

Minutes of the East Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Private Meeting

East Belfast Network Centre
Tuesday, 29th May, 2018

Political Members	Independent Members
Councillor Mairead O'Donnell (Chair) Councillor Sonia Copeland Alderman Tommy Sandford Councillor Aileen Graham	Michelle Bryans (Vice-Chair) David Geddis Lisa McMaster Jonathan Currie
Designated Organisations	
Gary Ballantyne, NIHE Yvonne Cowan, H&SCT Pauline Smart, EA Station Commander, Alan Cunningham, NIFRS	Dermot Magorrian, YJA Chief Inspector David Moore, PSNI Jane Lappin, PBNI
Staff Present	Apologies
Glenn Thomas, Safer City Coordinator Andy Claydon, Partnership Support Officer	Michael Roberts, NIFRS Councillor Carole Howard
Also Attending	
Stephen Dolan, CJI	

1. Welcome and Routine Matters

- i. The Chair welcomed Members to the Meeting and noted the apologies provided.
- ii. She also welcomed Stephen Dolan from the Criminal Justice Inspectorate who was in attendance at the meeting.

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

- i. P Smart and J McKenna to be added to the attendance list for last month's meeting as they had been at the meeting but were not included in the draft minute of the meeting.
- ii. The Chair noted this request, and instructed that the Minutes be updated accordingly.
- iii. Minutes of the East Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting held on 19th April, copies of which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct (with the exception of the above points i and ii which will be amended as required).

4. Matters Arising

- i. The Safer City Coordinator informed the Partnership that, due to the receipt of numerous unsolicited proposals, discussions had taken place at the last PCSP meeting on how the (D)PCSP's should approach such submissions. He added that following a meeting of PCSP members, guidance would be passed down through the tabling of a report to the partnership on how to respond should it receive any unsolicited proposals.

5. Chairs Update on PCSP

- ii. The Chair had been unable to attend the Meeting of the PCSP and therefore no update was provided.

6. Updates from Statutory Partners

H&SCT

- i. Yvonne Cowan spoke in relation to a workshop she attended in March. She made mention of the resulting forum who will be targeting Young People at Risk and to which she has invited Dermot Magorrian to join.
- ii. Yvonne Cowan went on to introduced the REAT tool which ASCERT had the contract for and which was being rolled out to selected Community workers. Yvonne agreed to send guidelines through to the Safer City Coordinator for further dissemination.

Education Authority

- i. Pauline Smart informed the Partnership that she would no longer be attending the East DPCSP meetings due to a promotion and added that Michael Hogg would be attending in her place.
- ii. The Partnership heard that some groups from East Belfast that had previously received Summer Intervention funding were not receiving the grant this year and as such these groups were having to scale back some of their activities.

PBNI

- i. Jane Lappin asked that Members encourage groups they are in contact with to interact with the Probation Board around a new scheme known as Supervised Activity Orders. This scheme will see people who default on fines being potentially required to carry out unpaid work in the community.

NIHE

- i. Gary Ballantyne informed Members of discussions into ASB incidents at High Rise Blocks and cases of intimidation which were also under investigation. Bonfires were also mentioned as a chief concern of the NIHE at present.

7. 2017/2018 Outstanding Paperwork and Governance Report

- i. The Safer City Coordinator updated Members and provided further details in relation to outstanding expenditure from previously 2017/18 funded organisations and any future funding.
- ii. He advised Members that no funding would be released to organisations this financial year who have not submitted all monitoring forms for 2017/2018.
- iii. Members noted the report and the content detailed.

8. Anti Social Behaviour Future Update Reports

- i. The Safer City Co-Ordinator informed Members that responsibility for ASB was now the responsibility of Richard McLernon due to the re-structuring process that had taken place within the Community Safety unit. He further explained that East specific ASB update reports would be tabled at Partnership meetings as a Standing Agenda Item on a monthly basis and if agreed to receive same by Members.
- ii. Members agreed to receive the reports as a monthly Standing Agenda Item.
- iii. A Councillor requested to receive a list of the ASB Officers, which the Safer City Coordinator agreed to provide by e-mail.

9. Request for quotation approval report

- i. The Safer City Coordinator introduced the report to update Members and provide further details in relation to a new quotation for work aimed at addressing issues of ASB in East Belfast.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator reminded Members of the similar exercise they had commissioned in 2017-2018 which was awarded to the East Belfast Community Development Association and based on its success the decision was made to seek submissions from groups to fulfil the requirement in 2018-2019.
- iii. The draft specification was outlined to Members, as was the intention to award by the end of June 2018 in time for delivery over the summer.
- iv. The Safer City Coordinator explained that the work was broken down as follows:
 - Youth Outreach - £10,000
 - Youth Diversionary - £10,000
- v. Members agreed to the Project Brief and granted permission to the Safer City Coordinator to progress the quotation exercise through to the commissioning of services.

Proposed by D Geddis
Seconded by Ald T Sandford

10. Criminal Justice Inspection Information

- i. Stephen Dolan from the Criminal Justice Inspectorate explained the nature of the (D)PCSP reports that were currently being undertaken, emphasising on the impact of geographical changes and Policing Plans.
- ii. He informed Members of his intention to attend several meetings in an observing role and to meet with Chairs and Vice Chairs to get as much feedback as possible.
- iii. Y Cowan suggested that it might suit the Statutory Members better if he was to meet them as a collective which he agreed to consider.

11. Lower Beersbridge/Willowfield Residents

- i. The Safer City Coordinator introduced the monitoring documents for one of last year's projects, namely the Lower Beersbridge/Willowfield Residents Association's, 11th July Celebration Project.
- ii. Members heard how the project over performed by engaging with over 150 people and advised Members that due to unforeseen operational circumstances the police had been unable to attend the project.

12. Emerging Issues

- i. A Councillor commented on the recent meeting of the Lisnasharragh PACT where it was reported that a small group had attended with the intention of splitting the PACT meetings between Lisnasharragh and residents in Ballynafeigh in order to maximise the attendance. A brief discussion took place in which the consensus amongst Members was that there needed to be more attention to publicising the PACT events as adding another PACT would not be viable at present.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator suggested that it could be possible to arrange a themed public meeting in the Ballynafeigh area.
- iii. A Member suggested that in future, posters publicising the PACT meetings should carry the dates and locations of the next 4 meetings. The Safer City Coordinator agreed to discuss the matter with the Project Manager responsible for this.
- iv. CI Moore informed Members of the 'Next Door' app which is being piloted in East Belfast and has proven very popular in the Short Strand. He explained that it was a Community based social media tool that allowed neighbours to discuss issues relevant to their areas. CI Moore suggested that this tool could be beneficial in increasing the attendance at PACT meetings by posting notices of future events to specific communities.
- v. The Safer City Coordinator asked that CI Moore share the information he had with him so that it could be disseminated to the Neighbourhood Watch team.
- vi. Members briefly discussed the importance of Police based partnerships based on a Fresh Start presentation attended by a Member.

- vii. The Chair raised concerns over the recent changes to the days and times of Partnership meetings and asked if Members would prefer to keep the dates as amended but to bring the times back to 5.30pm.
- viii. Members agreed to change the times of meetings back to 5.30pm

13. Date of Next Meeting

- i. The date of the next meeting of the East DPCSP will be Thursday 28th June at 5.30pm in the East Belfast Network Centre.