

Minutes of the West Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Private Meeting

Conor Room, City Hall
Wednesday 25th February, 2015

Political Members

Councillor Matt Garrett (Acting-Chair)
Councillor Tim Attwood
Councillor Máire Hendron

Independent Members

Breige Brownlee
Bernie Reilly
Ann-Marie Weir

Statutory Designated Organisations

Tommy Boyle, H&SC Trust
Carol Carville, PBNI
Davy Harbinson, NIFRS
Angela McKeown, BELB

Aideen McLaughlin, YJA
John McLaughlin, BELB
Alan Swann, PSNI

Locally Designated Organisations

Paula Kerr, CRJI

Staff Present

Alan Wardle, Safer City Coordinator
Katharine McCrum, Partnership Support Officer

Apologies

Alderman Frank McCoubrey (Chair)
Harry Connolly (Vice-Chair)
Chief Inspector McNally, PSNI

1. Welcome and Routine Matters

- i. In the absence of Alderman McCoubrey, Councillor Garrett was asked to Chair the meeting. Members were welcomed to the meeting and the apologies noted.

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. No declarations of interest were noted.

3. Minutes

- i. The minutes of 25th February, copies of which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.

4. Matters Arising/Actions from Previous Meeting

- i. With regards to the actions from the previous meeting, the Safer City Coordinator advised that staff were in touch with the Extern's Intensive Family Support Service regarding community awareness and so a letter had not yet been sent regarding community referrals.
- ii. Members asked that the presentation delivered at the last meeting be circulated to Members, and the Safer City Coordinator was advised that if a letter was to be sent, it should be directed to the Health Board rather than the Health and Social Care Trust.

5. Chairs Update on PCSP

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that a delay in the recruitment of the (D)PCSP Independent Members would mean that it was unlikely that the Belfast Partnerships would be in place before August/September, 2015.
- ii. Members were advised that senior management within the Community Safety Unit would ensure that governance procedures were in place while the staff team would continue with the delivery of the 2015/2016 Transitional Action Plan. Members were further advised that once the new DPCSP was in place, the new Partnership would be asked to approve the Transitional Action Plan.
- iii. The Chair voiced his support for the Transitional Plan and advised the Partnership that the People and Communities Committee within Council would also be receiving regular updates regarding the delivery of Action Plans.

6. Update on West Belfast DPCSP Action Plan

- i. The Safer City Coordinator presented Members with an update report on the progress and expenditure of the West Belfast DPCSP Action Plan.
- ii. Members were advised that while an over spend of £33 had been anticipated at the previous DPCSP Meeting, unforeseen circumstances had resulted in an estimated £1,500 under spend. The Safer City Coordinator further advised that under items 7 and 9, he would propose some options to utilise this under spend.
- iii. Members noted the contents of the report.

7. Additional Spend Updates

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that 3 additional projects had been developed by the DPCSP staff team as a result of unexpected under spends within other aspects of the 2014/2015 Action Plan:
 - Delivery of X2 performances of 'Popping Candy' to support existing work regarding awareness of the dangers involved with legal highs
 - Production of banners displaying the 'Where is your child?' message to support the anti-social behaviour pilot project within parks
 - Delivery of 4 diversionary, engagement and consultation events to support the DPCSPs commitment to addressing transient youth across West Belfast
- ii. He added that these projects had been approved by the Chair/Vice Chair and senior unit managers in line with the emergency and time bound approval process.
- iii. Members noted the report and the previously approved projects.

8. Small Grants 2015/2016

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that 16 applications had been received from west Belfast for PCSP Small Grants for the period of April – September, 2015. He added that due to the reconstitution of the PCSPs, legal opinion had been sought with regards to the scoring and approval process for awarding the Grants.

- ii. The resulting advice was that an independent panel would be convened to ensure that all applications are scored in line with Belfast City Council Small Grants processes and that up to two thirds of each partnerships budget could be allocated in Tranche 1.
- iii. Members were therefore advised that £15,000 remained within the Action Plan for allocation during Tranche 2 of the PCSP Small Grants.
- iv. Members approved the recommendations outlined within the legal advice.

9. Emerging Issues

Approval of Additional Projects

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that a performance of Popping Cady would be taking place at St Pauls Primary School following the meeting at 7pm. Members were asked to support an arts project at the school which would be developed in partnership with the community and Youth Justice Agency.
- ii. Members approved £500 towards this project.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator advised that as part of the 'Where is Your Child Campaign' in Parks, diversionary activities had been planned with the Colinglenn Trust alongside the PSNI. Members were asked to approve the deployment of CCTV in order to support these measures.
- iv. The Chair suggested that caution should be taken in the selection of graphics used in the 'Where is Your Child Campaign' given issues with a previous campaign run by the PCSP.
- v. The Safer City Coordinator confirmed that only silhouettes were used within the campaign.
- vi. Members approved the deployment of mobile CCTV as requested.

10. Close

- i. The Chair thanked the Partnership for its work over the previous number of years, in particular the Independent Members, and the Safer City Coordinator thanked the Members for their support. Members also thanked the Staff for their contribution to the Partnership.