

**Minutes of the South Belfast District Policing and Community Safety
Partnership**

Private Meeting

**Tuesday 7th March 2017, 6.15pm
1st Floor Conference Room, Cecil Ward Building, Belfast**

Political Members	Independent Members
Councillor Geraldine McAteer (Chair)	Aleksandra Lojek-Magdziarz (VC)
Councillor Deirdre Hargey	Michael Boyle
Councillor Jeffrey Dudgeon	Richard Kennedy
Councillor Lee Reynolds	Paul McDonnell
Councillor Declan Boyle	
Statutory Designated Bodies	
Gary Ballantyne, NIHE	Dermot Magorrian, YJA
Yvonne McKnight, H&SCT	Chief Inspector Robert Murdie
Christine Hunter, PBNI	
Belfast City Council Staff Present	Apologies
Suzanne Gowling Safer City Coordinator	Aidan Hughes
Rachel Fulton Partnership Support Officer	Anita Duff, EA
	SC Michael Roberts, NIFRS

1. Welcome & Routine Matters

- i. The Chair welcomed the Members to the South Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting and noted the apologies provided.

2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

- i. The Chair asked Members to declare any material interests which they may have in relation to any item of business to be considered during the meeting.
- ii. Councillor Boyle declared a conflict of interest due to ownership of property in the wider university area.

3. Minutes and Matters Arising

- i. The Minutes of the Private Meeting held on 25th January 2017, copies of which were previously circulated, were agreed as correct.
- ii. Councillor Boyle commented on his disappointment at a lack of representation from South Belfast Partnership Board to discuss the WUA Consultation Report.
- iii. The Chair advised Councillor Boyle that South Belfast Partnership Board had been invited but were unable to attend. She stated that the partnership would ask a representative as soon as practicable.
- iv. A member highlighted his concerns regarding bi-monthly meetings and requested that this could be revised.

- v. The Chair stated that the rationale behind this was more emphasis on work within sub-group committees.
- vi. Councillor Hargey raised her concerns at bi-monthly meetings and a suggestion was made to discuss this issue in more detail at the South Belfast DPCSP planning session.
- vii. The SCC advised members that she would rearrange meeting with Nigel Grimshaw for the WUA working group.

4. Small Grants

- viii. The Safer City Coordinator informed members of the Small Grants allocation process and stated that 8 applications have been received for South Belfast.
- ix. SCC then advised members that a member panel with delegated authority needs to be agreed, with a time and date for the panel to convene to be confirmed in due course.
- x. Members agreed to give the panel, suggested to be made up of independent members, delegated authority.
- xi. The SCC informed members that there had been a positive amount of applications that could amount to the cost of £27,000 in tranche 1. She suggested that members agree to allocate such amount of monies.
- xii. A member proposed that the partnership should agree allocation of up to £27,000.
- xiii. The SCC stated that a date and time would be circulated to members for the verification panel to convene in the week beginning 13th March.
- xiv. Members agreed to cap Small Grants allocation for tranche 1 at £27,000.

5. Planning 2017/18

- i. SCC informed members of current commitments, priorities to date and discussed ongoing work being done with young people in South Belfast.
- ii. In relation to 1.2 of the report provided to members, she alluded to each 2016/17 priority and briefed members of work in relation to each area.
 - **Focused area working in the Wider University Area (WUA), South West Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (SWNRP) area and Markets** - Invest thinking in widening the conversation to Inner South Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Area in an effort to engage residents from the Markets
 - **Feeling Safer**- SCC advised that a high degree of flexibility had been given to activities regarding work in this area

- **Vulnerable People-** SCC informed members that a lot of research had been done in this area and in developing the proposed project in the 2017/18 action plan
 - **Hate Crime and Fear of Hate Crime-** advised that there is a steering group to address this but welcomed a greater focus on connecting the wider partnership to this area of work.
 - **Drug and alcohol related offending-** SCC advised that a lot of work had been done with YMCA from Jan-March of this year to address this particular issue.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator advised members that South Belfast DPCSP will be allocated a budget from Belfast PCSP to carry out action plans. She commented that the DOJ have not allocated the central PCSP with a budget thus far.
- iv. In terms of commitments beyond this year the Safer City Coordinator advised members that the South Belfast Hate Crime and Fear of Hate Crime Programme is due to be supported until March 2019. Similarly, Ulster University-Students Union E-Pub Project is also to be supported until March 2019.
- v. She further advised that the Wider University Area Capacity Building Project is contracted to March 2018.

6. Emerging Issues

- vi. The SCC advised members that City Church had requested a letter of support from the partnership as they intend to apply for future funding.
- vii. Members agreed to provide City Church with a letter of support.

7. Partner Updates

- i. Gary Ballantyne, NIHE advised members of the ongoing issue of moving residents from one area to another. He added that moving residents does not solve the underlying issues, it can create more problems and he welcomed suggestions from members on how to break the cycle.
- ii. The Chair suggested that members bring forward current issues for discussion at the upcoming planning session, to look at possible solutions and ways forward. Members agreed to discuss at the planning meeting.
- iii. Yvonne McKnight, H&SCT updated members on the vulnerable people's project and stated that feedback had been positive. She added that leaflets on "see something, say something" campaign were going into beat the burglar packs.
- iv. The Safer City Coordinator thanked Yvonne for her work on the project.
- v. Christine Hunter, PBNI updated members on on-going projects around offenders with complex needs in South Belfast. She added that it is imperative to integrate these individuals into communities.

- vi. In relation to Fresh Start, Christine Hunter encouraged the partnership to do work in this particular area going forward. She added that PBNI have a remit in the agreement to divert young men from paramilitary activity.
- vii. The SCC thanked Christine for her role in the delivery of project.
- viii. Dermot Magorrian, YJA advised members of on-going early intervention programmes working with a prevent and deter method in partnership with the PSNI, Education authorities and social services.

8. Chairs Update

- ix. The Chair updated members on St Patricks Day operational plans, noting that there was a comprehensive plan of action in place.
- x. The SCC commented that the operational plan would be circulated to members.
- xi. Superintendent Murdie informed members of meetings held in regards to St Patricks Day and assured members that there are extensive plans in place with innovative practices.
- xii. The Chair thanked Superintendent Robert Murdie for all his work in the partnership and welcomed his replacement.

9. Date of Next Meeting

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the next South Belfast DPCSP's Policing Committee Public Meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st March and welcomed their attendance. The focus of the meeting is to address the concerns identified by young people.
- ii. SCC advised that the South Belfast DPCSP planning session meeting is due to take place on 29th March 2017 at 4:30pm in the Lavery Room, City Hall.
- iii. The Chair thanked all for attending.

South Belfast DPCSP Meeting - Summary of Actions

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Actions to Follow Up	By When	By Whom
WUA Working Group to meet with Nigel Grimshaw	TBC	SCC
Invite South Belfast Partnership Board to next meeting	Next meeting	SCC
Small Grants Verification Panel to be organised week beginning 13 March	Week beginning 13 March	SCC
Letter of support to City Church	Next Meeting	SCC