

West Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Private Meeting

Lavery Room, City Hall
Monday, 25th June 2018

Political Members	Independent Members
Alderman Brian Kingston(Chair)	Breige Brownlee
Councillor Matt Garrett	Liz Groves
Councillor Brian Heading	
Councillor Stephen Magennis	
Statutory Designated Organisations	
Harry Bradley, YJA	Chief Inspector Kellie McMillan, PSNI
Davy Harbinson, NIFRS	Inspector Clare McClelland, PSNI
Local Designates	
Michael George, CNP	Paula Kerr, Upper Falls
Aisling Heath, Falls Council	
Staff Present	
Alan Wardle, Safer City Co-Ordinator	Paddy Kelly, NIHE
Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer	Eoin McShane

1. Welcome and Routine Matters

- i. The Chair welcomed Members to the Private Meeting of West Belfast DPCSP and noted the apologies provided.

2. Declarations of Interest

- 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. Councillor Matt Garrett and Councillor Stephen Magennis declared an interest in relation to the Safer Neighbourhood Project.
- iii. Aisling Heath (Community Designate), Falls Community Council declared an interest in Falls Resident Association.
- iv. Members were informed that they would be required to leave the Meeting when conflicting items are being discussed regarding the Safer Neighbourhood Project and Falls Resident Association.

3. Minutes & Matters Arising

- i. The Minutes of the West Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting held on 29th May, copies of which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the organisational chart outlining structural changes within the Community Safety Unit, would be circulated to Members in due course.

- iii. Members highlighted their concern regarding attendance of a representative from the Education Authority at West Belfast DPCSP Meetings.
- iv. Members requested the Education Authority to be contacted to confirm who will be attending future West Belfast DPCSP Meeting.

4. Chairs Update from PCSP

- i. The Chair advised the Partnership that at the Belfast PCSP Meeting, 11 June 2018, Members agreed not to support any unsolicited applications received as well as any future unsolicited applications.
- ii. He commented that the Belfast PCSP Members agreed that, to find and process funding to support unsolicited applications would be against current governance and due diligence processes. He further commented that if West Belfast DPCSP supported unsolicited applications, other projects already agreed by West Belfast PCSP would be delayed or interrupted.

5. Updates from Statutory Partners

Youth Justice Agency

- i. Harry Bradley provided Members with an update regarding the Programme for Schools.

NIFRS

- i. Davy Harbinson, Station Commander provided Members with an update regarding NIFRS Services.
- ii. He advised Members that there had been 59 major fires, 173 secondary fires and 5 attacks on the NIFRS.
- iii. A Member asked if the NIFRS had any prevention measures in place regarding bonfires.
- iv. The Station Commander advised Members that the NIFRS had been involved in a high level of community engagement. He further advised Members that the NIFRS would not be conducting risk assessments of bonfires.
- v. Elected Members offered their mobile numbers to NIFRS if required.

PSNI

- i. Chief Inspector Kellie McMillan advised Members that there had been a total of 1,444 crimes reported across West Belfast.
- ii. She further advised Members that there had been 918 ASB and 62 burglaries reports recorded.
- iii. Chief Inspector McMillan provided Members with an update on the PSNI's role concerning the recent West Belfast Drugs Panel Report.

- iv. A Member asked the PSNI to provide a contact for unwanted bonfires. Chief Inspector McMillan confirmed that Inspector Alan Swann was the PSNI Officer responsible for unwanted bonfires.
- v. A Member asked for an update regarding Council's operations regarding unwanted bonfires as well as Council Officers details.
- vi. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members that he would confirm this with Council and forward details on to Members in due course.
- vii. A Member highlighted her concern regarding recent reports on social media regarding young people being approached by vehicles. She asked how does the PSNI quantify the information received and also make sure the right information is disseminated.
- viii. Chief Inspector McMillan advised Members of the procedures undertaken by the PSNI when a report of a young person being approached is received. She commented that the PSNI would conduct a full investigation and in doing so ensure all safeguarding measures are fully implemented.
- ix. Chief Inspector McMillan informed Members that additional PSNI resources (2 crews) had been secured for every Friday and Saturday up to the end of July to address ongoing ASB issues across West Belfast.

6. BCC ASB Report

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with a West Belfast update on Belfast City Council ASB issues and local district hotspots.
- ii. Chief Inspector McMillan advised Members that a weekly tasking process to review ASB incidents is held between the PSNI and Belfast City Council.
- iii. She informed Members of the local hotspots for ASB the weekly review discusses within West Belfast.
- iv. A Member highlighted his concern regarding Fullerton Park and bins being burnt. The Safer City Coordinator commented that he would review the situation with the Member and inform BCC operations.

7. Unsolicited Proposals

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with a report providing a recommendation to West Belfast DPCSP's response if unsolicited proposal for funding are received.
- ii. He outlined the extensive processes undertaken when an unsolicited proposal is received.
- iii. He advised Members that at the Belfast PCSP Meeting held on 11th June, Members agreed not to receive unsolicited proposals.
- iv. He reminded following Members that at their last Private Meeting, it was agreed to establish a review panel to assess any unsolicited proposals received.
- v. He informed Members that the panel met on the 14th June to review proposals and made the following recommendations:

- a) Of the five proposals received, two projects, Mount Eagles Diversionary and Colin Safer Neighbourhoods, are to be progressed.
 - b) Of the other three proposals received, Upper Springfield Resource Centre, Black Mountain Shared Space and Willowbank, the panel requested that efficiency savings should be sought in order to potentially support a project in Lower Falls, which did not have the capacity to return a proposal by the deadline, but subsequently have submitted the required documentation.
 - c) Officers should progress due diligence for proposals, and where a proposal reaches satisfactory compliance, issue funding under the existing delegated authority process, previously approved by Members.
- vi. The Safer City Coordinator asked Members to consider the following options:
- Members do not consider unsolicited proposals, rather that groups are advised of the next round of small grants;
 - Members consider the recommendations of the review panel as set out in Item 2 (2.11) and provide approval to allow projects, who complete satisfactory governance and due diligence, to progress to delivery stage;
 - Members to approve funding for Falls Residents; and,
 - Members to confirm no further unsolicited applications to be accepted by West Belfast DPCSP.
- vii. Members suggested for efficiency savings to be identified to support the Lower Falls Residents project and further agreed to not accept any further unsolicited applications.
- viii. The Safer City Coordinator requested Members to approve delegated authority to allow for an additional £250.00 to be reprofiled into the ASB budget line as discussed to allow all projects identified to proceed.
- ix. Following an in depth discussion, Members agreed to:
- accept the recommendations of the review panel and support the projects detailed;
 - to fund the Lower Falls Residents Association project;
 - to not accept any further unsolicited applications; and,
 - approve delegated authority to the Safer City Coordinator to reprofile £250.00 as requested.

8. 2018 2019 Action Plan Implementation

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the West 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.

9. 2017/2018 Annual Report

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provide Members with a draft West Belfast 2017/18 Annual Report.
- ii. He asked Members to:

- note the information provided regarding the West Belfast DPCSP Annual Report 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 recommendations detailed above.

10. 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 11th June.
- ii. Members noted the report and the content detailed.

11. Emerging Issues

- i. Paula Kerr requested for West Belfast DPCSP Meetings to be held during the day and also for consideration to be given to the Meetings being held within in the community.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator agreed to explore the proposal further.

12. Date of Next meeting

- i. The next meeting of the West DPCSP will be on the Tuesday 28th August 2018 at 5.30pm in the Lavery Room, City Hall.
- ii. The Chair advised Members that a new Chair would be appointed to West Belfast DPCSP in August before the meeting on the 28th so this would therefore be his last Meeting as Chair.
- iii. Members thanked Alderman Kingston for Chairing the Partnership over his tenure and further praised his commitment to the West Belfast DPCSP.