

Minutes of the West Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Private Meeting

Lavery Room, City Hall
Wednesday 24th August, 2016

Political Members	Independent Members
Councillor Brian Heading (Chair)	Breige Brownlee (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Matt Garrett	Claire Canavan
Alderman Frank McCoubrey	Eoin McShane
	Lauren Slane
Statutory Designated Organisations	
Sharon Beattie, NIHE	Chief Inspector Norman Haslett, PSNI
Tommy Boyle, H&SCT	Patricia Muldoon, YJA
Harry Bradley, YJA	Inspector Mike White, PSNI
Deirdre Grant, PBNI	
Locally Designated Organisations	
Karol McKee, Upper Springfield Community Safety Forum	Michael George, Colin Neighbourhood Partnership
Staff Present	
Alan Wardle, Safer City Coordinator	Apologies
Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer	Carol Carville, PBNI
	Micheal Donnelly, Greater Falls
	Liz Groves
	Paula Kerr, Upper Falls Community Safety Forum
	John McLaughlin, EA
	Councillor Stephen Magennis

1. Welcome and Routine Matters

- i. The Chair welcomed Members to the Private Meeting of the West Belfast DPCSP and noted the apologies provided.
- ii. The Chair welcomed Independent Member Breige Brownlee as the Vice Chair of the West Belfast DPCSP for the forthcoming year.

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 24th May and minutes of the Special Meeting held on 28th July, copies of which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.
- ii. With regards to the actions from the previous meeting, the Safer City Coordinator advised Members that;

- Once contact details had been confirmed a letter of support would be forwarded to the resident from Turf Lodge recently intimidated for her association with an event which the Police attended..

4. Chair's Update from PCSP

- The Chair advised Members that, due to this being his first meeting he had not attended the PCSP Meeting which had previously occurred. Due to Councillor Stephen Magennis being unavailable to attend this Private Meeting, an update could not be provided.
- The Chair advised Members that an update on the PCSP would be provided at the next DPCSP Private Meeting.

5. Statutory Partner Update

- The Safer City Coordinator invited Statutory Members to provide an update on their work areas. He advised Members that the purpose of this update had been to allow the DPCSP to, in partnership, address any needs or issues identified by Statutory Members.
- Youth Justice Agency (YJA)
Patricia Muldoon, YJA, advised Members of the 'No Harm Done' DVD and associated toolkit going into schools across North and West Belfast. Following a discussion, Members requested for the DVD to be shown at the next DPCSP Meeting.
- Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE)
Sharon Beattie, NIHE advised Members that the Enterprise Fund had now closed. She also highlighted a concern regarding the cost associated with damage created by the PSNI when gaining access to houses. Chief Inspector Norman Haslett commented that the PSNI had not been aware of the costs associated with the repair of doors. He advised Members that he would highlight the costs to the relevant officers within the PSNI.

6. 2016/2017 Action Plan Progress Report

- The Safer City Co-ordinator provided Members with an update on the delivery and financial spend against the West Belfast DPCSP Action Plan 2016/2017.
- He informed Members that the Partnership approved the 2016/2017 WBPCSP Action Plan in January 2016 with a total budget of £157,740 as per indicative allocations from the Joint Committee.
- The Safer City Coordinator presented to Members a Progress Report, which provided a breakdown of progress to date against each priority. He also provided Members with a project overview, the expenditure allocated and the status of projects.
- The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that, to date, the committed expenditure for the West Belfast DPCSP totalled £78,698.50. He informed Members that in addition approximately £18,000 had been allocated to Small Grants Tranche 2.
- A Member asked if any funding would be available to assist with the design or re-imaging of murals. The Safer City Coordinator advised that all work undertaken and supported by the DPCSP, needed to have a community safety focus. A Member suggested the NIHE Community Cohesion Fund to be contacted for possible financial support for the design of murals.

7. Small Grants Tranche 2

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that Small Grant applications would initially be scored by Principle Officers of the Community Safety Unit and moderated by an additional team of three Principle Officers. He further commented that the moderated scores and applications would be taken to a Members Panel for their consideration. He advised Members that four applications had been approved for moderation for West Belfast.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator requested Members nominate 5 Members to form a Members Panel (the quorum for which should be 3). He advised Members that the panel would be required to meet in early September to approve expenditure for the approved grants, which would allow the successful applicants to be notified and for projects to commence from 1st October.
- iii. He further requested the Partnership to grant delegated authority to the Members Panel so that they could approve the expenditure for the successful applications on behalf of the Partnership.
- iv. Following a discussion, the following Members agreed to participate in the Members Panel:
 - Breige Brownlee;
 - Claire Canavan;
 - Councillor Matt Garrett;
 - Councillor Brian Heading; and,
 - Lauren Slane.
- v. Members also agreed for delegated authority to be given to the Members Panel to approve expenditure for Tranche 2 of the West Belfast DPCSP Small Grants.

8. Emerging Issues

- i. The Safer City Coordinator presented to Members a project proposal to support the development of OCN Level 1 Community Safety Training.
- ii. He advised Members that this project proposal would be developed and delivered by Copius Consulting.
- iii. He informed Members that the project would provide essential skills and knowledge for volunteers and potentially the paid sector, to better engage directly as well as face to face with community safety issues. He further commented that the training would ensure that volunteers would have the essential skills to engage with low level crime and ASB, Transient Youth and any other community safety concern which may arise in their area of operation.
- iv. The Safer City Coordinator commented that the project would be delivered in two parts; the first being the consultation process to identify and confirm the need and content for the training and the second being the design of the OCN accredited training course itself.
- v. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the total amount of funding requested for the first phase had been £2,600.40.
- vi. Members welcomed and agreed that the proposed project would be beneficial to West Belfast and local people.
- vii. A Member asked if the proposed project would be subject to evaluation. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the project, like all DPCSP funded projects would be subject to continuous monitoring and evaluation.

- viii. A Member asked if the proposed project could be delivered by other DPCSP's. The Safer City Coordinator commented that other DPCSP's could implement the proposed project in their areas.
- ix. Following a discussion, Members agreed to allocate the funding requested.

9. Emerging Issues

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members a theme needed to be confirmed for the next West Belfast DPCSP Public Meeting.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator suggested to Members that due to the ongoing strategic work between the Partnership and Footprints Women's Centre, the theme of 'Domestic Violence' should be adopted for the next DPCSP Public Meeting.
- iii. Members welcomed this suggestion and agreed 'Domestic Violence' as the theme for the next West Belfast DPCSP Public Meeting.
- iv. A Member commented that the Justice Minister had identified domestic violence as one of her priorities. He suggested for an invite be extended to the Justice Minister to attend the West Belfast DPCSP Public Meeting.
- v. Following a discussion, Members also agreed that future West Belfast DPCSP Public Meetings should focus on topics including 'Suicide Prevention and Drugs' as well as 'Off Road Vehicles'.

10. Date of Next Meeting

- i. The Safer City Co-ordinator advised Members that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 28th September.