

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

### Private Meeting

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017, 5pm  
Lavery Room, Belfast City Hall

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

### 1. Welcome & Routine Matters

- i. The Chair welcomed the Members to the South Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting and noted the apologies provided. A number of changes to designated Members was also noted:
  - PSNI - Chief Inspector Gavin Kirkpatrick replacing Superintendent Robert Murdie
  - NI Fire and Rescue Service – Trevor McClurg replacing Michael Roberts temporarily
  - NI Probation Board – Deirdre Grant replacing Christine Hunter
- ii. The Chair then expressed condolences to the victims of the recent Manchester atrocity on behalf of South Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership.

### 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. Presentations

#### South Belfast Partnership Board

- i. Briege Arthurs, South Belfast Partnership Board, thanked members for the opportunity to present to the partnership and outlined SBPB role. She advised that SBDPCSP funded her organisation to undertake a consultation exercise with community stakeholders and residents. This consultation enabled an understanding of peoples living experiences in the wider university area and started to strengthen relationships

with the local community. The consultation identified common needs, which the Safer City Coordinator reminded Members informed the DPCSP's November 2016 meeting and led to the capacity support contract being let to March 2018.

- ii. Sophie Rasmussen, SBPB updated members on findings of the consultation which included a need for capacity building within South Belfast. She also informed members of projects that the capacity support contract had enabled – the Spring Gathering on St. Patrick's Day was of significant importance as is the new Horsy Hill project.
- iii. Ms Rasmussen advised that the capacity support contract had enabled SBPB to secure funding from a number of other streams for the Wider University Area:

<b>Funding Stream</b>	<b>Amount secured</b>	<b>In kind amounts</b>	<b>Total</b>
BCC: Community Festival	5,400	5,136	
BCC: Good relations	7,185	7,075	
Public Health Agency	2,850		
Irish Department of Foreign Affairs: Reconciliation fund	10,300		
NIHE	8000		
<b>Sub Totals</b>	<b>33,735</b>	<b>12,211</b>	
<b>Total resource leveraged by DPCSP funding in WUA</b>			<b>£45,946</b>

- iv. Briega Arthurs confirmed that SBPB were commissioned to undertake capacity work in the WUA which involved both supporting the local infrastructure; but also in direct delivery. She also advised that SBPB started to become more formally involved in the WUA PACT meetings as it is an established structure, and its action plan clearly aligned to the consultation findings.
- v. Ms Arthurs welcomed greater engagement for relevant pieces of work and emphasised the need to communicate good news stories and positive images of work that has been done.
- vi. A Member questioned the reliability of the Crimemap figures, to which Ms Rasmussen informed that they were statistics were provided by the Safer City Coordinator who took them from PSNI website- CrimeMap and was happy to stand over report produced.
- vii. The Chair suggested that a separate meeting occur with South Belfast Partnership Board to discuss issue further. She thanked SBPB for their presentation and work to date in South Belfast.

#### LORAG

- viii. Eamon Devlin, informed members that the small grants funding obtained helped them to deliver a 12 week programme, which paid for extra youth workers hours to combat antisocial behaviour, particularly around the Lagan Walkway.
- ix. He stated that engagement with PSNI had been very positive but alluded to on-going issue of transient youth within the City.

- x. Superintendent Murdie echoed such concerns and advised that an ASB operation was taking place in conjunction with BCC. This involves a team working on Fridays from 4pm to midnight and Saturday from 12noon to 11pm to respond specifically to calls to deal with ASB and transient youth.
- xi. A discussion took place around drug issues, to which the Safer City Coordinator advised of a drug and alcohol programme that had been commissioned to YMCA and Members asked that they present at the next South Belfast DPCSP partnership meeting.

#### BEAM

- xii. Kathryn O'Neill presented to members on the South Belfast DPCSP small grants funded internet safety programme. Key details included:
  - 1) Delivered to 10 post primary schools
  - 2) Aimed to educate children and help them understand the importance of E-Safety in an interactive unique way using drama techniques
  - 3) Evaluations highlighted that after the workshop, 79% understood more about keeping safe on the internet, 100% of teachers felt the workshop was beneficial and 78 % felt they could 'tell' someone they trusted about what has upset them over the internet having completed the workshop.
- xiii. Ms O'Neill thanked the partnership for the chance to present and welcomed further opportunities to deliver workshops in South Belfast.

#### GVRT

- xiv. Angela Johnston, GVRT presented to Members on their Sexual Health & Relationships Programme, involving Nubia and St Malachy's Youth Club with females aged 13-16 years old.
- xv. Members were informed of sexual health benefits, personal development benefits and community safety benefits that individuals gained from the programme.
- xvi. Ms Johnston thanked Members for the opportunity to present.

#### ACSONI

- xvii. Joseph Ricketts, ACSONI presented on the U-Turn project, which involved Young people engaging in a series of sessions to construct a video campaign focusing on community safety issues from their perspective.
- xviii. Members were informed of the benefits of this programme and how it helped improve confidence in policing.

#### Other

- xix. The Chair thanked all presenters for their hard work on current policing and community safety issues within south Belfast.
- xx. A Member welcomed the development of an interactive online safety workshop and stated that those within the education sector should utilise organisations who have the expertise on such key issues.

**4. Minutes and Matters Arising**

- i. The Minutes of the Private Meeting held on 7 March 2017, copies of which were previously circulated, were agreed as correct.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator advised that all actions from previous meeting had been complete.

**5. 2017/18 Funding Model**

- i. Members noted report provided.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator informed members of a change in control processes being applied to each DPCSP, advising of the staged release of payments from principle partnership and the implications of the process. She also advised that the PCSP had agreed to allocate the full budget to each DPCSP in principle, but that funds would only be formally released once senior management had confirmed to the PCSP at their monthly meeting that projects had been put through the required governance processes.
- iii. The Chair stated that the partnership would need to be proactive in their spending for the financial year.

**6. (D)PCSP Audit and Governance Arrangements**

- i. SCC advised that the report provided was for information only and outlined procurement processes. Members were asked to support its implementation as a continuation of good practice.
- ii. Members supported the implementation of audit and governance arrangements.

**7. South Belfast DPCSP Action Plan 2017/18**

- i. The SCC advised members of proposed allocated financial figures against projects for 2017/18 and the continuation of projects from 2016/17. She advised that the figures are based on current commitments, on spend for 2016/17 or anticipated costs. This is subject to approval by DOJ and Belfast PCSP.

<b>Theme</b>	<b>Breakdown</b>	<b>Indicative Amount</b>
<b>Partnership Working</b>	Effectiveness (Meeting costs **)	4 000
	Consultation and Engagement (including WUA Capacity Support Programme)	13 000
<b>Feel Safer</b>	South Belfast Policing and Community Safety Projects for Adults at Risk of Harm	3 000
	Hate Crime and Fear of Hate Crime Steering Group	9 500
	Mentor/support project for ex-offenders with complex needs	5 000
	South West NRP Guardian Project	3 000
<b>Drug and Alcohol</b>	Compliment citywide activity	4 208
	Training for young leaders	4 000

	E Pub	800
<b>Business Crime</b>	Host one business crime prevention seminar	200
<b>Antisocial Behaviour</b>	Compliment citywide activity	3 000
	Lagan Walkway	10 000
	Broadway/Glenmachan Street Interface	
	Milltown Bonfire	
	Interagency meetings* to help people feel <b>safer over the summer</b> ; particularly in and around South Belfast bonfire sites	11 000
<b>Confidence in Policing</b>	Policing and Community Small Grants	35 000
	Police led projects	3 500

- ii. The Safer City Coordinator advised that a number of projects would be best operated on an ongoing basis, subject to monitoring of performance and adequate funding being made available in future.
- iii. As such the Safer City Coordinator recommended that the following projects are “let” until September 2019 to reflect South Belfast DPCSP’s reconstitution in August 2019.
  - Community safety project for adults at risk of harm
  - Mentor/support project for ex-offenders with complex needs
  - Guardian project – initially to start in South West NRP area
  - Training for young leaders to address alcohol, drugs and risk taking behaviours within their peer group
- iv. Members were reminded that holding longer term projects enables service to continue and significant momentum to be built.
- v. Members agreed the suggested allocations as per item 7(i) and that the projects detailed at item 7(iii) be let to September 2019.
- vi. The SCC drew Members attention to WUA Capacity Support Programme advising that £10,000 of the allocated £13,000 to consultation and engagement would be to continue this programme, building on capacity work with a focus on other community safety issues.
- vii. The remaining £3,000 would be allocated to engagement in the Inner South Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Area of South Belfast. The SCC advised that more detail of the type of engagement would be provided at a future meeting as it would need to be informed by Members.
- viii. **Feel Safer Over the Summer - Up to £11,000**
- ix. Members agreed that the Safer City Coordinator seek proposals from community partners at priority sites. In light of the need for a flexible, speedy decision making process it was agreed that the interagency Safe Over the Summer working group is given delegated authority to assess the proposals on a rolling basis and up to a total of £11,000 from the 2017/18 action plan.

- x. The statutory operational Bonfire Interagency Group for South Belfast is chaired by the Safer City Coordinator and has participation from NIHE, PSNI, NIFRS and TNI. Members agreed that authority for South Belfast DPCSP investment is delegated to this working group.
- xi. Members will receive an update about the impact of this work at each meeting.
- xii. **Build Confidence in Policing - Up to £3,500**  
Members agreed to fund a number of small projects, meetings and events led by PSNI Officers that helped to engage and build community confidence in police.

South Belfast DPCSP agreed to cover the costs for:

- Room hire
- Refreshments (applying appropriate capped rates)
- Advertising/promotion of events
- Translation costs if required
- Additional small project costs (up to £500)

It was agreed that the District Commander confirmed the request for the resources and is responsible for updating South Belfast DPCSP at each meeting.

## **8. Unwanted August Bonfires**

- i. The SCC informed Members of the background to the Bonfire Programme and advised of a two strand approach this year. She stated that July Bonfires would be funded through Council's Good Relations Unit and Unwanted August Bonfires would be funded through PCSP.
- ii. The SCC advised that Belfast PCSP had agreed to fund £1,000 to each Unwanted August Bonfire Group, and requires South Belfast DPCSP to match that with £500.
- iii. Members were advised that one of the eligible groups had declined the offer for funding. It was noted that if other groups were identified as working to prevent unwanted August Bonfires, it was within South Belfast DPCSP's gift to include them in the scheme.

## **9. Hate Crime/Fear of Hate Crime Working Group**

- i. The SCC advised Members of a roundtable exercise that Chief Inspector Gavin Kirkpatrick would be facilitating and encouraged members of the HC/FoHC to attend on 9<sup>th</sup> June.
- ii. The SCC asked Members to agree dates of meetings in between the HC/FoHC working group and steering group.
- iii. Members agreed the request.

## **10. Practical Skills for Landlords on dealing with ASB Pilot**

- i. The Chair stated that the report was for information. Members agreed that she should raise the resourcing with Belfast PCSP, Council and the Learning City Inter-agency Group as it is of citywide benefit.

## **11. Emerging Issues**

- i. The SCC advised that a request had come from St Malachy's Youth Club regarding the funding of a training programme. Members agreed that the groups should be directed to the small grants process.
- ii. The SCC informed members that YMCA had requested resources from South Belfast DPCSP pay for the launch of the DVDs associated with the 2016/17 drug and alcohol programme.
- iii. Members agreed to support the launch to the approximate value of £300.
- iv. Members agreed to discuss the meeting schedule at the June DPCSP meeting.
- v. Members decided to have the June meeting focused around drugs and alcohol; the Safer City Coordinator will confirm the agenda in due course.

**12. Date of next meeting**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the next South Belfast DPCSP's Private Meeting will be held on Monday 19 June.
- ii. The Chair thanked Christine Hunter, PBNI for her work in the partnership and wished her every success in her new role.
- iii. She then thanked all for attending.

**South Belfast DPCSP Meeting - Summary of Actions**

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017, 5pm**

**Private Meeting**

<b>Actions to Follow Up</b>	<b>By When</b>	<b>By Whom</b>
SCC to arrange meeting with South Belfast Partnership Board	TBC	SCC
Invite YMCA to present at future meeting	TBC	SCC
Invite BDACT to present at future meeting	TBC	SCC
ACSONI Video to be circulated	Next Meeting	SCC
SCC to update on mapping and gapping exercise	Next Meeting	SCC