

**Minutes of the East Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership
Private Meeting
Conor Room, City Hall
Wednesday, 24th April, 2013**

Political Members

Councillor Adam Newton (Chair)
Councillor Claire Hanna
Councillor Mervyn Jones
Councillor Adam Newton
Councillor Niall O'Donngaile
Alderman Gavin Robinson

Independent Members

Mr Mark Houston (Vice-Chair)
Mrs. Lynda Gibson
Mr. Gareth Beacom
Mrs Olwen Lyner
Mr Andrew Moorhead

Statutory Designated Bodies

Yvonne Cowan, BHSC
Karl Dorris, NIFRS
Aidan Jennings, NIFRS

Carole Johnston, NIHE
Alice Mills, NIHE
Jane Lappin, PBNI

PSNI Representative

Inspector Davy Moore

Staff Present

Sean McCormick, DPP Officer
Jo Black, Partnership Support Officer
Bernie Quinn, Project Officer

Apologies

Chief Inspector Mark McEwan
Pauline Smart, BELB
Stephen Moore, BELB
Yvonne Adair, YJA

1. Welcome and Routine Matters

- i. The Chair, Adam Newtown, welcomed Members of the East Belfast DPCSP to the meeting and noted the apologies provided.
- ii. The Chair expressed his best wishes to the outgoing DPP officer, Sean McCormick, as this was his last meeting.
- iii. The Chair received the apologies for the meeting from the DPP Officer.

2. Declaration of Interests

- i. No Declarations of Interest were recorded.

3. East Belfast DPCSP Minutes

- i. A Member highlighted a point from minutes of the previous meeting, on 27th March 2013, and asked Members to note that since the previous meeting there were several items which had progressed significantly, which included items in relation to the Action Plan (agenda item 10) and tendering for services on Phase 2 of the Youth Engagement Project (agenda item 8).
- ii. The minutes of the East Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting on Wednesday 27th March and Public Meeting on Thursday 21st February, were taken as read and agreed as correct.

4. Draft Action Plan for East Belfast DPCSP 2013 to 2015

- i. The DPP Officer, Sean McCormick, advised Members that the Partnership had approved its 2012- 2014 Action Plan at the DPCSP Meeting held on 25th September 2012. He explained that the NIPB had since requested a new Action Plan covering the period 2013-2015 to be presented to them by 28th February, 2013. Members felt this timeline was unrealistic.
- ii. Guidelines relating to the Action Plan covering the 2013-2015 period stipulated that Neighbourhood Watch and the Communication Strategy had to be included in Action Plans.
- iii. Copius Consulting had amended the document presented to Members to include items discussed at the 27th March Private Meeting. This document was now being presented to Members for approval.
- iv. The DPP Officer highlighted to Members several sections to which amendments had been made. Summer and Autumn diversionary funding had been set at £45k in year one and year two. Under the Action Plan Section J Antisocial Behaviour allocations had been made, with funding awarded to Oasis for the Recall project. There was an understanding within the DPCSP to use under spend to alleviate any arising diversionary activities. The DPP Officer proposed the plan to Members for agreement.
- v. A Member raised the topic of the diversionary activities and the proposed discussion to Members of remit of the DPCSP to fund these.
- vi. There was discussion.
 - Members suggested that the discussions in January and February 2013 were used as guidance for future diversionary funding.
 - The Tension Monitoring project was proposed as a related funding item which was within the 2013-2015 Action Plan.
 - Members agreed to have a working group of Members to discuss diversionary activities and their funding.
- vii. The designated representative for BHSCT asked if the Tides project could be funded from within the Action Plan budget.
 - The Chair pointed out that that details of the mapping carried out by the Trust on Drugs and Alcohol had already been forwarded to Members for consideration.
 - The designated representative for BHSCT highlighted to Members that there were statutory initiatives which were related to this issue and which were multiagency.
 - The designated representative suggested to the Members that these could be more effective with the input of the East Belfast DPCSP. The Chair asked the Members if this was an initiative on which East Belfast DPCSP should lead.
 - In responding to this the DPP Officer asked what the resources were in the plan for a mapping initiative and asked whether Members expectations were this would be officer driven or funding for an external agency.
- viii. A Member suggested to Members that the East Belfast Community Development Association had recently coordinated a mapping exercise and this organisation could lead on Drugs & Alcohol related initiatives.

- ix. The DPP Officer highlighted page 9 Mapping funding allocation and suggested that there were key seminars to be held with stakeholders and this would feed into the mapping exercise.
- x. The DPP Officer highlighted allocation of funding for initiatives related to Hate Crime. He suggested that the outputs were becoming irrelevant and that PSNI training on this should be sooner rather than later as this was a currently salient issue.
- xi. There was discussion
 - A Member asked what the training would be made available to DPCSP Members on Hate Crime.
 - A Member highlighted training which was offered by Belfast City Council Good Relations Unit which was similar to what was being suggested. The Member suggested that any training on Hate Crime should include East Belfast Community Development Association.
 - A Member suggested tying in with Northern Ireland Housing Executive initiatives on Hate Crime which were already being funded.

Councillor Jones left the meeting.

- xii. The DPP Officer suggested there were key dates included in the Action Plan including six monthly review of targets which could be used to monitor progress.
- xiii. Members agreed to the contents of the 2013-2015 Action Plan.

5. Written Questions Submitted Prior to Public Events

- i. The DPP Officer outlined to Members the previous protocol for the submission of written questions to Public Meetings.
- ii. This was agreed as follows: Members of the public will be given the opportunity to question the Area Commander about any matter affecting the policing of the local district. However, if a full response to a specific question is expected then it will be necessary for the question to be submitted in writing or by e-mail to the Policing and Community Safety Partnership office at the address outlined below at least 10 working days prior to the date of the meeting.
- iii. There was discussion among Members.
 - It was felt all questions should be included in the discussions. Questions could dictate the content of the meetings.
 - There was concern that questions in the public meeting could be similar to the PSNI Freedom of Information process.
- iv. The process for written questions with supplementary questions on site was proposed to the Members.
- v. Members agreed the proposal.

6. East Belfast DPCSP Public Event – 17th June, 2013

- i. The DPP Officer advised Members that the original date set for the June Public Meeting coincided with the G8 Summit and recommended that Members consider rescheduling the meeting.
- ii. Subsequently, the Members agreed to hold the June Public Meeting on Thursday, 6th June at 7.00pm in Wandsworth Community Centre on the theme of Burglary.
- iii. Members agreed the meeting venue.

7. World Police and Fire Games Pre-Games Conference

- i. The DPP Officer presented an additional agenda item. A report had been circulated to Members by email. Members were asked to nominate who they wished to represent the EBDPCSP at the World Police and Fire Games Conference. After discussion, the Members agreed to nominate Olwen Lyner and the DPP Officer as representatives of the East Belfast DPCSP at the conference.
- ii. Funding for the conference would come from the East Belfast DPCSP.

8. AOB

- i. The DPP Officer informed the Members that the Police Ombudsman had proposed to make a presentation to the Members on the role of the Police Ombudsmans Office. Accordingly the Partnership agreed that this deputation would be held at its next meeting. This was suggested to the Members for the meeting on 23rd May and that 30 minutes would be allocated for the presentation and questions.
- ii. The DPP Officer highlighted to Members the PCSP Youth Awards. There was a Member panel convening on Friday 10th May at 3.00pm. East Belfast DPCSP were asked to nominate a panel Member. Andrew Moorehead was proposed as the Member. Members agreed the nomination.
- iii. The designated representative for BHSCT would provide contact information to the DPCSP on services relating to the Action Plan.
- iv. A Member highlighted to Members the SOS Bus which was turned down for Open Call Funding in January 2013 and suggested this was funded through the Action Plan.
- v. A Member suggested to Members to attend the Northern Ireland Policing Board Neighbourhood Conference which was due to be held on 24th April in Crumlin Road Gaol.