

Minutes of the East Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Private Meeting

HR Conference Room, Cecil Ward, Belfast
Tuesday 28th January, 2014

Political Members	Independent Members
Councillor Adam Newton (Chair)	Mr Gareth Beacom
Alderman Gavin Robinson	Ms Lynda Gibson
Councillor Clare Hanna	Mr Andrew Moorhead
Councillor Mervyn Jones	
Councillor Niall O'Donnghaile	
Designated Organisations	
Chief Inspector Mark McEwan	Karl Dorris, NIFRS
Yvonne Adair, YJA	Jane Lappin, PBNI
Gary Ballantyne, NIHE	Pauline Smart, BELB
Yvonne Cowan, H&SCT	
Staff Present	Apologies
Glenn Thomas, Safer City Coordinator	Mr Mark Houston
Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer	Ms Olwen Lyner
	Mrs Alice Mills, NIHE
	Mr Trevor McClurg, NIFRS

1. Welcome

- i. The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting and also noted the apologies provided.

2. Declarations of Interest

- i. No declarations of interest were declared.

3. Minutes of East Belfast DPCSP Private and Public Meetings

- i. The Minutes of the East Belfast Private Meeting held on 29th November, of which copies were previously circulated, were taken as read and correct.

4. Preventing Unwanted Bonfires

- i. The Safer City Coordinator reminded Members that a paper had been brought to the Partnership in August for discussion regarding an application that had been submitted to the Department of Justice in an effort to secure funding from their Priority Youth Interventions Fund to support the Preventing Unwanted August Bonfires Project.
- ii. From reviewing the paper, Members requested further information and clarification in relation to potential duplication of funding. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that there had been no duplication and the project could be delivered by 31st March.
- iii. A Member queried that the project will be delivered by 31st March but the event would not take place until August. A Member replied that the funding will be spent by

end of March but there would be an element of sustainability of the project until August.

- iv. The Safer City Coordinator commented that an evaluation of the project would be undertaken and that a report on the key findings would be circulated to Members for review.
- v. Members agreed to the Short Strand being the preferred site for the project.

5. 2014/15 Small Grants

- i. The Safer City Coordinator updated Members on the Small Grants 2014/15 assessment process.
- ii. Members requested that all information regarding small grant applications be forwarded for information.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator requested three Members to participate in the assessment of the applications. Yvonne Cowan, Andy Moorhead and an Elected Member to attend.

6. Scrap Metal Consultation

- i. The Safer City Coordinator presented Members with documentation relating to a consultation on a Scrap Metal Dealers Bill which was received from Mr. Beggs, MLA.
- ii. Members noted the information provided and agreed to respond on an individual basis if they wished to do so.

7. East Belfast DPCSP Action Plan, Planning Report

- i. The Safer City Coordinator updated Members regarding the East Belfast DPCSP Action Plan and future priorities.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members following a meeting held to review East Belfast DPCSP local priorities, he would draft a new Action Plan based on the identified priorities and circulate to Members to ratify before submission to the Department of Justice.
- iii. Members agreed to the Safer City Coordinator to draft an Action Plan and for the draft Action Plan to be discussed at a future DPCSP Meeting.

8. Tension Monitoring Update

- i. The Safer City Coordinator updated Members that the funding for Tension Monitoring had been extended until 31st March.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator commented that following the 31st March, the sustainability plan for Tension Monitoring would include the adoption of the local area groups within the structure of the East Belfast DPCSP. He further commented that this could involve DPCSP staff including the Safer City Coordinator, ASB Officer etc supporting the administration of such group and where applicable integrating these into the local DPCSP Action Plan.

- iii. A Member commented that this had been a frustrating process as the community facilitate their own tension monitoring and suggested that there could be more work facilitated between statutory and community organisations and that tension monitoring should be extended further than interface areas.
- iv. Members agreed to invite representatives and officers from Tension Monitoring to attend a future East Belfast DPCSP meeting.

9. Emerging Issues

- i. The Safer City Coordinator updated Members regarding spend to date and an estimated under spend. He informed Members that there could be an under spend of approximately £50,000, however £48,000 of this had been allocated to anticipated spend on specific projects.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator requested Members to support the allocation of funding to projects identified in order to ensure project delivery before 31st March.
- iii. Members agreed for the Safer City Coordinator to continue with projects identified and for information on all projects to be circulated to Members for review.
- iv. A Member further commented that caution needed to be taken regarding the duplication of funding for specific projects. The Safer City Coordinator commented that a governance check would be conducted on all funded projects to ensure no duplication of funding.
- v. Yvonne Adair commented that she will be no longer a Member of East Belfast DPCSP and that she will be replaced by Patricia Muldoon.
- vi. The Chair, on behalf of the East Belfast DPCSP, thanked Yvonne for her support and commitment to the Partnership.
- vii. Members further discussed how DPCSP's link directly into the principal PCSP.
- viii. The Safer City Coordinator commented that the Department of Justice had been currently discussing on the effectiveness and the strategic role of PCSP/DPCSP's. The Safer City Coordinator that he would forward information regarding the review to Members when available.

10. Date of Next Meeting

- i. Date of next East Belfast DPCSP Meeting to be forwarded Members.
- ii. Members agreed to the theme of 'Race Relations' for the next East Belfast DPCSP Public Meeting. Date and venue for Public Meeting to be confirmed.