

# West Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

## Private Meeting

Conor Room, City Hall  
Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Political Members	Independent Members
Councillor Claire Canavan (Chair) Councillor Matt Garrett Councillor Brian Kingston	
Statutory Designated Organisations	
Harry Bradley, YJA Mark Cushnahan, NIFRS Nicola Coogan (PBNI) Paddy Kelly (NIHE)	Inspector Clare McClelland Chief Inspector Kellie McMillan, PSNI Pauline Smart, EA
Local Designates	
Michael George, CNP Aisling Heath, Falls Council	
Staff Present	Apologies
Alan Wardle, Safer City Co-Ordinator Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer	Breige Brownlee (Vice-Chair) Cllr Brian Heading Liz Groves

### 1. Welcome and Routine Matters

- i. The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting 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. No declarations of interest were recorded.

### 3. Minutes & Matters Arising

- i. The Minutes of the West Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, copies of which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that all actions identified at the last West Belfast DPCSP Meeting had been completed.

### 4. Chairs Update from PCSP

- i. The Chair was unable to attend the Belfast PCSP Meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November, and therefore no update was provided.

## **5. Updates from Statutory Partners**

### NIHE

- i. Paddy Kelly, NIHE provided Members with an update regarding recent housing incidents in West Belfast.
- ii. He advised Members of a particular incident whereby a car had been pushed up against a house and set on fire.
- iii. He highlighted his concern regarding how small level neighbour disputes led to people leaving their homes and subsequently families becoming homeless.
- iv. He further highlighted the need for early intervention to be undertaken by statutory partners to try to avoid issues escalating.
- v. He requested for better coordination among statutory partners and for a meeting to be held to review recent incidents to identify what happened, what went wrong and lessons to be learned.
- vi. A Member suggested for a possible campaign to be undertaken to highlight the dangers of poor neighbourliness.
- vii. Following a discussion, Members agreed for the Safer City Coordinator to meet with the NIHE to review recent incidents and for a report to be provided at the next DPCSP Meeting.
- viii. A Member advised the Partnership that a request had been made by a Councillor (to be brought to the next Belfast City Council - Council Meeting) for an extension to be made to the opening hours of local Parks. He asked the opinions of the statutory agencies on this.
- ix. Following a discussion, Members welcomed an extension to the opening hours of Parks. Members felt that additional hours could possibly deter young people from gathering in local parks.

### Education Authority

- x. Pauline Smart, EA, advised Members that a funding process via the Education Authority had recently closed. She further advised that a number of applications had been received from groups/organisations throughout West Belfast for the delivery of detached work. Members were advised that an update on the application process would be provided in due course.
- xi. She also informed Members that since the introduction of the Glider service, an increase in the number of young people gathering throughout the City had been noted. She advised that a meeting had been scheduled with the detached worked to review this situation.
- xii. Aisling Heath, Falls Council highlighted her concern regarding recent incidents where young people had been gathering in Dunville Park. She advised that local police had assisted with the removal of the young people from the Park. She further advised that recent weekends had been less problematic with youths gathering in the Dunville Park. However, due no lights operating in the Dunville Park, young people have now moved to gathering in Bog Meadows. In order to address the issue of young people gathering, she requested a more coordinated approach to be adapted.

- xiii. The Chair had asked for an update regarding the arrest of a person with a weapon at the weekend.
- xiv. Chief Inspector Kellie McMillen was unable to provide an update at the Meeting but advised she would forward information on to the Chair when it is received.

#### Youth Justice

- xv. Harry Bradley, YJA provided Members with an update on the delivery of the Banjaxed performances.
- xvi. He also advised Members that the YJA had delivered a number of educational workshops to local schools throughout West Belfast.
- xvii. He also informed Members of a workshop that parents of young people known to the YJA recently attended. He advised Patricia Downey, Spanner in the Works, chaired the workshop. Members were advised that the workshop had been positively received.
- xviii. Members were also provided with an update on the Community Resolution Notices.

#### NIFRS

- xix. Mark Cushnahan, NIFRS provided Members with an update on key statistics for the last reporting period.
- xx. He advised Members that there had been 61 major fires this month.
- xxi. He also advised that there had been five attacks on the NIFRS during October.

#### PSNI

- xxii. Chief Inspector McMillan advised Members of the ongoing work with key partners in relation to antisocial behaviour.
- xxiii. She informed Members that a meeting had been scheduled for Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2.00pm in Musgrave Police Station to discuss ASB. She advised representatives from Belfast City Council, PSNI, Education Authority, NIFRS and Translink would be in attendance. She welcomed other Members of the Partnership to attend this meeting.
- xxiv. Chief Inspector McMillen informed Members that a series of briefing had been scheduled to take place in Woodburn Police Station. She advised that the purpose of the briefings was to encourage frontline officers to signpost to CRJ.
- xxv. She also provided an update on the Youth Voluntary Academy.
- xxvi. The Chair congratulated Chief Inspector McMillen on her new appointment and thanked her for her commitment to West Belfast DPCSP.

### **6. 2018/2019 Belfast PCSP District Spend Approval as of 5<sup>th</sup> November**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update in relation to Belfast PCSP District Spend Approval as of 5<sup>th</sup> November.
- ii. Members noted the content of the report provided.

## **7. 2018/2019 West Belfast District Action Plan Update**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update on delivery of the 2018/2019 West Belfast DPCSP Action Plan.
- ii. He therefore advised Members that as of 5<sup>th</sup> November, the budget for the West Belfast DPCSP is detailed as follows:

<b>(D)PCSP</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Spent</b>	<b>Committed</b>	<b>Planned</b>	<b>Remaining</b>	<b>% Spent/ Committed/ Planned</b>
West	£129,892	£149,424			£12,660	92%
Additional	£30,192					
<b>Totals</b>	£160,084	£149,424			£12,660	92%

- iii. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members, that all budget lines in red are Citywide projects yet to commence/committed.
- iv. He advised Members that projects funded under ASB had not submitted their monitoring forms, and therefore these projects cannot be closed down and final funding released. He further advised Members that all projects had been advised that Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November was the deadline for all monitoring forms to be completed and returned. He requested if any Members had links with the projects, if they could request all monitoring forms to be returned ASAP.
- v. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that a discussion would be required regarding supporting similar projects to those currently funded under the West Belfast DPCSP Priority – Consult and Engage next year. He advised Members that if the Partnership supported long-term projects next year, other areas might be affected.
- vi. He suggested for Members to participate in a subgroup which would allow for discussions to take place regarding the possibility of long term projects next year and the impact these project may have on other areas.
- vii. A Member highlighted his concern regarding the suggestion of how support given to long term projects would have an impact on other projects. He advised that he would participate on a subgroup that would look strategically on how all projects could be supported, but not how to eliminate projects in order to allow for the delivery of other projects.
- viii. Following a discussion, Members agreed for the Safer City Coordinator to email Members regarding the establishment of a subgroup.

## **8. (D)PCSP Showcase Event Proposal**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with details in relation to a proposed stakeholder best practice showcase event.
- ii. He advised Members that the purpose of the event would be to reassure Members that we are doing everything we can to support local community groups in their pursuit of funding from Belfast PCSPs.
- iii. He further commented that the event would also be an opportunity to build the capacity of local community groups by explaining what evidence of need is and how to get it, what information

we will ask them to give us during the life of the project and what evaluation returns look like and how to claim full funding.

- iv. The Safer City Coordinator commented that the timing of the event would be crucial as PCSP Small Grants close at 12 noon on Friday 11 January 2019. He therefore advised Members that the proposed date for the event would be the Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 12.00 – 2.00pm, Reception Hall, City Hall.
- v. A Member requested an invitation to be sent to the Suffolk Community Forum to attend the event.
- vi. Members noted the content of the report.

## **9. West Belfast Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Report**

- i. Members were advised that the West Belfast Antisocial Behaviour Report would be circulated in due course.

## **10. Emerging Issues**

- i. A Member advised the Partnership of the opening of a new town centre (Urban Village) and how this may become a place for young people to gather. He commented that the PSNI have been made aware of this new hot spot.
- ii. He also informed Members of young people gathering at the local shops in the Laurelbank area. He highlighted the issue of displacement and the need to look at this issue.
- iii. Chief Inspector Kellie Moore invited Michael George to attend the ASB scheduled for Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2.00pm in Musgrave Police Station.
- iv. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members of a protest scheduled to take place at Lenadoon shops.
- v. A Member requested for the PSNI to monitor the ongoing issues in the Millpond area.

## **11. Date of Next Meeting**

- i. Members were advised that the next meeting of the West DPCSP would be confirmed in due course.