

**Minutes of South Belfast District Policing and Community  
Safety Partnership  
Tuesday, 29th October 2013, 6.00pm  
Conor Room, City Hall Belfast**

<b>Political Members</b>	<b>Independent Members</b>
Cllr. Deirdre Hargey (Chair)	Ms. Paula Bradshaw (Vice Chair)
Ald. Tom Ekin	Ms. Debbie Hammill
Cllr. Kate Mullan	Ms Nuala Toman
<b>Statutory Designated Bodies</b>	
Chief Inspector Gaby Moran, PSNI	Christine Hunter, PBNI
Yvonne Adair, YJA	Yvonne McKnight, BHSCCT
Anita Duff, BELB	
Gary Ballantyne, NIHE	
<b>Staff Present</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
Alison Allen, Safer City Manager	Ald. Ruth Patterson
Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer	Cllr. Martin O'Mulleoir
Denise Smith, Safer City Coordinator	Mr. Niall Kelly
Richard McLernon, Safer City Coordinator	Mr. Trevor Greer

**1. Welcome & Routine Matters**

- i. The Chair welcomed the Members to the Private Meeting of the South Belfast DPCSP.
- ii. Apologies were noted for Alderman Ruth Patterson, Cllr. Martin O'Mulleoir, Mr Niall Kelly and Ms Nuala Toman.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

- i. No declarations of interest were declared.

**3. South Belfast DPCSP Minutes**

- i. The Minutes of the South Belfast DPCSP meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> August, copies of which were previously circulated, were taken as read and correct.
- ii. A Member suggested, if possible, for the DPCSP to hold another public event on the theme of 'Drugs and Alcohol' in another location in South Belfast as the previous event had been very informative and well received by all in attendance.

**4. Tension Monitoring Update (Richard McLernon, Safer City Coordinator attended in connection with this item)**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update regarding tension monitoring.

- ii. He explained that in South Belfast two local area tension monitoring processes had been established, with devolved budgets assigned to meet local need. Community partners had identified priorities and a small area budget of £30,000 had been committed to interventions and environmental improvements. In South Belfast the areas are Lower Ormeau/Holylands/Annadale and the Donegall area within the Village/Lower Falls/St James area.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members that additional funding had been secured specifically for the Atlantic Philanthropies element of the Tension Monitoring Process, a total of £182,000 had been awarded for the period April 2013 to December 2015.
- iv. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members that a presentation shall be made at a future date when initial evaluation findings had been received. The Safer City Coordinator further commented that Members will receive further updates on the progress of the Atlantic Philanthropies Project on addressing Community Tensions.
- v. Members noted the content of the report.

## **5. Annadale and Hayward Proposal**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided an update to Members regarding the Annadale and Hayward Proposal.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator commented that the Annadale and Hayward Group had been mistakenly informed at the planning stage that the amount available for the plan was £15k and on this basis developed an action plan with indicative costs totalling £15,050.
- iii. Therefore, the Safer City Coordinator asked Members to consider making a contribution towards the Annadale and Hayward plan in order for the group to deliver on what they originally detailed in their budget. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members that this was viable within the Action Plan as all activities are targeting young people.
- iv. A Member asked if further information could be provided, specifically in relation to what had been funded and what is outstanding.
- v. The Safer City Coordinator commented that the group had not yet received a Letter of Offer and therefore at this stage it could be difficult to separate funding elements.

- vi. A Member requested that information to be obtained regarding match funding, mainly to ensure the DPCSP are not double funding anything and for audit trail purposes.
- vii. The Safer City Coordinator commented that clarification around funding elements will be sought from the project and information forwarded to Members for review /approval.
- viii. The Chair commented that the DPCSP should support the allocation of £2,500.
- ix. A Member further requested that clarification be sought in relation to the process that was undertaken to identify of the groups who will receive the funding. The Safer City Coordinator commented that the project had been Peace III funded and an extensive consultation process had been undertaken to identify key groups.

## **6. Holylands PACT Review Update**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update on the Holyland PACT Review.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator commented that there had been a number of recommendations for the Holylands and that there had been ongoing engagement with local communities in relation to how they could engage with statutory organisations.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members that a meeting had been held on 9<sup>th</sup> October at Queen's University and had been facilitated by Copius Consulting.
- iv. The Safer City Coordinator commented that a draft commentary from the meeting had been received, and will be circulated to all Members once it is reviewed by the Chair of the Holylands PACT.
- v. The Safer City Coordinator commented that statutory organisations will be invited to attend a future PACT Meeting.
- vi. The Safer City Coordinator commented it is anticipated that a new structure will be developed and implemented in early 2014 and that Members will be kept updated on this process.

## **7. Public Meetings**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator asked Members to consider the theme and venue for the next public meeting.
- ii. A Member suggested that the theme of gender based crime and domestic violence be considered for the next public meeting. It was further suggested that the Partnership could partner with Windsor Women Centre to deliver the event.

- iii. The Safer City Coordinator reminded Members that the Roundtable Discussions will focus on Gender Based Violence and that a report following these discussions would be circulated to Members when completed.
- iv. A Member suggested that the Partnership should consider the theme of 'domestic violence' for the next public event.
- v. The Safer City Coordinator suggested that the theme of domestic violence could be linked to the PSNI's 'One Punch' and 'Without Consent' campaigns.
- vi. A Member also commented that this theme could link with the '16 Days Against Gender Based Violence' campaign, which is due to commence the week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> November.
- vii. Members agreed to the theme of 'Domestic Violence' for the next public event.
- viii. The Safer City Coordinator agreed to confirm the venue and time with Members.

## **8. Progress Report on the 2013/14 DPCSP Action Plan/Budget**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator updated Members on the South DPCSP Action Plan and budget spend to date.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator commented that in relation to the focused area work, Belfast City Centre Management had established a Working Group and had identified eight dates. The Safer City Coordinator further commented that additional match funding of £10,000 had been secured from Victoria Square Shopping Centre. The Safer City Coordinator advised that dates will be circulated to Members when confirmed.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members that both the Inner South Belfast Neighbourhood Proposal and South West Belfast Proposal had been circulated to Members and no responses had been received. She advised the Members that they would be kept updated regarding these events.
- iv. A Member commented that the Partnership could look at providing areas with key criteria to make it easier to read and understand.
- v. The Chair commented that it had been a pilot and there had been learning from it but that it would enable the DPCSP to put mechanisms in place to address early intervention programmes.
- vi. A Member commented that it is difficult to include everything where there had been a need identified and that all of the organisations who had

submitted proposals were accountable and must comply with Belfast City Council audit requirements.

- vii. A Member commented that there could be easier and effective ways for organisations to access funding without increasing administration. The Member commented that this could be achieved by the development of criteria guidelines that could support organisations when completing application forms.
- viii. The Chair stated that the DPCSP were unable to provide specific information to eligible organisations due to timing. The Chair reiterated to Members that the process undertaken had been a learning curve and that there was a need for processes to be put in place that could allow for measurable outcomes and help the DPCSP focus where future funding could be allocated.
- ix. The Safer City Coordinator updated Members in relation to Priority 4, she explained that a meeting had already taken place and that a follow up meeting would be held on the 31<sup>st</sup> October. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members that there may be a reprofile of funding within this priority, but Members will be updated of any amendment of budget.
- x. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members that a Planning Day is required to allow for South DPCSP Members to feed into the process for the development of the local policing priorities. Members agreed for a date to be circulated for a meeting in early January 2014.
- xi. The Safer City Coordinator commented that it could be beneficial for the DPCSP to facilitate an Away Day to allow for Members to have a more joined up working approach. The Safer City Coordinator commented that the Away Day could be linked with the presentation of key findings from the mapping exercise. The Members agreed to the Away Date with the date and venue to be circulated.
- xii. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members that the desktop research has been conducted and Copius Consulting had been keen to have a roundtable discussion on key issues including gender based violence, hate crime, drugs/alcohol and anti social behaviour. Members agreed for the facilitation of the roundtable discussions.
- xiii. The Safer City Coordinator commented in relation to Priority 9 that joint meetings had been continuing with West DPCSP but things had quietened down due to the possibility of seasonal issues.
- xiv. The Safer City Coordinator commented that Priority 10/11/13/14 will be addressed at the Roundtable Discussions.
- xv. The Safer City Coordinator explained that no action to date had been undertaken in relation to Priority 15 but there had been some communication with Pubs of Ulster in relation to the Get Home Campaign.

- xvi. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members that in relation to Priority 16, the promotional material samples had been received but that it was to be decided how these would be distributed.
- xvii. The Safer City Coordinator provided an update regarding PACTs, Anti Social Behaviour Forums and the Youth Engagement Programme.
- xviii. The Safer City Coordinator commented that Priority 24/25 will be addressed at the Roundtable Discussions.
- xix. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members that with regard to Priority 26 that a Sub Group had met on the 30 September 2013 and information had been disseminated to students regarding safety/social media.
- xx. The Safer City Coordinator commented that in reference to Priority 30 no applications had been received and that further awareness had been raised by the Safer Neighbourhood Officer that funding had been available.

#### **9. Draft Annex to the Code of Practice on Arrangements for Belfast.**

- i. The Safer City Manager provided Members with an update on the Draft Annex, highlighting the roles and responsibilities of (D)PCSPs.
- ii. The Safer City Manager commented that the Draft Annex is for information at this stage as legal advice is currently being sought.
- iii. The Safer City Manager commented that all DPCSP Members will be updated in reference to the Draft Annex at a future meeting.

#### **10. Emerging Issues**

- i. Members discussed the issue of cable burning and the impact it had on community safety.
- ii. Members agreed to invite Belfast City Centre Management to attend a future DPCSP meeting to update Members on issues affecting the city centre.
- iii. A Member also commented on the amount of theft that had been occurring in South Belfast.
- iv. A Member also queried if a student representative could be invited to become a Member of the DPCSP. A Member further commented that there is a link already created with students through the interagency link.
- v. Members agreed to invite student, landlord and community representatives from the Holyland Interagency Group to attend and do a presentation at a future DPCSP meeting.

## **11. Date of Next Meeting**

- i. Members noted the date of the next DPCSP meeting, 27<sup>th</sup> November. Venue and time to be circulated to Members.