

# Minutes of the Belfast Policing and Community Safety Partnership

## Private Meeting

Lavery Room, City Hall  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018

<b>Political Members</b>	<b>Independent Members</b>
Councillor Brian Heading (Chair) Councillor Claire Canavan Councillor Matt Garrett Councillor John Hussey Councillor JJ Magee	John MacVicar (Vice Chair) Mary Lambe John Loughran Michael O'Hara
<b>Designated Organisations</b>	
Harry Bradley, YJA Michael Hogg, EA Jennifer Hawthorne, NIHE	Superintendent Melanie Jones, PSNI Michael Roberts, NIFRS
<b>Staff Present</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
Lorna Somers, Safer City Assistant Manager Suzanne Gowling, Safer City Coordinator Katharine McCrum, Partnership Support Officer	Councillor Ryan Murphy Alderman Jim Rodgers Alderman Tommy Sandford Debbie Hammill Carmel McKinney Susan Russam Chris Fee, NIFRS Patricia Muldoon, YJA Roisin Muldoon, PBNI Chief Superintendent John Roberts, PSNI

### 1. Welcome and Apologies

- i. The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting and noted the apologies provided. Michael Hogg of the Education Authority was welcomed to his first meeting of the Partnership.

### 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 noted.

### 3. Belfast PCSP Minutes

- i. The minutes of the Belfast PCSP Private Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> August, copies of which has previously been circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.

### 4. Matters Arising

- i. The Chair provided an update on the actions from the previous meeting;

- An update on figures from NIFRS was included within their update at item 6.
- Superintendent Melanie Jones advised that there had been some confusion regarding an invite from the Royal York Historical Society however the PSNI had agreed to send a representative to a meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> September which has since been cancelled. She advised that an Officer would attend future meetings once scheduled.
- Members were reminded about the Joint Briefing at 7pm in Banqueting Hall.
- An update on ARCS applications would be given at item 13.
- An update on Small Grants would be given at item 11.
- An updated ASB Report for North Belfast was circulated to Members on 9th September.

ii. Members noted the updates provided.

## **5. Chairs Update**

- i. The Chair asked Members to note the dates of DPCSP Public Events which would be used to promote the NIPB/PSNI Public Consultation:
  - North Belfast DPCSP, Girdwood Community Hub, 20<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm
  - East Belfast DPCSP, Park Avenue Hotel, 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 7pm
  - South Belfast DPCSP, Malone House, 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 7pm
  - West Belfast DPCSP, Sally Gardens, 4<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm
- ii. Members were also reminded about the following PCSP Events:
  - Road Safe Road Show, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October, City Hall
  - Chair/Vice Chair Training: 18<sup>th</sup> October (Chairs from 3pm-6.30pm, Vice-Chairs from 5pm-8.30pm) Waterside Tower, Clarendon Dock
  - Christmas Safety Event: 4<sup>th</sup> December, City Hall

## **6. Update from Designated Members**

### PSNI

- i. Superintendent Melanie Jones provided Members with an update on a range of issues including drug deaths and seizures, paramilitary style assaults, an arson at Sinn Fein Offices, a firearm offence and sectarian incidents. She noted that the previous month had been busy with varied incidents including a significant deployment at the Primark building following the extensive fire.
- ii. In response to a query as to what drugs were involved in recent drug deaths, Superintendent Jones advised that toxicology tests took time however generally a mixture of prescription drugs, usually Lyrica, illegal drugs, often heroin, and alcohol were to blame.
- iii. It was suggested that the role of prescription drugs and alcohol should be publicised, not just the illegal drugs, as some people felt that they were not putting themselves in danger whilst using 'legal' drugs. The increase in drug seizures was welcomed.
- iv. A Member queried the role of the PSNI in searches relating to the arrest of journalists as their involvement could be seen to impact public confidence in policing.

- v. Superintendent Jones confirmed that the operation was not locally led but PSNI Officers were deployed to assist with searches. She added that to her knowledge, no Officers from Belfast were redirected from local duties to assist but agreed to explore the issues ahead of the next meeting.
- vi. A Member noted that the paramilitary attack listed as having taken place in West Belfast was actually in North Belfast. When asked what paramilitary groups were involved, Superintendent Jones advised that this was still under investigation.

Education Authority (EA)

- vii. Michael Hogg advised that 39 Belfast groups had received Summer Intervention Funding from the Executive Office via the Education Authority (EA). Members were also advised about the restructuring of Youth Services, new Area Plans and recruitment for Local Advisory Groups which would begin in September/October.
- viii. A Member questioned the criteria used to award the Summer Intervention Funding and what support could be given to groups who had missed out. He also asked if anti-social behaviour had increased in areas where funding had been lost.
- ix. Mr Hogg advised that the criteria used was set by the Executive Office but that the EA would aim to work with centres to support future applications. He advised that he did not have data regarding anti-social behaviour but that EA had subsidised groups who had not received funding.

NIFRS

- x. Michael Roberts informed Members that the number of major and secondary fires had increased over July and August, some of which could be attributed to the extreme weather, and as a result NIFRS had increased their education and schools programmes.
- xi. Mr Roberts advised Members that 257 personnel had been involved in tackling the blaze at the Primark building and while the operational side had ceased, NIFRS were still in talks with other partners about the future of the building and as part of the ongoing investigation.
- xii. Members were further advised that an older persons information day was to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> September in conjunction with the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust.

**7. 2018/2019 Belfast PCSP Action Plan Implementation**

- i. Members were presented with 3 project description documents for projects within the 2018/2019 Action Plan.

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Action Plan Theme</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Banjaxed! Project	Preventative Safeguarding	£15,000
Crisis Support Project	Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse	£5,000
Stewarding Project	Drugs and Alcohol	£7,500

- ii. Having reviewed the documentation, Members confirmed final approval for the delivery of the 3 projects outlined above.

### 8. 2018/2019 Belfast (D)PCSP Spend Approvals Update

- i. Members were provided with details of the projects approved by each of the (D)PCSPs and asked to provide retrospective approval of this funding which was approved through delegated authority by the Safer City Manager and Safer City Assistant Manager.

Date approved by North DPCSP	Project Name	Theme	Budget
28/03/2018	Small Grant - All Nations Ministeries	Confidence in Policing	£2,180
	Small Grant - Royal York Hist Society	Confidence in Policing	£4,995
23/05/2018	ASB Youth Engagement and Diversion	Anti-Social Behaviour	£35,000
	Alcohol and Drugs (Quotation)	Alcohol and Drugs	£9,000
21/6/2018	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
16/08/2018	Bodybuilders Youth Summer Project PC01	Confidence in Policing	£1,088
	Dean Clarke Summer Intervention PC02	Confidence in Policing	£1,000
	Greater Shankill ACT	Confidence in Policing	£1,500
	Public Meeting 20th Sept	Effectiveness	tbc
	Hate Crime (No Hate Here) (Quotation)	Feel Safe - Hate Crime	£10,403
	Domestic Violence	Sexual Violence and Dom Abuse	£6,000
<b>Approved</b>			<b>£84,466</b>
<b>Budget</b>			<b>£138,441</b>
<b>Remaining</b>			<b>£53,975</b>
<b>Current % approved</b>			<b>61%</b>

Date approved by South DPCSP	Project Name	Theme	Budget
20/03/2018	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 - Southcity Resource&Devel Centre	Confidence in Policing	£4,865
30/05/2018	WUA Capacity Support Project	Consult and Engage	£12,240
26/6/2018	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
26/06/2018	Police Led Projects	Confidence in Policing	£2,500
31/07/2018	Guardians Project	Feel Safe - At Home	£2,965
	Growing Older, Growing Safer (Lunch Clubs)	Feel Safe - At Home	£4,000
<b>Approved</b>			<b>£51,530</b>
<b>Budget</b>			<b>£99,419</b>
<b>Remaining</b>			<b>£47,889</b>
<b>Current % approved</b>			<b>52%</b>

Date approved by East DPCSP	Project Name	Theme	Budget
20/03/2018	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
	Race Relations Coordinator	Feel Safe - Hate Crime	£10,000
29/05/2018	Charter NI Cross Community Dialogue	Confidence in Policing	£1,332
	Youth Outreach and Diversionary Project	Anti-Social Behaviour	£20,000
28/6/2018	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
28/06/2018	Short Strand Summer Fun Project	Confidence in Policing	£2,000
<b>Approved</b>			<b>£68,142</b>
<b>Budget</b>			<b>£120,841</b>
<b>Remaining</b>			<b>£52,699</b>
<b>Current % approved</b>			<b>56%</b>

Date approved by West DPCSP	Project Name	Theme	Budget
21/03/2018	Falls CC - Community Safety Coordinator	Consult and Engage	£21,950
	Falls CC - Professional Witness	Consult and Engage	£15,000
30/4/2018	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
	Colin/Upper Falls Community Safety Coordination	Consult and Engage	£10,000
25/6/2018	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
25/6/2018	Blackmountain/Moyard Intervention AP01	Anti-Social Behaviour	£2,090
	Colin Youth Engagement Diversionary AP02	Anti-Social Behaviour	£800
	Falls Residents Bonfire Awareness AP03	Anti-Social Behaviour	£1,060
	USRC Whiterock Ballymurphy Springhill Diversionary	Anti-Social Behaviour	£2,500
	Willowbank Bonfire Diversionary AP05	Anti-Social Behaviour	£2,917.50
	Mount Eagles Lagmore Youth Mini Soccer Tournament	Anti-Social Behaviour	£855
28/8/2018	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	Confidence in Policing	£381.00
<b>Approved</b>			<b>£88,592</b>
<b>Budget</b>			<b>£129,892</b>
<b>Remaining</b>			<b>£41,300</b>
<b>Current % approved</b>			<b>68%</b>

- ii. Members noted and approved the (D)PCSP projects as outlined above.

#### **9. 2018/2019 Belfast (D)PCSP Action Plan/Budget Updates**

- i. The Safer City Assistant Manager advised Members that summary Action Plan Updates for each (D)PCSP had been provided in line with Members' request for a reduction in paperwork. She added that a more detailed Project Performance Update would be provided on a quarterly basis.
- ii. Members were informed that over 56% of the (D)PCSP budget had been either spent, committed or expenditure was planned, and if all tabled expenditure was approved during the meeting, this would rise to 61%.
- iii. Members noted the contents of the report.
- iv. A Member raised concerns that DPCSPs had agreed to allocate portions of their budget to Citywide projects on the understanding that additional funds could be drawn down from the PCSP at a later stage. It was noted that one quotation required an additional £19,000 in order for the project to be fully delivered. The Member asked for this concern to be noted and advised that the issue would be raised again during the financial review in October.
- v. The Safer City Assistant Manager added a point of clarity, noting that additional funds could be drawn down if underspends became apparent from the DPCSPs, however this was not anticipated at this stage but the situation would be clearer in October.

#### **10. 2018/2019 Belfast PCSP Action Plan, Quarter 1 Project Performance Update**

- i. Members were advised that the 2018/2019 Belfast PCSP Action Plan Project Performance Update for quarter 1 was provided within the papers, and that an update for quarter 2 would be provided at their meeting in November.
- ii. Members noted the contents of the report.

#### **11. PCSP Small Grants Tranche 2**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the Small Grants Members Panel had met on 4<sup>th</sup> September to review the 2 applications that had been received by the PCSP.
- ii. She advised that 1 had scored highly while the other failed to reach the minimum threshold, and that Members had approved the scores given by Officers to each application.
- iii. Members were further advised that the successful applicant, Spanner in the Works, would be delivering performances of "Cuss the World", a play which addresses the dangers of drugs, binge drinking, and anti-social behaviour, across the City.

- iv. Members noted the decision of the Small Grants Panel, and the reallocation of the remaining £5,000 within the Small Grants Budget to the Bonfire and Cultural Expression Programme.

## **12. Belfast (D)PCSP Equality Schemes**

- i. The Safer City Assistant Manager advised Members that this item would need to be deferred to a future meeting as the Equality Commission had contacted the PCSP office requesting changes to the Scheme following its inclusion in the papers for this evening's meeting.

## **13. 2018/2019 ARCS Funding Update**

- i. The Safer City Assistant Manager advised that the PCSP Office received a large number of calls regarding ARCS funding, with 10 groups submitting applications.
- ii. Members were further advised that these had been sent on to the Department of Justice for scoring after which a discussion would take place regarding staffing resources required for supervision of the successful applications.

## **14. Date of Next Meeting and Matters Arising**

### Threat to Independent Members

- i. The Safer City Assistant Manager advised Members that threats has been issued to a DPCSP Independent Member. She reminded Members that this had occurred in 2015 at which point the PCSP agreed to provide assistance with personal security following an assessment by a Crime Prevention Officer from the PSNI.
- ii. Members were advised that a report had been received and this would now be reviewed. Members noted the update provided.

### Small Grant Oversubscription

- iii. The Safer City Assistant Manager made Members aware that Tranche 2 of the DPCSP Small Grants was oversubscribed by approximately £30,000 however with no underspends currently being identified, it was not possible to reallocate funds to this budget line.
- iv. She also advised Members that a number of Small Grants had not been finalised from the 2017/2018 year and that it was harder to manage these as the Council's Central Grants Unit were in charge of many aspects of the administration. She added that the issue would be reviewed at the Financial Review Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> October.

### Date of Next Meeting

- v. Members were reminded that the next meeting would be on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 5.30pm in the Lavery Room, City Hall. The Safer City Assistant Manager asked Members to accept or decline calendar invites for (D)PCSP meetings, and not to forward or reply to all in order to avoid confusion.