

Minutes of the North Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Private Meeting

9 Adelaide Street, Room AD1K
Wednesday, 10th January, 2018

Political Members	Independent Members
Councillor Paul McCusker	Jennifer Cornell (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Mary Ellen Campbell	Gerard O'Reilly
Councillor Mary Clarke	
Designated Organisations	
Gabi Mornhinweg, H&SCT	SC Davy McComiskey, NIFRS
Janet McClinton, PBNI	
Staff Present	Apologies
Alison Allen, Safer City Manager	Harry Bradley, YJA
Richard McLernon, Safer City Coordinator	Chief Inspector Stephen Burns, PSNI
Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer	Councillor Frank McCoubrey
	Malachy McKinney, NIHE
	Inspector Kelly Moore
	Michael Murray
	Teena Patrick
	Gerald Solinas
	Alderman Guy Spence

1. Welcome and Routine Matters

- i. The Chair welcomed Members to the North Belfast DPCSP Private 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. Councillor McCusker and Gerard O'Reilly declared an interest in Item 5c and 5d. Jennifer Cornell also declared an interest in Item 7.
- iii. Members were reminded that following their declaration of an interests regarding Item 5c, 5d and 7 that they would be requested to leave the Meeting while the Items were discussed by the Partnership.

2a. Minutes/Matters Arising

- i. A Member highlighted that the Minutes did not detail Members by their names.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members that he had been advised that in order to comply with each individual Members right to privacy under the Data Protection Act and because DPCSP Meeting Minutes are published on the Councils website, good practice dictates that a Member is required to sign an individual consent form clearly stating that they wish to be specifically named in the Minutes of DPCSP Meetings.

- iii. Following a discussion, the Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the consent forms would be distributed at the next DPCSP Meeting.
- iv. The Safer City Manager advised Members at the next Belfast PCSP Meeting (Monday 15th January), Members will be reviewing all associated budgets to ensure that they are fully utilised this financial year. She informed Members that some organisations who have submitted project proposals have not completed all due diligence requirements and therefore requested the Partnership to give delegated authority to the Chair, Vice Chair and the Safer City Manager to review/approve these projects. Members noted this request and agreed delegated authority.
- v. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members of a Joint Briefing scheduled for Wednesday 7th March with Sam Donaldson from C3. Members requested for further information regarding the Joint Briefing to be circulated to the Partnership.
- vi. Minutes of the North Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting which was held on 7th December, copies of which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.

Proposer: Cllr Mary Clarke
Second: Janet McClinton, PBNI

3. Youth Engagement

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members of Youth Engagement Project proposal.
- ii. He advised Members that the project proposal would involve a youth engagement event. He further commented that the event would be held in Girdwood Hub at the beginning of March 2018. He provide Members with an overview of the associated costs.
- iii. A Member highlighted their concern for the costs associated with room hire at Girdwood Hub. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that there would be a total of six rooms utilised for the delivery of the youth event.
- iv. The Safer City Manager suggested for a meeting to be held with Greenwich Leisure Limited (GLL) to discuss the possibilities of reduced rates for when Council are using their premises. Members welcomed this suggestion.
- v. Following a discussion, Members agreed to support the project in principle, however requested that alternative locations be considered before committing to Girdwood.

3b. Lower North Belfast Community Safety Capacity Building

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members on the Lower North Belfast Community Safety Capacity Building proposal.
- ii. He informed Members that the project is still in the early stages of development and requested for delegated authority from the Partnership to continue developing the project subject to internal governance checks.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator requested delegated authority to allow this project to progress. He asked Members to note that the project may not be delivered if governance checks are not completed.

- iv. Members noted the request and approved delegated authority to allow for the progression of the Lower North Belfast Community Safety Capacity Building project proposal subject to due diligence being completed.
- v. A Member commented that a 12 month cycle whereby funding and projects have to be utilised/delivered within this timeframe is not effective. She asked for this to be highlighted to DoJ at the next governance meeting with the Joint Committee.

4. Domestic and Sexual Violence Update

- i. The Safer City Coordinator updated Members on the Domestic Violence Scoping Study and Training Project.
- ii. He advised Members that the project proposal involved the commissioning of a consultant and therefore a procurement process would have to be followed. He further commented that the procurement process would affect the delivery of the project.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator suggested for the project to commence in this financial year, with funding, a total of £3,000, being ring-fenced in 2017/2018 with a further £7,000 ring-fenced from the 2018/19 budget to assist with final delivery of the project.
- iv. Members noted the Domestic Violence Scoping Study and Training project proposal due diligence had already been completed and agreed to support the delivery of the project as requested.

5a. Belfast Unemployed Resource Centre

- i. The Safer City Coordinator updated Members on the Belfast Unemployed Resource Centre project proposal.
- ii. He advised Members that the project would involve supporting older people and migrants to learn IT to allow for both groups to communicate effectively regarding areas including community safety and reporting.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator requested for delegated authority to be given to the Chair, Vice Chair and the Safer City Manager to allow for the progression of this project proposal.
- iv. Following a discussion, Members welcomed the Belfast Unemployed Resource Centre project and delegated authority was approved subject to due diligence being completed.

5b. Ligoniel Improvement Association Project

- i. The Safer City Coordinator updated Members on the Ligoniel Improvement Association project proposal.
- ii. He advised Members that he had requested additional information from the group regarding delivery and timescales.
- iii. A Member asked if the proposed project involved an employability element. The Safer City Coordinator advised that the course would seek to maximise and sustain work with young people through reducing levels of unemployment/increasing employability. He further commented that the project would also consist an OCN accredited drug and alcohol course.
- iv. Members welcomed and agreed delegated authority to support the Ligoniel Improvement Association project subject to due diligence being completed.

5c. Star Neighbourhood Centre Online Safety Project

- i. Gerard O'Reilly, Independent Member declared an interest in the proposed project and left the Meeting.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview on the Star Neighbourhood Centre Online Safety Project.
- iii. A Member welcomed this project. She further suggested for North Belfast DPCSP to facilitate a Public Meeting on Social Media Safety. Another Member suggested for the possibility to link with BEAM or Jim Gamble, Ineqe, in relation to hosting a Public Meeting on Social Media Safety. Members welcomed this suggestion.
- iv. The Safer City Coordinator requested for delegated authority to be given to the Chair, Vice Chair and the Safer City Manager to allow for the progression of this project proposal.
- v. The Safer City Coordinator requested for delegated authority to be given to the Chair, Vice Chair and the Safer City Manager.
- vi. Following a discussion, Members welcomed the Star Neighbourhood Centre project and delegated authority was approved subject to due diligence being completed.

5d. PIPS Mater Hospital Project

- i. Gerard O'Reilly, Independent Member and Councillor Paul McCusker declared an interest in the proposed project and left the Meeting.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview on the PIPS Mater Hospital Project. He advised Members that the project focused on supporting staff in the Mater Hospital with the aim of freeing up PSNI resources and providing additional support to vulnerable people in a North Belfast Hospital setting.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator requested for delegated authority to be given to the Chair, Vice Chair and the Safer City Manager to allow for the progression of this project proposal. He advised Members that all funding allocated to the project proposal would be utilised only in North Belfast.
- iv. Following a discussion, Members welcomed the PIPS Mater Hospital project proposal and approved delegated authority subject to due diligence being completed.
- v. The Safer City Manager advised Members that if additional underspends are identified within the North Belfast DPCSP 2017/18 Budget, it could be reassigned to similar projects. Members noted this and agreed in principle to similar projects subject to internal governance procedures being adhered to.

6. No Hate Here Quotation Exercise

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the No Hate Here Quotation Exercise.
- ii. He advised Members that the Quotation had been circulated to 23 organisations and no submissions had been received.

- iii. A Member had highlighted that an organisation had confirmed they did submit a quotation but they had sent it to the wrong mail address. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that he would follow this up and provide an update.
- iv. The Safer City Manager confirmed that the Partnership are able to award the contract to an individual organisation as they had undertaken the appropriate protocols to test the market.

7. North Belfast Friendship Club

- i. Jennifer Cornell, Independent Member declared an interest in the proposed project and left the Meeting.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the North Belfast Friendship Club. He advised Members that the project had identified a need for further funding to extend existing arrangements had been identified.
- iii. He confirmed that the project had completed all internal Council processes.
- iv. Members agreed to support and allocate up to £2,135 to the delivery of the North Belfast Friendship Club project.

8a. DePaul Project Proposal

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the DePaul Project. He advised Members that the project would focus on a safety programme for the service providers of the DePaul Housing.
- ii. A Member queried the costs aligned to the PSNI involvement and asked for clarification to be provided.
- iii. Following a discussion regarding the transitional period from institutions to a home environment, the Safer City Manager provided Members with an overview on the Housing First Model.
- iv. A Member asked for further information regarding the Housing First Model to be circulated.
- v. A Member also asked for clarification to be provided on service users.
- vi. The Safer City Coordinator requested for delegated authority to be given to the Chair, Vice Chair and the Safer City Manager to allow for the progression of this project proposal.
- vii. Members welcomed the DePaul project proposal and approved delegated authority subject to due diligence being completed.

8b. Spanner In The Works Project Proposal

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the Spanner in the Works Project Proposal. He advised Members that the project would involve four performances of a new play 'Banjaxed' being held, all aimed at young people with a focus on reducing the risk of young people becoming involved in or a victim of paramilitary groups.

- ii. A Member asked if the Youth Justice Agency did not support this project. The Safer City Coordinator confirmed that that the Youth Justice Agency had funded the development of the play and performances in the Lyric Theatre.
- iii. Following a discussion, Members approved the Spanner in the Works project proposal.

8c. Lighthouse Mentoring Project Proposal

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the Lighthouse Mentoring Project Proposal. He informed Members that the project proposal related to a mentoring programme to be run within Mercy College with 15 young men who are engaged in ASB within the school setting.
- ii. He advised Members that no costs had been submitted for consideration at this stage.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator requested for delegated authority to be given to the Chair, Vice Chair and the Safer City Manager to allow for the progression of this project proposal.
- iv. Following a discussion, Members welcomed the Lighthouse Mentoring project proposal and approved delegated authority.

8d. White City ASB Project Proposal

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the White City ASB Project Proposal.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members that further information had been requested in relation to the delivery and costs of the project.
- iii. A Member highlighted her concern regarding the funding of project management costs. She advised the Partnership that she objected to the DPCSP funding project management costs. Another Member spoke to support the provision of project management costs and the Safer City Manager explained that groups may require management costs on occasion if they do not have the resources in house to manage a project.
- iv. A Member also asked if a full breakdown of project costs could be provided at future DPCSP Meetings.
- v. Following a discussion regarding programme management costs and its eligibility for funding, Members requested for the further information to be provided regarding the project proposal. A consensus was reached that programme management costs could be supported where justified and on a case by case basis. Members agreed for the White City project proposal to be deferred until the next North DPCSP Meeting.

8e. Basement Youth Club Project Proposal

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the Basement Youth Club Project Proposal.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members that further information had been requested in relation to the delivery and costs of the project.
- iii. Members requested for additional information to be provided and agreed to defer the Basement Youth Club project proposal until the next North DPCSP Meeting.

8f. New Lodge Youth Club Proposal

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the New Lodge Youth Club Proposal Project.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator requested for delegated authority to be given to the Chair, Vice Chair and the Safer City Manager to allow for the progression of this project proposal.
- iii. Following a discussion, Members welcomed the New Lodge Youth Club project proposal and approved delegated authority subject to due diligence being completed.

9. North Belfast Tension Monitoring Review, Development and Planning Proposal

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the North Belfast Tension Monitoring Review, Development and Planning Proposal.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members that further information had been requested in relation to the delivery and costs of the project.
- iii. Members requested for additional information to be provided and agreed to defer the North Belfast Tension Monitoring project proposal until the next North DPCSP Meeting.

10a. Shankill Hope Zone Project Proposal

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the Shankill Hope Zone Project Proposal.
- ii. Members requested for clarification to be provided regarding the distribution of merchandise Members suggested for merchandise to be placed in doctor's surgeries or pharmacists.
- iii. Members welcomed the Shankill Hope Zone project proposal and approved delegated authority subject to due diligence being completed.

10b. PIPS Hope Training Launch Event

- i. Gerard O'Reilly, Independent Member and Councillor Paul McCusker declared an interest in the proposed project and left the Meeting.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview and the associated costs of the PIPS Hope Training Launch Event.
- iii. Members welcomed the PIPS Hope Training project proposal and approved delegated authority subject to due diligence being completed.

11a. ASCERT Drop In Project

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the PIPS ASCERT Drop in Project.
- ii. Following a discussion, Members requested for further clarification regarding associated project costs.

- iii. Members agreed to defer the project proposal until the next North DPCSP Meeting.

11b. Extern Mindful Drinking Events Project

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the Extern Mindful Drinking Events Project.
- ii. Following a discussion, Members agreed to support the project subject to the stipulations regarding complimentary therapy and alcohol. Members also requested for an alternative venue to be confirmed for the Ardoyne session.
- iii. Members agreed to support the Extern Mindful Drinking project proposal.

11c. Drug and Alcohol Stakeholders Forum Planning Event

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the Drug and Alcohol Stakeholders Forum Planning Event.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the cost for the venue detailed had been indicative.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator requested for delegated authority to be given to the Chair, Vice Chair and the Safer City Manager to allow for the progression of this project proposal.
- iv. Following a discussion, Members welcomed the project proposal and approved delegated authority subject to due diligence being completed.

12. Beat the Burglar Project

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the Beat the Burglar Project.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that West Belfast DPCSP will be issuing a quotation to deliver this project Citywide.
- iii. He requested for Members to agree to support this project and allocate £10,000 towards the delivery of this project.
- iv. A Member queried whether skimmer wallet protection could be placed in the Beat the Burglar packs.
- v. Following a discussion, Members approved the Beat the Burglar project proposal.