

# Minutes of South Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

## Private Meeting

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2014, 6.00pm  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor HR Conference Room, Belfast

Political Members	Independent Members
Ald. Tom Ekin Cllr. Deirdre Hargey	Niall Kelly (Vice Chair) Paula Bradshaw Trevor Greer Debbie Hammill Nuala Toman
Statutory Designated Bodies	
Gary Ballantyne, NIHE Christine Hunter, PBNI Chief Inspector Robert Murdie, PSNI Yvonne McKnight, H&SCT	Aideen McLaughlin, YJA Inspector Rosie Thompson, PSNI Inspector Gordon Wilkinson, PSNI
Staff Present	Apologies
Denise Smith, Safer City Coordinator Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer	Cllr. Kate Mullan (Chair) Anita Duff, BELB

### 1. Welcome & Routine Matters

- i. The Chair welcomed the Members to the Private Meeting of the South Belfast DPCSP.
- ii. Apologies were noted for, Councillor Kate Mullan and Anita Duff.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

- i. No declarations of interest were declared.

### 3. Previous Minutes

- i. The Minutes of the South Belfast DPCSP meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, copies of which were previously circulated, were taken as read and correct.

### 4. Recruitment of Independent Members

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the recruitment process for independent members had begun and the closing date for applications was Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November.
- ii. She informed Members that an information evening regarding the recruitment process would be held in the City Hall on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm.

- iii. Members noted the report and the information provided regarding the recruitment process.

## **5. Performance Management and Evaluation**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members that Belfast PCSP had identified in its 2014/2015 Action Plan, to develop a performance management framework in order to measure the impact of the PCSP and DPCSPs.
- ii. She advised Members that the Criminal Justice Inspectorate had completed a review of (D)PCSPs and a forwarded a draft report for consideration to the Joint Committee.
- iii. She informed Members that the Joint Committee Officers had suggested for (D)PCSPs to commission an independent review in order to articulate their performance against identified priorities, community confidence and the social and economic benefits of all (D)PCSPs interventions
- iv. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that Belfast PCSP had agreed to contribute £3,000 to the review and commented that it had been suggested for each DPCSP to allocate a further £2,000 each to offset the overall cost of the work.
- v. Members noted the report and agreed to allocate £2,000 to the review.

## **6. Action Plan Update/Updated Project Proposals**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update regarding the delivery of the South Belfast DPCSP Action Plan 2014/2015.

### **PACT**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update regarding PACT. She informed Members that the PACT group agreed to review the new structure after 6 months and that the review had now been complete.
- ii. She advised Members that a draft report had been produced and it will be circulated to Members once finalised.
- iii. She further advised Members that the Partnership allocated £850.00 to support the delivery of a workshop between PACT and Housing providers. She commented that this meeting will take place before the end of the year.

### **Markets Community**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that following a quotation exercise, Community Restorative Justice Ireland had been appointed for the delivery of the Markets Action Plan.
- ii. She advised Members that a Letter of Offer would be forwarded to Community Restorative Justice Ireland to commence the piece of work.

- iii. She informed Members that updates regarding the delivery of the Markets Action Plan would be presented at future DPCSPs meetings.

### **Taughmonagh area**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update regarding Taughmonagh's Action Plan.
- ii. She advised Members that as agreed at the last South Belfast DPCSP Meeting, that intercom systems had been installed in bungalows on the Upper Malone Road rather than Piney Hill.
- iii. She informed Members that updates regarding Taughmonagh's Action Plan will be presented at future DPCSP meetings.

### **Belfast Friendship Club**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update regarding Belfast Friendship Club.
- ii. She advised Members that South Belfast DPCSP agreed to allocate £2,700 to Belfast Friendship Club to assist with programme costs to support networking and relationship building within the Club to increase social cohesion and support networks.
- iii. She advised Members that Belfast Friendship Club would develop 4 projects as part of South Belfast DPCSP funding.
- iv. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of each of the projects that would be delivered:
  - Meet your local Councillor Event;
  - Meet your Neighbourhood Police Team Event;
  - Megaswap and Fashion Show; and,
  - Round the campfire – journeying together event.
- v. Members noted the project proposals.

### **Safer Home Scheme**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator updated Members on the Safer Home Scheme. She advised Members that South Belfast DPCSP had agreed to fund £5,000 to the Safer Home Scheme.
- ii. She advised Members that after a further discussion with the PSNI Crime Prevention Officer it had been proposed for the funding to be spent as detailed below:
  - 70% (£3,500) spent on tier one items. The purchase of these tier 1 items will be to build a 'store' of items for South Belfast- this will act as the main crime prevention materials provided for the majority of crime victims in the

area. It will involve basic crime prevention materials such as the ones listed below:

- X400 Door alarms
- X200 Window alarms
- X200 Personal alarms
- X200 24 Hour timers
- X30 Door brace
- X400 Door wedge alarm
- X250 Purse dipping bells
- X100 Safe Cans
- X200 Door chain bar restrictors

- The remaining 30 % (£1,500) will be spent on tier 2 and above items. These will be kept for the most serious cases of crime in the area. The items purchased will include:

- X10 Floodlights
- X10 Master door brace
- X10 Door viewer
- X10 Security Film

- iii. Members agreed and noted the project proposal.

## **7. PCSP Update**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update on Belfast PCSP.
- ii. She advised Members with an overview of the following Belfast PCSP work areas:
  - Hate Crime Project;
  - Safer Belfast Co-ordination Team;
  - Belfast UR Zone 'The Cage';
  - Human Trafficking Awareness; and,
  - PCSP Consultation Exercise
- iii. A Member asked if Belfast PCSP had undertaken any work with homelessness people. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that Belfast City Centre Management, the Welcome Centre and Stella Maris, are proposing to conduct an exercise to map the number of homelessness people in Belfast.
- iv. Following a discussion regarding homelessness people within Belfast City Centre, a Member commented that there had been a request for gates to be put on Castle Arcade. She advised Members that on street drinkers using this area to sleep in. She further commented that DRD claimed this Arcade to be a public walkway and therefore reluctant to allow gates to be put on the Arcade.
- v. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that this issue will be monitored and the Partnership will be updated accordingly.

## **8. Emerging Issues**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that a request from a Small Grant Applicant, Belfast Activity Centre had been received for a representative from the Partnership to attend a presentation.
- ii. Members requested for an email to be circulated with information on the event.
- iii. Following a discussion, a Member requested the Partnership to issue a statement regarding the recent injunction regarding legal highs and Gresham Street. Members welcomed this suggestion.
- iv. A Member provided an update regarding the new Belfast City Council Peace Action Plan and suggested for Good Relations to attend a future DPCSP Meeting to discuss the Plan. Members welcomed this suggestion.

## **9. Date of Next Meeting**

- i. Members noted that there will be no Private Meeting held in December.
- ii. Date, venue and time of the next South Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting to be circulated to Members.