

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Policing and Community Safety Partnership held in the Island Civic Centre, The Island, Lisburn, on Tuesday 19 March 2019, at 5.33pm

PRESENT:

Councillor B Hanvey (Chairman)
Alderman G Rice MBE
Councillor S Carson
Councillor A P Ewing
Councillor B Mallon
Councillor A McIntyre
Councillor T Mitchell
Councillor J Palmer
Councillor R Walker
Mr M Busch
Mrs Y Craig (Vice-Chairman)
Mr P Dean
Ms D Hancock
Ms P Leeson
Ms C McCullough

IN ATTENDANCE:

Head of Business and Democratic Services
PCSP Manager
Member Services Officer

Designated Organisations

Superintendent D Beck, Police Service of Northern Ireland
A Hannaway, Northern Ireland Housing Executive
M Nicholson, Area Manager Hydebank
M Quinn, South East Trust
E Millar, Education Authority

In Attendance

Ms Avine Kelly, Public Protection Unit
Mr Daniel Kelly, Public Protection Unit
Ms R Hedley, Public Protection Unit
Mr Trevor Betts, Street Pastors
Mr Ian Singleton, Street Pastors
Mrs Michelle Singleton, Street Pastors

The Chairman, Councillor B Hanvey, opened the meeting at 5.33pm and outlined the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency.

1. **Apologies**

There were no apologies received.

2. Minutes

It was proposed, seconded and agreed as outlined below that the following Minutes as circulated be confirmed and signed: -

- (i) Meeting of the Partnership held in Private on Tuesday 15 January, 2019 – minutes proposed by Councillor A McIntyre, seconded by Mrs Y Craig.
- (ii) Meeting of the Policing Committee held in Private on Tuesday 19 February, 2019 – minutes proposed by Mr P Dean, seconded by Alderman G Rice.

3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

The Chairman, Councillor B Hanvey, invited the Partnership to declare any Interests they might have in relation to the business of the meeting.

There were no declarations of interest expressed at this stage of the meeting, however during the course of the meeting the following Declarations of Interest were made: -

- Councillor A Ewing declared an interest in item 6.6 Applications for Funding Under £500 on the basis that he was a member of the Orange Lodge.
- Councillor J Palmer declared an interest in item 6.6 Applications for Funding Under £500 on the basis that he was a member of the Lisburn District Loyal Orange Lodge No. 6.
- Mr M Busch declared an interest in item 6.9 Lisburn Commerce Against Crime on the basis he was a member of the Board.
- Mr P Dean declared an interest in item 6.9 Lisburn Commerce Against Crime on the basis he was a Director.

4. Deputation by Trevor Betts, Street Pastors, Dundonald area (Item 1 of the PCSP Managers' Report)

The Chairman, Councillor B Hanvey, welcomed Mr T Betts and Mr & Mrs Singleton from Street Pastors to the meeting and with the aid of power point, they provided a presentation which outlined the following: -

- Street Pastors is an interdenominational network of Christian charities that operate worldwide. Individual street pastors are Christian adults with a concern for their community, who undergo 12 days of training in order to voluntarily patrol the streets of towns and cities at night, helping and caring for people in practical ways. The initiative began in the United Kingdom and is now being operated in other countries.
- The objective is to get people home safe, give out flip flops, pick up bottles, listen to people's stories, help those in distress, point people to further help. They tend not to preach, but often have the opportunity to share and pray with those who request it.
- Other Pastors under the same umbrella include School Pastors, College Pastors, Rail Pastors and Response Pastors.
- There are over 30 Churches involved in Street Pastors; it takes 4 Churches to come together to start-up a group.

- 'Street Pastors' initiative would be set up soon in the Dundonald area to interact with the large groups of youths gathering particularly but not exclusive to outside the McDonalds restaurant and the Ulster Hospital.
- They work in-partnership with Churches, Police, Local Councils and Businesses to identify hotspot areas.
- The Next Step involves Church's coming together to sign the licence agreement to allow the scheme to start in Dundonald and if requested, the Lisburn City area.

A question and answer session followed during which the following issues were raised and responses provided.

- Street Pastors representative confirmed that funding for the scheme is provided by the Churches involved and other donations.
- Teams consist of 3-4 Pastor Volunteers who would be rotated to work one week per month.
- When deemed appropriate, referrals are made with other Partnerships
- Street Pastors confirmed they would be keen to advertise with local Churches in Lisburn City Centre and start work in tackling the anti-social behaviour problems that exist.
- PCSP could help by publishing the scheme with local Churches.
- Robust training programme covering 12 modules over six Saturdays is provided for personal safety and how youths should be approached.
- The outcomes of the project have seen a reduction of youths gathering in some areas however the objective is to provide a safe place for all.

Councillor A McIntyre left the meeting at 5.51pm and returned at 5.52pm.

The Chairman, Councillor B Hanvey thanked the representatives from Street Pastors Initiative for their presentation and they left the meeting at 5.57pm.

Councillor R Walker left the meeting at 5.57pm and returned at 6.00pm.

5. Deputation by PSNI Public Protection Unit (Item 2 of the PCSP Managers Report)

The Chairman, Councillor B Hanvey welcomed Detective Inspectors Ms A Kelly, and Mr D Kelly and Ms R Hedley from the PSNI Public Protection Unit to the meeting and reminded Members that at its PCSP meeting held in January, 2019, the 'No Grey Zone Campaign' had been discussed and that the motion had been raised by Councillor A McIntyre at a previous Council meeting.

Prior to the presentation by the PSNI Public Protection Unit, Superintendent D Beck, provided Members with an update in respect of Domestic and Sexual Offence crimes reported within the district. Sexual Offences had increased this year by 19% and Domestic Violence crimes had increased by 25%. He added that positive works were ongoing with the Women's Aid Liaison Officer based in Lisburn who continues to offer support and advice to victims and front-line officers attending investigations regarding domestic incidents. Superintendent D Beck further added that the video worn cameras were routinely used by officers and provided good quality evidence.

Superintendent D Beck provided a background to the Public Protection Unit which went live in April, 2015 and brought about an amalgamation of several units which had evolved over the years such as Child Abuse, Rape Crime, Child Internet Protection, Child Sexual Exploitation, Domestic Abuse, Adult Safeguarding, Offender Management, Domestic Violence and Abuse Disclosure Scheme working in partnership with various multi-agencies.

With the aid of power point the Detective Inspectors provided Members with a short video which outlined the different situations in which Officers within the Public Protection Unit are involved with on a daily basis and the importance of working in-partnership with various multi-agencies in providing a support mechanism to victims.

Members were advised that the PSNI, in conjunction with a range of partner agencies including Nexus, Public Prosecution Services and Students' Unions both at Queen's and Ulster University, had launched a new sexual consent awareness campaign entitled 'No Grey Zone'.

'No Grey Zone' aims to raise awareness of what sexual assault is and what sexual consent is. The campaign aims to equip society, and in particular young people, with the knowledge and skills that would help to empower and safeguard them.

The campaign is specifically aimed at the target audience of 16 to 28 year olds and uses clear language to give examples of sexual assault and brings the topic into the open in an unapologetic way.

As part of the campaign a designated website had been established www.nogreyzone.com which is available to everyone to learn more about sexual assault and sexual consent and provides easy access to information about support.

A question and answer session followed during which the following issues were raised and responses provided.

- A duty of care is provided to officers dealing with such crimes through occupational services and opportunities were available to staff to move sideways at times when overwhelmed, however the teams involved genuinely find supporting victims through the most difficult time of their lives most rewarding.
- Concern was raised regarding the impact of domestic violence on children and how the trauma they experience could have detrimental impact on their behaviour.
- Changing the narrative in reporting violence against women could change the perception of what is actually occurring.
- The South Eastern Trust informed Members that they were working with the Probation Board through an offenders programme for perpetrators of domestic and sexual violence and stated that a lot of the perpetrators were repeat offenders and that significant intervention was vital.
- Historical incidents of domestic and sexual violence crimes would be investigated and there were no time restrictions, support would be provided to those who have been afraid to come forward having suffered many years in silence.
- Concern regarding support for those under the age of 16 had been raised for fear that this age group could be overlooked. It had been suggested by Ms E Millar

from the Education Authority that she would be happy to take this concern forward through youth services.

It was agreed to recommend that the PCSP in conjunction with the PSNI support the 'No Grey Zone' Campaign through progressing the campaign at the local college in Lisburn as a first step approach.

The Chairman, Councillor B Hanvey thanked the Detective Inspectors from the Public Protection Unit for their presentation and they left the meeting at 6.32pm.

Mr A Hannaway and Ms E Millar left the meeting at 6.32pm.

Councillor T Mitchell left the meeting at 6.32pm and returned at 6.37pm.

6. Report of PCSP Manager

It was agreed that the report and recommendations of the PCSP Manager be adopted, subject to any decisions recorded below, and other items noted.

6.1 Street Pastors Initiative – Dundonald

It was noted that this item had been considered earlier in the meeting at item 4.

6.2 PSNI Public Protection Unit

It was noted that this item had been considered earlier in the meeting at item 5.

6.3 Update from Statutory Organisations

The Chairman invited representatives from the designated Statutory Organisations to provide an update regarding community safety priorities and added that both Mr A Hannaway and Ms E Millar had expressed an interest in providing an update at the meeting, however they both had to leave the meeting early.

There were no other updates from Statutory Organisations provided.

6.4 PCSP Strategic Plan 2019-22 and Action Plan 2019-20

Members were provided with a copy of the draft Strategic Plan 2019-22 and the Action Plan 2019-20, in line with the Planning Guidance which had been previously circulated to Members.

Members were advised that the draft Strategic Plan identifies high level strategic objectives and the Action Plan identifies the priorities or initiatives to be implemented over the next 12 months. The four key project activities supporting the plan were the Domestic Violence Liaison Officer, Lisburn Safe, 4 Tier Security Scheme and Anti-Social Behaviour Diversionary Initiatives and advised that two significant amendments incorporating Participatory Budgeting and a Motor Bike Awareness programme were included in the plan.

Members were further advised that in terms of funding, plans were based on the same funding levels as previous years, and were asked to note that there could be a 5% cut however, this had not yet been confirmed.

Mr M Busch commended the idea of the PCSP carrying out more outreach work within the Community and stated this would help in raising awareness of the PCSP.

Councillor S Carson suggested that workshops could be an idea for the PCSP in helping to raise public awareness.

The PCSP Manager accepted both comments and emphasised that in comparison with other Partnerships across the province this PCSP receives good public turnouts at both meetings and outreach events organised. She referred to the Planning Guidance and advised that the Policing Board and the Departments recommendations were to hold one or two public meetings per year and highlighted that this PCSP continues to hold six public meetings per year in order to maintain public presence and provide an opportunity for the PCSP and the public to engage.

It was agreed to recommend that the Strategic Plan 2019-22 and Action Plan 2019-20 be approved.

It was further agreed that permission be granted to the PCSP Manager in carrying forward funding for the Dream Scheme in the Castlereagh area and Damask in order to provide them with future funding commitment and allow them to continue their support specifically around anti-social behaviour.

Councillor B Mallon left the meeting at 6.39pm.
Ms P Leeson left the meeting at 6.40pm.

6.5 Project Support Programme 2019/20 – Proposed Time Scales

Members were provided with proposed timescales for the Project Support Programme for 2019/20 as follows: -

- Tuesday 19 March, 2019 – PCSP to approve Project Support Programme for 2019/20.
- Monday 1 April, 2019 – Launch of Project Support Programme.
- Friday 26 April, 2019 – Closing date for receipt of applications.
- Wednesday 29 May, 2019 – Assessment of applications (Chairman, Vice-Chairman and 2 Members)
- Tuesday 18 June, 2019 – Outcome of assessment panel considered by PCSP.
- Wednesday 19 June, 2019 – Notification to applicants.
- Friday 28 February, 2020 – Completion of projects and monitoring/evaluation details submitted to PCSP.

It was agreed that the above timescales for the Project Support Programme for 2019/20 be agreed.

It was further agreed that the Chairman Councillor B Hanvey, Vice-Chairman Mrs Y Craig, Alderman G Rice and Mr M Busch be nominated to sit on the assessment panel.

6.6 Applications for Funding Under £500

It was agreed that the following named applications for Funding Under £500 be approved: -

- PSNI Engagement Day with Seymour Hill Women's Group re crime prevention - £120.
- Lisburn District Loyal Orange Lodge No. 6 – training for stewards and marshals - £500.
- St Patrick's Church of Ireland, Stoneyford, St Patrick's Day Community Safety Event - £300.

6.7 PCSP Community Safety Awards

Members were provided with a copy of the award categories and criteria for the PCSP Community Safety Awards which would take place on 29 May, 2019.

Members were advised that a formal invitation from the Joint Committee and nomination form would follow in due course with nominations being sought by 29 March, 2019. Members were asked to consider and advise the PCSP Manager of suitable projects/initiatives for nomination as soon as possible.

It was agreed that delegated authority be approved for the Chairman and PCSP Manager to complete the submission for the Community Safety Awards in line with appropriate information being received.

6.8 Recruitment of PCSP Independent Members

Members were provided with a copy of an advert which had been inserted in the local papers by the Northern Ireland Policing Board for the recruitment of Independent Members to the 11 Policing and Community Safety Partnerships and noted that all relevant information had been sent to Members by email the previous week as requested by the Board.

Additional Item

6.9 Lisburn Commerce Against Crime

The PCSP Manager reminded Members that at its Private Meeting in January, 2019 funding had been approved for Lisburn Commerce Against Crime which originally had been delayed based on a successful economic appraisal being agreed by Council.

A letter had been received to the PCSP Manger advising that Lisburn Commerce Against Crime had not been able to commit allocation to the areas of expenditure that they had anticipated and therefore requested for a change control to reallocate £4000 to the purchase of City Watch Radios to extend the link into Dundonald, Moira and Hillsborough areas.

It was agreed that approval be granted to Lisburn Commerce Against Crime for the change control to reallocate £4,000 towards the purchase of City Watch Radios on the basis which are subject to a criteria and a report being provided to the Partnership.

Mr M Quinn left the meeting at 6.55pm

7. Any Other Business

7.1 Street Pastors
Councillor S Carson

It was agreed that the Partnership would seek engagement in order to link the Church Forum in Lisburn City Centre with Street Pastors as suggested by Councillor S Carson.

7.2 Anti- Social Behaviour
Superintendent D Beck

Superintendent D Beck reassured Members that significant resources had been devoted to anti-social behaviour over the past weekend and would continue over the forthcoming weekends and included hotspot areas such as Carryduff Park Lough Moss Pitches, Cairnshill Pitches, Rugby Avenue, Carryduff Church and Fourwinds.

7.3 Appointment of Independent Members
Councillor J Palmer

The PCSP Manger responded to Councillor J Palmer's query regarding if there had been any further update on the appointments of Independent Members and advised that no further information had been received as yet.

7.4 Speed Indicator Signs
Councillor J Palmer

The PCSP Manager responded to Councillor J Palmer's query in respect of an update regarding the Speed Indicator Signs and confirmed that the three Speed Indicator Signs would be in place this Thursday and that the new poles had been installed in Maghaberry, Carryduff and Annahilt.

The PCSP Manager further confirmed that a meeting had been arranged with Roads Policing to agree the placements of the remaining locations.

7.5 Anti-Social Behaviour
Alderman G Rice

Alderman G Rice requested if the PSNI would patrol the hotspot area at the bridge located at the Crescent in Carryduff where a number of youths were gathering.

7.6 Anti-Social Behaviour
Mr P Dean

Mr P Dean advised that the Resurgam Trust had opened new premises at Bridge Street, Lisburn and had suggested that this could be used as a base for the PSNI, Lisburn Safe, Damask and young people who required a 'Safe Place'. He welcomed a small donation for resources such as first aid kits.

Mr Dean also informed Members that a Charity Football Match was taking place at Lisburn Rangers on Sunday 24 March, 2019 starting at 1pm, and that everyone was welcome to come along. There would be a small charge as the match was a charity event.

7.7 Hydebank Wood College
Mr Mark Nicholson

Mr M Nicholson extended an invitation to the Partnership for an opportunity in the future to attend Hydebank Wood College in order to experience what happens behind the walls and to obtain an overview of the works undertaken by the management and partnerships.

7.8 Drug Dogs
Ms Y Craig

Mrs Y Craig thanked the PSNI for its support in providing Drugs Dogs as a method of detecting illegal substances where large groups of young people were gathering.

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 7.04 pm.

Chairman