

**Minutes of South Belfast District Policing and Community  
Safety Partnership  
Tuesday, 30th April 2013, 6.00pm  
Conor Room, City Hall**

**Political Members**

Cllr. Deirdre Hargey (Chair)  
Ald. Tom Ekin  
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

**Police Service of Northern Ireland**

Chief Inspector Gordon Murphy

**Invited Organisations (Proposed Future Designated Bodies)**

Karl Dorris, NIFRS  
Gary Ballantyne, NIHE

**Staff Present**

Denise Smith, CS Coordinator  
Edele Cleary, Project Officer  
Elaine McWilliams, Alcohol  
Misuse Officer  
Jo Black, Partnership Support  
Officer

**Apology**

Chief Inspector Gaby Moran

**1. Welcome & Routine Matters**

- i. The Chair, Councillor Deirdre Hargey, welcomed the Members to the first meeting at which she was presiding.
- ii. She asked Members attending to introduce themselves to the Partnership.

**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 26<sup>th</sup> March 2013. The minutes were accepted and agreed.

**4. South Belfast DPCSP update 12/13**

- i. Elaine McWilliams, Alcohol Misuse Officer, took Members through activities delivered in 2012-13. Copy of presentation to be circulated with minutes.

**5. South Belfast Draft Action Plan 13/15**

- i. All members were asked to consider the South DPCSP Action plan and consider any additional points.
- ii. Alderman Tom Ekin informed members of the Removing All Barriers Programme currently being consulted on with Belfast City Council Good

Relations department. It was suggested by a Member for inclusion within the South Belfast DPCSP Action Plan. Members agreed that it would be beneficial for a presentation from the Good Relations Team in reference to the programme prior to any inclusion within the plan. Denise Smith to liaise with Good Relations Team and arrange a presentation.

- iii. A Community service project in partnership with Probation Board for Northern Ireland suggested by a representative for inclusion within the South Belfast DPCSP Action Plan. Members agreed that this point should be noted however not included within the plan.
- iv. An Emergency working group within the DPCSP structure was discussed. Paula Bradshaw and Debbie Hammill agreed to participate as Members.
- v. A Communications working group to be established, Niall Kelly and Cllr. Kate Mullan agreed to participate as Members.
- vi. A working group on the M1 Broadway roundabout joint initiative was to reconvene. Cllr. Deirdre Hargey, Trevor Greer, Debbie Hammill, and Paula Bradshaw agreed to participate as Members. The Iveagh centre was agreed as the venue, information to be circulated to Members by email confirming arrangements.

## **6. Mapping Exercise Specification**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator updated members on the specification for a mapping exercise of service provision addressing South DPCSP priorities. A recommendation was made to Members to accept the specification for this piece of work. BCC to lead on the procurement of this work
- ii. A Member asked if the purpose of the mapping exercise was to get initial information, or if there was some data available.
- iii. The Safer City Co-ordinator informed Members that BCC do hold information and that officers would be working with our Research and Development Unit. The roundtables proposed would give additional information.
- iv. A Member asked if Taughmonagh and other areas would be included. All communities will be contacted in relation to mapping the area.

## **7. Public Event 29<sup>th</sup> May**

- i. A Public Meeting had been held on 27<sup>th</sup> February in the Chinese Welfare Association on Stranmillis Embankment.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator invited Members to make suggestions for themes for a Public Meeting to be scheduled for 29<sup>th</sup> May.
- iii. A Member suggested that the pitch for the event was essential to its success, that this could be positive and inventive as opposed to reactionary.

- iv. Recent activities on flags was discussed as a meeting theme. There was discussion around community diversity and interfaces.
- v. The Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service designated representative suggested liaising with a safety event for Older People.
- vi. Members discussed the theme of burglary. A Member suggested that burglaries and day time home break-ins were more prevalent during the summer.
- vii. After discussion it was agreed to host an event on Crime Prevention and general home safety.
- viii. The PSNI representative offered to consult the Police Analyst to determine what the prominent issues were in South Belfast.
- ix. Members suggested changing the date of the public meeting, however this was not possible given that the dates had recently been publicised in a leaflet advertising events for the coming year.

## **8. Gain Co-Operation of the PSNI**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator informed member that £5K is allocated to this fund and invited suggestions for raising awareness for this function and increasing the number of applications.
- ii. The Chair reminded the Members that there had been little uptake for this funding in the 2011-2012 year.
- iii. Members suggested reviewing the language when advertising the funding, as some of charitable groups which were eligible but had not applied.
- iv. A Member suggested that the rolling nature of deadlines had created complacency.
- v. A Member suggested holding funding focus groups to encourage applications. A suggestion was made that this was considered by the communications action group. Members agreed.

## **9. Youth Awards**

- i. PCSP Youth Awards will take place on Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> May. South DPCSP to nominate a member to the selection panel on the 10<sup>th</sup> May.
- ii. Councillor Mullan was nominated to the panel.

## **10. World Police and Fire Games**

- i. A pre-conference to the World Police and Fire Games is to be held on the 31<sup>st</sup> July to 1<sup>st</sup> August, the theme of which is 'Partnerships in Safety'. A recommendation was made that South Belfast DPCSP fund one place for a South Belfast DPCSP Member to attend.

- ii. After discussion the Members agreed not to fund a place.

**11. Communication Strategy**

- i. Members agreed to defer this agenda item to the June meeting.

**12. Date of next meeting**

- ii. The date of the next meeting was the public meeting on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May.