

Minutes of the Belfast Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Private Meeting

Meeting Room 1, Ulster Hall
Thursday, 28th March, 2013

Political Members	Independent Members
Councillor Janice Austin	John MacVicar (Vice Chair)
Councillor Matt Garrett	Valerie Allen
Councillor John Hussey	Claire Canavan
Councillor Colin Keenan	Frank Mulhern
Alderman Jim Rodgers	Alan Wardle
Councillor Guy Spence	
Statutory Designated Bodies	
T/Superintendent Emma Bond	Trevor Murphy, BELB
Superintendent John McCaughan	
Staff Present	Apologies
Lorna Somers, DPP Manager	Councillor Jim McVeigh (Chair)
Katharine McCrum, Partnership Support Officer	Councillor Claire Hanna
	Councillor Gareth McKee
	Eva Grosman
	Liz Groves
	Harry Maguire
	Mark Vinton
	Chief Superintendent George Clarke, PSNI
	Chief Superintendent Alan McCrum, PSNI
	Patricia Muldoon, YJA
	Alan Hamill, NIFRS
	Stephen Graham, NIHE
	Eithne McIlroy, PBNI

1. Routine Matters and Matters Arising

- i. The Vice Chair welcomed Members to the meeting and noted the apologies provided.

2. Declarations of Interest

- i. No declarations of interest were recorded.

3. PCSP Action Plan, 2013-2015

(Robert Crowe, Copius Consultants, attended in relation to this item)

- i. Mr. Crowe reviewed the current Action Plan with Members and discussion ensued regarding the various projects and initiatives that should take place during 2013-2015.
- ii. Members agreed that the comments made should be incorporated into the document and then circulated to Members for approval at the next meeting on Monday, 29th April.

4. Belfast PCSP Equality Scheme

- i. The DPP Manager advised Members that, as PCSPs are designated as public bodies, each Partnership was required to submit an Equality Scheme to the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland. She added that two responses had been received and incorporated into the Schemes following public consultation.
- ii. Members approved the contents of the Belfast DPCSP Equality Scheme.

5. PCSP Small Grants, Summer 2013

(Suzanne Gowling, Safer City Coordinator attended in relation to this item)

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that 10 applications had been received for projects taking place in two or more districts, 2 of which the Members Panel had agreed to fund. Members were subsequently advised that one of these applicants had since withdrawn their application leaving just 1 project totalling £5,000.
- ii. Members endorsed the decision of the Member Panel and agreed to fund the River Lagan Safety Patrol. Members also agreed to reallocate the unspent Summer Small Grants budget to the Autumn round of Small Grants.
- iii. Members were advised that a training session for all successful Small Grants applicants would take place on Thursday, 11th April to which all Members were welcome to attend however this would not be considered eligible for the payment of meetings expenses.

6. Other Items of Business

Resignation of the Safer City Manager

- i. Members were advised that Eve Bremner would be leaving the Community Safety Unit on 31st March.
- ii. A Member suggested that Councillors should be involved in the recruitment process for the Safer City Manager post however Members resolved that Councillors were only included in the selection process when recruiting at Director level.

Members Expenses

- iii. A Member informed the Partnership that the issue of Small Grants Meetings not being eligible for meeting expenses had again been raised.
- iv. Members agreed that as the issue had been given consideration in January, 2013 and it was at this point agreed that the expense policy would continue, the issue would not be revisited at this time.
- v. Members did however agree that the work load of the (D)PCSPs was substantially more than had been initially anticipated and that the issue of remuneration would need to be resolved.
- vi. The DPP Manager advised Members that the issue had been raised at a Northern Ireland Policing Board Community Engagement Meeting and Gerry Kelly had agreed to raise this with the Joint Committee.

- vii. At the request of Members, the DPP Manager agreed to clarify the Meeting Expenses Policy with Members via email and write to the Joint Committee to voice PCSP Members concerns regarding the limited payments available.
- viii. Members commented upon the fact that initially, no payments were to be paid to PCSP Members, however lobbying by DPP Members had secured the current meetings expenses.

7. Date of Next Meeting

- i. The DPP Manager advised Members that the next meeting of the PCSP would take place on Monday, 29th April and that Assistant Chief Constable Kerr would be in attendance in response to the request that the Chief Constable attend a meeting of the PCSP.
- ii. Due to ACC Kerr's attendance and the request for an update on the St. Patricks Day policing operation, Members were advised that a Policing Committee Meeting would now take place at 5pm followed by a full Partnership Meeting at 6pm, both in the Lavery Room, City Hall.
- iii. Members agreed to the additional Policing Committee Meeting and asked that a letter be sent to the Chief Constable to express disappointment at his not attending the PCSP meeting in person.