

Minutes of the East Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Private Meeting

9 Adelaide St, Room AD1H
Tuesday, 28th November, 2017

Political Members	Independent Members
Councillor Mairead O'Donnell (Chair) Councillor Sonia Copeland Alderman Tommy Sandford Councillor Deirdre Hargey	Michele Bryans (Vice Chair) David Geddis Lisa McMaster Jonathan Currie
Designated Organisations	
Dermot Magorrian (YJA) Gary Ballantyne (NIHE)	Chief Inspector David Moore, PSNI Jane Lappin (PBNI)
Staff Present	Apologies
Glenn Thomas, Safer City Coordinator Andy Claydon, Partnership Support Officer	Councillor Aileen Graham Steven McMillen Pauline Smart (EA)

1. Welcome and Routine Matters

- i. The 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. No declarations of interest were declared at the outset of the Meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes/Matters Arising

- i. An amendment to the previous minutes was requested by J Lappin who wanted a note of her apology added.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator outlined the actions emerging from the September meeting and what had been done to address them.
 - 2 Members still required for the Hate Crime Meeting on 7th December
 - Venue and date have been confirmed for Public Meeting, Strand Arts Centre, 7pm, Thursday 30th November

4. Matters Arising

- i. The Safer City Coordinator reminded Members that 2 volunteers were still required from the East Partnership to attend the Hate Crime meeting on the 7th December
- ii. A Member suggested that it would be beneficial to receive a presentation from the Community Relations Council about their work in East Belfast

5. Chairs Update on PCSP

- i. The Chair spoke of the recent Alcohol & Drugs quotation which had been won by the East Belfast Community Development Association and informed Members that the Safer City Coordinator was due to meet with the organisation in order to discuss the commencement of the project.

6. Updates from Statutory Partners

Northern Ireland Housing Executive

- i. G. Ballantyne informed Members that there had been a significant upgrade of CCTV systems on High Rises in the area.

PSNI

- i. CI D Moore spoke of issues with Young People and interfaces in the East and stressed that Police resources were likely to be stretched for the Christmas period.
- ii. Members were also informed that the PSNI's Christmas Crime Prevention programme had commenced.

PBNI

- i. Jane Lappin reported that the Probation board had been busier than usual but there was no specific issues to report to the Partnership.

7. 2017/2018 Action Plan Update

- i. The Safer City Coordinator introduced the updated Action Plan to Members. Addressing the progress to date, the Safer City Coordinator alerted Members to the following activity:
 - No concern in terms of spending the full budget with regards to Strategic Objective 1 - Effectiveness
 - Strategic Objective 2:
 - Domestic Violence spend would increase due to an ONUS project and a potential project by Skainos
 - Lunch Clubs would be used to spend the remaining funds in the Older Peoples budget
 - £2000 Hate crime budget would be used in a citywide project
 - £5000 remaining Drugs budget would be used to support the Drug Dealers Don't Care Campaign

- The Project Officer for the East DPCSP would be addressing the Business Crime budget and a paper will be presented to the partnership at the next meeting
 - In relation to the Reactionary fund, due to the strict governance, it was difficult to react effectively so there is a possibility that the money could be re-allocated to ASB
 - Strategic Objective 3: Confidence in Policing, the remaining £4500 looks like it will be spent.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator agreed to provide an update at the next partnership meeting in response to a Member enquiring why Independent Members were not yet invited to ASB Forums.

8. Delegated Authority Update

- i. The Safer City Coordinator outlined the details of the funding applications received that had been considered and agreed using the Delegated Authority approved by Members at the previous meeting.
- ONUS – Safe Churches - £2940
 - Ledley Hall Boys and Girls Club – The PSNI Save Christmas - £1180
 - Radius Housing – Ravenhill Shared Neighbourhood Winter Festival Project - £1950
 - Braniel Community Association – Intergenerational Christmas Safety Night Project - £1050
 - Redcar Crafts at McQuiston – Craft Night Project - £100
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator apologised for a mistake in the papers in relation to the Braniel Project (£150 instead of £1050)

9. Drugs and Alcohol Quotation Update

- i. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members that they would be updated as to the progress of the Drugs and Alcohol project at the next partnership meeting following a meeting between himself, the Project Officer and the EBCDA.

10. ASB Quotation Work

- i. A Member, as a representative from the delivering organisation, updated the Partnership as to the nature of the quotation, informing them that the project was made up of 4 elements, all of which were on course:
- Short Strand Diversionary Programme
 - Cross Community Futsal Programme
 - OCN in Restorative Street Work
 - Street Based Youth Work Interventions

11. Drug Dealers Don't Care

- ii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that previously they had agreed to re-assign £10'000 from the Drug Dealers Don't Care budget to the Street Triage Project which left a balance of £5'000.

- iii. Members were asked to give their consent to proceed with its identified £5000 contribution to the project and were reminded that the scheme had an opportunity to leave a considerable footprint in East Belfast.

Proposed: D Geddis
Seconded: Cllr S Copeland

- iv. A Member requested an update at the next meeting as to the outcomes of the recent Drugs, Alcohol and Mental Health meeting.

12. Emerging Issues

- i. The Safer City Coordinator apologised for the short notice for the Public Meeting arranged for the 30th November at the Strand Arts Centre and reminded Members that a PACT meeting would take place at the conclusion of the Public meeting. Members agreed that the meeting should go ahead despite the short notice.
- ii. A Member expressed concern that the momentum of the PACT meetings might be affected due to the short notice and the change of venue from the East Belfast Network Centre.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator spoke of his belief that it was a good idea to combine the PACT and Public meetings, and that it would likely address the problem of poor attendance as reported by Members regarding the Lisnasharragh PACT meetings.
- iv. Members agreed that it was important to try and advertise these events more effectively, including on social media.
- v. Following a brief discussion, it was suggested that the PACT meetings should be held where the issues are, with Clarawood suggested for one of the next meetings and Gary Ballantyne was asked to pass on the details of the relevant residents associations.
- vi. The Safer City Coordinator reminded Members that there would be no December meeting.

13. Date of Next Meeting

- i. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 30th January 2018, venue to be confirmed.

