

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Policing and Community Safety Partnership
held remotely by zoom on Thursday 16 December 2021 at 6.00 pm**

PRESENT:

Councillor M Guy (Chairperson)
Councillor N Anderson
Councillor A Ewing
Councillor A Gowan
Councillor A McIntyre
Councillor S Skillen
Mr J Bentley
Ms G Conroy
Mrs Y Craig
Mr G Doran
Mr D McBurney
Ms A Twomey (Vice-Chairperson)
Mrs P Yellamaty

IN ATTENDANCE:

Acting PCSP/Member Services Manager
PCSP Officer (JB)
PCSP Officer (SA)
Member Services Officer (PS)

Designated Organisations

Chief Inspector J Wilson, Police Service of Northern Ireland
J Harkness, Youth Justice Agency
E Millar, Education Authority

Commencement of the Meeting

The Chairperson, Councillor M Guy, welcomed everyone to the meeting, which was being held via zoom due to the current Covid-19 restrictions. She expressed her thanks to those who had also attended the PCSP strategy event held the previous Tuesday and advised that the survey would be re-circulated to anyone who hadn't been able to attend so that they could provide feedback in respect of matters discussed.

1. **Apologies**

It was agreed to accept an apology for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Councillor H Legge, Mrs P Leeson, Mr D Marley, Councillor R Carlin, Councillor R McLarnon, Ms A Landa, Mr G Clifton and Superintendent J Mullan.

2. **Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

The Chairperson sought any Declarations of Conflicts of interest from those present, the following declarations were made:

- Councillor A Gowan declared an interest in Item 4 of the Report of the Acting PCSP Manager – Funding Application Under £500 for Anahilt & Magheraconluce Community Association due to his involvement with the group. He said he would withdraw for the duration of the discussion.
- During the course of the meeting Councillor S Skillen declared an interest in Item 5 of the Report of the Acting PCSP Manager – Funding Application Over £500 for Ballybeen Improvement Group due to her involvement with the group. She said she would withdraw for the duration of the discussion.

3. Minutes

It was agreed by the Partnership that the Minutes of the following Meetings be confirmed and signed.

(a) Private Meeting held on 21 September 2021 (Proposed by Mr D McBurney, seconded by Ms A Twomey)

(b) Public Meeting held on 19 October 2021 (Proposed by Mr D McBurney, seconded by Ms A Twomey)

(c) Meeting of the Policing Committee held on 16 November 2021 (Proposed by Ms A Twomey, seconded by Mrs Y Craig)

4. Update from Statutory Partners

Representatives from Statutory Organisations had been asked to provide updates on the work of their respective organisations with regards to community safety priorities, the following updates were provided:

Update from Chief Inspector J Wilson, PSNI

Chief Inspector J Wilson updated that there had not been much change since his last update to the Partnership. There had been an increase in crime particularly in harassment and possession of drugs. Regarding burglary, at this point there had only been eleven additional burglaries on the previous year despite the easing of covid restrictions. He highlighted a small dip in clearance rates due to ongoing investigations, he also outlined the problems in identifying shop-lifters due to the wearing of masks.

He outlined the ongoing 'Seasons Greetings' operation which and provide information on recent arrests in respect of those caught driving whilst over the legal alcohol limit.

Mr J Bentley asked how much over the limit the drivers had been and he was advised by Chief Inspector Wilson that one had been at a level of 90 and one had been at a level of over 100, he reminded members that police prosecuted at a level of 40.

Mr Bentley commented that it was sad to see that people continued to flout the law in this respect.

Update from Ms J Harkness, Youth Justice Agency

Ms Harkness advised that it would now appear that face to face contact might be suspended going forward. She advised that referrals were continuing and outlined a vaping project which was to be rolled out in conjunction with the PSNI. She also advised of a project ongoing with a children's home in Lisburn. She advised that her organisation's Performance Impact Report had been produced and would be circulated in due course.

Update from Ms E Millar, Education Authority

Ms Millar advised that the Lisburn and Castlereagh Youth Council was now up and running with 28 members and she looked forward to this developing. She advised of an event being organised by the Youth Council which would feed into the PCSP's Action Plan. She advised that detached and outreach work was ongoing and paid tribute to staff who continued to work tirelessly as they had done throughout the pandemic.

5. Report of the Acting PCSP/Member Services Manager

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

5.1 Road Safety Sub Group Update

Members of the Partnership were reminded that at the Private Meeting of the PCSP held in June 2021, it had been agreed to establish a Road Safety Sub-group to bring forward recommendations to the Partnership on the following matters –

- The evaluation and proposed relocation of existing speed indicator devices (SIDS)
- The assessment of new requests for SIDs
- The procurement of additional SIDs

An update was provided on meetings held since September and on those proposed to take place in the future and were advised that a further update on all of the work of the sub-group would be presented to the Partnership in February together with recommendations for their consideration.

It was agreed that the above information be noted.

5.2 Tracker Project Update

Members of the Partnership were reminded that they had approved funding of £5,000 for a Tracker Initiative which allowed participants who signed up to the scheme a £200 discount on the purchase of tracker devices. Members were provided with an update on the scheme and were advised that a total of nine applications had been received and funded to date as one additional application had been received since the report to members had been circulated. Members

were advised that there would be a big push in the final quarter to issue the remainder and those present were encouraged to publicise the scheme.

It was agreed that the above information be noted.

5.3 Correspondence from Department for Infrastructure – A1 Junctions Phase 2 Road Improvement Scheme.

Members were provided with a copy of information recently issued by the Department for Infrastructure by way of an update on the A1 Junctions Phase 2 – Road Improvement Scheme. It was agreed that the information be noted.

(Councillor A Gowan left the meeting at 6.23pm having declared an interest in the following item).

5.4 Applications for funding under £500

After consideration of the applications, it was proposed by Councillor N Anderson, seconded by Mr J Bentley and agreed by the Partnership that the following applications for funding under £500 be approved subject to the discussion outlined below.

Group	Project	Amount requested
Anahilt & Magheraconluce Community Association	Road Safety Project with local school and community – December 2021 to March 2022	£499
Glenavy Hurling Club	ASB Project December 2021 to March 2022	£500
PSNI	Engagement event with Culcavy youth	£500
PSNI	Engagement event with Derrriaghy Village Community Association December 2021	£500
PSNI	Engagement event with Hilden Residents Community Group (Glenmore Youth Club ASB Project)	£500
PSNI	Engagement event with Seymour Hill and Conway Resident Group and youth club – 10 December 2021	£500
Ballymacash Sports Academy	Soccer Camp – 3 January 2022	£500
PSNI/Beach	Engagement Event at Ballyoran Centre, Ballybeen, December 2021	£479
PSNI	Crime Prevention Event at Enler Centre, Ballybeen – December 2021	£100

Lisburn Chess Club

Some concern had been expressed that the application was a bit weak in terms of outcomes and it was agreed that PCSP Officers continue to monitor the project and provide support to the group and that guidance on form filling be explored with the Community Services Unit in the Council. The importance of safeguarding procedures being put in place was also highlighted and the PCSP Officer (SA) undertook to take this on board.

(Councillor A Gowan returned to the meeting at 6:35 pm)

(Councillor S Skillen left the meeting at 6.37 pm having declared an interest in the following item).

5.5 Applications for Funding over £500

After consideration of the applications, it was proposed by Councillor N Anderson, seconded by Mr D McBurney and agreed by the Partnership that the following applications for funding over £500 be approved.

Group	Project	Amount requested
Lisburn Chess Club	Engagement with hard to reach individuals December 2021	£1000
The Resurgam Trust	Early Intervention Street Art Project in Lisburn City Centre January 2022	£1480
Onus	Provide a further three Domestic Abuse Awareness Raising Sessions with Community Groups January to March 2022	£2000
Ballybeen Improvement Group	Saturday Twilight Soccer Intervention Programme in Ballybeen Estate January 2022 to March 2022	£4600

Resurgam Trust

Councillor N Anderson highlighted an issue which had arisen with a similar project in the past and requested that this be highlighted to the group.

5.6 Participatory Budgeting Initiative (PB) – Grand Choice

Members of the Partnership were reminded that a report had been brought before them in September 2021 regarding the PB initiative Grand Choice which was to be rolled out in the Downshire West DEA before Christmas. They were advised that due to the rapidly changing Covid situation, a decision had been taken to postpone the event. An online event had been held earlier in the year but due to negative feedback it had been agreed that a digital platform was not conducive to this type of event.

The Partnership was advised that officers would continue to monitor this situation with a view to hosting an event in Spring 2022.

Councillor A Gowan asked what would happen if it transpired that a face to face event could not take place and the Acting PCSP Manager advised that other options might have to be considered if that were to be the case.

It was agreed that the above information be noted.

5. Any Other Business

The Chairperson, Councillor M Guy thanked those present for attending and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 6.48 pm.

Chairperson