

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

Political Members

Ald. Tom Ekin (Chair)
Cllr. Deirdre Hargey
Cllr. Kate Mullan
Cllr. Mairtin O'Muilleoir

Independent Members

Ms. Paula Bradshaw
Mr. Trevor Greer
Ms. Debbie Hammill

Police Service of Northern Ireland

Chief Inspector Gaby Moran

Invited Organisations (Proposed Future Designated Bodies)

Yvonne Cowan, BELB
Karl Dorris, NIFRS
Gary Ballantyne, NIHE
Christine Hunter, PBNI
Yvonne Adair, Youth Justice Agency

Staff Present

Denise Smith, CS Coordinator
Edele Cleary, Project Officer
Jo Black, Partnership Support
Officer

Apology

Ald. Christopher Stalford
Mr. Niall Kelly
Ms. Nuala Toman

1. Welcome & Routine Matters

- i. The Chair, Tom Ekin, welcomed all Members to the Private Meeting of the South Belfast DPCSP.

2. Declarations of Interest

- i. The Chair highlighted the declaration of interest policy. There were no declarations of interest.

3. South Belfast DPCSP Minutes

- i. The Chair proposed the minutes of the South Belfast DPCSP on 30th January 2013. The minutes were accepted and agreed.

4. Declarations of Interest

- i. The Chair explained that the incoming Vice Chair had been nominated in a previous meeting by the Independent Members. The outgoing Vice Chair, Nuala Toman, in her absence was thanked for her service.
- ii. The Independent Members informed the Partnership that Paula Bradshaw had been elected as Vice Chair.

5. Equality Scheme for South Belfast DPCSP

- i. The Safer City Coordinator, Denise Smith, summarised the report on Equality Schemes.

- ii. Members agreed the scheme.

6. Draft Action Plan for South Belfast DPCSP 2013 to 2015

- i. The Safer City Coordinator, Denise Smith, summarised the existing 2012-2014 Action Plan document for Members. This had to be updated for the 2013-2015 period.
- ii. Additional recommendations, additional outcomes and emergency planning measures were discussed and to be included.
- iii. Denise Smith updated Members that the Action Plan working group met on the 21st March. The group suggested a mapping exercise to collate as much information around the priority themes on what is being delivered within South Belfast. The Partnership are keen to link with existing structures rather than developing new groups to address priority concerns. Roundtable discussions were suggested to engage with agencies working in South Belfast.
- iv. It was agreed that officers will progress with developing documentation for mapping exercise and look at resource implications in relation to the above.
- v. It was suggested that quarterly updates were received by the DPCSP on progress of the Action Plan. The Action Plan update is to be a standard agenda item for future meetings.
- vi. There was a discussion among the Members concerning the nature of DPCSP funding. Members felt that there was the need for flexibility in the DPCSP Planning, to allow for emergency funding.
- vii. There was discussion of the designated bodies role and the need for a coordinated response to emergency issues if and when they arise. It is hoped that the PCSP may be in a position to support district level if additional funds were required.
- viii. The Chair proposed the draft Action Plan to Members for agreement. The Plan was agreed.

7. PBNI Presentation

- i. The Designated Organisation representative for the Probation Board for Northern Ireland, Christine Hunter, gave a presentation on the role of the PBNI to the DPCSP Membership. Copies of the presentation are attached for information.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator agreed with the suggestion.

8. Peace III Update

- i. All Members received an update on Peace III Projects: Tension Monitoring and the Youth Engagement Project.

- ii. The Safer City Coordinator will update Members on the initiatives on a quarterly basis.

9. South Belfast Small Grants Approval

- i. The Safer City Coordinator, Suzanne Gowling, updated Members on 2013 small grants round.
- ii. Two applications had been rejected in South Belfast. One did not contain details of PSNI involvement in the proposed project, and was later withdrawn. A second application was rejected.
- iii. Four applications would be funded. These were Annadale Haywood Residents Association, Greater Finaghy and Taughmonagh Policing and Community Safety Forum, Lower Ormeau Residents Action Group and the SOS Bus.
- iv. The Safer City Coordinator explained that the scoring and reports from the applications would be summarised for Members.
- v. A Member asked if residential trips were taking place if so would there be time spent going through the participants experiences, for example at the monitoring and evaluation stage.
- vi. The Safer City Coordinator explained that the application stage also requested a list of outcomes and how these would be evidenced. If at the assessment stage it was felt there was not evidence in the applications, the assessment panels would ask them to come back with more evidence.
- vii. The Area Commander suggested that applications which were not successful for the small grants funding could also be considered for Policing Committee funding.
- viii. A Member suggested that applications which were not supported for funding which should be given feedback. The applications were lacking in the level of detail which the trawl would usually expect. The Member encouraged feedback to applicants and those applications containing youth diversionary activities were monitored at the evaluation stage.
- ix. The Chair proposed the funding of the 4 applications. This was agreed by Members.

10. Any Other Business

- i. On behalf of the South Belfast DPCSP Members thanked the Chair for his leadership during the last year. The Member praised the Chair in particular for his efforts, given the recent difficult times experienced by his party.