

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

### Private Meeting

Lavery Room, Belfast City Hall  
Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2017

<b>Political Members</b>	<b>Independent Members</b>
Councillor Brian Heading (Chair)	Breige Brownlee (Vice Chair)
Councillor Matt Garrett	Claire Canavan
Councillor Stephen Magennis	Liz Groves
<b>Statutory Designated Organisations</b>	
Sharon Beattie, NIHE	Tommy Boyle, H&SCT
Inspector Alan Swann, PSNI	John McLaughlin, EA
<b>Locally Designated Organisations</b>	
Michael George, Colin Neighbourhood Partnership	
<b>Staff Present</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
Alison Allen, Safer City Manager	Carol Carville, PBNI
Denise Smith, Safer City Co-Ordinator	Paula Kerr, Upper Falls Community Safety Forum
Rachel Fulton, Partnership Support Officer	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 Dr Kathryn Higgins, QUB and her team to the meeting to present on Belfast Youth Development Study.

#### 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. Councillor Stephen Magennis and Michael George declared an interest in Safer Neighbourhoods

#### 3. QUB Presentation on Belfast Youth Development Study

- i. Dr Kathryn Higgins and team presented to members on Belfast Youth Development Study which included items on:
  - Recommendations from Offending Study
  - Minimum Unit Pricing
  - Novel Psychoactive Substances
- ii. The Chair thanked Dr Higgins and team for their presentation and asked whether data had been collected to show whether or not participants attended youth clubs and if this had an impact on the types of positive or negative behaviour they may engage in.

- iii. Nina O'Neill, QUB advised that their research had shown that there were gaps in services and informed members that findings had shown p6/p7 year groups were the best stages for intervention programmes to be implemented to prevent engagement in anti-social behaviour.
- iv. A member thanked Dr Higgins and team for presentation and asked whether or not the research was published and readily available for community groups and policy makers to access.
- v. Dr Higgins advised that all research should be available online and if there was a particular item of interest, she would welcome members to contact her directly for further information.

**4. West Belfast DPCSP Minutes & Matters Arising**

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

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'	Dr Higgins presented at meeting
SCC to provide clarity on the Lisburn YMCA project	SCC advised project to take place in 2 schools in West Belfast, St Clare's and St Kevin's in a 'Building Up Programme'
YJA to provide guidance and information on EITP	YJA not in attendance
SCC to provide indication of timelines and update on Evaluation Report on Safer Neighbourhood Partnerships	SCC advised that this would be discussed as an item on the agenda

**5. Chairs Update from PCSP**

- i. SCC indicated that a PCSP meeting had not taken place in April, therefore there was nothing to update the partnership on.

**6. Statutory Partner Update**

NIHE

- i. Sharon Beattie informed members that the biggest on-going issue is Bonfires and advised that the first meeting West Belfast Bonfire meeting was taking place on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April.

H&SCT

- i. Tommy Boyle advised that due to funding cuts there has been a loss of intensive family support services, with groups finding it difficult to commit to 12 week funding schemes.

Education Authority

- ii. John McLaughlin advised that budget cuts are the biggest issue facing the Education Authority.

PSNI

- iii. Inspector Alan Swann advised that ASB levels have risen in West Belfast, particularly over the Easter period. He informed members of the key hotspots being Falls Park, Colin, Dunmurry (train tracks) and Springfield Dam.
- iv. He further advised that PSNI continue to post messages on social media platforms to raise awareness of 'where your kids are' and asked members to share similar messages.
- v. A Member requested for more PSNI resources in the Dunmurry area at weekends due to the amount of youths and ASB in the area at weekends.
- vi. Inspector Swann advised that there would be resources focusing in this area and encouraged any help with getting more youth provision in these areas.

Other

- vii. A member raised his concerns around the lack of employees in the Colin Youth Development Project and asked for clarity on funding of posts from the EA.
- viii. John McLaughlin, EA agreed to provide clarity on this at next meeting.
- ix. The Vice-Chair raised her concerns around the lack of youth provision and requested that the partnership look at investing in Sport Changes Life to provide services. She also requested that the partnership invite the organisation to present at a private meeting in the near future.
- x. Members noted comments made.

**7. Small Grants Update**

- i. The Safer City Co-ordinator referred to the report provided. Members noted the following:
  - Eight groups were eligible for funding in Tranche 1. Members decided to award only the top four scoring applications, as these totalled 18,003.60 and the budget allocated was £20,000, namely:-
    - Ulster Wildlife Trust
    - Footprints Women's Centre
    - Poleglass Community Association
    - St Paul's Amateur Boxing Club
- ii. As stated in the report, the SCC advised members that in terms of due diligence and governance arrangements, if members wanted to fund and support the additional four small grant that

reached the threshold they must increase the small grants budget to £32,781.60. The four additional projects were:

- Lisburn YMCA
- Colin Neighbourhood Partnership
- St Oliver Plunkett Football Club
- Gleann ABC

iii. After a lengthy discussion, members agreed to fund the four additional small grant applications in Tranche 1.

Proposed: Councillor Matt Garrett

Seconded: Councillor Stephen Magennis

## **8. Draft West Belfast Community Safety Strategy**

- iv. The Safer City Co-ordinator referred to report provided. Members noted the report.
- v. The SCC advised that further consultation was required on the Safer Neighbourhood Model. She informed members that the evaluation report of current community safety forum structures in West Belfast was due to be published next week and would update members in due course.
- vi. The Safer City Co-ordinator advised that the Evaluation of the Professional Witness Post was complete and would be circulated to members once it had been approved by co-funders NIHE.
- vii. She referred to Appendix 1 of the report- West Belfast Community Safety Model and discussed how the model would provide local forums with an opportunity to advise what key issues in the area are and how that can be escalated to West Belfast DPCSP.
- viii. She advised that there would be an opportunity for a sub-group to meet to establish specification around the tender process for the piece of work. The SCC then advised that an email would be circulated to members to express an interest in their involvement in the group.
- ix. Members welcomed the introduction of such a strategy and approved delegated authority for process to begin to implement the community safety strategy for West Belfast.

## **9. 2017/18 West Belfast DPCSP Action Plan**

- ii. 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.
- iii. She referred members to the Draft Action Plan 2017/18 provided.
- iv. Members noted the Action Plan.
- v. After a lengthy discussion members approved the draft action plan with a view of requesting more funding from the Principle PCSP to meet a high demand for oven-ready projects in West Belfast.

**10. 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 and policing meeting on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2017.

**West Belfast DPCSP Meeting - Summary of Actions  
Private Meeting**

**Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2017**

<b>Action Agreed</b>	<b>By When</b>	<b>By Whom</b>
SCC to circulate email to ascertain members interest in joining a sub-group for West Belfast DPCSP Community Safety Strategy	Next meeting	Safer City Coordinator
SCC to invite Sport Changes Lives to present to partnership	Next Meeting	Safer City Coordinator
John McLaughlin to provide clarity on post funding	Next Meeting	EA
SCC to provide evaluation report on Community Safety Forum structures and circulate evaluation of professional witness post, once approved by NIHE.	Next Meeting	Safer City Coordinator