

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 20 September
2016 at 5.30 pm**

PRESENT:

Alderman M Henderson MBE (Chairman)
Alderman G Rice MBE
Councillor U Mackin
Councillor J Palmer
Councillor M Tolerton
Councillor S Carson
Councillor B Hanvey
Mr M Busch
Mrs Y Craig
Mr P Dean
Ms D Guy
Ms D Hancock
Ms N Kirk
Ms P Leeson
Ms R Orr
Mrs C McCullough

IN ATTENDANCE:

Head of Central Support Services
PCSP Manager
Committee Secretary

Designated Organisations

Superintendent Sean Wright, Police Service of Northern
Ireland
Chief Inspector J Wilson, Police Service of Northern Ireland
Chief Inspector L Dobson, Police Service of Northern Ireland
Mr A Hannaway, Northern Ireland Housing Executive
Mr P Thompson, Probation Board of Northern Ireland
Mr S Dallas, Education Authority, Youth Service

The Chairman, Alderman M Henderson, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **Apologies**

Apologies had been received and were noted from Alderman D Drysdale,
Councillor A McIntyre and Mr K Doherty

2. **Minutes**

It was agreed that the following Minutes be approved and signed:

- Meeting in Private held on Tuesday 29 June 2016
- Meeting in Private held on Tuesday 16 August 2016 at 6.16 pm
(Election to the position of Vice-Chairman)
- Special Meeting in Private held on Tuesday 16 August 2016 at 6.37 pm
- Meeting in Public held on Tuesday 16 August 2016 at 7.10 pm

3. Declarations of Interest

The Chairman outlined the procedure in respect of Declarations of Interest after which the following Declarations of Interest were made:

- Mr P Dean declared an interest in items in connection with Lisburn SAFE (item 4.1 on the Report of the PCSP Manager) due to his position as a Director of the Resurgam Trust and as a Director of Lisburn Commerce Against Crime.

At this stage in proceedings Alderman G Rice stated that she wished to raise an issue regarding the dedicated Castlereagh Sergeant mobile telephone number as calls which she had made to this number were not being responded to. She stated that Councillor N Anderson had also been in contact with her advising that he was experiencing similar problems in trying to get a response from both this number and the mobile phone numbers of other PSNI officers.

The Chairman requested that PSNI Officers present at the meeting liaise with Alderman Rice after the proceedings so that this could be investigated. Chief Inspector L Dobson undertook to do this.

Superintendent Sean Wright urged the use of the 101 number in such circumstances which, he stated, was the most appropriate means of communication and in doing this the call would be logged and allocated accordingly.

4. 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.

4.1 Belfast and Lisburn Women's Aid

Members were reminded that, at the private meeting on 29 June 2016, it was agreed to extend the current level of funding to the PCSP funded Domestic Violence Liaison officer post until the end of September pending the receipt of the evaluation report from Blu Zebra Consulting - a copy of which had been circulated to members within the current meeting documentation pack.

Members were further reminded that at the June meeting it was also agreed that a representative of Belfast and Lisburn Women's Aid be invited to attend the next private meeting to deliver a business case on the requirement for future funding of the project. Members had also been provided with a copy of the business case to be presented which gave some detail on the amount of funding required for the remainder of the financial year. It was highlighted that from 1 April 2016 to 30 September 2016, the PCSP had contributed £15,000 and that a further £15,000 had been set aside in the budget.

The Chairman welcomed Ms Patricia Lyness and Ms Siobhan Graham from Belfast and Lisburn Women's Aid who, with the aid of a power-point presentation, provided information on the following:

- The origins of the co-located post
- The aims and objectives
- Statistical information on the period 1 April 2014 – 31 March 2016
- Positive outcomes of joint working

A question and answer session followed during which the following areas were explored:

- Other potential avenues of funding
- Clarification on the statistical information provided in the presentation

At the culmination of the question and answer session, the Chairman, Alderman M Henderson, thanked Ms Lyness and Ms Graham for their presentation and they left the meeting at 6.10 pm

After consideration of the application, it was proposed by Councillor U Mackin seconded by Alderman G Rice and agreed that :

- (a) Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP should provide funding to the Domestic Violence Liaison Officer project to the sum of £30,000 (£15,000 of which has already been provided);
- (b) Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP should write, on behalf of Women's Aid, to other agencies and stakeholders within the Lisburn & Castlereagh Community Planning Partnership, highlighting the benefits of the Domestic Violence Liaison Officer post and requesting that they give favourable consideration to providing financial assistance to help meet any funding shortfall; and
- (c) The group be provided with any contacts which members may be aware of who could provide Women's Aid with assistance in completing grant applications and with researching available funding.

4.2 Lisburn SAFE

(Mr P Dean left the meeting at 6.20 pm)

Members were reminded that, at the private meeting on 29 June 2016, it was agreed to extend the current level of funding to the Lisburn SAFE project until the end of September pending the receipt of the evaluation report from Blu Zebra Consulting - a copy of which had been circulated to Members within the current meeting documentation pack. Members were further reminded that at the June meeting it was also agreed that a representative from Lisburn SAFE would deliver a business case on the requirement for future funding of the project. Members had also been provided with a copy of the business case to be presented which gave some detail on the amount of funding required for the remainder of the financial year. It was highlighted that from 1 April 2016 to 30 September 2016 the PCSP has contributed £10,000 and that a further £10,000 had been set aside in the budget.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Aide Bird and Ms Alison Holdsworth from Lisburn SAFE who, with the aid of a power-point presentation, provided information on the following:

- Background to Lisburn SAFE
- Its vision
- The need for the project
- Project management
- Aims and Objectives
- How Lisburn SAFE supports other groups/agencies
- Inputs / requirements
- Outputs
- Funding requirements

A question and answer session followed during which the following areas were explored:

- Engagement which had taken place with the Department for Communities
- Other funding streams

The Chairman thanked Mr Bird and Ms Holdsworth for their presentation and they left the meeting at 6.55 pm.

After consideration of the application, it was proposed by Councillor J Palmer seconded by Councillor S Carson and agreed that Lisburn SAFE should receive funding from Lisburn and Castlereagh PCSP in the amount of £20,000 (£10,000 of which has already been provided).

During discussion of the above item Ms N Kirk left the meeting at 6.35 pm and did not return, Mrs Y Craig left the meeting at 6.35 pm and returned at 6.40 pm, the Head of Central Support services left the meeting at 6.40pm and returned at 6.45 pm and Ms D Guy left the meeting at 7.05 pm and did not return.

After consideration of the above application, the Chairman, Alderman M Henderson urged members to take part in Thematic Group discussions in order to highlight any funding needs in their own areas.

Councillor B Hanvey and Alderman G Rice both highlighted needs in the Carryduff area and Superintendent Sean Wright provided information on a project at Killynure.

The Chairman, Alderman M Henderson then stated that there would be an opportunity to highlight such needs at a forthcoming work-shop.

(Mr P Dean returned to the meeting at 7.10 pm)

Change of Chairman for remainder of proceedings

At 7.10 pm the Chairman, Alderman M Henderson stated that due to another engagement it was necessary for him to leave the meeting and that the Vice-Chairman, Mr M Busch would be chairing the remainder of the proceedings.

4.3 Update from Designated Organisations

The Chairman, Mr M Busch invited representatives from Designated Organisations to provide an update to the Partnership on the work of their respective organisations regarding community safety priorities.

The following update was provided:

- Mr S Dallas, Education Authority Youth Service:

Mr Dallas advised Members that the Education Authority had recently employed an outreach worker who was based in Belvoir and who may meet some of the need previously referred to by Alderman Rice and Councillor Hanvey. He advised that consideration was currently being given to projects to be taken forward.

Alderman G Rice and Councillor B Hanvey pointed out that Belvoir was now in the Belfast City Council area and Mr Dallas responded that whilst that was the case, the outreach worker's remit would be to cover the surrounding area which would include parts of the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council area.

The above information was noted.

4.4 4 Tier Home Security Scheme

Having been provided with a copy of an evaluation report on the 4 tier Home Security Scheme it was agreed that, due to the obvious benefits it brings to recipients, this project should continue with an extension to the current contract until March 2017.

4.5 PCSP Thematic Sub Group Meeting

Having been provided with a report of the sub group meeting held on Wednesday 31 August 2016 during which the group had discussed a number of areas included in the action plan. It was agreed to approve the content and recommendations included in the report.

4.6 Election of Vice Chairman

The Partnership noted that at a Special Private Meeting of the Independent Members held on Tuesday 16 August 2016, Mrs C McCullough was appointed as the Vice Chairman of the Partnership for 12 months commencing on 20 October 2016.

Mrs McCullough was congratulated on her appointment.

4.7 Inpartnership

Members noted the contents of the Inpartnership newsletter which included a submission from the Partnership on the launch of the Selectadna project.

4.8 PCSP Audit Report

Having been provided with a copy of the recent PCSP Audit Report, members noted that the score for the period during 2014/15 was 92.7% and that the report had concluded that there was a robust system of management, control and governance in place which should ensure that objectives are fully achieved.

4.9 Reflecting back, moving forward : fifteen years since the establishment of the PSNI

Members noted information on the above conference due to take place on Wednesday 9 November 2016 from 9.30am until 4.00 pm at the Ulster University, Belfast Campus and it was agreed that any member wishing to attend should advise the PCSP Manager as soon as possible to facilitate places being reserved.

4.10 CJINI Anti-Social Behaviour – A Follow Up Review

Members noted information provided by way of a PCSP Communique from NIPB and DoJ, a copy of the CJINI Follow-up Review on Anti-Social Behaviour and a press release regarding the publishing of the review on how the Criminal Justice System deals with Anti-Social Behaviour. It was highlighted that Lisburn and Castlereagh PCSP was continuing to implement the operational recommendations in the report including the further development of Neighbourhood Watch and tackling anti-social behaviour and that the steps being taken would be communicated to the Community Safety Unit by the deadline of 5 December 2016.

4.11 Fresh Start Panel Report on the Disbandment of Paramilitary Groups in Northern Ireland

Members noted information provided by way of a Communique referring to the recommendations in the Fresh Start Report which reference PCSPs. It was noted that the DoJ and the NIPB were currently considering the panel's report and would inform PCSP Members and Managers in due course in respect of agreed actions associated with these recommendations.

4.12 Applications for Funding Under £500

Members had been provided with information on the following applications:

- North Lisburn Community Association £270
- Seymour Street Methodist Church £500 – this application had been approved, in the absence of a PCSP meeting, by the former Chairman, Councillor S Carson.

After consideration, it was agreed that funding be approved in respect of both applications.

5. Additional Report of the PCSP Manager

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

5.1 Draft Equality Scheme and Disability Action Plan

Having been provided with a copy of the draft PCSP Equality Scheme and Disability Action Plan it was agreed to approve the scheme subject to any additional comments being fed back to the PCSP Manager as soon as possible in order that the document could be submitted to the Commission by the end of September 2016.

5.2 Dreamscheme

The PCSP Manager advised that following a recent meeting which had taken place with Elected Representatives from Castlereagh South, Council Staff and the PSNI regarding Colby Park/Newtown Park and ongoing issues of anti-social behaviour, the following actions had been recommended:

- Play Park report to Leisure and Community Development Committee in September – for FY 17-18 subject to planning permission
- 4th access gate which leads to a 'rat run' to be closed off with key access for NI Water
- Anti-climb paint to be applied where possible
- To implement horticultural improvements and clearing of undergrowth and trees – (Oct-Dec)
- To liaise with Cllr Anderson re possible use of 'church workforce'
- To lead and liaise with Arts Service and Dreamscheme re child friendly mural on sloping wall in play park
- To add Colby Park to Weekly Tasking Sheet and give passing attention

After consideration of the above matter, it was proposed by Alderman G Rice, seconded by Mrs C McCullough and agreed that the recommendations as set out within the Additional Report of the PCSP Manager should be approved.

5.3 Applications under £500

After consideration, it was agreed that the PCSP provide financial support of £500 to Christ Church Youth Council to support diversionary activities in conjunction with the local policing team officer.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Councillor S Carson
Mobile Camera at the Blue Bridge

Councillor Carson advised that it had been drawn to his attention that the camera cables had been cut and that there were issues around its positioning and its

location. He sought reassurance that concerns within the community were being dealt with.

There was some discussion on these issues during which Mr A Hannaway advised that the NI Housing Executive had recently carried out a leaflet drop at the location providing information to residents on the purpose of the camera. Superintendent S Wright said that in his opinion the purpose of the camera had been well known in the area.

6.2 Councillor M Tolerton
Vice-Chairman of the Partnership – Mr M Busch

Councillor M Tolerton wished to pay tribute to Mr M Busch on how he had carried out his duties whilst holding the position of Vice-Chairman of Lisburn and Castlereagh PCSP.

Other members concurred and thanked Mr Busch for the contribution he had made to the work of Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP during his tenure as Vice-Chairman.

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 7.25 pm.

Chairman