

Minutes of the Belfast Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Policing Committee

Conor Room, City Hall
Monday 12th March 2018

Political Members

Councillor Claire Canavan
Councillor Lee Reynolds
Alderman Jim Rodgers
Councillor JJ Magee
Councillor Matt Garrett
Alderman Brian Kingston

Independent Members

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

Designated Organisations

CS John Roberts, PSNI
Chris Fee, NIFRS
Harry Bradley, YJA

Jennifer Hawthorne, NIHE
Bryan Nelson, H&SCT
Liz Arthur, PBNI

Staff Present

Alison Allen, Safer City Manager
Denise Smith, Safer City Coordinator
Andy Claydon, Partnership Support Officer

Apologies

Lynsey Branniff

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.
- ii. No declarations of interest were recorded.

3. Minutes

- i. The minutes of the Belfast PCSP Policing Committee Meeting held on 15th January, copies of which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.

4. Matters Arising

- i. Chief Superintendent Roberts commented on the update, as was delivered during the private meeting and generated a discussion about the format of the Policing Committee going forward.
- ii. The Safer City Manager commented that the Policing Committee was not beholden to any specific format and suggested a small group be nominated to discuss the issue. It was further suggested that specific themes could be considered for each Policing Committee in the future.
- iii. Members discussed the possibilities of using the Policing Committee to discuss more local issues.
- iv. A brief discussion took place regarding the visibility of policing. A Member suggested that police officers need to get out of their vehicles and walk the neighbourhoods. The Member informed the Committee that they had witnessed good collaboration at a previous months' event between Youth Outreach workers, Council wardens and the PSNI and reported that the interactions had been very positive.

5. Date of Next Meeting

- i. The next meeting of the next Policing Committee will be held on the 14th May 2018 in the Conor Room, City Hall, directly following the PCSP private meeting.