

**Minutes of South Belfast District Policing and Community
Safety Partnership
Wednesday, 26th June 2013, 6.00pm
Conor Room, City Hall**

Political Members

Cllr. Deirdre Hargey (Chair)
Ald. Tom Ekin
Cllr. Kate Mullan
Ald. Christopher Stalford
Cllr Ruth Patterson

Independent Members

Ms. Paula Bradshaw
Mr. Trevor Greer
Ms. Nuala Toman
Mr. Niall Kelly

Police Service of Northern Ireland

Chief Inspector Gaby Moran

Statutory Designated Bodies

Anita Duff, BELB

Staff Present

Denise Smith, CS Coordinator
Edele Cleary, Project Officer
Elaine McWilliams, Alcohol
Misuse Project Officer

Apology

Ms Debbie Hammill
Christine Hunter, PBNI
Gary Ballyntne, NIHE
Stephen Moore, BELB
Karl Dorris, NIFRS
Yvonne Adair, YJA

1. Welcome & Routine Matters

- i. Councillor Deirdre Hargey, welcomed all Members to the Private Meeting of the South Belfast DPCSP.
- ii. All members introduced themselves.

2. Declarations of Interest

- i. No declarations of interest declared.

3. South Belfast DPCSP Minutes

- i. Minutes of the 29th May 2013 Private Meeting agreed.

4. FASA Presentation

- i. Presentation from James Scott on alcohol and drug trends in South Belfast.
- ii. Three drug bins for South Belfast- Sandyrow, Lower Ormeau and Finaghy Crossroads area.

5. Action Plan Update

- i. Focussed Area Working:

Cllr Hargey, Denise and Edele met with Andrew Irvine (Chair of Belfast City Centre Management) on 21st June. BCCM are to submit a proposal to South DPCSP for city centre initiatives to the value of £10,000.

ii. Denise and Edele met with Briega Arthurs (Chief Executive of South Belfast Partnership Board) and Martin Smithson to discuss the synergy group with the two neighbourhood renewal areas.

iii. Mapping Exercise:

Mapping specification is completed and ready to be advertised however funding has not been released by the Joint Committee.

iv. Emergency Working Group

Discussion by members in relation to what constitutes an emergency and what is the threshold before an intervention is introduced. The Chair confirmed it would be on a case by case basis. Some members agreed that an emergency response plan is a proactive response and the template should be shared with other DPCSP's.

Members agreed that the emergency working group should feed into the Communications Group and there was a suggestion to use the prompt text service to update members in the case of an emergency.

Members agreed to enact the draft protocol for responding to an emergency incident in South Belfast subject to amendments. Members also gave delegated authority to the emergency working group to make key decisions when reacting to an emergency incident.

v. Communications Group
Initial meeting date TBC

vi. Collaborative Working

M1/ Broadway Meetings are ongoing. Currently there is a static PSNI presence at both sides of the roundabout. Member requested consideration for the use of the CCTV around the M1/Broadway area during times of heightened tensions.

Partnership will be kept up to date of any emerging issues.

vii. Finaghy/ Woodlands Meetings are ongoing;

Cllr Hendron (Chair of West DPCSP), Paula, Denise and Edele met on 19th June to discuss issues at Lady Dixon and Woodlands Park. An assault took place in Lady Dixon Park a few weeks prior. There are also issues of approximately 200 young people gathering at Moneen Garage and moving into Woodlands Playing fields. Woodlands Playing Fields are leased by Antrim GAA. Further meetings to take place with representation from GAA present to discuss the possibility of youth outreach work in the area.

viii. Young Women/ Young Men Self Esteem Project

Anita Duff, Nuala Toman, Denise and Edele met on 25th June. Members discussed that currently BELB are working with younger teenagers however no one is working with the student population.

Action: organise meeting with Students Representatives to discuss the

current issues with online sexual behaviour. Further meeting to be organised with Student Unions.

6. Safer Neighbourhood Officers

- i. Members briefed on the role of the Safer Neighbourhood Officers in South Belfast.
No questions were raised. Denise informed members that updates will be provided to the partnership.

7. PACT Update

- i. Members updated on the need to review the current PACT structure in South Belfast, moving towards a Laganbank Structure which will incorporate Donegal Pass, Sandy Row, Village, Lower Ormeau and the Markets.
Partnership to be updated as proposal is progressed.

8. Small Grants Update

- i. Small Grants closes on Wednesday 3rd July at 12 noon.
- ii. Members confirmed that Paula Bradshaw; Trevor Greer; Cllr Deirdre Hargey and Ald. Christopher Stalford would sit on the Small Grants assessment panel however Paula would be unavailable on the 16th August.
- iii. Members agreed to delegate authority to the Member panel to approve the South DPCSP Autumn Small Grants.

9. Planned Events

- i. Members were briefed on key dates in South Belfast. Another date of note is Bruce Springsteen concert in Kings Hall on Saturday 20th July.

10. Public Event

- i. Members discussed possible themes and venues for the next public meeting on Wednesday 25th September 2013. Three themes explored included public session with business community; students' behaviour online and drugs and alcohol.

11. Date of Next Meeting

No South DPCSP meetings in July.
Date of next Private South DPCSP Wednesday 28th August 2013