

**Minutes of South Belfast District Policing and Community
Safety Partnership
Wednesday, 25th September 2013, 5.45pm
Crescent Arts Centre, Belfast**

Political Members	Independent Members
Cllr. Kate Mullan	Ms. Paula Bradshaw (Vice Chair) Mr. Trevor Greer Ms. Debbie Hammill Mr. Niall Kelly
Police Service of Northern Ireland	
Chief Inspector Gaby Moran	
Statutory Designated Bodies	
Anita Duff, BELB	Christine Hunter, PBNI
Gary Ballantyne, NIHE	Yvonne McKnight, BHSCCT
Staff Present	Apology
Denise Smith, CS Coordinator	Cllr. Deirdre Hargey (Chair)
Keith Addy, Project Officer	Ald. Tom Ekin
Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer	Cllr. Martin O'Mulleoir
Elaine McWilliams, ASB Officer	Ms. Nuala Toman

1. Welcome & Routine Matters

- i. Vice Chair, welcomed all Members to the Private Meeting of the South Belfast DPCSP.
- ii. Vice Chair introduced new members of the Partnership.
- iii. Apologies were noted for Cllr Deirdre Hargey, Ald. Tom Ekin, Cllr. Martin O'Mulleoir and Nuala Toman.

2. Declarations of Interest

- i. No declarations of interest declared.

3. South Belfast DPCSP Minutes

- i. Minutes of the 28th August 2013 Private Meeting agreed as a true record.

4. Fresher Update

- i. The Safer City Coordinator gave an update regarding Fresher Week. The Safer City Coordinator commented that there was a huge amount of work conducted in relation to fresher week and all work was completed in partnership with the University's, PSNI and Community Representatives.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that 30 visits had been conducted by PSNI and all visits were made known to the DPCSP. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that there were a lot of resources within the area and that the approach adapted was both reactive and proactive.

- iii. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update from the last PACT meeting. It was commented that there was a level of frustration and tension among community representatives. The Safer City Coordinator commented that the issue of promotional drinking and premises selling cheap alcohol was highlighted. The Safer City Coordinator that this issue was raised through the licence premise group through Council.
- iv. The Area Commander commented that the only channel available to address this issue, is through the local retail code group. However, it was noted that it depends on how promotions are offered as they may not breach the code.
- v. The Vice Chair made reference to the Action Plan Priority 14, and suggested a meeting to be held with the Pubs of Ulster. The ASB Officer commented that contact has been made and a follow up is required to progress this.
- vi. The Safer City Coordinator suggested the invitation of Colin Neil to the next DPCSP meeting to discuss this matter further.
- vii. The Vice Chair requested that evidence was gathered in relation to premises that are selling/promoting cheap drink.
- viii. The Area Commander advised Members that PSNI officers were in the area last night to assist with boisterous behaviour. However, the Area Commander commented that although there was high volumes of noise, students were polite. The Area Commander informed Members that QUB Student Union had team leaders present in the area to help manage the students.
- ix. A Member asked if any activity had occurred in the Stranmillis area. The Area Commander advised that there were a few incidents reported but main incidents occurred in the Holyland area.

5. Review of Holyland PACT

- i. Update paper was circulated to Members
- ii. Members had agreed to fund the PACT structures in South Belfast.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator commented that the Holyland PACT was disjointed but this was due to the diversity of the community.
- iv. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that a planning day is scheduled for the 01 October, followed by members of Holyland PACT to attend a meeting on 09 October 2013. It was also commented that for this to be effective, community buy in and engagement is key.

- v. A Member suggested that the event is tied in with Active Citizens to assess how all issues are affecting everyone and that information is fed back from CCC into LORAG to ensure a partnership approach and sharing of information.
- vi. The Area Commander commented that information should be shared and highlight the good work that was being implemented by students in local areas.
- vii. A Member asked if a breakdown of demographics regarding residents in the area was available.
- viii. The Area Commander commented that there are approximately 150 residents within the area.

6. Progress Report on Action Plan

- i. Updated action plan circulated to members for information.
- ii. Members were also made aware that a second proposal had been submitted by Inner South Renewal Partnership.
- iii. The Vice Chair declared an interest in the South West Belfast Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership proposal.
- iv. A Member declared an interest in the Inner South Renewal Partnership proposal.
- v. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the two NRA's came back with proposals. Meetings/consultations have been held and a realistic timeframe implemented. The Safer City Coordinator requested that Members allow BCC officers to progress proposals and assess impact.
- vi. A Member commented that limited information had been provided and requested further information to be made available.
- vii. Members were also provided with an overview of the makeup and roles of both partnerships.
- viii. A Member asked for clarity in reference to domestic violence and if the Inner South Partnership received funding for this.
- ix. A Member commented that in order to deliver on this proposal, linkage with key community organisations would be made to use the expertise within the local community.
- x. A Member asked if any of the projects detailed had been funded already. A Member commented that nothing was noted in relation to this. The Vice

Chair requested for all projects to be cross referenced against live grants to ensure no duplication.

- xi. The Area Commander made reference to the drug bins and the budget allocation for the promotion of the bins. The Area Commander commented he is in favour of promoting the bins but queried if funding could be utilised better.
- xii. A Member commented that it would be an effective promotional campaign and that funding will be kept within the community.
- xiii. A Member asked for further clarification and additional information to be provided in relation to specific target groups and areas of where the projects will be delivered.
- xiv. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the Action Plan and identified key Priorities that needed to be actioned.
 - a. Priority 1 – BCCM had not forwarded their proposal as they are due to have a meeting on 27 October, apologies given and proposal to be presented at next meeting;
 - b. Priority 3 – Members were asked to forward suggestions for theme for November meeting;
 - c. Priority 4 – Promotion of good news stories to be progressed;
 - d. Priority 4 – Members were made aware of the Policing Committee on 29 October, and application to be submitted by 08 October;
 - e. Priority 6 – Members were asked to identify a designated rep to be involved in agreeing the agenda for the next meeting. It was also discussed that the meeting would provide members with an opportunity to inform the partnership where community safety fits into their own organisation;
 - f. Priority 7 – Members were advised the mapping exercise has commenced;
 - g. Priority 8 – Members were advised that the Finaghy meeting had been rescheduled for 15th October;
 - h. Priority 20 – Members were provided with a small grants update; and,
 - i. Priority 24 – Members advised subgroup will meet on 30th September to progress action plan and will present to the DPCSP at the next meeting.

7. Emerging Issues

- i. Members agreed for the Police Ombudsman to attend the next DPCSP meeting.
- ii. The Safer Coordinator advised Members of the Youth Event being held on 24th October, and invited Members to attend.
- iii. The Area Commander requested that the Criminal Justice Unit attended and presented at the next DPCSP meeting. Members agreed to this.

- iv. The Vice Chair also requested that the Neighbourhood Watch facilitate a presentation at the next DPSCP meeting.
- v. A Member commented that an influx of emails had been received regarding young people in care and asked for an update in relation to this issue.
- vi. The Area Commander commented that this was linked to young children in care homes and there was a dedicated team within the PSNI looking after this who will provide a review which is going to Policing Board.
- vii. The Vice Chair requested that a further update from the Area Commander in relation to this issue is provided at the next meeting.

8. Date of Next Meeting

- i. South Belfast DPCSP Policing Committee will be held in the Lavery Room on Tuesday 29th October 2013 from 5.00pm – 6.00pm.
- ii. The next Private Meeting of South Belfast DPCSP will be Tuesday 29th October 2013 from 6.00pm – 7.30pm