

# North Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

## Private Meeting

Spectrum Centre, Conor Room  
Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2018

<b>Political Members</b>	<b>Independent Members</b>
Alderman Frank McCoubrey	Jennifer Cornell (Vice-Chair)
	Gerard O'Reilly
	Catherine Patrick
	Gerald Solinas
<b>Designated Organisations</b>	
Declan Davey, YJA	Gabi Mornhinweg, H&SCT
Liam Gunn, NIHE	Janet McClinton, PBNI
Chief Inspector Kelly Moore	Davy McComiskey, NIFRS
Inspector Laura Kelly, PSNI	Alan Wilson, EA
<b>Staff Present</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
Lorna Somers, Safer City Assistant Manager	Councillor Mary Ellen Campbell
Alan Wardle, Safer City Coordinator	Councillor Mary Clarke
Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer	Michael Murray
	Councillor Paul McCusker

### 1. Welcome and Routine Matters

- i. The Vice Chair, Jennifer Cornell welcomed Members to the North Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting 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. No declarations of interest were made.

### 3. Minutes/Matters Arising

- i. The Vice Chair requested that names of statutory representatives to be included in the Minutes to ensure consistency.
- ii. She also requested for details to be included in the previous Minutes as to why a request had been made for an increase to the budget associated with the Public Event.
- iii. Minutes of the North Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting, which was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018, copies of which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.

### 4. Chairs Update from PCSP

- i. The Chair was unable to attend the North Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> June, and for that reason no update was provided.

## **5. Local Designated Consultation Structures**

### NIHE

- i. Liam Gunn, NIHE provided the Partnership with an update concerning NIHE.
- ii. He advised Members that ongoing work had been continuing in relation to bonfires and anti-social behaviour.

### EA

- i. Alan Wilson, EA advised the Partnership that he would no longer be attending DPCSP Meetings.
- ii. He advised Members that Micheal Hogg would attend future North Belfast DPCSP Meetings.

### NIFRS

- i. Dave McComiskey, Station Commander advised Members that the NIFRS are continuing with community engagement regarding forthcoming bonfires.

### PBNI

- i. Janet McClinton, PBNI advised Members that PBNI premises located on the Antrim Road are currently for sale.

### H&SCT

- i. Gabi Mornhinweg, H&SCT to forward details of GP Practice Managers to the Vice Chair.

### YJA

- i. Declan Davy, YJA advised Members on the number of young people involved in making up the Beat the Burglar packs. He commented that over 160 hours of community service had been completed, on the task, to date.

### PSNI

- i. Chief Inspector Kelly Moore advised Members of ongoing community engagements regarding bonfires, parades and Belsonic.

### DPCSP Members

- i. Alderman Frank McCoubrey highlighted his concern regarding the increase of fly tipping of tyres throughout North Belfast, in particular isolated areas. He further commented that the Northern Ireland Environment Agency and Belfast City Council had assisted in the removal of the tyres.

## **6. Belfast City Council Anti-Social Behaviour Reports**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with a North Belfast update on Belfast City Council ASB Issues and local district hotspots.
- ii. The Vice Chair, Jennifer Cornell highlighted the park management group associated with Marrowbone Park. She asked if this could be replicated throughout other parks in North Belfast.
- iii. Gerald Solinas advised Members that he recently had passed Woodvale Park and no engagement between young people/adults had been evident. He further commented that the area was not as bad as it used to be.
- iv. Inspector Laura Kelly advised Members that the PSNI had allocated additional resources to both Marrowbone and Woodvale Parks. However, she advised Members that further engagement and communication would be required with the local community and community representatives.
- v. She further advised Members that the PSNI attend local meetings and issues regarding ASB/Parks within the areas discussed. She suggested if Members had any issues they wished to be addressed at these meetings, to forward any questions on for inclusion at the next ASB/Parks meeting.
- vi. Following a discussion, Members noted the paper and the details provided.

## **7. Report and Project brief for PACT**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with further details in relation to the support for Partners and Community Together (PACT) meetings.
- ii. He advised Members that PACTs in North Belfast would like to re-engage with North Belfast DPCSP and outlined the aims of PACT.
- iii. He further advised Members that the North ASB Officer would administer each of the PACT's and the purpose of the project is to support the meetings of Lower Shankill and Tiger's Bay Partners and Community Together, or PACT meetings within this project year 2018-19.
- iv. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that each PACT would require financial support totalling £600.00 approximately as detailed below:

Meetings x10 and catering for each pack -	£600.00 x2
DPCSP Branded pop-up Banners	- <u>£200.00</u>

Overall project budget will be: £1,400

- v. Following a discussion, Members agreed to allocate the funding requested as detailed.

## **8. Unsolicited Proposals Received by North DPCSP**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with a report providing a recommendation to the Members if unsolicited proposals for funding are received.

- ii. He outlined the processes that is undertaken when an unsolicited proposal is received.
- iii. He advised Members that at the Belfast PCSP Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> June, Members agreed not to receive unsolicited proposals. However, he reiterated that is up to North Belfast DPCSP as to whether they accept or do not accept unsolicited proposals.
- iv. He further advised Members that since the last DPCSP Meeting 10 unsolicited proposals had been submitted to North Belfast DPCSP for potential funding.
- v. He commented that, due to no approvals being in place for unsolicited proposals, the process of due diligence/governance had not begun. He further commented that the time spent to date on putting some structure around the unsolicited proposals had put excess pressure on the North staff Officers. He further reminded Members that the recognised process time for normal applications can be 6-8 weeks.
- vi. He further highlighted that due to the number of proposals received, the Safer City Coordinator has had to postpone the development of the four strategic quotations previously approved by Members exclusively due to the time required to process the unsolicited proposals.
- vii. The Safer City Assistant Manager highlighted to Members that unsolicited proposals had indeed been previously accepted by Members, but highlighted that a number of unsolicited proposals from the previous financial year had yet to be closed down due to a lack of monitoring returns.
- viii. She commented that if the Partnership agreed to accept the proposed unsolicited applications that all proposals would still be subject to due diligence and governance checks. She also highlighted the timescales associated with the proposals.
- ix. The Safer City Assistant Manager also made Members aware of the total amount of funding being requested through the unsolicited proposals. She further advised Members that the North Belfast DPCSP funding for 2018/19 had been fully allocated, which was detailed in the previously agreed Action Plan.
- x. She further commented that if the Partnership decided to support unsolicited applications, it would go against budget headings and would interrupt projects already agreed to be delivered by North Belfast DPCSP
- xi. Gerald Solinas commented that if the Partnership did agree to support the unsolicited proposals, that the timescales detailed would not allow for the delivery of the projects anyway, bearing in mind that a number of the proposals had start dates of only 2 weeks away.
- xii. Alderman McCoubrey advised the Partnership that he did not support unsolicited proposals.
- xiii. A Member highlighted his concern that a precedent could be set with regards unsolicited proposals.
- xiv. The Safer City Assistant Manager advised Members that a good precedent would be set as the DPCSP would be ensuring a good due diligence process is applied. She also highlighted that groups may be eligible to apply to the Small Grants Programme for funding as required.

- xv. Following a discussion, Members agreed not to accept the already received unsolicited proposals and to not accept any further unsolicited proposals as this would have a negative impact on the delivery of the agreed action plan.

#### **9. Agreed North Belfast 2018/19 Action Plan**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an over view of the North Belfast DPCSP Action Plan. He advised Members that the Action Plan was for notation.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator also circulated copies of Belfast PCSP Action Plan 2018/19 for notation.
- iii. Members noted both reports and the content detailed.

#### **10. (D)PCSP Approved Projects and Associated Budget**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator updated Members on Citywide projects, which had been approved for implementation by the PCSP at its Meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> June.
- ii. He advised Members to note confirmation of final approval by the PCSP for the following citywide projects from the North Belfast DPCSP budget:
  - Home Security Service - £10,000
  - Christmas Safety Event - £1,700
  - Road Safe Roadshow - £2,000
- iii. Members noted the report and the content detailed.

#### **11. Antisocial Behaviour Legislation Consultation Response**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members of the Belfast PCSP's response to the ASB Legislation Consultation which was approved by the PCSP at its Private Meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> June.
- ii. Members noted the report and the content detailed.

#### **12. Draft 2017/18 Annual Report**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with a draft North Belfast 2017/18 Annual Report.
- ii. He asked Members to:
  - note the information provided regarding the North Belfast DPCSP Annual Report, prepared by the previous Safer City Coordinator for the period 1st April 2017 – 31st March 2018;
  - agree for the Annual Reports to be circulated to Council and the Joint Committee; and,
  - agree to the publication of the North DPCSP Annual Reports on the Council website
- iii. Members approved the report and the content detailed.

### **13. Emerging Issues**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator reminded Members that current limit for Policing Committee Grants had been capped at £1,000.
- ii. He advised Members that a few Policing Committee applications had been received for appropriate projects but that the requested funding was slightly over the threshold.
- iii. He requested for Members to increase the Policing Committee funding limit to £1,500.
- iv. Following a discussion, Members agreed to increase the funding limit per application to £1,500.

### **14. Date of Next Meeting**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the next North DPCSP Meeting will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2018, AD1H, 9 Adelaide.