

# Minutes of the East Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

## Private Meeting

East Belfast Network Centre, Templemore Avenue, Belfast  
Tuesday, 19th February, 2019

Political Members	Independent Members
Councillor Aileen Graham	Lisa McMaster (Vice-Chair) Michele Bryans Jonny Currie David Geddis
Designated Organisations	
Gary Ballantyne, NIHE Naomi Jackson, PBNI	Act. Chief Inspector Keith Hutchinson, PSNI Alan Wilson, EA
Staff Present	Apologies
Glenn Thomas, Safer City Coordinator Denise Smith, Safer City Assistant Manager Andy Claydon, Anti Social Behaviour Officer	Alderman Tommy Sandford Dermot Magorrian, YJA

### 1. Welcome and Routine Matters

- i. The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting and noted the apology 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 noted.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

- i. The minutes of the East Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> November, copies of which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.  
Proposed: Johnny Currie  
Seconded: Michele Bryans

### 4. Matters Arising

- i. The Vice Chair read out a letter from Nigel Grimshaw, Director of City and Neighbourhood services, addressing the 2019/2020 PCSP Action Plan.

### 5. Chairs Update on PCSP

- i. There was no Chairs Update delivered

## 6. Updates from Statutory Partners

### Housing Executive

- i. Gary Ballantyne informed the Members about a knife attack in Clarawood.

### PBNI

- i. The Safer City Coordinator introduced Naomi Jackson as the new representative from PBNI.

## 7. 2019/2020 Belfast PCSP Action Plan

- i. The Safer City Coordinator introduced the 2019/20 Belfast PCSP Action Plan and requested that Members offer their comments on the respective projects.

ii.

### **a) Meetings**

A Member suggested that there should be more meetings

### **Partnership Commentary**

No Comment

### **b) Strategic Assessment and Action Plan 2020**

No Comment

### **Cyber Safety Project 2020**

No Comment

### **Home Security Service 2021**

No Comment

### **RADAR Project 2020**

The Safer City Coordinator informed the partnership that funding had been secured until December

### **Consent Project 2020**

No Comment

### **Crisis Support Project 2020**

A Member suggested that there should also be support available for men.

### **Stewarding Project 2020**

No Comment

### **Sharps Removal Contract 2022**

No Comment

### **DPCSP Commentary:**

The Partnership were content with the project narratives as read

**c) Policing Committee Grants**

The Safer City Assistant Manager suggested that Policing Committee grants were more appropriate to achieve the control and local input.

**Community Safety Small Grants**

A Member suggested efforts to broaden the variety of groups submitting applications

**DPCSP Commentary:**

The Partnership agreed that it would like to see a wider variety of groups applying for these grants.

**d) Preventative Safeguarding**

No Comment

**Neighbourhood Watch**

No Comment

**Drug and Alcohol Support Services**

No Comment

**Improving Policing and Community Safety in the City Centre**

No Comment

**Dual Diagnosis/SISS**

No Comment

**Christmas Safety Event**

A Member suggested similar, smaller events for areas of Outer East

**DPCSP Commentary:**

The Partnership stated that the Projects were supported broadly but that it was keen to see the footprint of such projects being felt in the districts.

**e) DSVA Awareness Raising and Training**

No Comment

**Post Primary School Project**

A Member suggested that the links to Youth providers would be beneficial.

**Feel Safer Project**

A Member stated that he felt a lack of support for people in trouble.

A Member also mentioned the Family Support Hubs which provides a holistic approach to support.

**Conversation Piece**

Members felt that an area based approach would be more effective and could relieve the burden on the PSNI

**Hate Crime Projects**

The partnership were informed that the review had not yet happened

**ASB Project**

A Member suggested that an area based approach would be beneficial to capture local talents.

**DPCSP Commentary:**

The Partnership were broadly in agreement however were keen to support successful area based approaches.

- iii. A Member suggested that the PCSP take the opportunity to analyse the difference being made rather than concentrating on the finances.
- iv. The report was Proposed by Cllr Graham and seconded by Davy Geddis

**8. Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Update Report**

- i. Members were presented with a report relating to Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and hotspots within East Belfast. The Safer City Coordinator noted key points and action taken to date at Grampian Avenue Playpark, Orangefield Park/Dixon Playing Fields, Avoniel Playpark and updated Members on the situation in Middlepath Street and Bridge End, where recent efforts had removed a number of resident drug users.
- 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 South and East Belfast ASB Forum was currently discussing the behaviour of 8 people in East Belfast.
- iv. Members noted the contents of the report.

**9. Small Grants Update**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members that there had been 13 applications that would be marked and then moderated. He further advised that following this process, a panel of PCSP Members would convene to finalise the recommendations.
- ii. Members noted the contents of the report.

**10. Emerging Issues**

- i. The Vice Chair introduced Members to the upcoming ROC meeting in Lisnasharragh Primary School, Glenburn and forwarded the invitation for all Members to attend and to inform any interested parties of the event.

**11. Date of Next Meeting**

- i. Members were advised that the next meeting of the East Belfast DPCSP would be on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019 in the East Belfast Network Centre.