

Minutes of the West Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Private Meeting

Belfast Metropolitan College, E3 Building, Springvale Campus
Monday, 20nd March, 2017

Political Members	Independent Members
Councillor Brian Heading (Chair)	Breige Brownlee (Vice Chair)
Councillor Matt Garrett	Claire Canavan
Councillor Stephen Magennis	
Statutory Designated Organisations	
Sharon Beattie, NIHE	Tommy Boyle, H&SCT
Superintendent Norman Haslett, PSNI	Harry Bradley, YJA
Chief Inspector Kelly McMillen, PSNI	John McLaughlin, EA
Inspector Alan Swann, PSNI	
Locally Designated Organisations	
Michael George, Colin Neighbourhood Partnership	Karol McKee, Upper Springfield C. Safety Forum
Staff Present	
Denise Smith, Safer City Co-Ordinator	Liz Groves
Rachel Fulton, Partnership Support Officer	Paula Kerr, Upper Falls Community Safety Forum
	Davy Harbinson, NIFRS

1. Welcome and Routine Matters

- i. The Chair welcomed Members to the Meeting and noted the apologies provided.
- ii. The Chair welcomed Chief Inspector Kelly McMillen to the Partnership, taking over from Superintendent Norman Haslett.

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.

3. West Belfast DPCSP Minutes & Matters Arising

- i. The minutes of the Private Meeting held on 20th February, copies of which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.
Proposed: Breige Brownlee
Seconded: Claire Canavan

- ii. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update on the actions required from the previous meetings:

Action	Update
Councillor Heading and Safer City Coordinator to invite Dr Kathryn Higgins to present at the next private meeting on 'The challenge of young lives affected by drugs and alcohol'	Date to attend meeting to be confirmed
Safer City Coordinator to circulate draft project details for quotation exercises	Safer City Coordinator advised that she was continuing to work on quotation exercises and will liaise with members, with intention of circulating information prior to next private meeting
Safer City Coordinator to email request for Small grants verification panel members to take place on 14/15 March	Safer City Coordinator advised that the member panel had met and the item was on the agenda for discussion
Safer City Coordinator to circulate PPU report to members	Report has been circulated to members prior to meeting

4. Chairs Update from PCSP

- i. The Chair updated members on a new app that has been launched by PBNI that will help service users to get useful information, advice and contacts to help with life on probation.
- ii. He informed members of a presentation given on St Patricks Day operations and stated that Chief Superintendent Chris Noble, PSNI had provided members of the central PCSP with a report on cybercrime.

5. Statutory Partner Update

H&SCT

- i. Tommy Boyle advised that the children's commissioner had called a meeting with all agencies to discuss issue of children under threat. He commented that the commissioner was interested in what partnerships are doing to take action on the issue and branded it as child abuse.

YJA

- ii. Harry Bradley advised on a similar issue and stated that YJA are proactively working to seek alternative accommodation for those under threat and stated that there is more positive partnership working on the issue.

NIHE

- iii. Sharon Beattie advised members that there is still an on-going issue around underreporting of ASB. She stated that NIHE are wanting to focus on positive work that is happening in West Belfast and has asked the commissioner to look at the good work on the ground.
- iv. She further advised that another issue remains to be rehousing and homelessness as well as budget cuts on youth support agencies who have been making inroads to supporting young people.

6. 2017/18 Small Grants- Tranche 1

- i. The safer city co-ordinator informed members that the partnership had allocated £20,000 for small grants in tranche 1. However, she advised that there were 8 groups who met the funding criteria of over 50%. She advised that the groups who met the criteria were:
 - Ulster Wildlife Trust
 - Footprints Women's Centre
 - Poleglass Community Association
 - St Paul's Amateur Boxing Club
 - Lisburn YMCA
 - Colin Neighbourhood Partnership
 - St Oliver Plunkett Football Club
 - Gleann ABC
- ii. The safer city co-ordinator advised that if members were to fund 8 successful applications the total would be £32,781.60 and a decision was required whether members wanted an amendment to the budget allocation.
- iii. The Chair commented that the partnership should provide feedback and assistance to those successful and unsuccessful going forward.
- iv. A member requested information on the nature of Lisburn YMCA project.
- v. The safer city co-ordinator agreed to provide clarity on the project at the next meeting.
- vi. A discussion took place around the current budget allocation for West Belfast DPCSP. The safer city coordinator advised that the central PCSP on the 13th March agreed to allocate on an interim basis to each DPCSP its 30% basic allocation, equating to 37,800 per partnership.
- vii. A member raised his concerns around no letter of offer to PCSP and stated that there is a need for diversionary activities to be funded. He further commented that he would like the West Belfast DPCSP to probe the central PCSP for clarification and suggested developing an action plan and submitting to central PCSP to show the demands.
- viii. The Vice-Chair stated her concerns around funding all 8 projects and how it would affect ability of DPCSP to carry out work during bonfire/marching season.
- ix. The safer city coordinator advised members to be aware of other services and their continuation.
- x. A member stated that the rollover of particular services is essential and suggested that the principle PCSP should fund organisations who are delivering a service/project city-wide.
- xi. After lengthy discussion members approved to fund four of the eight successful groups, with a view of revisiting the other four successful projects next month to see if they can fit in with the action plan.
- xii. The safer city co-ordinator stated that if members were happy, she would provide a synopsis of all applications to which members agreed would be helpful going forward.
- xiii. Harry Bradley, YJA informed members of The Early Intervention Transformation Programme (EITP) in which they have funded certain groups. At a members request it was agreed that YJA would provide some guidance and clarification on this funding stream.
- xiv. A member suggested that groups receiving funding are issued a letter to ensure confidence.

7. Draft Evaluation Report on Safer Neighbourhood Partnerships

- i. A discussion took place around the report provided. A member questioned what the next steps were in relation to the report.
- ii. The safer city coordinator advised that she was meeting with the consultant tomorrow and would get an indication of timelines and present to members at next meeting.

8. 2017/18 West Belfast DPCSP Action Plan

- i. The safer city co-ordinator advised members that the principle PCSP had a series of co-design workshops in early 2017 in order to develop common language and themes for 2017/18 action plan and to provide guidance to DPCSPs for their action plans.
- ii. She further advised that the board requested that draft actions plans are submitted by 31st March.
- iii. A member raised his concerns around strategic aims stated particularly on confidence in policing and the support given to neighbourhood watch schemes. He added that the partnership should look at a new model as there are only three schemes in West Belfast and are currently not working.
- iv. Members noted the concerns raised.

9. Date of Next Meeting

- i. The Safer City Co-ordinator advised Members that the next meeting of the West Belfast DPCSP would be a private meeting on Wednesday, 26th April, 2017.