

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Lisburn & Castlereagh Policing and Community Safety Partnership held in Sarah Crother's Hall, Lisburn, on Tuesday, 16 May, 2017 at 5:52 pm

PRESENT:

Ms C McCullough (Acting Chairman)

Councillor S Carson

Mr M Busch

Mrs Y Craig

Mr P Dean

Alderman D Drysdale

Ms D Hancock

Ms N Kirk

Ms P Leeson

Councillor A McIntyre

Ms R Orr

IN ATTENDANCE:

Head of Central Support Services

PCSP Officer

Member Services Officer

Designated Organisations

Superintendent S Wright, Police Service of Northern Ireland

Chief Inspector L Dobson, Police Service of Northern Ireland

Mr A Hannaway, Northern Ireland Housing Executive

Mr R Purvis, Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service

Police Service of Northern Ireland

Sergeant P Jackson, Digital Criminal Justice Team

Mr A Elwood, Project Manager

Chairman

In the absence of the Chairman, Alderman M Henderson MBE, the Vice-Chairman, Ms C McCullough, took the chair and conducted the business on the agenda.

1. **Apologies**

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of the Chairman, Alderman M Henderson, Alderman G Rice MBE, Councillors U Mackin, J Palmer and M Tolerton, Ms D Guy, Director of Service Support, Member Services and PCSP Manager and Ms M Meehan, Education Authority Representative.

At this point, the Acting Chairman, Ms C McCullough, on behalf of the Partnership, expressed condolences to Mrs Y Craig in respect of a recent family bereavement.

2. Minutes

It was proposed by Mrs Y Craig, seconded by Ms D Hancock and agreed that the private meeting of the Partnership held on 21 February, 2017 be confirmed and signed.

It was proposed by Ms R Orr, seconded by Ms D Hancock and agreed that the public meeting of the Partnership held on 21 March, 2017 be confirmed and signed.

3. Declarations of Interest

At this point in the meeting, Ms D Hancock declared an interest in respect of item 5.6 "Applications for Funding", section (i) Mountview ASB.

During the meeting, the following declarations of interest were made:

- Mr P Dean in respect of item 5.6 "Applications for Funding", section (ii) The Welcome Project, in light of his being chairman of this group; and
- Alderman D Drysdale in respect of item 5.6 "Applications for Funding", section (iv) Ballybeen Improvement Group, in light of his being chairman of Inspire Business Centre Ltd.

4. Body Worn Video

Alderman D Drysdale arrived to the meeting during consideration of this item of business (5.57 pm).

The Acting Chairman, Ms C McCullough, welcomed to the meeting Sergeant P Jackson from the PSNI's Digital Criminal Justice Team, together with Mr A Elwood, Project Manager.

With the use of visual aid equipment, Sergeant Jackson made a presentation in relation to Body Worn Video, which was planned for roll-out in Lisburn & Castlereagh in June 2017, and Members were provided with a copy of this presentation.

Following the presentation, Sergeant Jackson and Mr Elwood answered several queries raised by Members. The Acting Chairman, Ms C McCullough, thanked them for their attendance and they left the meeting (6.23 pm).

5. Report of Member Services and PCSP Manager

In the absence of the Member Services and PCSP Manager, her report was presented by the PCSP Officer.

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

5.1 Body Worn Cameras

It was noted that this matter had been dealt with under Item 3.

5.2 Equality – Northern Ireland Policing Board

The PCSP Manager reported that the Northern Ireland Policing Board (NIPB) was currently reviewing its Equality Scheme and was seeking feedback on how it promoted equality of opportunity and good relations. A copy of the Equality Scheme was available online and the closing date for receipt of comments was 30 May, 2017.

It was agreed that any comments Members wished to make be submitted to the Board by the required deadline of 30 May.

5.3 Local Policing Plan 2017/18

Members were provided with, and noted the contents of, a copy of the Lisburn & Castlereagh Local Policing Plan 2017/18, which included the performance measures that had been agreed in partnership with the PCSP for the forthcoming year.

5.4 SelectaDNA

The Partnership was reminded that, in August 2016, it had agreed to introduce a property-marking initiative using SelectaDNA in nine Neighbourhood Watch areas across Lisburn and Castlereagh. Signage was clearly displayed in the areas where this initiative operated.

Members noted from the Member Services and PCSP Manager's report, information regarding the level of domestic burglaries before and after the implementation of SelectaDNA.

Following comments by Councillor S Carson regarding signs having been erected parallel to roads rather than facing oncoming traffic, the PCSP Officer agreed to have this matter addressed.

5.5 PCSP Funding 2017/18

Members were provided with, and noted the contents of, a copy of a letter dated 16 March, 2017 from the Joint Committee advising of an indicative level of funding for the current year of at least 90% of the amount allocated in 2016/17. This provided the Council with assurance and the ability to deliver against the actions outlined in the Action Plan without any unnecessary delay.

5.6 Applications for Funding

It was agreed that the following applications for funding be approved:

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- (i) Mountview ASB – continuation of Small Grants Programme for sessional worker 10 hours per week for 10 weeks to address antisocial behaviour in the vacant MOD houses - **£2650** for 3 months;
- (ii) The Welcome Project – International Children’s Day – for hire of Inside/ Outside bus, venue hire and marketing - **£500**;
- (iii) PSNI – Ethnic Minority Project with young people from different cultural backgrounds - **£430**;
- (iv) Ballybeen Improvement Group – Activity Week - **£490**;
- (v) Ballymacash Rangers Football Club – under 16 football team for young people involved in antisocial behaviour - **£500**;
- (vi) PSNI – Seymour Hill & Conway Community Association - **£100**; and
- (vii) PSNI Crime Prevention Officer Pickpocket Card Minder Scheme – to address bank card skimming - **£1150**.

5.7 Project Support Programme

The Partnership was reminded that it had previously agreed to undertake a Project Support Programme, similar to the Small Grants Programme operated in previous years. The timescales from approval to completion of programme were:

- Tuesday, 16 May, 2017 – PCSP to approve Project Support Programme for 2017/18;
- Wednesday, 17 May, 2017 – Launch of Project Support Programme;
- Friday, 9 June, 2017 – Closing date for receipt of applications;
- Tuesday, 13 June, 2017 – Assessment of applications;
- Tuesday, 20 June, 2017 – Outcome of assessment panel considered by PCSP;
- Monday, 26 June, 2017 – Notification to applicants; and
- Friday, 23 February, 2018 – Completion of projects and monitoring/ evaluation details submitted to PCSP.

It was agreed that the above timescales for the Project Support Programme funding be approved.

It was further agreed that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and two Members be appointed to sit on an assessment panel, together with PSNI representative, Chief Inspector L Dobson, who would sit in an advisory capacity. The PCSP Officer asked that any Members interested in participating in this panel email him accordingly.

In response to comments by Councillor S Carson, the PCSP Officer stated that advice could be given to applicants to ensure their applications met the necessary objectives.

5.8 inpartnership

Members were provided with, and noted the contents of, a copy of the April edition of the inpartnership newsletter.

5.9 Rapid Drugs Disposal Bins

Members were provided with, and noted the contents of, a copy of statistical information regarding the contents of the two drugs bins located at Laganview Enterprise Centre and Seymour Hill relating to the period October 2016 to March 2017.

The PCSP Officer advised that a meeting was due to take place on 6 June, 2017 to consider the provision of three additional drugs disposal bins within the Council area, as well as the relocation of the bin currently at Ballybeen.

5.10 Text Alert Scheme

Following previous approval of the introduction of the Text Alert Scheme for the Lisburn and Castlereagh area, leaflets were provided for completion by any Members interested in subscribing to the service.

Crime prevention text alerts would be sent by the PSNI when it wished to raise awareness of an issue or seek public assistance. It would also be used to advertise PCSP meetings and events. Officers were currently working on building the database of membership, which would be set up on a thematic basis by District Electoral Area. It was anticipated that the service would be operational in the next three weeks.

Any Members interested in subscribing to the service were requested to complete the leaflet provided and return to the Member Services and PCSP Manager accordingly.

5.11 Schedule of Meetings 2017/18

Members were provided with, and approved the contents of, a draft schedule of meetings until April 2018.

The Partnership was reminded that, at its meetings in February 2017, it had agreed that:

- the Policing Committee should meet separately from the PCSP to consider the police report relating to the district. Such meetings should take place on a quarterly basis, in line with the provision of the reports from the police. At six monthly intervals, the meeting should take place in a public forum; and
- the PCSP should meet in public at least two times per year and the meetings should, as far as was practicable, be themed in line with community consultation and be less formal in structure. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and other representatives relevant to the theme of the meeting should sit at the top table. Where possible, meaningful community consultation should take place prior to the meeting to ensure sufficient attendance at the meeting and concerns relevant to the community were being addressed.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Funding from Seizures Made Under the Proceeds of Crime Act
Alderman D Drysdale

Alderman D Drysdale enquired if applications could still be made for funding from seizures made under the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA). The PCSP Officer confirmed that this was the case.

6.2 PSNI Bicycles
Mr P Dean

Mr P Dean having referred to a previous decision of the Partnership to provide funding for repairing PSNI bicycles, Chief Inspector Dobson explained that a number of bicycles had been repaired but some had been beyond fixing.

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 6.44 pm.

Chairman