

**Minutes of South Belfast District Policing and Community
Safety Partnership
Wednesday, 27th February, 2013, 6.30pm
Chinese Welfare Association, 1 Stranmillis Embankment,
Belfast BT7 1GB**

Political Members

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

Independent Members

Ms. Paula Bradshaw
Mr. Trevor Greer
Ms. Debbie Hammill
Mr. Niall Kelly
Ms. Nuala Toman (Vice Chair)

Police Service of Northern Ireland

Chief Inspector Gaby Moran

Invited Organisations (Proposed Future Designated Bodies)

Gary Ballantyne, NIHE
Christine Hunter, PBNi

Staff Present

Denise Smith, CS Coordinator
Jo Black, Partnership Support
Officer

Apology

Aidan Jennings, NIFRS

1. Welcome & Routine Matters

- i. The Chair, Tom Ekin, welcomed the Members to the private meeting of the South Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership. The private meeting was taking place at the Chinese Welfare Association at Stranmillis Embankment, as it was preceding the Public Meeting, which was due to commence at 7.00pm.
- ii. The Chair highlighted the declaration of interest policy. There were no declarations of interest.
- iii. There was one item of business for the Private Meeting.
- iv. The Chair invited the Community Safety Coordinator to present the report.

2. South Belfast DPCSP Planning 2013-15

- i. The Community Safety Coordinator, Denise Smith, explained that the Joint Committee had requested the submission of Action Plans for the period 1 April 2013- 31 March 2015 by all PCSPs and DPCSPs. This was due to the Joint Committee by 28th February 2013. Guidance had been issued by the Joint Committee for the two year plans.
- ii. The draft which was based on the 2014-15 action plan previously negotiated by the DPCSP was proposed by the Community Safety Coordinator.
- iii. The Chair proposed the draft plan. Members agreed. The Chair asked Members to volunteer to meet to analyse the content of the plan in detail.

- iv. Members proposed themselves as Members of the working group on the Action Plan.
- v. The Chair suggested a representative attend the meetings on behalf of the designated organisations.
- vi. Gary Ballantyne, designate for the Northern Ireland Housing Executive proposed himself as representative. This was agreed by Members.
- vii. A further Member proposed himself as a Member of the DPCSP. After discussion it was agreed all Members should participate in planning discussions.
- viii. The Community Safety Coordinator explained that the Action Plan fell within the six priorities previously identified by Members. The Community Safety Coordinator asked if Members wished to invite a facilitator to chair the discussions of the working group.
- ix. After discussion the Members agreed that a facilitator was not needed to chair the planning discussions.

3. Any other business

- i. A Member proposed that the DPCSP budget underspend for 2012-13 was discussed by the Partnership Members. A subgroup of Members had met on Friday 24th February to discuss allocation of the underspend.
- ii. The Community Safety Coordinator explained that the subgroup considered the SOS Bus to be a good use of remaining funding. According to a previous application for funding in the Open Call in December 2012 the costing per deployment of the service was £1,350. A Member proposed that the budget underspend was allocated to the service.
- iii. The Area Commander suggested the cost of the funding was high, and PSNI had previously funded the service. There would be depreciation implications for equipment. He further suggested Members request a separate costing from the SOS Bus.
- iv. A Member explained that the funding subgroup also discussed the DPCSP format and structures for appointing the independent membership. After discussions Member agreed that the funding subgroup should reconvene. Friday 1st March was proposed as the date. Members agreed to finalise the meeting agenda by email.
- v. The Area Commander explained that the South Belfast DPCSP had been forwarded to the DPCSP Chair for overview. He highlighted that the new DPCSP statistics on Hate Crime were available. Further there was a new PSNI report which linking Hate Crime figures to alcohol. He explained the DPCSP objectives and reporting were similar to East Belfast DPCSP.
- vi. A Member asked if the PSNI would have contributions to make to 2013-2015 Action Plan.

- vii. The Area Commander agreed to circulate his views by email. He explained the final plan would also be approved by the Policing Board.
- viii. The Chair encouraged Members to think innovatively about the Planning process.