

**Minutes of the South Belfast District Policing and Community Safety
Partnership**

Private Meeting

**Monday 22nd August 2016, 6.00pm
Conor Room, City Hall, Belfast**

Political Members	Independent Members
Councillor Geraldine McAteer (Chair)	Michael Boyle
Councillor Declan Boyle	Richard Kennedy
Councillor Jeffrey Dudgeon	Paul McDonnell
Statutory Designated Bodies	
Inspector Jamie Hughes	Dermot Magorrian YJA
Christine Hunter PBNI	Station Commander Michael Roberts NIFRS
Yvonne McKnight H&SCT	
Staff Present	Apologies
Suzanne Gowling, Safer City Coordinator	Aleksandra Lojek-Magdziarz (Vice Chair)
Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer	Gary Ballantyne NIHE
	Chief Inspector Robert Murdie PSNI
	Councillor Emmett McDonough-Brown
	Councillor Deirdre Hargey
	Aidan Hughes

1. Welcome & Routine Matters

- i. The Chair welcomed the Members to the South Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting and noted the apologies provided.
- ii. The Chair thanked Councillor Declan Boyle for his Chairmanship for 2015/2016.

2. Declarations of Interest

- i. The Chair asked Members 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. Minutes and Matters Arising

- i. A Member requested an amendment to the Minutes of the Private Meeting held on 27th June to include reference to the response provided by Jim Ferguson, Belfast City Council in relation to Alleygates.

Jim Ferguson – “Yes we will ask our staff to close BCC alleygates when we have finished street cleansing and waste collection services but I hasten to add that we will not be holding our staff responsible for any complaints/acts of anti social behaviour that may occur if gates are not closed. I refer to the BCC – residents agreement when Alleygates are fitted that it is the residents

responsibility to open gates for statutory services and close them afterwards. In good faith we have been opening gates to carry out these services to accommodate residents and deliver these services as I have stated we will request that they are closed afterwards.”

- ii. Following the amended request, the Minutes of the Private Meeting held on 27th June, copies of which were previously circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.

Proposed: Paul McDonnell

Seconded: Richard Kennedy

- iii. A Member highlighted his concern regarding South Belfast DPCSP's Meeting being held on a bi-monthly basis. He commented that he felt that the length of time between meetings had been too long.
- iv. Following a discussion regarding the scheduling of South Belfast DPCSP'S Meetings, Members agreed to facilitate another bi-monthly Meeting in October with a consensus to review the meeting schedule going forward.

4. Partner Updates

- i. Inspector Jamie Hughes provided Members with an update on the work of the PSNI to date.
- ii. Inspector Jamie Hughes advised Members that there had been a lot of work completed by the PSNI regarding bonfires and interface areas on the led up to the 12th July/8th August. He commented that there had been no major incidents reported during the 12th July/8th August festivities. He further advised Members of future PSNI operational planning.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that due to positive engagement with bonfire builders in both Sandy Row and Donegal Road, less incidents and reports had been received.
- iv. A Member asked what had been the total amount of funding provided to Hope Street. The Safer City Coordinator commented that she would provide an update on the costs associated with Hope Street at the next DPCSP Meeting.
- v. Station Commander Michael Roberts, NIFRS advised Members that due to the successful management of bonfires this year, the NIFRS had both financial and resource savings. He advised Members that he would present figures regarding NIFRS bonfire attendance at the next DPCSP Meeting.
- vi. Station Commander Michael Roberts further advised Members that in partnership with the PSNI/DPCSP a leaflet had been produced to highlight burglary prevention. He commented that the NIFRS would be distributing the leaflets throughout South Belfast over the next few days.

- vii. Station Commander Michael Roberts, NIFRS thanked the Safer City Coordinator and the Community Safety Team for their involvement in the management of bonfires during the July and August periods.
- viii. A Member asked if there had been any incidents of ASB at the Broadway bonfire or at the McDonald's at Broadway? Inspector Jamie Hughes advised Members that there had been a spike in antisocial behaviour around McDonalds due to issues within the local area and school holidays. He advised Members that the PSNI would continue to monitor the area.
- ix. The Chair suggested for the PSNI to forward information regarding their concerns in the Broadway area and for this information to be shared with West Belfast DPCSP.
- x. Christine Hunter, Probation Board for Northern Ireland advised Members that the PBNI Corporate Plan 2017-2020 is currently out for consultation. She invited Members to review the Plan and to forward any comments to PBNI.
- xi. The Chair welcomed the opportunity to review the PBNI Corporate Plan and suggested that the review of the Plan could identify how joint objectives could be achieved.
- xii. Christine Hunter also advised Members that the PBNI had recently received graffiti removal kits from Belfast City Council. She informed Members that the kits would be utilised fully once health and safety checks had been conducted.

5. Policing and Community Safety Small Grants

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that Small Grant applications would be initially scored by senior members of the Community Safety Unit and moderated by a team of three staff. She further commented that these moderated scores and applications would then be taken to a Member Panel for their consideration.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator requested Members to nominate 5 Members to form the Member Panel (the quorum for this panel shall be 3). She advised Members that the panel would be required to meet in early September to allow for the successful applicants to be notified and for projects commence from 1st October.
- iii. She further requested for the Partnership to grant delegated authority to the Member Panel to make a final decision on the successful applications in order for notification to be expedited.
- iv. Following a discussion, Members agreed for the Independent Members to attend the Members Panel and agreed for delegated authority to be given to the Members Panel; further Members agreed that the minimum score would be 50%.

- v. A Member asked if funds are not utilised by other DPCSP's if they could be reallocated to South Belfast DPCSP. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that funds could not be reallocated between DPCSP's.

6. 2016/2017 South Belfast DPCSP Action Plan, Quarter 1 Update

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of Quarter 1 delivery of the South Belfast DPCSP's Action Plan 2016-2017.
- ii. She advised Members of a breakdown of progress to date against each area, and detailed the spend against each area. She further advised Members if the confirmed amounts of funding not currently committed.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator presented to Members project proposals for spend for delivery as part of the South Belfast DPCSP's Action Plan 2016-2017.

Small Grants, Tranche 2

The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that there had been three successful Small Grant applications, which totalled approximately £10,500. She further advised that some of the budgets needed to be clarified before the funding award would be made. As such, the Safer City Coordinator proposed that the outstanding amount (£2,325) to be drawn from the Feel Safer budget line, rather than not funding projects.

Members noted this request and agreed to allocate the funding as proposed.

Preparation for Freshers

The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that a comprehensive plan had been developed amongst statutory and community partners as Freshers will start from 19 September. She informed Members that South Belfast DPCSP had been being asked to fund the following aspects of the plan:

- The development and delivery of **training for licensed premises staff** most likely to be used by students and revellers during Freshers – funded from drugs and alcohol, up to £2, 000 to include venue hire and refreshments using the established capped rates.
- **Focused outdoor advertising** (adshels) in the wider university area from 12 – 25 September – funded from feel safer, up to £3,000. There will be two aspects to the campaign – one to encourage reporting to the appropriate organisation, and one focusing on safeguarding messages.

Members noted this request and agreed to allocate the funding as proposed.

Feel Safer

The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that South Belfast Alternatives has submitted a request for £1,230 to develop their ICE (In Case of Emergency) Project. She recommended to Members that the project is funded from the Feel Safer stream within the South Belfast DPCSP Action Plan.

Following a discussion, Members noted the request and agreed to support the proposed project.

Focused Area Working

The Safer City Coordinator advised Members of the proposed Focused Area Workings:

Wider University Area - the DPCSP is asked to fund an independent facilitator to negotiate next step agreements to improve participation, community safety and well being of the area – funded from focused area working, up to £3,500 for the independent facilitator, development plan to include venue hire and refreshments using the established capped rates.

South West Area: The Safer City Coordinator advised the Partnership that the DPCSP had been currently funding an extensive south west summer programme, and GVRT has made a successful small grant application for their winter programme. She requested that the DPCSP fund an independent facilitator to develop a community safety action plan for the area – funded from focused area working, up to £3,500 for the independent facilitator, development plan to include venue hire and refreshments using the established capped rates.

Markets Area: The Safer City Coordinator advised the Partnership that the DPCSP currently struggled to identify practical support it can offer to improve community safety in the Markets area. As such the DPCSP had been asked to fund an independent body to take this forward and try to develop a community safety action plan for the area – funded from focused area working, up to £3,500 for the independent facilitator, development plan to include venue hire and refreshments using the established capped rates.

The Safer City Coordinator suggested to the Partnership to consider nominating Members with specific interests in the area to represent the interests of South Belfast DPCSP in the process.

A Member asked if the same facilitator would deliver the Focused Area Working projects. The Safer City Coordinator commented that it was likely that three different facilitators would deliver the Focused Area Working projects as they would be advertised as separate contracts; one for each area.

Members agreed to the proposals and asked that the students were proactively included in the focused area working in the wider university area and that South Belfast Partnership Board is involved in Focused Area Work (where appropriate).

Public Meeting

The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the next South Belfast DPCSP Meeting is due to take place on 24th October. The Safer City Coordinator proposed to Members that a public meeting to be held on the

same date. Members suggested the theme should focus possibly around parents.

Members agreed to facilitate a Public Meeting on the same date. Members further agreed for the Safer City Coordinator to review possible themes for the Public Meeting and to circulate to Members for agreement.

The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that performance measures within the South Belfast DPCSP Action Plan 2016/2017 had been amended. Following a discussion, Members suggested for an additional meeting to be held to review performance measures. The Safer City Coordinator to review a meeting date and circulate date to Members.

7. Chairs Update

- i. The Chair commented that she felt her first DPCSP Meeting had been a positive one and could see the benefit of a joint up working approach being implemented.
- ii. Dermot Magorrian, Youth Justice Agency provided Members with an overview of the 'No Harm Done' DVD. Members requested for details of the DVD circulated to the Partnership.

8. Emerging Issues

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the PCSP Communique Issue 6 had been circulated to Members.
- ii. Following a discussion, it was suggested for Statutory Members to forward an update on their work areas (where appropriate) to the Partnership Support Officer for circulation to Members in advance of the DPCSP Meetings.

9. Date of Next Meeting

- i. Members noted that the next South Belfast DPCSP Meeting would be held on Monday 24th October.