

**Minutes of the East Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership  
Private Meeting, Conor Room, City Hall,  
Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2013**

**Political Members**

Cllr Deirdre Hargey  
Cllr Mervyn Jones  
Cllr Adam Newton  
Cllr Niall Ó Donnaghaile  
Ald Gavin Robinson

**Independent Members**

Lynda Gibson  
Olwen Lyner  
Andrew Moorhead

**Invited Organisations (Proposed Future Designated Bodies)**

Yvonne Adair, YJA  
Yvonne Cowan, BHSCT  
Carole Johnston, NIHE  
Pauline Smart, BELB

**Staff Present**

Phyllis Anderson, DPP Officer  
Jo Black, Partnership Support Officer

**Apologies**

Cllr Claire Hanna  
Mark Houston  
Chief Inspector McEwan

**1. Welcome & Routine Matters**

- i. Apologies for inability to attend were received from Cllr Hanna, Mark Houston and Chief Inspector McEwan.
- ii. The Partnership agreed that Cllr. Deirdre Hargey should take the Chair in the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

- i. There were no declarations of interest.

**3. East Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting Minutes**

- i. The Minutes of the Private Meeting of the East Belfast DPCSP held on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2012, copies of which had previously been circulated, were approved as a correct record.

**4. “Open Call” Funding Application**

- i. The DPP Officer clarified that the funding required from the application of the East Belfast Community Development Association was for the full amount of £9,015 as stated on the original application, with match funding coming from another source.
- ii. The Partnership agreed to fund this full amount of £9,015.

- iii. The Partnership agreed to fund the application from Willowfield Parish Church for the full amount of £10,000 requested based on the clarification that had been received.
- iv. The DPP Officer advised the Partnership that SOS Bus NI application had eventually supplied the additional information as requested by the Partnership.
- v. The Members discussed the cost per deployment, other organisations currently working at the Odyssey Complex and the current security measures involving the PSNI and the Odyssey.
- vi. The Chair summarised the discussions and the Partnership agreed to stand over the original recommendation of the Open Call evaluation panel not to fund this application.

## **5. Meeting in Public – February 2013**

- i. The DPP Officer explained the decision regarding the venue for the public event planned for 25th February had been deferred from the previous meeting. In light of ongoing protests within East Belfast she suggested that the Partnership may wish to reconsider the original venue suggestions of The Mount Conference Centre and the City East Business Centre.
- ii. The Members agreed that the event should go ahead as planned with the theme remaining as Substance Misuse.
- iii. The Partnership suggested the Park Avenue Hotel, St. Mark's Church, Belmont Tower and Walkway Community Centre as possible venues for the event and asked that these be contacted in this order to ascertain availability.
- iv. The Partnership discussed the format of the event and agreed that representatives from the PSNI, the Public Health Agency (PHA) and the Forum for Action on Substance Abuse (FASA) should provide brief presentations with testimonials from groups that had received funding from the DPCSP and then open the floor for questions from the audience.
- v. A Member suggested the participation of statutory agencies, including the participation of community and voluntary groups and those groups who had received funding from the East Belfast DPCSP.
- vi. The Partnership agreed that Andrew Moorehead, Yvonne Cowan, Yvonne Adair, and representatives from the PSNI and PHA form a Working Group to develop the format for the event.
- vii. The Members agreed to advertise the event in the local press and requested that posters be displayed in the area in addition to the event being notified to local community groups and other networks.
- viii. A Member suggested the DPCSP should be seen as facilitating meetings in public with other agencies. The Member explained that this would move away from the DPP format of meetings in public and could encourage participation.
- ix. A Member suggested the meeting should be a forum for discussion and also for information sharing.

- x. The Partnership agreed to provide space for information from agencies and community and voluntary groups involved in substance misuse projects. The Partnership Support Officer was nominated as point of contact for these groups.
- xi. The Members agreed that the event would start at 7pm.
- xii. A Member enquired as to the status of the drugs bins project.
- xiii. The DPP Officer explained that the Project Officer was taking this forward and would be able to provide an update at the February event.

## **6. “Design Out Crime” Training**

- i. The DPP Officer advised Members that a place had been allocated to a Member of each DPCSP and the Belfast PCSP to attend the “Design Out Crime” training and asked for nominations from the Partnership, noting that full attendance would be required to attain accreditation.
- ii. As no nomination was forthcoming, the DPP Officer agreed to circulate the information to all Members including the proposed dates for the training and asked for anyone interested to respond directly to the DPP Officers.

## **7. Update on Diversionary Funding Applications**

- i. The DPP Officer explained that the closing date for Diversionary Funding applications had previously been agreed as 18<sup>th</sup> January. At that date three applications had been received and summarised to Members in an email for agreement. The Partnership had agreed to fund these three applications.
- ii. The Members were advised that an additional application had been received on 21<sup>st</sup> January and the DPP Officer asked if the Partnership wished to allocate additional monies from the budget to fund this application.
- iii. Following discussion, the Partnership agreed to fund this project.
- iv. Members were asked if they wished to fund additional diversionary activities from the 2012/2013 remaining budget. The DPP Officer summarised the remaining budget for Members.
- v. The DPP Officer asked if Members wished to allocate a further budget to Diversionary Funding applications.
- vi. The Partnership agreed to allocate an additional £10,000 of the remaining budget and to re-open the application process with a closing date of 1<sup>st</sup> February. The maximum allocation per application being capped at £2,999.
- vii. The DPP Officer agreed to contact the Good Relation Unit to enquire if additional funding was available.
- viii. Members agreed to re-circulate the application form amongst their contact networks.