

Minutes of the East Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Policing Committee Meeting

Community Safety Meeting Room, Cecil Ward Building, Belfast

Tuesday, 27th January 2015

Political Members	Independent Members
Councillor Mervyn Jones (Chair)	Mr Gareth Beacom
Councillor Niall O'Donnghaile	Ms Lynda Gibson
	Mr Andy Moorhead
Police Service of Northern Ireland Representatives	
Chief Inspector David Moore	
Staff Present	Apologies
Glenn Thomas, Safer City Coordinator Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer	Alderman Gavin Robinson
	Chief Superintendent Nigel Grimshaw
	Councillor Claire Hanna
	Councillor Deirdre Hargey
	Mr Mark Houston

1. Welcome and Routine Matters

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

2. Declarations of Interest

- i. No declarations of interest were noted.

3. East Belfast Policing Committee Minutes

- i. The minutes of the East Belfast DPCSP Policing Committee Meetings held on 21st October, copies of which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.

4. Area Commanders Update

- i. The Area Commander provided Members with an update on crime statistics for East Belfast.
- ii. The Area Commander commented that outcomes rates for race/hate crime in East Belfast remained an issue for the PSNI.
- iii. He advised Members that anti social behaviour incidents had slightly increased and burglaries had increased overall by 7.3%.
- iv. The Area Commander further advised Members that there had been an increase in the number of drug seizures and subsequently arrests had been made.

- v. A Member commended the PSNI for their work with the community throughout East Belfast. However, he further commented that the local community need educated on their judicial responsibility.
- vi. The Area Commander informed Members that there would be changes in the near future to neighbourhood police. He advised Members that this would affect how things would be done internally but not externally. He commented that information regarding the new neighbourhood policing would be relayed to the public in the near future.

5. Policing Committee Applications

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update regarding details of applications received in respect of funding through the Policing Committee.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator advised the Members that five applications had been received from the following groups for the sums indicated:
 - Polish Youth Group Visit - £681.65;
 - Wandsworth Community Association Project - £400.00;
 - Belfast Education and Library Board Project (BELB) - £979;
 - Inner East Youth Project - £754; and,
 - Willowfield Parish Church Project - £405.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the applications.
- iv. Following a discussion, Members agreed to allocate the requested funding to the following applicants:
 - Polish Youth Group Visit - £681.65;
 - Wandsworth Community Association Project - £400.00; and,
 - Willowfield Parish Church Project - £405.
- v. Following a discussion, Members agreed not to support the following applications:
 - Belfast Education and Library Board Project (BELB) - £979; and,
 - Inner East Youth Project - £754.

6. AOB

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that following recent correspondence, the Partnership agreed to allocate £5,000 towards the Belfast PCSP Hate Crime Conference and £2,000 towards the Belfast PCSP Drugs Campaign.
- ii. Members noted the date of the next East DPCSP Meeting as Tuesday 31st March, venue to be confirmed.