

Minutes of the Belfast Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Private Meeting

Conor Room, City Hall
Thursday 27th July, 2017

Political Members

Councillor John Hussey (Chair)
Councillor Matt Garrett
Councillor Brian Heading
Councillor JJ Magee
Councillor Geraldine McAteer
Alderman Jim Rodgers
Alderman Tommy Sandford
Councillor Janice Austin

Independent Members

Susan Russam (Vice-Chair)
Debbie Hammill
Mary Lambe
Michael O'Hara
John MacVicar
Anne-Louise Toal
John Loughran

Designated Organisations

Chief Superintendent Chris Noble, PSNI

Staff Present

Alison Allen, Safer City Manager
Denise Smith, Safer City Coordinator
Rachel Fulton, Partnership Support Officer

Apologies

Cllr Nuala McAllister
Carmel McKinney
Liz Arthur, PBNI
Helen Russell, NIHE
Chris Fee, NIFRS

1. Welcome and Apologies

- i. The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting and noted the apologies provided.

2. Declarations of Interest

- i. The Chair advised Members that they were required to declare any material interests that they may have in relation to any items on the agenda.

3. Feile an Phobail Proposal

- i. A Member questioned why a special meeting had been called for a one itemed agenda, to which the Safer City Manager advised that the application for funding relates to an event taking place prior to the next PCSP meeting and was received after the last PCSP meeting.
- ii. The Safer City Manager stated that Chairs and Vice-Chairs have limited delegated authority and based on advice from the Deputy Chief Executive a special meeting was necessary to discuss the proposal.
- iii. In relation to the funding proposal from Feile an Phobail, the Safer City Manager stated that the application requested funding to support the marketing of an 8th August dance night and wider programme of events. The dance night would specifically target 16+ year olds who may engage in ASB around Bonfire related activity on the 8th night, as well as

encouraging those young people to become involved in the wider programme of Feile activities.

- iv. The Safer City Manager drew Members attention to 2.7 of the report, outlining the four dance acts due to perform at the music nights, namely; DJ/Dance Act, UB40, Cream DJ and The Wolfe Tones. She also advised that the main outcomes of encouraging the young people's participation in the Dance night and wider programme of events were:
 - Providing opportunities to become involved in positive community activities
 - Providing a controlled, safe and secure environment as an alternative to involvement in bonfires
 - Reduction in ASB and community tensions, particularly in West and North Belfast (including at interfaces)
- v. Members were advised that collaboration with West Belfast DPCSP Unwanted Bonfire Group and organisations in Sandy Row and Tigers Bay had been on-going to encourage participation in the wider programme of Feile events.
- vi. The Safer City Manager then drew Members attention to 2.10 of the report and provided an outline of key project activities and associated breakdown of the budget, which equated to £10,000. Members were advised that the first three budget lines namely; outdoor advertising (£1,500), TV advertising (£2,000) and Radio advertising (£2,000) related to all four music nights, with the last four budget lines namely; targeted Facebook advertising (£1,000) targeted youth engagement (£1,500) print media advertising (£800) and posters/leaflets (£1,200) relating specifically to 8th August DJ/Dance Act only.
- vii. A Member stated that they were supportive of the proposal given the amount of issues of ASB associated with Bonfires. He added that Feile provides an alternative and has the potential to draw young people away from Bonfires and attend the 8th August Dance night.
- viii. Another Member raised their concerns around comments made by the Director of Feile regarding Fanzone at the Devenish Complex, to which a Member clarified that the comments were not directed at the PCSP.
- ix. A Member commented on the amount of funding that Feile had been given across all Council departments. He further commented it was not fair that the PCSP had been approached for financial assistance for advertising and asked the Safer City Manager to clarify how much Feile had been awarded throughout Council.
- x. The Safer City Manager advised that she was aware of £95,000 that Feile had been given through various council departments.
- xi. Members raised their concerns around supporting general advertising of Feile programme that did not have a specific community safety message.
- xii. After a lengthy discussion, a Member proposed that the partnership agree to fund Feile £4,500 towards specific marketing campaign for 8th August music night.
- xiii. Members agreed to fund £4,500 to Feile for specific marketing around 8th August music night as it related to community safety outcomes.

4. AOB

- xiv. The Chair reminded Members that Outcomes Based Accountability training was taking place on Tuesday 22nd August at 5:30pm in the Lavery Room, City Hall.

5. Date of Next Meeting

- i. The Chair reminded Members that the next meeting of the PCSP would be held on Monday, 14th August in the Lavery Room, City Hall.