

Minutes of the West Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Private Meeting

Conor Room, City Hall
Wednesday 2nd November, 2016

Political Members	Independent Members
Councillor Brian Heading (Chair)	Claire Canavan (Acting Vice Chair)
Councillor Matt Garrett	Liz Groves
Councillor Stephen Magennis	
Statutory Designated Organisations	
Tommy Boyle, H&SCT	Patricia Muldoon, YJA
Deirdre Grant, PBNI	Inspector Alan Swann, PSNI
Chief Inspector Norman Haslett, PSNI	
Locally Designated Organisations	
Michael George, Colin Neighbourhood Partnership	Paula Kerr, Upper Falls Community Safety Forum
Staff Present	Apologies
Alan Wardle, Safer City Coordinator	Sharon Beattie, NIHE
Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer	Breige Brownlee (Vice-Chair)
	Micheal Donnelly, Greater Falls
	Carol Carville, PBNI
	Davy Harbinson, NIFRS
	Alderman Frank McCoubrey
	Karol McKee, Upper Springfield C. Safety Forum
	John McLaughlin, EA
	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 28th September, 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 all actions had been completed.

4. Chair's Update from PCSP

- i. The Chair advised Members that at the last Belfast PCSP Meeting, the PSNI delivered a presentation on Body Worn Cameras.
- ii. The Chair also advised that Members were provided with an update on each DPCSP Action Plan 2016/2017 spend including actual spend, committed spend, and remaining budget. He further advised Members of the importance of DPCSPs declaring any under spends in order for other Partnerships to avail of the funding, or to allow alternative arrangements to be made.

5. 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. Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE)
The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that Sharon Beattie, NIHE had provided a written update for the Meeting as she had been unavailable to attend. He advised Members that there had been an increase in the number of incidents regarding housing executive properties. He commented that it had been noted that the incidents had been connected to ongoing drug issues within West Belfast.
- iii. Youth Justice Agency (YJA)
Patricia Muldoon, YJA, advised Members that the 'No Harm Done' DVD had been shown to pupils of Corpus Christi School and would be shown to pupils from St Colm's School within the next few weeks. She advised that a showing of the DVD had been offered to both St Genevieves and St Mary's.

She further advised Members that a meeting had been held with the District Judge of the Youth Court. She commented that the District Judge had noted a decrease in the number of young people coming through the courts and asked if the Youth Justice Agency had noted this decline. Patricia confirmed that the Youth Justice Agency had noticed a decline in the number of young people going through the judicial system. She commented that the rationale for this may be due to an increase in the reporting of crime and an increase in the visibility of Neighbourhood Police.

Patricia informed Members that the Youth Justice Agency in partnership with the Reducing Offenders Partnership and Irish Football Association would be launching a new programme 'Stay on Side' on the 17th November at Windsor Park. She advised Members that there would be four separate programmes rolled out throughout Northern Ireland and would provide Members with an update at the next DPCSP Meeting.

- iv. Health and Social Care Trust
Tommy Boyle, H&SCT advised Members that the Health and Social Care Trust would be taking over the management of the children's care home on the Glenmona site. He advised Members that the Trust had been managing the reallocation of Syrian families. He further commented that there had been high concentration of Syrian families within Belfast and L/Derry.

6. Off-Road Vehicle Signage Project

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update on the media launch for the Off Road Vehicle Signage held on the 27th October.

- ii. He advised Members that the launch had been well received and had good media/social media coverage.
- iii. He reminded Members that from the budget allocated to the delivery of this project, a total of 50 scrambler signs and 25 anti social behaviour signs had been purchased. He advised Members that the ASB Officer and the Safer City Coordinator would be conducting a mapping exercise to identify the need and the location of the signs.
- iv. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that plans to further promote the signage with an accompanying Crimestoppers Campaign had been discussed with the PSNI. He commented that the additional Crimestoppers Campaign would act as a timely reminder to those parents considering the purchase of off road vehicles as a Christmas gift for their children.
- v. A Member commented that Crimestoppers is not recognised by some members of the public as being an independent body from the PSNI and this may have a direct impact on the success of the Campaign.
- vi. The Safer City Coordinator suggested in order for the Campaign to be as effective as possible, to run a separate campaign before the Crimestoppers Campaign goes live to reiterate the independence of Crimestoppers from the PSNI.
- vii. A Member commented that there needed to be an educational element that runs parallel to the Crimestoppers Campaign. He advised that a project proposal to deliver an educational element had been submitted to Belfast PCSP for consideration from the Active Communities Network. He further commented that if the PCSP are unable to fund the project proposal that West Belfast DPCSP may consider funding the project proposal.
- viii. A Member advised that North West Scramblers Club had worked in partnership with Colin Neighbourhood Partnership to educate young people who had been involved with off road vehicles.
- ix. Chief Inspector Haslett advised Members that since July 2016, 100 reports have been made regarding the illegal use of off road vehicles and subsequent arrests have been made.
- x. Chief Inspector Haslett congratulated the Safer City Coordinator on the success of the Off Road Vehicle Campaign. The Safer City Coordinator also thanked Paul Cleary, ASB Officer and Katherine McCrum, Partnership Support Officer for their support during the Campaign.
- xi. Following a discussion, the Safer City Coordinator requested Members to allocate a total of £5,000 to the Crimestoppers campaign for West Belfast.
- xii. Members agreed to allocate the request amount of £5,000 to the delivery of the Crimestoppers Campaign.

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 advised Members that to date the actual expenditure for the West Belfast DPCSP totalled £110,898.50 with a further £9,500 of planned projects in the final stage of development to be delivered over the next 4 weeks.

- iii. The Safer City Coordinator reminded Members that any new project proposals would be welcomed and that if Members knew of any potential projects to forward them to a member of the West DPCSP team for consideration.
- iv. A Member highlighted again 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.
- v. Members noted the content of the report and the Action Plan Update Report.

8. Body Worn Cameras

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update on Body Worn Video Cameras recently purchased for use by the Community Safety Unit.
- ii. He advised Members that both Alcohol Enforcement Officers and Safer Neighbourhood Officers had worn Body Worn Cameras in the Holylands. He commented that there still had been a few software issues with the cameras that needed to be addressed but hoped these would be resolved in the next few weeks.
- iii. A Member highlighted the role of Safer Neighbourhood Officers and the number of Officers currently in post. He asked if there is a need for additional Safer Neighbourhood Officers and requested for the Chair to raise this at the next PCSP Meeting.
- iv. Members noted the content of the report.

9. Equality Scheme & Disability Action Plan Update

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that following the last DPCSP Meeting that approval for the West Belfast Equality Scheme and Disability Action Plan had been deferred as a number of issues had been raised.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the issues raised had been addressed accordingly and asked Members to subsequently approve the West Belfast Equality Scheme and Disability Action Plan.
- iii. Members noted the content of the reports and agreed the West Belfast Equality Scheme and Disability Action Plan.

10. Emerging Issues

- i. The Safer City Coordinator suggested to Members a meeting to be scheduled to discuss the West Belfast DPCSP Action Plan 2017/2018. Members welcomed this suggestion.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that a date would be circulated in due course to confirm the meeting.
- iii. Paula Kerr, Upper Falls Community Safety Forum advised Members that local residents had highlighted their concern regarding the lack of PSNI visibility in the area. She also commented that there had been a rise in the number of burglaries and had requested additional safety equipment from The Community Safety Unit.

- iv. The Safer City Coordinator advised that West Belfast DPCSP had some personal and home security equipment and would arrange for some equipment to be given to the Upper Falls Community Safety Forum for distribution to local residents.
- v. The Safer City Coordinator reminded Members that West Belfast DPCSP in partnership with Footprints would be facilitating a Public Meeting on 25th November. Confirmation of the agenda and venue for the event would be circulated to Members in due course.
- vi. He also informed Members that Tranche 1 of the Small Grants 2017/2018 had now opened. He further commented that a series of roadshows would be held throughout Belfast to advise local community groups about the programme. He commented that a road show would be held in Farset International on 17th November.
- vii. A Member highlighted an increase in the number of burglaries within the Finaghy Road North. He commented that this issue needed to be addressed and welcomed the support of West Belfast DPCSP to assist in addressing this issue.
- viii. A Member advised that a Public Safety Event had been scheduled to take place at the end of November in St John the Baptist. She advised Members that she would forward details on to the Safer City Coordinator for circulation.

11. Date of Next Meeting

- i. The Safer City Co-ordinator advised Members that West Belfast DPCSP would facilitate a DPCSP meeting on Wednesday 5th December.