

**Minutes of East Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership Meeting In Public**

**Park Avenue Hotel, Belfast  
Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2013**

**Political Members**

Councillor Adam Newton (Chair)

**Independent Members**

Gareth Beacom

Mark Houston

Andy Moorhead

**Designated Organisations**

Chief Inspector Mark McEwan, PSNI

Inspector Angus Mairs, PSNI

Yvonne Adair, YJA

Gary Ballantyne, NIHE

Yvonne Cowan, H&SCT

Jane Lappin, PBNI

Trevor McClurg, NIFRS

**Staff Present**

Glenn Thomas, Safer City Coordinator

Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer

Heather Horner, ASB Officer

**Apologies**

Alderman Gavin Robinson

Cllr Niall Ó Donnghaile

**1. Welcome and Routine Matters**

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

**2. Presentation on Home Safety**

- i. Jackie O'Brien, Belfast City Council, gave a presentation on home safety and provided members of the public with information on how they can keep their homes safe.

**3. Presentation on Home Safety**

- i. The Crime Prevention Officer for the area gave a presentation detailing how members of the public could keep their homes safe and what precautions they could take in order to prevent crime.

**4. Written questions received from members of the public**

**Questions 1 - 4 submitted by Aidan Collins (in relation to parking problems for residents of Onslow Parade, Ravenhill Park Gardens and Ravenhill Park)**

**1. *Health and Safety issues with access for Fire engines***

**Response:**

Police motorcyclists have maintained the emergency routes and there have been no issues with access.

2. *Parking that blocks residents into their driveway*

Response:

This has not been an issue during this season however, parking issues will be enforced by police if and when necessary.

3. *Alleged failures by PSNI to adequately police the parking problems in these streets as their on-site activity does not start until 6pm, by which time many cars are already parked.*

Response:

Any cars parked prior to 6pm are legally parked.

4. *Departures from an agreed approach between the PSNI, Ulster Rugby and local residents with NO consultation.*

Response:

Several years ago PSNI in conjunction with Ulster Rugby and local residents had implemented an initiative to try and improve the parking. In recent times this had become unenforceable as non residents had realised that the so-called parking scheme was not official/legal.

**5. Questions from the Public**

- i. The Chair opened the floor to any additional questions.
- ii. A member of the public asked in addition to the responses provided by the PSNI to written questions, for further clarification specifically regarding parking.
- iii. The Area Commander commented that DRD is responsible for parking not PSNI and that the PSNI provide adequate policing within the area when there are matches and that the PSNI will continue to police the area. The Area Commander also gave PSNI's commitment to have further discussions with Ravenhill regarding parking issues. This commitment was welcomed by the member of the public.
- iv. The Chair also confirmed that he would write to DRD on behalf of the local residents regarding the parking structure in the area. This was also welcomed by members of the public.

**6. Close**

- i. Chair thanked all the presenters for their well informed presentations. The Chair closed the meeting and thanked all for attending.