomes of PSNI operations had been included within their Statutory Update, as well as publicised via social media,
 - Comments regarding the 'It's about the Battle, not the Bottle' Campaign had been followed up with the Orange Order,

- While an agreement to fund the 'Not in the Face of Justice' Campaign had not been reached, the PSNI would continue to work with partners on other related strands of work.
- ii. The minutes of the Belfast PCSP Meeting held on 13th June, copies of which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.

4. Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair

- i. Members were advised that the Chair of the Belfast PCSP between 17th August, 2016 and 16th August, 2017, would be Councillor John Hussey and that the Independent Members had agreed that Susan Russam would become the new Vice-Chair.
- ii. As the current Vice-Chair, Debbie Hammill thanked the Chair, staff and other Members for their support over the previous year, and wished the new Chair and Vice-Chair the best for their term of office.
- iii. Members echoed their thanks to the current Chair and Vice-Chair and commended their achievements in delivering a well run Partnership.

5. Chair's Update

- i. The Vice-Chair provided Members with the following updates:
 - The Begging for Change Campaign Launch took place on the 20th June at Clifton House with the Lord Mayor in attendance. There was extensive media coverage for the two charities involved. A review of the Campaign will be presented to Members at the September meeting.
 - Equality Schemes and Disability Action Plans are currently out for consultation and will be brought to next meeting before submission to the Equality Commission on 30th September.
 - The North Belfast DPCSP have received two Place Making Awards for their work to support of the Greater Ardoyne Tension Monitoring Group – the NI Regional Award and overall UK Placemaking Team of the Year Award.
 - The 2 Fast 2 Soon Car Simulator has arrived and the DOJ have confirmed that they have sufficient underspend to fund the costs. Officers are currently working on a Service Level Agreement between the PCSP, PSNI and NI Fire and Rescue Service. A demonstration will be arranged for Members in September.

6. Update from Designated Partners

- i. The Vice-Chair advised that a report from the PSNI was contained within the papers however no other reports had been provided. Statutory Partners confirmed that they would continue to provide reports when key issues arose, however this would not necessarily be on a monthly basis.
- ii. Chief Superintendent Noble advised Members that the majority of parades and other summer events had passed off successfully as result of good policing, community work and work with other agencies.
- iii. He advised Members that the #VOICES of Victims Campaign had been launched on 29th July which aimed to encourage the reporting of hate crime. Information on a

range of other topics were covered within the update including aggravated burglaries, ammunition and drugs finds and money laundering. With regards to the shooting of Mr Boreland, he advised that searches and investigations were ongoing.

- iv. Chief Superintendent Noble noted the tragic death of a woman in Colin Glen Forest Park as a result of a scrambler, and passed on his sympathies to the family. He advised that the PSNI were aware of the impact that such events had on the community and the families involved.
- v. With regards to crime statistics, Members were advised that overall crime was down by 6.3% with domestic burglary down by 25.2% which was very positive.
- vi. A Member welcomed the good work undertaken by the PSNI and underlined the PCSPs ongoing support. He questioned what progress had been made with reference to a number of arson attacks in the Castlereagh area to which Chief Superintendent Noble advised that he would contact the Member directly with an update.
- vii. Patricia Muldoon, Youth Justice Agency, advised that following the Colin Glen scrambler incident, she, Councillor Heading and a local MLA had hosted a Talk Back Event to allow a number of issues to be raised among the families and wider community. She also advised that the PCSP funded 'No Harm Done' DVD, which looked at peer pressure leading to criminal behaviour, had been launched in City Hall on 29th June and would be piloted in schools across North and West Belfast, as well as the Colin Youth Centre.

7. 2016/2017 PCSP Action Plan Progress Report

- i. The Safer City Assistant Manager drew Members attention to the Belfast PCSP 2016/2017 Action Plan Progress Report which detailed the work that had been carried out to date against each action/initiative.
- ii. Members noted the contents of the report.
- iii. In response to a query regarding the RADAR Centre, the Safer City Assistant Manager advised that following a meeting about the Bee Safe Initiative, it had been agreed to use the £4,000 to offer every P7 pupil the opportunity to visit the RADAR Centre and so as a result, mornings throughout March and May, 2017 had been reserved. Members were advised that Bee Safe would be providing a further £4,500 of funding bringing the total project spend to £8,500.
- iv. The Safer City Assistant Manager advised that a further update on the progress of the project would be provided at a future meeting and that evaluations of the Centre had been positive so far. She also advised that consideration was being given to how older age groups could be included.

8. NPS Update

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that a Steering Group made up of the PSNI, Belfast City Council, Extern and Public Health Agency met on 10th June to discuss raising awareness around New Psychoactive Substances (NPS) Legislation.
- ii. At the meeting it was agreed that there was currently enough information available in reference to the legislation and that funding would be better allocated to supporting

staff in hostels and children's homes to deal with drug related issues, however not necessarily NPS.

- iii. At the Safer City Coordinators request, Members agreed to widen the scope of the NPS work to include other drug related issues effecting hostels and children's homes.

9. 2016/2017 PCSP Small Grants, Tranche 2

- i. The Safer City Assistant Manager advised that 25 PCSP Autumn Small Grants had been received, scored and moderated for Tranche 2. Members were asked to nominate 5 Members to form the Member Panel which would be required to meet in early September to approve the Autumn Small Grants, allowing projects to commence from 1st October.
- ii. The Partnership was also asked to grant delegated authority to the Member Panel to make the final decision on the successful applications in order for the process of notification to be expedited.
- iii. Finally, Members were asked to agree to maintain a baseline quality score of 50% above which applications would be deemed eligible for funding.
- iv. The following Members agreed to sit on the Member Panel: Alderman Rodgers, Councillors Boyle, Howard and Magee, and Susan Russam.
- v. Members agreed to grant delegated authority to the Member Panel for approval of the grants, and to maintain the baseline score of 50%.

10. Street Management Strategy

- i. The Safer City Coordinator drew Members attention to an update on the range of work involved with the Street Management Strategy including the Begging for Change Campaign, On Street Drinking work, Sharps and outreach work.
- ii. Members agreed to hear a presentation on all aspects of the Strategy at the PCSP Meeting on 12th September.

11. 2015/2016 (D)PCSP Annual Reports

- i. The Safer City Assistant Manager advised Members that draft Annual Reports for the PCSP and 4 DPCSPs were contained within the papers covering the period of 17th August, 2015 to 21st March, 2016. Members were advised that the DPCSPs had approved the draft Reports and so the PCSP was asked to note the information provided and agree for the Reports to be circulated to Council, the Joint Committee and to be published on the Council website.
- ii. A Member commented on the attendance of the Education Authority (EA) and asked that staff make contact with EA to discuss their engagement. The Safer City Assistant Manager advised that she would take this forward, adding that there had been some changes in staff in recent years. It was also noted that attendance from the Education Authority at DPCSP meetings had been positive.

- iii. Members approved that draft Annual Reports and agreed for them to be forwarded to Council, the Joint Committee and to be uploaded to the Council website.

12. 2015/2016 (D)PCSP Final Budget Spend

- i. The Safer City Assistant Manager drew Members attention to the financial expenditure for the period from 1st April, 2015 to 31st March, 2016, noting that the full budget provided by the Joint Committee had been utilised. She advised that the costs only included invoices that had been paid and so it was possible that the figures could rise.
- ii. Members noted the contents of the report.

13. 2016/2017 (D)PCSP Budget Spend

- i. Members were provided with a report on the financial expenditure of the PCSP and DPCSPs for the period from 1st April, 2016 to 31st July, 2016.
- ii. Members noted the contents of the report.

14. Date of Next Meeting

- i. The Safer City Assistant Manager advised that Chief Inspector Rachel Shields, PSNI, wished to make a presentation to Members on the use of Body Worn Cameras at the next Policing Committee Meeting.
- ii. Members were further advised that as part of the review of Policing Plans and Outcomes Based Accountability, the Joint Committee also wished to hold a training session with Policing Committee Members in September.
- iii. The Safer City Assistant Manager reminded Members that they had also agreed to hear a presentation on the Street Management Strategy at the meeting on 12th September, and so having all 3 elements would result in a very lengthy meeting.
- iv. Members resolved to hear the Street Management Strategy Presentation as part of the Private Meeting on 12th September, and to undertake the Policing Committee Training on the same date. The presentation on Body Worn Cameras would then be held as part of the Private Meeting on 10th October.