

**Minutes of South Belfast District Policing and Community  
Safety Partnership  
Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2013  
Conor Room, City Hall**

**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  
Nuala Toman (Vice Chair)

**Police Service of Northern Ireland**

Chief Inspector Gaby Moran

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

Anita Duff, BELB  
Aidan Jennings, NIFRS  
Gary Ballantyne, NIHE  
Christine Hunter, PBNI  
Yvonne Adair, YJA

**Staff Present**

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

**1. Welcome & Routine Matters**

- i. The Chair, Tom Ekin, welcomed the Members to the meeting of the South Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership. As there were several new Members in attendance, he invited everyone to introduce themselves.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

- i. The Chair read the declaration of interest.
- ii. No interests were declared.

**3. South Belfast DPCSP Minutes**

- i. Minutes of the South Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership, copies of which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and approved as correct.

**4. SOS Bus**

- i. Joe Hyland of the SOS Bus sent his regrets.

## **5. Night time Volunteering Steering group**

- i. Andrew Irvine of Belfast City Centre Management gave a presentation to Members.
- ii. A Member asked if Belfast City Centre Management could exist without Belfast City Council.
- iii. Andrew Irvine explained that Belfast City Centre Management was core funded by Belfast City Council. There was a further grant from DSD of £175,000. Usually there additional funding from Chamber of Commerce however due to recent public disorder this was decreased. The City Centre Beat for which particular funding was sought was a mainly private sector funded project.
- iv. A Member asked about the 'BAND' project in the Odyssey.
- v. Several licensed premises had closed and were no longer members of the 'BAND' project.
- vi. Belfast City Centre Management also had a 'Radio' project which was in use by people staffing doors of bars and nightclubs which had been successful. However its success also owed to BCCM initiatives which were working together.
- vii. A Member asked about Christian aspects of some of the Belfast City Centre Management initiatives. The Member asked if supporting these initiatives was the best use of funding.
- viii. A Member responded that the Street Pastors groups gave reporting in a structured and statistical manner for funding purposes which was comparable to other contracts.

## **6. Action Plan Project updates**

- i. The Community Safety Coordinator gave the background to the report. Officers had been given delegated authority to progress items when the DPCSP previously met.
- ii. A Member proposed to support the report's recommendation of proposed agenda. This was agreed.
- iii. A Member proposed community based venues are explored. There was discussion among Members of potential community based venues.
- iv. A Member asked if community and voluntary groups could be included in the event.
- v. The Community Safety Coordinator explained that the drama component – 1 billion rising – had been identified to incorporate community and voluntary groups.

- vi. The Membership leaflet was discussed, which had been proposed in a report. A Member asked if contact information would be incorporated.  
**Action** – contact information to be included in South Belfast DPCSP leaflet.

## **7. Focused area working**

- i. The Community Safety Coordinator summarised plans to target funding of specific projects in Lady Dixon Park and Woodvale areas over the Saint Patrick's Day weekend.
- ii. Further funding for City Centre Management which was experiencing a shortfall was proposed to Members. The Area Commander declared an interest and left the room.
- iii. A Member sought clarification on the funding of City Centre Beat. A Member explained that while the DPCSP could not replace police funding the City Centre Beat fell under an umbrella organisation. A member explained his view the funding was for a scheme and not for PSNI. A Member asked what the issue was with the engagement with officers and felt their experience of the scheme was it had been positive project.
- iv. A Member asked if the coordinator would initiate contact. A Member asked if all the funding in South Belfast had covered all areas. A Member asked if a working group should be convened to look at open call geographical coverage.
- v. The Community Safety Coordinator asked about which area had the largest underspend.
- vi. The Community Safety Coordinator responded that all of the underspend had been allocated.
- vii. A Member proposed that Belfast City Centre Beat was funded. This was agreed by Members.
- viii. The Community Safety Coordinator highlighted there was £2,150 underspend from the Open Call exercise. Members agreed the Community Safety Coordinator would draft a budget and propose to Members.

## **8. South Belfast DPCSP promotional material**

- i. The Community Safety Coordinator explained that items had been reviewed since the last meeting. These included: branded bag hangers, branded personal alarms with torches, slap wrist bands, branded UV marker pens, branded purse or phone bands and cables.
- ii. Promotional items were proposed to Members. These were agreed.

## **9. February Public meeting**

- i. The Community Safety Coordinator explained that a public meeting was proposed for Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February. The Coordinator had met one of the Members to discuss arrangements for the meeting. Potential venues were proposed as Ormeau Park Bowling Pavillion, Chinese Welfare Association and Ballynafeigh Community Development Association. The theme of the meeting was proposed as Hate Crime. Members had looked at the Area Commanders report to identify issues/trends. Possible speakers from Community and Voluntary partners were being identified as speakers for the event.
- ii. There was discussion among Members of the format of the event. Members agreed this should be an evening event.
- iii. The Community Safety Coordinator agreed to circulate an event proposal to members.

#### **10. March Briefing – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

- i. The PCSP were holding a joint briefing on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March in the Ulster Hall at 6.00pm.
- ii. The Community Safety Coordinator suggested she would clarify if Members would be paid to attend the briefing.