

Minutes of the South Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Private Meeting

Thursday 31st August, 6pm
Conor Room, Belfast City Hall

Political Members	Independent Members
Councillor Lee Reynolds (Chair)	Richard Kennedy (Vice Chair)
Councillor Geraldine McAteer	Michael Boyle
Councillor Jeffrey Dudgeon	Aleksandra Lojek-Magdziarz
	Paul McDonnell
Statutory Designated Bodies	
Paul McCombe, NIHE	Chief Inspector Gavin Kirkpatrick
Deirdre Grant, PBNI	
Yvonne McKnight, H&SCT	
Dermot Magorrian, YJA	
DoJ Representative	
Lesley McCombe	
Belfast City Council Staff Present	Apologies
Suzanne Gowling, Safer City Coordinator (SCC)	Aidan Hughes
Rachel Fulton, Partnership Support Officer	

1. Welcome & Routine Matters

- i. Cllr. Lee Reynolds, the new Chair welcomed the Members to the South Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting and noted the apologies provided.
- ii. The SCC advised Members that the Vice Chair was appointed by Independent Members, from Independent Members and that Richard Kennedy had been so appointed.
- iii. The Chair thanked both the outgoing Chair and Vice-Chair, Councillor Geraldine McAteer and Aleksandra Lojek and welcomed the new Vice-Chair Richard Kennedy.
- iv. Members agreed that due to a number of personnel changes; an updated partnership contacts list would be circulated via email.

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. No conflicts of interest were declared.

3. Outgoing Chairs Update

- i. Cllr. Geraldine McAteer, the outgoing Chair advised Members of a meeting that she held with Victoria Place residents in relation to the impact of the Hope Street bonfire.
- ii. Members noted that a range of issues had been discussed at the meeting and in order to ensure that residents do not feel isolated, it was agreed the issues that were raised by Victoria Place residents would become integrated in the South West Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership's Community Safety Working Group so that concerns could be proactively addressed.

- iii. The outgoing Chair also advised that a meeting with Councillor Boyle to discuss the Wider University Area Consultation Report had taken place and all parties were satisfied with outcome of meeting.
- iv. The outgoing Chair wished the new Chair and Vice-Chair the best of luck in their roles within the Partnership.

4. Minutes and Matters Arising

- i. The Minutes of the Private Meeting held on 19 June 2017, copies of which were previously circulated, were agreed as correct.
- ii. Deirdre Grant, PBNi provided an update to Members in relation to the ASPIRE Project. Key details noted were:
 - Money had been secured under Fresh Start Agreement to target young men aged 16-30 who may be become involved in paramilitary activity.
 - Criteria is still being finalised and further information would be provided at next meeting.
 - NIACRO won the contract to provide a mentoring service to those on programme.
 - A service level agreement is in place with Barnardo's to provide parenting advice and support.
- iii. In relation to safeguarding proposal; Members noted that the Safer City Coordinator and Yvonne McKnight, Belfast Trust would be meeting to discuss in detail. Yvonne McKnight stated that the proposal would involve encouraging organisations at a local level to have adult safeguarding champions, promote messages around adult safeguarding and increasing awareness of the how to deal/report the issue to appropriate agencies.

5. South Belfast DPCSP Action Plan Update

- i. The SCC advised Members of progress made within the Action Plan. Key details noted were:
 - Guardian Project and Lunch Clubs currently out for quotation.
 - Focused work for Inner South NRP have been allocated £3,000 and there needs to be a discussion on how to take this forward
 - Next meeting of Hate Crime Steering Group will take place on 6th September along with the North Belfast Hate Crime Steering Group and key stakeholders from East Belfast.
 - Under Drugs and Alcohol - a suite of training for young leaders is out for quotation
 - Small grants- All projects in tranche 1 have received 80% payment and the Member Panel for Tranche 2 is an agenda item
 - ASB a total of £9,500 had been allocated to LORAG and GVRT for summer diversionary work

6. Drug and Alcohol Issues

- i. The SCC stated that a paper on this issue would be circulated and provided an overview of its contents. She advised that at the June meeting of South Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership there was significant discussion about the presentations made by Lisburn YMCA and she advised Members of the actions that had been taken.
- ii. The SCC further stated that Members should be aware that the videos would not be circulated and would be contained within the organisations. She added that it was important

to note that significant learning came from the two videos, with further expected in the final Walkway video.

- iii. The SCC then added that it was South Belfast DPCSP's responsibility to respond to the learning, either directly, or by escalating issues to more specialised services if appropriate.
- iv. Members were asked if they would like to become involved in the development of projects that would be designed to respond to the needs, based on the learning from the video projects.
- v. After a brief discussion, Members agreed that the SCC would be the link on behalf of the partnership into the development of any new projects that built upon the learning.

7. 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 informed Members that four projects had been moderated with a score of more than 50% 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.
- iii. Members agreed that independent Members in the Partnership would form the Members Panel, that would take place on Wednesday 6th September at 4pm.
- iv. The Partnership were asked 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.
- v. Members 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 underspends in order to do so.
- vi. Members agreed that the SCC would propose where potential monies would come from within the current action plan in order to fund projects and advise the DPCSP at its next meeting.

8. South Belfast DPCSP Annual Report 2016/17

- i. The SCC advised that the report provided a summary of key activities over the last financial year relating to the period 1st April 2016-31st March 2017.
- ii. Members noted the contents of the report and agreed for the report to be circulated to Council and Joint Committee, as well as publicising it on Council website.

9. South Belfast DPCSP Draft Equality Scheme and Disability Action Plan

- i. The SCC requested that Members note the information provided with the Action Plan and approve content.
- ii. Members approved content of draft equality scheme and disability action plan.

10. South West NRP Community Safety Working Group Meeting

- i. Members noted the report and agreed that attendance allowance would be available for participants in the workshop on 4 September

11. Emerging Issues

- i. The SCC advised that a request from a South Belfast School for £130 to fund an independent speaker for their 6th formers in relation to the risks and dangers of drug use had been received.
- ii. Members were also advised that James Scott, BDACT Connections had raised his concerns about the content in the presentation, to which the SCC proposed that the funding proposal is considered and approved subject to working with BDACT Connections Service.
- iii. Members raised their concerns over the cost of the speaker.
- iv. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the SCC would report back to the Partnership having liaised with James Scott in order for a final decision to be made.

12. Partner Updates

NIHE

- i. Paul McCombe advised that NIHE representatives had met with local residents in Victoria Place in relation to Bonfire Issues and he hoped for a more positive outcome next year.
- ii. Members noted that an outcome of the meeting had been an agreement for more regular meetings between NIHE and local residents.
- iii. Mr McCombe also advised that there had been difficulties in allocating housing in South Belfast area.
- iv. A Member suggested that it would be useful for NIHE to hold surgeries to help local people apply for housing as her experience was that although new communities were blamed for local not being allocated a home, in many cases they had not submitted an application in order to do so.
- v. Members were informed that there had been incidents where graffiti had been sprayed on certain houses to intimidate potential tenants, which had led to new tenants not availing of the accommodation. Mr McCombe stated that NIHE have a target of removing graffiti within 4 hours of being notified of its existence.

Other

- i. In relation to a University Area Pact Meeting on 19th September; the SCC advised that there had been a request for a Member of the South Belfast DPCSP to Chair the meeting.
- ii. Members agreed that the request should be relayed to Aidan Hughes, Independent Member via the SCC for first refusal.

13. 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 18 September and outlined dates of a number of upcoming meetings:
- South West NRP's community safety meeting- 10am Monday 4 September
 - Small Grants Member Panel- 4pm Wednesday, 6 September
 - OBA Awareness Training Session- 5pm Wednesday, 6 September
 - Meet the Joint Committee- 10am, Tuesday 12 September
 - Beat the Burglar Launch – Chair and Vice Chair only- 2pm Wednesday 13 September
 - WUA PACT Public Meeting- 7pm, Tuesday 19 September 2017
- ii. The Chair thanked everyone for attending.

South Belfast DPCSP Meeting - Summary of Actions

Thurs 31st Aug 2017, 5pm

Private Meeting

Actions to Follow Up	By When	By Whom
SCC to link in with Yvonne McKnight to develop safeguarding proposal	TBC	SCC
SCC to ensure Victoria Place residents' concerns are reflected in the workshop with the South West NRP's Community Safety Group	TBC	SCC
SCC to explore where monies could come from within action plan for successful tranche 2 small grant applications	Next meeting	SCC
SCC to liaise with James Scott, BDACT around funding proposal from South Belfast School	ASAP	SCC
SCC to liaise with Independent Member around Chairing PACT Public Meeting	ASAP	SCC
Updated South Belfast DPCSP Members list to be circulated	Next Meeting	PSO
Paper on drug and alcohol issues to be circulated	Next Meeting	PSO