

Minutes of the Belfast Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Private Meeting

Lavery Room, City Hall
Monday 6th August 2018

Political Members

Councillor Carole Howard (Chair)
Councillor Claire Canavan
Councillor Matt Garrett
Alderman Brian Kingston
Councillor JJ Magee
Councillor Lee Reynolds
Alderman Jim Rodgers

Independent Members

John MacVicar (Vice Chair)
Debbie Hammill
Mary Lambe
Carmel McKinney
Michael O'Hara
Susan Russam

Designated Organisations

Lynsey Braniff, EA
Chris Fee, NIFRS
Brian Nelson, H&SCT
Patricia Muldoon, YJA

Superintendent Melanie Jones, PSNI
Chief Superintendent John Roberts, PSNI

Staff Present

Alison Allen, Safer City Manager
Lorna Somers, Safer City Assistant Manager
Suzanne Gowling, Safer City Coordinator
Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer

Apologies

Liz Arthur, PBNI
Anne-Louise Toal
Jennifer Hawthorne, NIHE
John Loughran

1. Welcome and Apologies

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

2. Belfast Agenda Presentation

(David Cuthbert Community Planning Project Officer, attended in relation to this item)

- i. David Cuthbert, Community Planning Project Officer provided Members with an update regarding the Belfast Agenda.
- ii. He advised Members that Community Planning is now focusing on the implementation of the Belfast Agenda, and advised Members how PCSP work would be reflected in this.
- iii. He further advised Members that Community Safety had been explicitly referenced within the Living Here priority of the Belfast Agenda: Stretch Goal - Improve how safe people feel within our neighbourhoods.
- iv. He advised Members that work would continue with Community Safety/PCSP teams to develop draft actions to include PCSP commitments and comments.

- v. Chief Superintendent Roberts, welcomed the update and the actions detailed. However, he highlighted his concern regarding the potential overlap with Concern Hubs that are detailed in the NI Policing Plan 2018 - 2021.
- vi. The Safer City Manager advised Members of the localised service planning and how it had been envisaged that a significant change within the culture of lawfulness throughout this financial year could be expected.
- vii. Members thanked David for his informative presentation and he retired from the meeting.

3. 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 noted.

4. Vice Chair Confirmation

- i. John MacVicar was confirmed to continue as Vice Chair of Belfast PCSP for the forth-coming year.
- ii. The Chair expressed her thanks to John for all his support over the last year and wished him every success for the upcoming one.

5. Belfast PCSP Minutes

- i. The minutes of the Belfast PCSP Private Meeting held on 11th June, copies of which has previously been circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.

6. Matters Arising

- i. Suzanne Gowling, Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update on the matters arising at the Belfast PCSP Private Meeting held on 11th June;
 - A quarterly report is to be brought to the PCSP outlining pertinent information regarding antisocial behaviour from the Operational Team within the Community Safety Unit - Listed as Item 14 in Papers;
 - A short presentation on the Belfast Agenda is to be scheduled at the next meeting of the PCSP on 6th August – Done;
 - PCSP Member's response to the DOJ's Antisocial Behaviour Consultation to be submitted - Submitted to DOJ on 12 June;
 - Belfast Orangefest to be advised of decision not to fund application - Completed on 12 June; and,
 - Independent Members to RSVP regarding Criminal Justice Inspection meeting on 6th August – Done.

7. Chairs Update

- i. No update provided.

8. Update from Designated Members

NIFRS

- i. Group Commander Fee provided an update to Members regarding events surrounding the 11th July.
- ii. He advised Members that he would present key figures for July at the next PCSP Meeting.
- iii. The Group Commander informed Members that there had been a considerable increase in the number of wild fire incidents.
- iv. He further advised Members of the 'Your Choice Programme' which he was going to deliver to a number of groups from Alternatives.

Members Comments

- v. Alderman Rodgers thanked the NIFRS for their work over the last few weeks, in particular their assistance with bonfires and road accidents. He commented that the PCSP are supportive of this service.

9. 2018/2019 Belfast PCSP Action Plan Implementation

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members of the projects presented for final approval.
- ii. She advised Members that all 8 projects had completed internal governance checks and delivery will progress once PSCP provides final approval.
- iii. A Member asked how schools had been identified to participate in the RADAR project.
- iv. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that all schools throughout Belfast are invited to avail of the opportunity to participate in the RADAR project; however places are limited and are allocated on first come first serve basis. She advised Members that an update on schools attending would be provided in due course.
- v. A Member asked if the PCSP would be submitting a response to the DOJ's consultation "Proposed Model for the Introduction of Domestic Homicide Review in Northern Ireland".
- vi. The Safer City Assistant Manager informed Members that the PCSP would not be submitting a collective response, however details of the consultation had been circulated to all (D)PCSP Members in the weekly update and Members could submit individual responses if they so wished.
- vii. Members asked about potential participants for the DASH project and how that may affect the MARAC.
- viii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that work is currently being undertaken with MARAC to ensure that the most appropriate organisations are targeted for the DASH training and ensuring that it works with the MARAC process.
- ix. Members agreed to support the delivery of the eight projects and associated budgets as detailed below:

Project Name	Action Plan Theme	Budget
DASH Masterclass and Training	Sexual Violence and Domestic Abuse	£5,398.94
Men Speaking Up		£1,142
Enhanced Awareness Raising Project		£2,015
Promotion of Domestic Violence Helpline	Feel Safe; Preventative Safeguarding	£3,000
Adult Child to Parent Violence Awareness Project		£500
Anonymous Voter Registration Promotion		£186
Crimestoppers Project		£300
RADAR Project	Feel Safe; Young People	£7,500

10. 2018/2019 Belfast (D)PCSP Action Plan Progress Reports and Spend Updates

- i. Members were advised that Progress Reports for each of the (D)PCSPs were contained within the papers.
- ii. Members were advised that the projects listed below had been approved by each Partnership to date:

North DPCSP

Date of approval by DPCSP	Project Name	Theme	Budget
28/03/18	Small Grant - All Nations Ministries	Confidence in Policing	£2,180
	Small Grant - Royal York Historical Society	Confidence in Policing	£4,995
21/08/18	Home Security Service	Feel Safe - At Home	£10,000
	Christmas Safety Event	Feel Safe - At Home	£1,700
	Road Safe Roadshow	Feel Safe - Young People	£1,600
16/08/18	Bodybuilders Youth Summer Project	Confidence in Policing	£1,088
	Dean Clarke Summer Intervention	Confidence in Policing	£1,000

South Belfast DPCSP

Date of approval by DPCSP	Project Name	Theme	Budget
20/03/18	Small Grant - GVRT	Confidence in Policing	£5,000
	Small Grant - Dreamscheme	Confidence in Policing	£5,000
	Small Grant - Ballynafeigh CDA	Confidence in Policing	£1,660
	Small Grant – South City Resource and Development Centre	Confidence in Policing	£4,865
30/05/18	WUA Capacity Support Project	Consult and Engage	£12,240
26/06/18	Home Security Service	Feel Safe - At Home	£10,000
	Christmas Safety Event	Feel Safe - At Home	£1,700
	Road Safe Roadshow	Feel Safe - Young People	£1,600

26/06/18	Police Led Projects	Confidence in Policing	£2,500
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East Belfast DPCSP

Date of approval by DPCSP	Project Name	Theme	Budget
20/03/18	Small Grant - Ballymac Friendship Club	Confidence in Policing	£5,000
	Small Grant - Dreamscheme	Confidence in Policing	£5,000
	Small Grant - Cregagh Community Assoc.	Confidence in Policing	£1,140
	Small Grant - St Mathews Football Club	Confidence in Policing	£3,850
	Small Grant - Cregagh Wanderers FC	Confidence in Policing	£3,020
	Small Grant - Charter NI	Confidence in Policing	£3,500
29/05/18	Charter NI Cross Community Dialogue	Confidence in Policing (PC Grant)	£1,332
28/06/18	Home Security Service	Feel Safe - At Home	£10,000
	Christmas Safety Event	Feel Safe - At Home	£1,700
	Road Safe Roadshow	Feel Safe - Young People	£1,600
28/06/18	Short Strand Summer Fun Project	Confidence in Policing (PC Grant)	£2,000

West Belfast DPCSP

Date of approval by DPCSP	Project Name	Theme	Budget
30/04/18	Small Grant - Colin N'hood Partnership	Confidence in Policing	£1,990
	Small Grant - Féile An Phobail	Confidence in Policing	£4,550
	Small Grant - Roden St. Community Dev Assoc.	Confidence in Policing	£4,900
	Small Grant - Ulster Wildlife Trust	Confidence in Policing	£4,996.50
25/06/18	Home Security Service	Feel Safe - At Home	£10,000
	Christmas Safety Event	Feel Safe - At Home	£1,700
	Road Safe Roadshow	Feel Safe - Young People	£1,600
25/06/18	Blackmountain/Moyard Intervention AP01	Anti-Social Behaviour	£2,090
	Colin Youth Engagement Diversionary AP02	Anti-Social Behaviour	£800.00
	Falls Residents Bonfire Awareness AP03	Anti-Social Behaviour	£1,060
	USRC Whiterock Ballymurphy Springhill Diversionary AP04	Anti-Social Behaviour	£2,500
	Willowbank Bonfire Diversionary AP05	Anti-Social Behaviour	£2,917.50
	Mount Eagles Lagmore Youth Mini Soccer Tournament AP06	Anti-Social Behaviour	£855
28/08/18	Colin Road Safety Primary Schools Project PC1	Confidence in Policing	£318
	Holy Trinity Safety Project PC2	Confidence in Policing	£984
	Primary Six 5-a-side World Cup Football Tournament PC4	Confidence in Policing	£381

- iii. A Member commented that as previously advised, the PCSP would retain a proportion of the 2018/2019 budget allocated to (D)PCSP's and a review meeting would be held in September to allocate potential underspends.
- iv. The Safer City Assistant Manager advised Members that a review meeting would be held late September/early October. However, she commented that at this stage there were no significant concerns across (D)PCSPs regarding potential underspends.
- v. Members noted the 2018/2019 Action Plan Progress Reports and approved the (D)PCSP spend to date.

11. PCSP Small Grants Tranche 2

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update regarding PCSP Small Grants Tranche 2.
- ii. She advised Members that the PCSP had allocated a total of £15,000 to Small Grants 2018/2019. She further advised Members that £5,000 of the annual budget had already been allocated in Tranche 1.
- iii. She informed Members that a total of 29 PCSP Small Grant applications were received for all five (D)PCSPs.
- iv. The Safer City Coordinator confirmed that all applications would be initially scored and then moderated by the 3 Coordinators. These moderated scores and applications will then be taken to Member Panels for their consideration. She confirmed that applications, which did not achieve the threshold score of 50%, were not funded.
- v. Members were requested to nominate 5 Members to form the Member Panel (the quorum for this panel shall be 3). Furthermore, the Partnership is requested to grant delegated authority to the Member Panel to make a final decision on the successful applications in order for the process of notification to be expedited.
- vi. Following a discussion, Members confirmed the 50% minimum score and to nominate a Member Panel with Delegated authority to approve the applications.
- vii. Alderman Rodgers, Cllr Magee, Susan Russam, John MacVicar and Carmel McKinney agreed to participate on the Small Grants Member Panel.

12. 2018/2019 ARCS Update

- i. The Safer City Assistant Manager provided Members with an update regarding the 2018/2019 Asset Recovery Community Scheme (ARCS).
- ii. She confirmed that DOJ had identified a number of project supervisors who would be responsible for receiving, processing and recommending applications to DOJ; as well as monitoring any that were successful.
- iii. She further advised Members that the PCSP had been identified as a project supervisor.

- iv. The Safer City Assistant Manager informed Members that a meeting had been held with DoJ to discuss the ARCS process.
- v. She advised the Partnership that the PCSP could receive potentially 30 or more applications to review and assess. She further advised that the closing date for applications is Monday 3rd September.
- vi. The Safer City Assistant Manager highlighted her concern regarding ARCS and the additional workload that would be placed on PCSP officers, as all applications had to be reviewed/assessed and returned to DOJ by Monday 10th September. She further advised Members that due to officers prioritising ARCs applications, the delivery of projects already agreed by the Partnership might lose momentum.
- vii. She informed Members that regardless of the recommendations made by the PCSP all applications would be reviewed by an ARCS panel. She further commented that there would be no appeal process.
- viii. The Safer City Assistant Manager advised Members that a request had been made to DOJ for extra staff to assist with the management of applications or a letter of comfort to be provided to the PCSP, whereby any staffing costs aligned to the management of the ARCS would be covered by DOJ.
- ix. She commented that the budget for ARCS would be approximately between £700,000 and £800,000. She also provided Members with an overview of what was eligible/ineligible for ARCS funding.
- x. A Member asked if the programme was Northern Ireland wide and if the PCSP could apply directly to ARCS.
- xi. The Safer City Assistant Manager advised Members that ARCS was Northern Ireland wide and that statutory agencies as well as community organisations could apply to ARCS.
- xii. A further Member asked if ARCS could be managed in line with the PCSP Small Grants.
- xiii. The Safer City Assistant Manager commented that this could not be done, as DOJ had issued ARCS separately.
- xiv. Following an in-depth discussion, the Safer City Manager asked Members to approve that the PCSP manage ARCS operationally and agree to request additional costs for the administration of the Scheme from DOJ. Members agreed to this request.

13. PSNI Consultation

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the PSNI would be undertaking a public consultation on the future priorities, structure and delivery of local policing in NI, between September and October 2018.
- ii. She proposed for Belfast PCSP to host a Members only consultation workshop on Monday 10 September and for each DPCSP to facilitate a Public Meeting.
- iii. Members agreed to the recommendations as detailed.

- iv. Chief Superintendent Roberts highlighted how important the consultation would be to determining the future operational model of PSNI's neighbourhood policing and encouraged as many Members as possible to participate.

14. Belfast City Council Antisocial Behaviour Report

- i. The Safer City Assistant Manager reminded Members that at the last PCSP Meeting, the Partnership agreed to start reviewing quarterly reports on Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) and local hotspots.
- ii. She advised Members that the report provides a summary of the District ASB updates from Belfast City Council.
- iii. The Safer City Assistant Manager advised Members that the narrative regarding North Belfast had been omitted and an updated report would to be circulated to Members.
- iv. Members noted the report and the content detailed.

15. 2017/2018 Belfast (D)PCSP Annual Reports

- i. Members were advised that draft copies of the 2017/2018 Belfast (D)PCSP Annual Reports had been provided to the Joint Committee with the caveat that approval was still pending from PCSP Members.
- ii. Members reviewed and approved the contents of the 5 Annual Reports.

16. 2017/2018 Belfast PCSP Monitoring Return

- i. Members were presented with a copy of the final 2017/2018 PCSP Action Plan monitoring return provided to the Joint Committee.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the report includes information provided by the delivery organisations as part of the monitoring and evaluation process.
- iii. A Member welcomed the report as it showed the impact projects made and thanked officers for the information provided.
- iv. A Member queried the performance information, which relate to the Royal York Historical Society. Chief Superintendent Roberts agreed to investigate why the PSNI were unable to attend the project in 2017 and 2018.
- v. Members noted the report.

17. Date of Next Meeting

- i. Members were reminded that the next meeting would be on Monday 10th September at 5.30pm in the Lavery Room, City Hall, followed by a Joint Briefing at 7.00pm, Banqueting Hall.

- ii. Members thanked Councillor Howard for chairing the Belfast PCSP for the last year and for her continued support.