

Minutes of the South Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Private Meeting

Wednesday 6th December, 12.30pm
Lavery Room, Belfast City Hall

Political Members	Independent Members
Councillor Emmett McDonough Brown	Richard Kennedy (Vice Chair)
Councillor Jeffrey Dudgeon	Michael Boyle
Councillor Donal Lyons	Aleksandra Lojek
	Paul McDonnell
Statutory Designated Bodies	
Anita Duff, EA	Paul McCombe, NIHE
Chief Inspector Gavin Kirkpatrick, PSNI	Michael Roberts, NIFRS
Dermot Magorrian, YJA	
Belfast City Council Staff	Apologies
Suzanne Gowling, Safer City Coordinator (SCC)	Councillor Lee Reynolds
Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer	Aidan Hughes
Patrick Cunningham, Belfast City Council	Paul McDonnell
	Deirdre Grant, PBNI

1. Welcome & Routine Matters

- i. The Vice Chair welcomed 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. Paul McCombe, Councillor McDonough-Brown, Councillor Donal Lyons and Councillor Jeffery Dudgeon all declared an interest in the South Belfast Partnership Board.
- iii. The Chair confirmed that Members would be asked to leave the DPCSP Meeting when the project proposal for South Belfast Partnership Board would be discussed.

3. Presentation

- i. Following the request from Members, Patrick Cunningham, Licensing Manager, Belfast City Council attended the DPCSP Meeting in relation to event management and minimising the negative impact that events may have on local residents.
- ii. Patrick provided Members with an update on the key events held within Belfast last year and the associated logistics of organising the events and continually improving their management.
- iii. He also provided Members with an overview of the night time economy and the work currently being undertaken by Council to reintroduce Appendix E, which governs how licensed premises manage drugs and alcohol on their premises.
- iv. He further advised Members of ongoing engagement with local bus companies and discussions regarding the development of a central bus bank to be used when key events are being held in the City.

- v. The Vice Chair requested for an update following the attacks during key events this year. Chief Inspector Gavin Kirkpatrick commented that he had not been aware of the outcomes of the attacks, but would review the information and provide an update at the next DPCSP Meeting.
- vi. Patrick advised Members that Council anticipates a bigger footfall at key events in 2018 and due to this, discussions are ongoing with local agencies to ensure appropriate measures have been identified to minimise any issues that may arise.
- vii. The Vice Chair thanked Patrick for his attendance at the DPCSP Meeting and the update he provided.

4. Minutes and Matters Arising

- i. The Minutes of the Private Meeting held on 24th October 2017, copies of which were previously circulated, were agreed as correct.
- ii. A Member asked if the Street Triage project had commenced. The SCC advised Members that a presentation regarding the Street Triage Project had been scheduled for the PSCP Meeting on 27th November. However, she informed Members that the presentation did not take place and commented once further information regarding the project had been confirmed it would be circulated to Members.

5. South Belfast DPCSP Action Plan 2017/18 Update

- i. The SCC provided Members with an update regarding progress in relation to the delivery of the South Belfast DPCSP 2017/2018 Action Plan and spend for the period 1 April – 31 October 2017.
- ii. The SCC advised Members that following the identification of a potential underspend within the Action Plan 2017/18 at the last DPCSP Meeting, projects had been developed to allow for the underspend to be re-profiled to allow for maximum spend to be achieved.
- iii. The SCC advised Members that six project proposals from local groups have been approved through internal governance processes. She advised Members that the project proposals were as follows:
 - South Belfast Alternatives - South Belfast online social media behaviour training - £2,270
 - Ballynafeigh Community Development Association - Creating a Safer Ballynafeigh by Celebrating Diversity - £2,050
 - BSCR – Diversionary Sports Project - £2,526
 - Empire Community Association - Inclusion in our Community - £2,125
 - LORAG - Complete OCN Level 2 in detached youth work - £1,875
 - South Belfast Partnership Board – WUA Project Delivery - £2,240
- iv. Councillor McDonough-Brown, Councillor Donal Lyons, Councillor Jeffery Dudgeon and Paul McCombe had all declared an interest in the South Belfast Partnership Board and therefore left the Meeting to allow Members to discuss the project proposal.
- v. Members were advised that the total cost of the project proposals was £13,086.
- vi. The SCC asked Members to note that due to the amounts requested for the delivery of the project proposals, an anticipated overspend had been identified. However, she

advised Members that the Safer City Manager was content with this anticipated over allocation because it would likely be balanced out with underspends from other South DPCSP projects.

- vii. The SCC advised Members that two requests for police led projects include a request for a Pizza and Peeler night at the Trans Centre and to support the primary school winter safety session on 12 December 2017.
- viii. Members agreed the content of the paper and agreed to support the project proposals and associated budgets, detailed in 5iii.

6. Public Meeting Schedule 2018

- i. The SCC provided Members with a proposed schedule of Public Meetings to be hosted by South Belfast DPCSP before March 2018 as follows:
 - Wednesday 24 January 2018
Crescent Arts Centre
Topic: Belfast as a Vibrant City and Policing and Community Safety Issues
 - January 2018
RADAR
Topic: Policing and Community Safety Issues Policing and Community Safety Concerns of Young People in South Belfast
 - Wednesday 21 February 2018
Holiday Inn, Hope Street
Topic: Confidence to Report to Police
 - Wednesday 21 March 2018
Venue TBC
Topic: Staying Safe – Safeguarding Adults
- ii. A Member requested for the Public Meeting in Radar to be held in February. Members agreed for the SCC to liaise with Anita Duff regarding a date in February for the Public Meeting.
- iii. Following a discussion, Members agreed to host the Public Meeting scheduled for the 21st March 2018 in Malone House, Barnett's Demesne.
- iv. Members agreed the proposed dates and associated costs to host the meetings on the dates detailed.

7. Emerging Issues

- i. The SCC advised Members that the Northern Ireland Policing Board (NIPB) had requested comments from (D)PCSP's on Confidence in Policing. She informed Members of the process of how to submit comments to the NIPB.
- ii. Chief Inspector Gavin Kirkpatrick provided Members with an overview of the partnership work currently being undertaken by the PSNI within South Belfast.

- iii. He advised Members that the PSNI had developed links with a number of local organisations and provided an overview on key work with the following groups/projects:

Botanic NPT

- Trans Resource Centre Belfast;
- Islamic Community;
- African Caribbean Society of NI;
- Simon Community Hostels;
- Roma Community; and,
- Local Schools.

Balmoral NPT

- Beat the Burglar Campaign;
- Christian Based Youth Group;
- Age Friendly;
- Citizenship and Safety Education Programme; and,
- Neighbourhood Watch.

- iv. A Member asked for an update regarding burglaries in South Belfast. Chief Inspector Gavin Kirkpatrick advised Members that there had been approximately 100 burglaries reported in South Belfast this year to date. He informed Members that in the run up to Christmas there would be higher PSNI visibility in the area to try and deter burglars.
- v. The Vice Chair thanked Chief Inspector Gavin Kirkpatrick for his update. He further commended the PSNI for their role at this year's Belfast Pride.

8. Date of next meeting

- i. The Chair advised Members that the South Belfast DPCSP will host a Public Meeting on Wednesday 24 January, 7.00pm in the Crescent Arts Centre, Belfast.
- ii. He further advised Members that the next South Belfast DPCSP Private and Public Meeting will be held on Wednesday 31 January, 5.00pm in the Conor Room, City Hall.
- iii. The Chair thanked everyone for attending.