

Minutes of the East Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Private Meeting

East Belfast Network Centre, Templemore Avenue, Belfast
Monday, 26th November, 2018

Political Members	Independent Members
Alderman Tommy Sandford (Chair) Councillor Sonia Copeland Councillor Aileen Graham	Lisa McMaster (Vice-Chair) Jonny Currie David Geddis
Designated Organisations	
Gary Ballantyne, NIHE Jane Lappin, PBNI Dermot Magorrian, YJA	Gabi Mornhinweg, H&SCT Chief Inspector David Moore, PSNI Alan Wilson, EA
Staff Present	Apologies
Glenn Thomas, Safer City Coordinator Katharine McCrum, Partnership Support Officer	Councillor Carole Howard Michelle Bryans John O'Hara, NIFRS

1. Welcome and Routine Matters

- i. The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting and noted the apologies provided. He advised the DPCSP that Jane Lappin, PBNI, would be retiring and as such this would be her last meeting. He extended his thanks to Jane for her dedication to the Partnership and wished her well in her future endeavours.

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 noted.

3. Approval of Minutes

- i. Alan Wilson, EA, asked for amendments to be made in relation to his update, noting that Cregagh Youth Club had been decanted and that the Doyle was planned.
- ii. Notwithstanding this amendment, the minutes of the East Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting held on 30th October, copies of which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.
Proposed: D. Geddis
Seconded: J. Currie

4. Matters Arising

- i. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5. Chairs Update on PCSP

- i. The Chair provided Members with an update from the last PCSP Meeting noting the following:
 - A Special Meeting of the PCSP was convened on 22nd November to discuss the delegated authority surrounding a fireworks project. The PCSP will be reviewing whether the Partnerships should fund fireworks and inflatables going forward at their meeting in January.
 - A list of approved projects and additional allocation of funds to PCSP projects.
 - 2019/20 Action Plans are due to be submitted to the Joint Committee by 8th February.
 - Thematic Working Groups to develop the Action Plans will be held in January.
 - Members were reminded of the Sentencing Review Joint Briefing on 28th November.
- ii. Members noted the updated provided.

6. Updates from Statutory Partners

Youth Justice Agency

- i. Dermot Magorrian advised Members that he had attended a successful event at EBCDA involving the Attorney General which he found to be very useful

Housing Executive

- ii. Gary Ballantyne informed the Members about the process of regaining a flat in Clarawood House, and the ongoing consultations around the Tower Block Strategy.
- iii. He also advised of conversations surrounding vandalism at the site of new builds in the Lisnasharagh area operated by Clanmill Housing.
- iv. Members discussed the vandalism which appears to be fuelled by the assertion, whether true or not, that local people have not been allocated housing in the development. The role of social media in spreading such messages was discussed.

EA

- v. Alan Wilson advised Members that 150 applications had been submitted for an additional funding call and that he hoped East Belfast would be receiving a share of this.
- vi. Members were also made aware of tasking meetings between the Education Authority, Belfast City Council, PSNI and other partners to discuss transient young people, share contacts and make quick referrals.

7. Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Update Report

- i. Members were presented with a report relating to Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) as reported to Belfast City Council, including hotspots within East Belfast. The Safer City Coordinator noted key points and action taken to date at Avoniel Park, Orangefield Park/Dixon Playing Fields, C.S. Lewis Square, Altcar Court Short Strand. He also noted emerging issues at Avoniel Road and Short Strand.
- ii. Members were also provided with a breakdown of service requests by type of ASB and lifts of drug paraphernalia at Ravenhill Rest Gardens and Middlepath Street.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator advised that the East Belfast ASB Forum was currently discussing the behaviour of 1 individual.
- iv. Alan Wilson, EA, questioned whether the PSNI were receiving reports of ASB in the Loopland area as they would be sending a detached team to the area over the weekend to speak with young people.
- v. Chief Inspector David Moore advised that he was aware of low level issues with young people gathering however if it were being raised as an issue, it would be looked at by Neighbourhood Inspectors.
- vi. The Safer City Coordinator asked the Education Authority to link in with EBCDA and the ASB Project as well as Belfast City Council for planning purposes.
- vii. It was noted that residents often feared large groups however there was often no criminality taking place. The need to lock up play parks was discussed.
- viii. A Member thanked the PSNI for their work in dismantling a cannabis factory in Canada Street.
- ix. Members noted the contents of the report.

8. East Belfast DPCSP Action Plan/Budget Update

- i. Members were presented with an Action Plan Progress Report detailing each of the projects within the Plan. The Safer City Coordinator advised that the report was colour coded to demonstrate which projects were complete, ongoing, approved, or not yet started. He noted that the majority of projects were coloured yellow indicating that work was underway. He added that delivery of the Plan was at a very developed stage in comparison to previous years.
- ii. Members noted the contents of the report.

9. Small Grants Update

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that Small Grants Projects for Tranche 1 were complete with evaluations due. He also advised that the application process for 2019/2020 Tranche 1 Small Grants was now open and would close in January.
- ii. Members noted the contents of the report.

10. Beat the Burglar Process Update

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised that the previous update was lacking some detail regarding the changes made to the process by which Beat the Burglary Kits are supplied to members of the public.
- ii. He explained the requirement for recipients to complete a legal indemnity form, the preferred method of delivery through community based partnership events, and the requirements of GDPR which have changed how personal information is stored. He also advised that on the rare occasion that an individual resident cannot legitimately attend an event, an ASB or Crime Prevention officer can be tasked to deliver a kit and advise on its use.
- iii. Members were also advised that events were being scheduled in areas based on burglary statistics in rank order of the number of incidents. He noted that Short Strand did not appear on the list however it was recognised that there was under reporting in the area and so an event would be scheduled there once the priority list of events had been completed.
- iv. Members noted the update provided.
Proposed: L. McMaster
Seconded: D. Geddis
- v. A Member advised that he had recently been to one of the events which was well attended and packs were much appreciated by the public. He asked for thanks to be passed on to the ASB Officer for East Belfast, Andy Claydon.

11. Policing Committee District Policing Plan Report April – September 2018

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised that the Northern Ireland Policing Board required Members to consider the following questions in relation to each measure of the Belfast DCU Policing Plan 6 monthly Report, April-September 2018;
 - What views have the Policing Committee recorded on how well this work was undertaken by PSNI?
 - What difference has this work made within your policing district?
- ii. Members advised that they were broadly happy with the report and delivery and so agreed that the Safer City Coordinator would complete the return in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair.

12. Emerging Issues

- i. Chief Inspector David Moore advised that the PSNI were now active members on the Next Door Site/App, posting advice and issuing a neighbourhood consultation. He advised that information gathered from this consultation would be shared with partners. He also welcomed the genuine community interaction that the site offered.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator advised that the Belfast PCSP would soon be developing its own site to promote community safety related messages from partners.

13. Date of Next Meeting

- i. Members were reminded about the following key dates:
 - PCSP Christmas Crime Prevention and Safety Event, 4th December, 10am-1pm
 - PCSP Showcase event, 11th December, 12noon-2pm
 - OBA Effectiveness Training, 12th December, 9.30am-4.30pm
 - (D)PCSP Sentencing Review Joint Briefing, 28th November, 7pm
- ii. Members agreed that no meeting would be scheduled during December and noted that the January meeting date would be used to hold Planning Workshops. It was agreed that a meeting date would be arranged if there were any emerging or urgent issues to discuss.