

Minutes of the Belfast Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Private Meeting

Lavery Room, City Hall
Monday, 29th April, 2013

Political Members

Councillor John Hussey (Chair)
Councillor Janice Austin
Councillor Patrick Convery
Councillor Máire Hendron
Councillor Colin Keenan
Councillor Gareth McKee
Councillor Adam Newton
Alderman Jim Rodgers

Independent Members

Frank Mulhern (Vice Chair)
Valerie Allen
Claire Canavan
Liz Groves
Harry Maguire
John MacVicar

Designated Organisations

Chief Superintendent George Clarke, PSNI
Stephen Graham, NIHE
Chief Superintendent Alan McCrum, PSNI

Patricia Muldoon, YJA
Trevor Murphy, BELB
Paul Thompson, PBNI
Geoff Somerville, NIFRS

Staff Present

Suzanne Wylie, Director, Environmental Health
Siobhan Toland, Head of Service
Lorna Somers, Assistant Safer City Manager
Katharine McCrum, Partnership Support Officer

Apologies

Mark Vinton
Alan Wardle

1. Welcome and Routine Matters

- i. The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting and noted the apologies provided.
- ii. Members were advised that Independent Member, Eva Grosman had resigned from the Partnership with effect from 29th April.
- iii. In response to a Members suggestion, the Assistant Safer City Manager agreed to review future Policing Committee agendas prior to the meetings and extend the period of time allocated when necessary.
- iv. The Chair also asked that 'Matters Arising' was included on future agendas.

2. Declarations of Interest

- i. No declarations of interest were recorded.

3. Minutes

- i. The minutes of the Belfast PCSP meetings held on 11th March and 28th March were taken as read and agreed as correct.
- ii. In response to a Member's query regarding the Chief Constable not attending the Policing Committee Meeting, the Assistant Safer City Manager confirmed that Assistant

Chief Constable Kerr had attended in place of the Chief Constable as he was the strategic lead in relation to the ongoing protests and as such would be best placed to respond to any points raised.

- iii. Members agreed to write to the Chief Constable to request his attendance at a future meeting of the Policing Committee to provide Members with a general update on strategic policing issues.

4. Belfast PCSP Action Plan 2013-2015

- i. The Assistant Safer City Manager presented members with the final draft of the Action Plan, noting that the allocation of funds had been slightly altered to remain within the £120,000 budget.
- ii. Members approved the changes to the PCSP 2013-2015 Action Plan.
- iii. A Member, while supporting the Action Plan, suggested that a more strategic focus and outcome based view was needed. He added that strategic outcomes of the Designated Organisations should also be included.
- iv. At this point, the Chair, Councillor Hussey retired from the meeting and Mr Mulhern took over in his capacity as Vice Chair.
- v. Suzanne Wylie, Director of Health and Environmental Services, suggested that Members submit the current plan and then begin the process of making connections with other agencies on key areas in order to establish this strategic direction.
- vi. Members were advised that Karyn McCluskey of the Violence Reduction Unit in Strathclyde would be returning to Belfast on 14th June, and agreed that this model for Early Intervention should be included in the Action Plan as an example of a strategic intervention.
- vii. At the request of a Member, the Assistant Safer City Manager agreed to include as an agenda item, a monthly monitoring report on the delivery of the PCSP Action Plan.

5. Night Time Volunteers Steering Group

- i. Members were advised that the planned presentation from Andrew Irvine, City Centre Manager, would now be given at the June Meeting of the PCSP.

6. 'Where is Your Child' Campaign

- i. The Assistant Safer City Manager updated Members on the delivery of the 'Where is Your Child Campaign' including the change of imagery, the responses that this had generated and subsequent coverage on BCC Radio Ulster's Talk Back programme.
- ii. Members discussed the campaign and agreed that lessons could be learnt from the experience however it was noted that issues remain regarding anti social behaviour and young people and this message was perhaps not clearly expressed through the campaign.

- iii. Several representatives from the Designated Organisations stated that they too would have concerns regarding the imagery and offered their support in developing future campaigns.
- iv. Members subsequently agreed to receive at a future meeting a deputation from the Children's Law Centre and Include Youth in order to provide Members with an overview of their work and insight for future campaigns.

7. World Police and Fire Games

- i. Members were advised that a Pre-Games Conference will be held prior to the World Police and Fire Games from 31st July to 1st August on the theme 'Partnerships in Safety: Building Just and Safe Societies' at a cost of £250 per delegate.
- ii. As no nominations were forthcoming, Members agreed that details of the conference should be circulated and that the PCSP would cover the cost of one attendee, to be agreed by the Chair and paid for from the Action Plan budget.
- iii. Members discussed the possibility of hosting an event during the World Police and Fire Games to promote the work of the Partnership.
- iv. Following discussion it was agreed that the Assistant Safer City Manager would explore what events were to be hosted by PCSP Parent Bodies as part of the World Policing and Fire Games and consider Members attendance and or involvement at these.

8. (D)PCSP Financial Expenditure Report

- i. Members noted the contents of the Financial Expenditure Report for the PCSP and four DPCSPs for the period from April, 2012 to March, 2013.

9. Any other Business

Youth Event Working Group

- i. Members of the Youth Event Working Group agreed to change the start time of their next meeting to 2pm on Thursday, 9th May in the Conor Room, City Hall.

Youth Awards

- ii. Members were encouraged to promote the PCSP Youth Awards which was launched on Monday, 22nd April.
- iii. A nomination was also sought for a panel Member to assess nominations to the Outstanding Achievement Award. As no nomination was forthcoming, it was agreed that the request would be circulated via email.

Disability Action Booklet

- iv. Members were advised that Disability Action would be launching their PCSP funded booklet during May, 2013, details of which would be circulated to Members via email.

Design Out Crime Training

- v. Members were invited to attend the Design Out Crime final feedback session on Thursday, 2nd May, details of which would be circulated via email.

Members Meeting Expenses

- vi. A Member reiterated the need for a letter to be written to the Joint Committee regarding Members concerns at the meeting expense ceiling limit that is currently in place given the large number of meetings/events/working groups that Members are required to participate in.

10. Date of Next Meeting

- i. The Assistant Safer City Manager advised Members that the next meeting of the PCSP would take place at 6pm on Wednesday, 22nd May, following a Policing Committee Meeting at 5pm.
- ii. Members were further advised that a Joint Briefing Session would be held at 6pm on Monday, 13th May in the Reception Room, City Hall, with presentations from the Rainbow Project and Victim Support NI.