

Minutes of the West Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Private Meeting

Conor Room, City Hall
Wednesday 28th September, 2016

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

1. Welcome and Routine Matters

- i. The Chair welcomed Members to the Private 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 24th August, 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;
 - YJA would present their DVD 'No Harm Done' at a subsequent Private Meeting;
 - A Media Launch of the PSNI's new signage would take place towards the end of November. Date and venue to be circulated to Members when agreed;

- Northern Ireland Policing Board's Public Event scheduled for November had been postponed until after Christmas. Information regarding the Public Event will be circulated to Members when confirmed by NIPB; and,
- The Small Grants Tranche 2 panel had met and awards had been made.

4. PSNI Presentation - Body Worn Cameras

- i. The Chair welcomed Chief Inspector Rachel Shields and Superintendent Sue Sheen to the West Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting.
- ii. Chief Inspector Shields provided Members with an overview of the presentation and advised that the PSNI hoped to have the Body Worn Cameras operational throughout Belfast by November 2016.
- iii. Superintendent Sheen provided Members with an overview of:
 - What a Body Worn Camera is;
 - When and why a Body Worn Camera would be used;
 - How a PSNI Officer would operate the Body Worn Camera; and,
 - Privacy implications and mitigations of Body Worn Cameras.
- iv. The Vice Chair thanked both Chief Inspector Shields and Superintendent Sheen for their attendance at the meeting and for their very informative presentation. She welcomed PSNI officers using the body worn cameras especially when investigating cases of domestic violence.
- v. Superintendent Sheen commented that the Public Prosecution Services had been supportive of the introduction of Body Worn Cameras by PSNI Officers. She further commented that the PSNI had hoped the cameras would help reduce the delay in the Criminal Justice System and may be used to assist the PSNI in getting criminals to admit their guilt earlier.
- vi. A Member asked if information recorded on the camera could be used to assist with complaints received by the PSNI at a later date. Superintendent Sheen advised Members of the procedures that would be undertaken by PSNI Officers when uploading the information from the camera and how the data captured is retained automatically for a period of 31 days. She further commented that if the PSNI Officer marked footage as evidence, the evidence is retained indefinitely by the PSNI, until any investigation is concluded.
- vii. A Member asked if Belfast City Council had deployed staff wearing body worn cameras within local communities. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that Council have purchased body worn cameras. However, he further advised Members that due to a technical issue with the software for the body worn cameras that staff had limited use of the equipment.
- viii. A Member asked if there had been age limit restrictions for recording someone with the body worn camera. Superintendent Sheen informed Members that there had been no age restrictions regarding who can be recorded using body worn cameras. She further commented that PSNI Officers would adhere to the Home Office Guidelines regarding the use of the body worn cameras and minors.
- ix. A Member asked if a PSNI Officer had the option of deleting data captured by the camera. Superintendent Sheen advised Members that an Officer cannot delete the data from the camera at the time of recording and that the software system would automatically delete data after 31 days, unless it is marked as evidential.
- x. The Chair asked if the body worn camera is switched on automatically or is it turned on at the discretion of the PSNI Officer. Superintendent Sheen commented that the PSNI Officer switches on the camera.

- xi. The Chair thanked both Chief Inspector Shields and Superintendent Sheen for attending the West Belfast DPCSP Meeting and for their informative presentation.

5. Chair's Update from PCSP

- i. The Chair advised Members that the Belfast PCSP scheduled for August had been cancelled and therefore no update could be provided.

6. Statutory Partner Update

- i. 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.
- ii. Youth Justice Agency (YJA)
Patricia Muldoon, YJA, advised Members that the 'No Harm Done' DVD would be shown to pupils of Corpus Christi School next week. She also advised Members of the Reducing Offenders Partnership project 'Prevent and Deter'. She informed Members of the aims of the project and how the Youth Justice Agency had been in the process of getting the project established within West Belfast. She further informed Members of her attendance at a Spanner in the Works Play which focused on domestic violence. She recommended Members to attend the play and suggested for West Belfast DPCSP to host the play locally if possible.
- iii. Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE)
Sharon Beattie, NIHE advised Members that she had no operational update to deliver at this time. However, she advised Members that she would provide an update at the next Meeting regarding which programmes the NIHE had been currently delivering and where programmes could be delivered within West Belfast.
- iv. PSNI
Inspector Alan Swann advised Members that the PSNI had been focusing on forthcoming Halloween operations. He requested Members to advise the PSNI if they knew of any illegal outlets selling fireworks.

A Member asked if the PSNI could provide the Partnership with a list of outlets that have a licence to sell fireworks. Inspector Swann advised Members that he would forward the list to the Safer City Coordinator for circulation to the Partnership.

7. 2016/2017 Action Plan Progress Report

- i. 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.
- ii. 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.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that to date the committed expenditure for the West Belfast DPCSP totalled £98,163.50. He further commented that an additional £11,950 of planned projects were in the final stage of development and due for completion over the next 4-6 weeks.
- iv. A Member highlighted the importance of having projects at the state of readiness. He commented that this would allow West Belfast DPCSP to ensure that maximum expenditure could be achieved.

8. Small Grants Tranche 2

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the Small Grant Panel had met and that the following four projects had been awarded funding:
 - BEAM – Cyber Safe (West Belfast) £4,668
 - Footprints Women’s Centre (Surviving Domestic Abuse) £4,153
 - Feile an Phobail (The Lane, the Street, the Road) £4,250
 - Poleglass Comm Association (Sally Gardens Pride Festival) £4,985;
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that following the above four projects being awarded funding, the remaining budget within small grants had been £1,901.50. He requested for Members to agree delegated authority to the Safer City Coordinator to amalgamate the remaining budget allocation into the 2016/2017 Action Plan.
- iii. Members noted the report and agreed to grant delegated authority to the Safer City Coordinator to reallocate the remaining budget within Small Grants to the 2016/2017 Action Plan.

9. Equality Scheme & Disability Action Plan Update

- i. The Safer City Coordinator presented Members with the West Belfast DPCSP Equality Scheme and Disability Action Plan.
- ii. He advised Members that a consultation period for both the Equality Scheme and Disability Action Plan had been undertaken and had now closed. He further commented that both the Equality Scheme and Disability Action Plan had been a legislative requirement for the Partnership to provide this information.
- iii. A Member advised the Partnership that a consultation response had been submitted by the Equality Coalition to Belfast PCSP in relation to the Equality Scheme. He advised Members that clarification regarding the submission date of the consultation response had been requested by the Equality Coalition and therefore suggested that Members do not approve the West Belfast DPCSP Equality Scheme until clarification had been provided.
- iv. A Member further highlighted that the Youth Justice Agency had not been detailed as being consulted with in relation to the Equality Scheme and Disability Action Plan. She asked for clarification to be provided regarding how the list of organisations that are consulted with are identified. She also requested for Members to note that she had not attended the last Belfast PCSP Meeting and this had been the reason why this issue had not been raised previously.
- v. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that he would request clarification on the issues highlighted by Members and provide an update accordingly.
- vi. Members confirmed that they were not approving the Equality Scheme and Disability Action Plan at this time.

10. Emerging Issues

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members of new projects that may be delivered by West Belfast DPCSP next year. He informed Members that staff had been reviewing the possibility of developing a car crime awareness campaign. He further advised Members that there may be potential to deliver a number of PSNI Road Safe Road shows to secondary schools in West Belfast before the end of the 2017.

- ii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the community safety training project that had been approved at the last DPCSP Meeting to be delivered by Copius Consulting had been delayed due to procurement issues. He advised Members that they would be updated accordingly when further information is available.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator further requested for Members to approve delegated authority to him for the budget line 'Community Safety'. He advised Members that this would allow for expedient development and delivery of projects under this budget line, without the need to bring projects back to the main Partnership every month and will only take place with the advice of the Chair and Vice Chair.
- iv. Members noted this request and agreed to approve delegated authority to the Safer City Coordinator.

11. Date of Next Meeting

- i. The Safer City Co-ordinator advised Members that West Belfast DPCSP would facilitate a public meeting on Wednesday 2nd November. He advised Members that the Public Meeting would be delivered in partnership with Footprints.
- ii. A Member highlighted the recent ongoing issues within the Colin area. He requested more engagement to be undertaken between the local young people and the PSNI to try to resolve the issues. He also highlighted that there had been a few issues identified within Lenadoon that would also require additional engagement from the PSNI and other agencies.
- iii. Inspector Alan Swann advised Members that at present, there was one neighbourhood team based in West Belfast at the weekends and therefore areas of policing would be prioritised as to where the neighbourhood team would be deployed within West Belfast.
- iv. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that he had met recently with Councillor Corr regarding incidents in the Whiterock area. He commented that there had been initial discussions to deliver a community cohesion project, but details had not yet been finalised.
- v. A Member had commented that there had been damage to the new play park in the Whiterock area. The Member advised the Partnership that the park had not been opened yet. He further advised Members that Councillor Corr would be facilitating a meeting regarding the damage done to the park and requested for Council Officers to attend the meeting. The Safer City Coordinator commented that he would liaise with Councillor Corr regarding the meeting.
- vi. A Member commented that ongoing issues had been continuing within the Bog Meadows area. She commended local residents for their efforts to address the issues within the area and further commended the Wildlife Trust for erecting a fence with the aim of preventing any further issues.
- vii. A Member requested for an update regarding the PSCP Transient Youth Project.
- viii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that a paper would be presented to the PCSP at their next meeting regarding an update on the delivery of the Transient Youth Project.
- ix. Members highlighted the importance of consulting with young people. A Member advised the Partnership of a previous consultation event facilitated by North Belfast DPCSP whereby young people from the local area were invited to attend to express their views in relation to specific themes. She suggested for West Belfast DPCSP to replicate something similar.
- x. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the core element of the proposed PCSP Transient Youth Project was engagement and consultation with young people to ascertain their needs as well as their opinions on a number of issues.

- xi. Following a discussion, it was suggested that Colm Fanning, from Colin Glen Trust, attend a future DPCSP Meeting to update Members on the work his organisation and how they currently facilitate such dialogue with young people within West Belfast. Members welcomed this suggestion.