

# Minutes of the East Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

## Private Meeting

Room 1c, Cecil Ward Building, Belfast  
Monday 14th December, 2015

<b>Political Members</b>	<b>Independent Members</b>
Councillor Carole Howard (Chair)	Mr David Geddis (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Sonia Copeland	Mr Jonathan Currie
Councillor Aileen Graham	Ms Lisa McMaster
Councillor Tommy Sandford	Mr Steven McMillan
	Mrs Michelle Bryans
<b>Designated Organisations</b>	
Chief Inspector David Moore, PSNI	Pauline Smart, EA
Yvonne Cowan, H&SCT	Jane Lappin, PBNI
Dermot Magorrian, YJA	
<b>Staff Present</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
Glenn Thomas, Safer City Coordinator	Gary Ballantyne, NIHE
Alyson Crompton, Partnership Support Officer	Carol Johnston NIHE

### 1. Welcome and Routine Matters

- i. The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting of East Belfast DPCSP and noted the apologies provided.

### 2. Declaration of Interests

- 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.
- ii. Michelle Bryans made a declaration of interest in Item 8 Addendum 2.
- iii. Councillor Tommy Sandford made a declaration of interest in Item 4 addendum 1.

### 3. Bands, Banners and Bonfires Project - Presentation

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised the Members, that as agreed at the last meeting of the DPCSP, Mr David Scott, Education Officer of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland would give a presentation and answer any questions on the Bands, Banners and Bonfires Project. He asked that all questions be put through the chair.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator introduced Mr David Scott to the Members.
- iii. Mr Scott introduced himself to the Partnership, he has been the Education Officer of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland since 2004, and is based at the Museum of Orange Heritage, Schomberg House, 368 Cregagh Road, Belfast.
- iv. He outlined the Project and its aims to build relationships between the community and the key partnerships, PCSP, BCC, PSNI and the Orange Lodge. The Project will be

cross community, and aimed at young people 12 – 21 years. It will run over 7 weeks and seeks to address the issues surrounding parades and bonfires through an education programme which will give the participants an understanding of their historical significance.

- v. The Chair asked Mr Scott if the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland had undertaken anything like this before?
- vi. Mr Scott confirmed that they had delivered a programme Educating Ourselves Template 2007.
- vii. The Members discussed the merits of the programme; it was felt that it should be a cross community project, aimed at young people appropriately grouped by age. It was felt that the young people could be targeted through the community and YJA, and liaison with the PCSP.
- viii. The Members highlighted some areas of concern including the time range of the project, 7 weeks may be too short; the cost of the facilities/facilitators and child protection.
- ix. Mr Scott took on board the Members concerns and explained that he would take advice on the time range but felt that if the project was any longer than 7 weeks the young people may drop out. He also explained the costs in more detail, the young people would have full access to the Museum, the project would be 3 hours duration each session and that there would be preparation work by the facilitator before each session. The child protection issues would be covered by the Orange Lodge Volunteers who have child protection training.
- x. The Chair thanked Mr Scott for his presentation which had answered many questions.

#### **4. Bands, Banners and Bonfires Project - Proposal**

- i. In line with the policy, Councillor Tommy Sandford declared an interest in this item and stepped out of the room during the discussion.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator asked the Members to consider the content of the report and the allocation of £2937.50 in support of the project.
- iii. The Members discussed the proposal in depth.
- iv. The Safer City Coordinator asked the Members to agree the recommendation to allocate £2937.50 aimed at one age group identified through the youth practitioner's forum. Members approved the recommendation.  
Proposed David Geddis  
Seconded Cllr Aileen Graham.

#### **5. Connswater Greenway – Presentation**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the Connswater Greenway Presentation has been rescheduled to the January meeting.

#### **6. Barnardos, Connecting and Living in Communities Project**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator outlined the Barnardos Project; Connecting and Living in Communities (CLIC) proposal. The proposal of the one year pilot scheme is to enhance the safety of young vulnerable people who are leaving care to live in the community specifically in East Belfast. Support will be provided through information sharing, sign posting, points of contact and key influencers. There will be no cost to the Partnership; however council officers will support Banardos in the delivery of the project to 2-6 young people.
- ii. The Members discussed the proposal and agreed to support the implementation of the CLIC Project  
Proposed Cllr Carole Howard  
Seconded Lisa McMaster

## **7. Domestic Violence Service Directory Project**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised the Members that due to the increase of Domestic Violence in East Belfast, it was proposed to support a project aimed at addressing issues around domestic violence through the encouragement of reporting incidents, raising awareness and educating members of the community around what support exists.
- ii. The project proposal is to allocate funding of £270.00 (match funded by North DPCSP) to establish a Domestic Violence Service Directory (2000 copies), which will raise awareness and encourage reporting.
- iii. The Members agreed to reallocate the £270.00 to the Domestic Violence Service Directory.  
Proposed Jonathan Currie  
Seconded Cllr Sonia Copeland.

## **8. Addendum 1 - Hanwood Midnight Soccer Project**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator outlined the proposal for the Hanwood Midnight Soccer Project; a diversionary 6 week project running from 9<sup>th</sup> January – 13<sup>th</sup> February 2016 from 7.30pm-11.00pm.
- ii. The project will target transient youth from the Tullycarnet area that have been travelling to Avoniel and on occasion been involved in ASB.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator recommended that £2340.00 be allocated to this project.
- iv. The Members discussed the merits of the proposal and asked if there would be an alternative activity and if young women could be involved as well. The Safer City Coordinator advised that Hanwood had delivered fitness classes before and this could be rolled out which would appeal to both genders.
- v. The members approved the proposal to allocate £2340.00 to the project.  
Proposed David Geddis  
Seconded Cllr Aileen Graham

## **Addendum 2 – Orangefield Park Stakeholders Project**

- i. In line with the policy, Michelle Bryans declared an interest in this item and stepped out of the room during the discussion.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator outlined the proposal for the Orangefield Park Stakeholders Project. The park has been a hotspot area for ASB for over two years; the aim is to support and engage a group of young people aged 15 – 21 years, as stakeholders in Orangefield Park. The group has already begun meetings with Connswater Community Greenway (CCG), Bloomfield Community Association and BCC Parks and Leisure, once a week in an endeavour to build relationships with the young people and other stakeholders.
- iii. The Project will commence on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January – 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016 (16 weeks). The East Belfast DPCSP can only fund projects up until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 (end of the financial year). Members were asked to consider the allocation of £2980.00 in support of the project.
- iv. The Members discussed the merits of the proposal: it was deemed an excellent project which had already seen results. The youth practitioners were to be commended for giving of their time and the proposed film was very exciting and would hopefully involve all the stakeholders in the park, the members were keen to include dog walkers and the bowling club to help dispel the myths about the young people
- v. The members approved the proposal to allocate £2980.00 to the project with the caveat of including dog walkers and the bowling club in the film.  
Proposed Lisa McMaster  
Seconded Jonathan Currie

## **9. Chairs Update on the PCSP**

- i. The Chair provided Members with an update from the PCSP; the PCSP are providing funding for the protection of the elderly, with the PSNI going into the community to speak to local groups.
- ii. She also provided information on the Drug Dealers Don't Care Campaign which will launch in February 2016. She stated that all the districts have expressed concerns over the ongoing safety of the police especially in interface areas. The Christmas Safety and the Domestic Violence Campaign have been launched in the lead up to Christmas.
- iii. The Members noted the report.

## **10. Emerging Issues**

### **Fold Housing**

- i. A Member expressed concern over the tensions in the area due to the opening of the Fold Housing to 13 new tenants on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December; Cllrs Aileen Graham and Tommy Sandford will be attending the opening.

### **Planning Issues**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised the members that the Action Plan for East Belfast DPCSP would be moved forward in January.

### **District Commander**

- i. Chief Inspector Moore advised Members that the new District Commander for Belfast from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 is Chief Superintendent Chris Noble.
- ii. The Members agreed that the Safer City Coordinator will issue a letter of welcome to Chief Superintendent Chris Noble on his appointment, from the partnership.

### **11. Dates of Next Meetings**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the next DPCSP meetings would be held on the following dates:
  - 1. Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 5.30pm.
  - 2. Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 5.30pm Policing Committee & 6.00pm Private
  - 3. Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 5.30pm