

# Minutes of the North Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

## Private Meeting

Lavery Room, City Hall  
Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2017

<b>Political Members</b>	<b>Independent Members</b>
Councillor Mary Ellen Campbell Alderman Guy Spence Alderman Frank McCoubrey Councillor Mary Clarke	Jennifer Cornell (Vice-Chair) Michael Murray Gerard O'Reilly Gerald Solinas Teena Patrick
<b>DoJ Representative</b>	
Michael McAvoy	
<b>Designated Organisations</b>	
Harry Bradley, YJA Chief Inspector Steven Burns, PSNI Mark McBride, EA	David McComiskey, NIFRS Malachy McKinney, NIHE Gabi Mornhinweg, H&SCT
<b>Staff Present</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
Richard McLernon, Safer City Coordinator Rachel Fulton, Partnership Support Officer	Janet McClinton, PBNI

### 1. Welcome and Routine Matters

- i. In the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair welcomed Members to the meeting and noted the apologies provided.

### 2. Declaration of Interests

- 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. Jenny Cornell declared an interest in the Friendship Club.

### 3. Minutes/Matters Arising

- iii. Minutes of the North Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting which was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, copies of which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.
- iv. The Safer City Coordinator recapped on the actions from previous meetings of the North Belfast DPCSP noting that:

Action	Update	By Whom
A meeting is to be scheduled between a local committee in Lower Castle who are dealing with drug related issues and DPCSP staff.	To be arranged	Alderman Guy Spence/Safer City Coordinator
Safer City Co-ordinator to send public meeting invitations to PPS, Judiciary, MLA's and National Crime Agency.	Completed	Safer City Coordinator
Letter to be sent to injured Police Officer in North Belfast	Letter needed to be signed by Chair	Safer City Coordinator

- v. Members raised their concerns at the inability of the Vice-Chair to attend Principle PCSP Meetings, to which Gerald Solinas stated that he would ask a PCSP Member to raise the issue and an update would be provided to Members following their Meeting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September.
- vi. After a lengthy discussion into the rationale behind the representatives that sit on (D) PCSPs, particularly DoJ representatives, Michael McAvoy stated that DoJ would be willing to update in writing or presentation form on various issues requested by the Partnership.
- vii. After a request from Members, Michael McAvoy agreed to provide a presentation to Members in relation to criminal gangs and paramilitarism at a future meeting.
- viii. The Safer City Coordinator then advised that the rescheduled public meeting would be taking place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September with venue to be confirmed. He also advised that an evaluation from Friendship Club would be circulated to Members.
- ix. In relation to the Drug and Alcohol Stakeholders Forum the Safer City Coordinator advised that he would resend the invite list and request for any additional Members to come forward.

#### **4. Members North Belfast Priorities and Emerging Issues**

##### NIHE

- i. Malachy McKinney informed Members that the biggest issues for their organisation over the summer period had been related to Bonfires. He added that there had been a lot of good work done in the New Lodge area, however, this did not prevent the erection of a Bonfire and reiterated the need for some fresh thinking.

##### Independent Member

- ii. Michael Murray requested a breakdown of figures in relation to Hate Crime, to which Chief Inspector Burns stated he would try to provide at a future meeting.

## YJA

- iii. Harry Bradley advised members of ongoing early intervention work in relation to transient youth. He stated that he would update Members on the progression of this work at a future meeting.

## H&SCT

- iv. Gabi Mornhinweg informed Members of £23m proposed budget cuts within the Belfast Trust and advised that there would be savings plan consultation meetings taking place in the near future.
- v. It was agreed that dates of meetings would be circulated to Members via email.

## Education Authority

- vi. Mark McBride advised Members that there had been a lot of positive work done with young people over the summer period, adding that 10 full time and 5 part time centres were funded to ensure facilities were available for utilisation.
- vii. Mr McBride also informed Members that as part of an ongoing programme, over 200 young people in North Belfast had come forward to be involved in a young leader's initiative.

## NIFRS

- viii. David McComiskey stated that calls were beginning to steady after an extremely busy July and August period due to Bonfires.
- ix. Members were also informed that attacks on crew had been minimal.

## PSNI

- x. Chief Inspector Burns thanked all agencies and individuals for their work in relation to parades and Bonfires throughout the summer period.

## **5. 2016/17 DPCSP Annual Report**

- i. The SCC advised that the report provided a summary of key activities over the last financial year relating to the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016-31<sup>st</sup> March 2017.
- ii. A Member requested that all individual's titles are removed in order to cater for those who may be transgender.
- iii. Members noted the request and based on this change being made, the contents of the report were agreed in order to be circulated to Council and Joint Committee, as well as publicising it on Council website.

## **6. 2017/18 Action Plan Update**

- i. The SCC drew Members attention to projects that were colour coded red and detailed how they were expected to be rolled out.
- ii. In relation to domestic and sexual violence and abuse, Members noted that North Belfast would be taking direction from Belfast PCSP regarding specific initiatives that may be rolled out across all DPCSPs.
- iii. Members were advised that there would be a joint meeting with all hate crime reps across the city on how the 'No hate here' campaign could be rolled out citywide.
- iv. The SCC stated that there were three projects being rolled out on a city wide basis in relation to vulnerable people. These projects would be delivered in Partnership with Public Health Agency, and included the Street Triage Pilot.
- v. It was agreed that the SCC would bring a report on the Street Triage Pilot to the next meeting.
- vi. In relation to Policing Committee Grants, Members were advised that £15k had been allocated to this fund and encouraged Members to table initiatives.

## **7. PCSP Small Grants**

- i. The SCC advised that a Members Panel is requested to meet in order to assess Tranche 2 applications and make final decisions regarding funding.
- ii. The SCC then asked the Partnership to grant delegated authority to the panel to make a final decision on the successful applications in order for the notification process to be expedited.
- iii. The SCC informed Members that tranche 2 applications that had been moderated with a score of more than 50% equated to £22,000 and would require additional monies to be reallocated to the small grants budget, if Members were content to fund those which met the baseline score.
- iv. The SCC asked Members to consider the reallocation of £4,500 DPCSP funding from Bonfire Initiatives to small grants.
- v. Alderman Spence questioned why funding was put into Bonfire initiatives if there was no appetite for it. He proposed that the monies could be used for an annual programme of crime prevention events, particularly during seasons where crime is amplified i.e. Christmas.
- vi. After a brief discussion it was agreed that Bonfire monies would not be moved into small grants budget at this time however that would be reviewed following the moderation panel, at the next DPCSP meeting.
- vii. Members then agreed to grant delegated authority to the small grants Members panel to fund all projects that met the 50% baseline and that the action plan would be reviewed to identify where monies would come from to accommodate the applications.
- viii. The following Members registered their interest in being part of the Members Panel:
  - Alderman Guy Spence

- Gabi Mornhinweg

- ix. It was agreed that an email would be circulated to invite additional Members to the panel to ensure a quorum.

#### **8. Drugs and Substance Misuse Update**

- i. Members noted the report provided and were informed that any questions in relation to its content should be sent to ASCERT.

#### **9. Hate Crime 2017/18 Update**

- i. The SCC advised that one of the North Belfast DPCSP current priority is to address Hate Crime and Cohesion. He then provided an overview of the rollout of the No Hate Here Initiative in 2016/17.
- ii. Members were advised that a meeting to discuss the next steps in relation to the No Hate Here Initiative this year would take place on the 29<sup>th</sup> August between representatives from North, South and East Belfast.
- iii. Members were asked to consider approving up to £7,000 towards implementing the next steps to the initiative that would include a quotation exercise whereby a supplier would be appointed to liaise with local businesses, schools and churches to encourage sign-up to the initiative.
- iv. Members agreed, and noted that the supplier would also provide training and support to those who sign up to the initiative and develop an easily accessible training resource around hate crime.

#### **10. Draft Equality Scheme 2017/18**

- i. Members were requested to note the information provided and approve its contents.
- ii. In absence of the Chair, Members agreed to approve the content in principle, with the scheme to be brought back to the next meeting for the Chair to fully approve.

#### **11. Dates of next Meetings**

- i. The Safer City Co-ordinator advised Members that the next Partnership Meeting was prior to the Public Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> September.
- ii. Alderman Spence provided his apologies at this meeting.

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**Actions**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Date Due</b>	<b>By Whom</b>
The Safer City Co-ordinator to provide further clarification on a deputy attending Belfast PCSP meetings.	Next Meeting	Safer City Coordinator
Written update in relation to Criminal gangs and Paramilitarism to be provided at next full meeting of the DPCSP.	October 2017	Safer City Coordinator/Michael McAvoy
Breakdown of hate crime incidents such as racial, sectarian etc to be provided	Next Policing Committee Meeting	PSNI
Email to be circulated in relation to additional Members to sit on small grants panel	ASAP	PSO
Annual report to be modified to ensure that Members titles are removed	ASAP	PSO
Safer City Co-ordinator to send public meeting invitations to PPS, Judiciary, MLA's and National Crime Agency.	On-going	Safer City Coordinator
Rescheduling of Presentation regarding the NIHE Woodvale Peace Wall and murals to be arranged.	October 2017	Safer City Coordinator/NIHE
Evaluation Report on friendship club to be circulated.	Next Meeting	Safer City Coordinator