

West Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Private Meeting

Conor Room, City Hall
Thursday, 28th November, 2017

Political Members	Independent Members
Alderman Brian Kingston (Chair)	Claire Canavan (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Stephen Magennis	Breige Brownlee
Councillor Matt Garrett	Liz Groves
Councillor Brian Heading	
Statutory Designated Organisations	
Chief Inspector Kellie McMillen	Tommy Boyle, H&SCT
Inspector Alan Swann, PSNI	Paddy Kelly, NIHE
Nicola Coogan, PBNI	Brian Hetherington, NIFRS
Dermot Magorrian, YJA	Trudy Taylor, PSNI Youth Officer
Angels McKeown, EA	
Local Designates	
Michael George, CNP	
Staff Present	Apologies
Alan Wardle, Safer City Co-Ordinator	Eoin McShane
Suzanne Gowling, Safer City Coordinator	Paula Kerr
Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer	John McLaughlin, EA
	Tommy Boyle, H&SCT
	Patricia Muldoon, YJA
	Sharon Beattie, NIHE

1. Welcome and Routine Matters

- i. The Chair welcomed Members to the West Belfast DPCSP Meeting and noted the apologies provided.

2. Declarations of Interest

- 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. Claire Canavan declared an interest regarding the recruitment process for the Professional Witness Post.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator also advised Members that Karol McKee had expressed a declaration of interest in the recruitment of this post.

3. Minutes & Matters Arising

- i. The Minutes of the West Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting held on 26th October, copies of which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.
Proposed: Councillor Matt Garrett
Seconded: Claire Canavan

- ii. In relation to actions from the previous meeting the SCC stated that:
 - 1. The quotation document for the Community Safety Strategy had been completed and scored. Further information regarding the successful applicant to be circulated to Members.
 - 2. An email had been circulated to Members extending the invitation to attend a Hate Crime Meeting on 7th December. SCC confirmed Cllr Heading's attendance and requested for another Member to attend. Cllr Magennis agreed to attend.
 - 3. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members that a discussion had been held with Councils Comms Team regarding the associated costs for a Translink bus wrap for the winning poster competition held by Colin Safer Neighbourhood Partnership. He advised Members that the cost to implement this request would be expensive and design time by Council could not be booked at this late stage of the year.
 - 4. The SCC informed Members that an invitation had been extended to representatives from the DoJ Steering Group involved in the off road vehicle project to convene their next meeting at Council offices in December. Cllr Heading requested for the minutes from previous DoJ Meetings regarding Scrambler Initiatives to be obtained from DoJ and circulated to Members for information.
 - 5. The Chair updated Members regarding the request for a statement to be issued by West Belfast DPCSP following threats to PBNI staff. He informed Members that he was advised by the Director of City and Neighbourhood Services that a statement would not appropriate due to the time that had already passed. The Chair advised Members that a letter had been sent to the CEO of PBNI to show the support of the DPCSP and to condemn the threats made previously to PBNI staff. Following a discussion, Members agreed for the letter to be published via the PBNI internal communique.
 - 6. Public Meetings would be held in February and March 2018. The SCC advised Members that the drugs project supported by West Belfast DPCSP concludes at the end of February and therefore suggested for drugs and their associated issues to be the focus of a Public Meeting. The SCC further advised Members that a Public Meeting would also be attempted to be held in March 2018 and the theme would be based on 'A Journey through the Criminal Justice System'. He commented that information regarding the Public Meetings would be circulated to Members for consideration.

4. Chairs Update

- i. The Chair provided Members with an update following his attendance at the PCSP Meeting held on 27th November. He advised Members that the new District Commander, Jonathan Roberts had been in attendance.
- ii. The Chair advised Members that the presentation on Street Triage scheduled for the PCSP Meeting had been postponed until January 2018.
- iii. He further advised Members that the Extern Funding Proposal had been deferred as clarification had been requested if funding a post and supporting salary costs had been eligible. A Member commented that DPCSP's are autonomous bodies but felt that funding salaries should be resisted in the future.

- iv. The Chair also advised Members that following a discussion regarding the 'Drug Dealers Don't Care Campaign', it had been agreed for a meeting to be called to discuss the Campaign going forward.
- v. A proposed 'One Pill Can Kill' Campaign had also been discussed and further clarification and detail were to be brought to the PCSP meeting in January.
- vi. The Chair advised Members that a research proposal submitted by the Domestic and Sexual Violence Partnership had also been deferred.

5. Updates from Statutory Partners

NIHE

- i. Paddy Kelly advised Members that there had been no current concerns highlighted by the NIHE. He advised Members that the Professional Witness Post had been welcomed by the NIHE. The SCC advised Members that the post had been offered to the successful applicant but could not provide any further information until the offer was accepted.

PBNI

- ii. Nicola Coogan stated that the threat made towards PBNI staff, was still ongoing and all home visits had been suspended.

PSNI

- iii. Chief Inspector Kellie McMillen provided Members with a PSNI statistical report up to the end of November 2017.
- iv. Members noted that:
 - Overall crime had decreased by 2%;
 - An increase of 6% in relation to the number of antisocial behaviour incidents;
 - An increase of 16% in relation to drug offences and,
 - 11 fewer arrests made in comparison to the same time last year.
- v. Chief Inspector Kellie McMillen advised Members that she had recently attended a presentation regarding RAPID. She informed Members that the presentation could be delivered at a future DPCSP Meeting. Members welcomed the invitation for a presentation be delivered to the Partnership in the New Year.
- vi. Inspector Alan Swann highlighted the ongoing number of burglaries that had occurred through thieves gaining access to properties through open doors and/or windows. He informed Members that 15 burglaries had taken place in the Colin area, with ten of the burglaries happening through open doors/windows. He emphasised the importance of people locking their doors and windows, especially at this time of year.
- vii. A Member requested an update regarding car crime. Chief Inspector Kellie McMillen commented that she would forward a report on car crime to the SCC for circulation to Members for review when information was gathered.
- viii. A Member further requested an update regarding Council and PSNI protocols regarding burnt out vehicles and their collection. The SCC advised Members that he would review the protocols and provide Members with an update at the next DPCSP Meeting.

- Criminal Justice Awareness – Blackie Community Centre £6,000
- Youth Providers Resource kits £2,990

iv. Members noted the project briefs and agreed to allocate the requested funding for each project.

8. Beat the Burglar and ASB Signage Project Briefs

- i. The SCC provided Members with further details on the proposed ASB Signage and Beat the Burglar additional kits projects.
- ii. The SCC asked Members to approve the project briefs detailed to allow project delivery to commence.
- iii. Members noted the reports and agreed to the associated budgets.

9. Falls Youth Providers

- i. Members noted a report which provided an update on proposed Falls Youth Engagement Pilot.

10. Emerging Issues

- i. The SCC reminded Members of the PCSP Christmas Crime Prevention Event scheduled for Friday 1st December, 10.00am-1.00pm, City Hall, Belfast. He welcomed and encouraged all Members to attend.
- ii. A Member informed Members of the Colin's Xmas Safety Event on 8th December, he welcomed Members to attend.
- iii. Members agreed to facilitate a discussion regarding OBA at the next DPCSP Meeting.
- iv. Following a discussion regarding a Christmas Communications Plan, Members agreed for the SCC to review and update last year's Christmas Communications Plan. Cllr Garrett and Cllr Magennis to assist on the review/update of Communication Plan if required.

11. Date of Next Meeting

- i. The Safer City Co-ordinator advised Members that the next Policing Committee and Private Meeting of the West Belfast DPCSP would be held on Monday, 29th January, 2018 in the Conor Room, City Hall.