

**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 Monday 18 September  
2017 at 5.30 pm**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor A McIntyre (Chairman)  
Councillor S Carson  
Alderman G Rice MBE  
Alderman D Drysdale  
Councillor U Mackin  
Councillor John Palmer  
Alderman M Henderson  
Councillor A Redpath  
Mr M Busch  
Mrs Y Craig  
Ms D Guy  
Ms D Hancock  
Ms P Leeson  
Ms Christine McCullough (Vice-Chairman)

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

PCSP Manager  
PCSP Officer (SA)  
Members Services Officer

Designated Organisations

Chief Inspector L Dobson, Police Service of Northern Ireland  
Sergeant D Lucas, Police Service of Northern Ireland  
Mr A Hannaway, Northern Ireland Housing Executive  
Mr D Rodgers, Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service  
Mr P Thompson, Probation Board for Northern Ireland

Dreamscheme

Mr S McMullan

Copius Consulting

Mr D McArdle  
Mr R Crowe

The Chairman, Councillor A McIntyre, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies

It was agreed that apologies be recorded on behalf of The Head of Central Support Services, Councillor M Tolerton, Mr P Dean.

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 20 June 2017 – minutes proposed by Mrs Y Craig, seconded by Mrs D Guy.
- (ii) Special Meeting of Independent Members held on Tuesday 15 August 2017 to elect a Vice Chairman – minutes proposed by Mrs D Guy, seconded by Mrs D Hancock.
- (iii) Meeting of the Policing Committee held on Tuesday 15 August 2017 – minutes proposed by Mrs Y Craig, seconded by Councillor S Carson.

3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

The Chairman sought Declarations of Interest from members and the following declarations were made:

- Alderman David Drysdale advised that he had an interest in the Inspire Business Park should it be referred to during the meeting.
- Mr M Busch advised that he had an interest in St Aloysius School which was referred to within the Report of the PCSP Manager at item 4.
- During the course of the meeting Councillor J Palmer declared an interest in the Dreamscheme Project, item 1 on the Report of the PCSP Manager, as a relative had connections to one of the project workers.

4. To receive representatives from Dreamscheme in respect of a funding request for the youth programme.

Item 6.1 (a) refers.

5. To receive representatives from Copius Consulting in respect of a paper on Tackling Paramilitarism.

Item 6.1 (b) refers.

6. Report of the 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 (a) Dreamscheme

Members were reminded that Dreamscheme had been supported by this PCSP since its inception and by the former Castlereagh PCSP prior to that. The organisation had requested a continuation of the £10,000 funding to support and extend its Newtownbreda Youth Work programme which aims to increase the number of young people involved in the programme to divert them from anti-social behaviours through centre based youth work and school based youth support programmes.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Stephen McMullan from Dreamscheme who proceeded to provide members with information on their projects.

He outlined recent initiatives by Dreamscheme, the Breda Intervention project, how the scheme works, the staffing team, the local partners, the 26 week programme under consideration and anticipated costs.

At the culmination of the presentation and subsequent discussion it was agreed that the Partnership accede to the request from Dreamscheme for a continuation of the £10,000 funding to support and extend the Dreamscheme youth work programme.

This was followed by a question and answer session during which additional information was provided on the following:

- How the group of young people were responding to the work done so far.
- Input from the Education Authority.
- Collaboration with the local school.
- How long the project had been running.
- Breakdown of leadership numbers.
- Website, blog and contact information.
- Mentoring and potential for taking this along the route of accreditation.
- Potential for Community Grant from the NI Housing Executive.
- It was suggested that the PCSP put a link from their Facebook page to the Dreamscheme project.

At the end of the question and answer session, the Chairman, Councillor A McIntyre thanked Mr McMullan for attending the meeting and at 6.00 pm both Mr McMullan and the PCSP Officer (SA) left the meeting.

At this stage, after due consideration, it was proposed by Alderman M Henderson, seconded by Mrs C McCullough and subsequently agreed that financial support of £10,000, as requested by Dreamscheme, be approved.

#### 6.1 (b) **Confidential Report of the PCSP Manager**

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

#### Tackling Paramilitarism and Embedding a Culture of Lawfulness

The PCSP Manager outlined that, as part of the Fresh Start Agreement, it had been agreed that the Department of Justice, the Policing Board and PCSPs take forward the following recommended action (A6):

'In setting the strategic objectives of PCSPs, the Department of Justice and Policing Board should ensure that the partnerships focus on building community confidence in the rule of law and embedding a culture of lawfulness'.

She highlighted that recently published Guidance on PCSP Planning for 2016-2019, in response to action A6, Strategic Objective 3 to support community confidence in policing has now been revised to include:

'Building community confidence in the rule of law and embedding a culture of lawfulness by supporting the locality based engagement that will emerge from local co-design in taking forward the Executive Action Plan as set out in Fresh Start and the Programme for Government'.

She advised that, given the highly sensitive and confidential nature of this work, the services of Copius Consulting had been procured to:

- Organise and facilitate focus groups with loyalist representatives in the relevant areas of the City on the Fresh Start recommendations.
- Liaise with the PCSP and the police on outcomes of discussions.
- Compile a report to be presented to the PCSP in early September detailing feedback and how this work in partnership with the police and PCSP can to be taken forward. Members had been furnished with a copy of this Report in advance of the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed Mr D McArdle and Mr R Crowe from Copius Consulting who proceeded to discuss their findings together with a way forward which had been summarised to members within a circulated Confidential Report.

At the end of the presentation, there was an opportunity for members to ask questions on the work carried out so far after which the Chairman, Councillor A McIntyre thanked Mr McArdle and Mr Crowe for their input and they left the meeting at 6.50 pm.

At this stage members discussed the best way to take matters forward and after further discussion it was proposed by Chief Inspector L Dobson, seconded by Alderman M Henderson and agreed that a sub-committee of the partnership be set up to progress the matter with the make-up of the sub-committee to be agreed by the Chairman, Chief Inspector L Dobson and the PCSP Manager.

## 6.2 Update from Statutory Organisations

Members noted the following information provided by the respective organisations:

### NI Housing Executive - Alderman M Henderson

Alderman M Henderson wished to thank Mr Hannaway for recent assistance he had provided.

### Probation Board for NI – Mr P Thompson

Mr Thompson wished to inform members that the Probation Service had recently launched a new project aiming to deflect young people from paramilitarism.

Mr Thompson also wished to advise that it had recently been announced that the threat level against Probation Board staff from dissident republican organisations had increased and that a protest event, in response to this, had been organised by staff.

PSNI – Sergeant D Lucas

Sergeant Lucas circulated some samples of the Police Aware stickers and advised that the cost of these was coming in at less than anticipated.

6.3 Minutes of Thematic Sub Group meetings

Members noted the minutes of the Thematic Sub Group meetings which were held on Wednesday 28 June and Tuesday 15 August 2017 together with correspondence dated 6 September 2017 received from the Department for Infrastructure regarding the issues raised at the sub group meeting about the car park at Plantation Road/Saintfield Road Lisburn.

Councillor U Mackin advised that he had spoken with the Department of Infrastructure and felt that there may need to be a meeting arranged with PSNI in the near future.

6.4 Proposed Programme of Activity for PCSP Programmes

Members noted the proposed outline of PCSP activities which would be managed by PCSP Officers in the coming months and which were discussed and agreed at the thematic sub group meetings. Background information to the proposal outlined for Road Safety Week to take place on Thursday 19 October in partnership with St Aloysius Primary School, Lisburn was also noted.

6.5 Applications for Funding

After due consideration, it was agreed to approve the following 8 applications for funding.

- Intercultural Friendship - £500
- PSNI Road Safety – Ulster Grand Prix - £840
- PSNI (Thursday Club) – Crime Prevention - £200
- PSNI Crime Prevention Day (Forestside) - £180
- PSNI Youth Court - £369.50
- PSNI Hate Crime Project (Radar) - £150
- PSNI Crime Prevention Day (Sprucefield) - £185
- PSNI ASB Youth Engagement - £500

6.6 Drug Bins

Members noted information provided on the contents of the drugs bins located at Lagan View Enterprise Centre from April 2016 to end March 2017. The PCSP Manager advised that a review of this was planned and would be reported on in due course.

At this stage the PCSP Manager updated members on the Truecall initiative advising that, to date, 65 Truecall units had been fitted since May 2016 with 29,940 calls being received of which 9,425 were nuisance calls and represented 32% of calls.

6.7 PCSP Annual Report

Members were reminded that a draft version of the PCSP Annual Report 2016/17 had been approved at the meeting of the partnership held in June 2017. Members had subsequently been provided with a copy of the revised printed version and it was agreed to approve the PCSP Annual Report as circulated.

6.8 PCSP Budget 2017/18

Members noted the contents of a letter of offer dated 6 September 2017 for the funding for the PCSP for the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018 and noted that, as advised previously, the agreed amount was £273,113 with an additional £18,000 to fund Members meeting expenses.

6.9 Outcomes Based Accountability (OBA) Training

Members had been provided with a copy of correspondence dated 1 September 2017 from the Joint Committee regarding attendance at the forthcoming OBA training due to take place in Lisburn on Wednesday 27 September from 4.30 pm to 8.00 pm. Members were requested to advise PCSP Officers of their availability to attend the OBA training session.

6.10 Selectadna

Members were advised that the partnership had received details of the success that the implementation of Selectadna had in the areas where it had been piloted by Neighbourhood Watch Schemes identified by the police. The sub group had agreed that this should be further rolled out by the PCSP with an associated budget of £4,000 and it was agreed, by the Partnership, that this be approved.

7. Any Other Business

8.1 Inside Outside bus  
Councillor S Carson

Councillor Carson asked whether arrangements could be made for members to view the Inside Outside bus and it was noted that members of Council wished to participate in this as well.

The PCSP Manager advised that arrangements could be made for the bus to be viewed at the start of one of the Council meetings.

8.2 Neighbourhood Watch Schemes  
Mrs C McCullough

Mrs McCullough said that she had been requested to update a Member of the Public on the progress of a proposed Neighbourhood Watch Scheme at Saintsbury Park off the Hillsborough Old Road.

Chief Inspector L Dobson undertook to look into the current status of this scheme and respond provide a response.

8.3 Minutes of Meetings  
Mr M Busch

Mr Busch referred to Minutes of PCSP Meetings and wished to commend the Members Services Section for the high standard of minute taking service they provided to the partnership, other members concurred.

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 7.15 pm.

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Chairman