

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 20 March 2018 at 5.30
pm**

PRESENT: Councillor A McIntyre (Chairman)
Councillor S Carson
Alderman G Rice MBE
Councillor U Mackin
Alderman M Henderson MBE
Mr M Busch
Mrs Y Craig
Ms D Hancock
Ms R Orr

IN ATTENDANCE: Head of Central Support Services
PCSP Manager
Member Services Officer

Designated Organisations

Chief Inspector L Dobson, Police Service of Northern Ireland
Mr A Hannaway, Northern Ireland Housing Executive
Mr R Allan, Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service

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

1. **Apologies**

It was agreed that apologies be recorded on behalf of Councillor M Tolerton, Alderman D Drysdale, Councillor J Palmer, Mr P Dean, Mrs P Leeson CBE, Mrs C McCullough, Mr P Thompson (PBNI), Ms M Meehan (EA).

2. **Minutes**

It was agreed that the following Minutes, as circulated, be approved and signed as outlined below:

- (i) Minutes of the Private Meeting of the PCSP held on 15 January 2018
(Proposed by Councillor U Mackin, seconded by Councillor S Carson).
- (ii) Minutes of the Meeting of the Policing Committee held on 20 February 2018
(Proposed by Mr M Busch, seconded by Councillor U Mackin).
- (iii) Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Policing Committee held on 27
February 2018
(Proposed by Alderman M Henderson, seconded by Ms D Hancock).

Matters Arising

Councillor S Carson referred to the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Policing Committee held on 27 February 2018. He stated that he had consulted the PCSP Members' Handbook and a paragraph had come to his attention which stated that the Board should be advised of any incident occurring that might bring the PCSP into disrepute, he wondered if such action needed to be taken in this particular case.

The Head of Central Support Services stated that lessons had been learned from the incident and that procedures would be put in place to address it.

The PCSP Manager stated that, at the last meeting, she had been tasked with ascertaining the best way to manage documentation provided to the PCSP and that this would be dealt with under item 9 of her Report.

At the culmination of the discussion it was agreed that the Board should be advised of the revised procedures agreed to manage sensitive information.

3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

There were no declarations made.

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 Update from Statutory Organisations

The following updates from Statutory Organisation representatives were provided and information noted.

(a) Chief Inspector L Dobson, PSNI

Chief Inspector Dobson updated on two specific instances which had taken place within the area in recent days.

(b) Mr R Allen, NI Fire and Rescue Service

Mr Allen introduced himself as this was his first time attending a meeting of Lisburn and Castlereagh PCSP. He updated that arrangements were now being put in place regarding the forthcoming bonfire season.

(c) Mr A Hannaway, NI Housing Executive (NIHE)

Mr Hannaway stated that the NIHE continue to monitor anti-social behaviour and that new systems were being put in place to do so. He advised that applications had recently been received for funding from Lisburn SAFE as well as for a potential project in Lisburn North which were both currently being processed. He stated that meetings were ongoing in respect of the forthcoming bonfire season. In response to a question from Mr M Busch, Mr Hannaway and Chief Inspector L

Dobson updated on a recent incident which had taken place in the area involving a Syrian family.

4.2 PCSP Action Plan and Budget Template 2018/19

Members had been provided with a copy of the draft PCSP Action Plan and a copy of the budget template for 2018/19. It was noted that this incorporated an estimated 10% reduction in the overall funding being provided to the PCSP from the Department of Justice and the NI Policing Board and that feedback from the consultation which took place on Thursday 25 January 2018 had been taken on board.

After consideration of the two documents it was agreed that they both be approved.

4.3 Appointment of Independent Members to the NI Policing Board

Members had been provided with a copy of correspondence from the Department of Justice advising that it would shortly commence an appointment competition to establish a pool of candidates from which a future Minister may make a final selection for the appointment of new Board Members.

The above information was noted.

4.4 Truecall – Summary Report

Members were provided with a report in respect of Truecall devices covering the period from when the devices were first installed in 2016. Members were advised that there were 83 devices installed across the Council area (today this sits at 91 devices) and that -

- There have been 14,392 nuisance calls received of which 14,199 were blocked;
- Total costs have been £12,035 for the purchase of the devices (mostly funded by additional money from DoJ);
- Estimated savings of £38,538 (this figure is based on the estimated cost of a scam);
- On average those using the Truecall devices are receiving 25 nuisance calls per month.

The above information was noted.

4.5 Inpartnership

Members noted the information provided within the March issue of the Inpartnership magazine which included an article featuring Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP.

4.6 Drugs Bins Returns

Members had been provided with information in respect of drug bin deposits for both Seymour Hill and Laganview Enterprise Centre which was noted by the Partnership. It was further noted that the bin located at Cherryhill Filling Station on the Upper Newtownards Road Dundonald was not being utilised and that it was recommended that it be re-located. Discussions were ongoing with Ballybeen Improvement Committee regarding the possible siting of a bin in this location.

The PCSP Manager advised that initial conversations with Ballybeen Improvement Group would indicate that they were reticent to take this on but the local Sergeant had stated that he was going to make contact with them to discuss the matter further.

There was some discussion on the benefits of an external location for drugs bins and the fact that this might influence any decision made on the location of a drugs bin in the Ballybeen area.

The PCSP Manager also advised that Dunmurry Flats and Glenavy were under consideration as future locations.

The above information was noted.

4.7 Funding Applications

It was agreed to approve the following applications for funding.

- PSNI – Crime Prevention (Wednesday Club) – January 2018 - £80.00
- Glenavy Community Partnership – February 2018 - £500.00
- PSNI Road Policing – Bike Safe - September 2018 - £315.00
- Stoneyford Cross Community St Patrick's Day Event - £500.00

4.8 Neighbourhood Watch Schemes

Members were advised that to date there were 79 schemes accredited across the Council area with approximately 220 co-ordinators covering 6000 homes. In the last six months the new schemes which have been accredited are as follows:

- Saddlers & Farriers, Hillsborough
- Ruskin Park/Saintsbury Avenue/Traherne Gardens, Lisburn
- Woodvale, Lisburn
- Nettlehill Road, Lisburn
- Prospect Park, Lisburn
- Beechhill Park, Lisburn
- Carnbrae Avenue, Four Winds
- Anahilt & Magheraconluce

A further 8 proposed schemes are currently being processed and cover the following areas:

- Baronscourt Lane, Carryduff
- Baronsgrange Park, Carryduff
- Beechhill Park West, Four Winds
- Ashley Park, Carryduff
- Coolpark Avenue, Four Winds
- Alveston Drive, Carryduff
- Millmount Chase, Dundonald
- Manse Drive, Carryduff

It was agreed that the above information be noted.

Alderman G Rice and Mr M Busch both updated on recent successful Neighbourhood Watch events which had been organised by PCSP Officers in both Lisburn and Castlereagh.

Alderman M Henderson welcomed the new groups and asked for an update on meetings held with a potential group in Killynure.

Mr Hannaway requested an update on a potential new group in Seymour Hill / Conway.

In response to both queries, the PCSP Manager undertook to research the current status of these groups and respond.

4.9 Policing Committee Reports

Members were reminded that following discussions at the special meeting of the Policing Committee which took place on Tuesday 27 February 2018, it had been agreed to explore how it could be ensured that information to be presented at a private meeting of the Policing Committee regarding police performance could be kept confidential.

It was proposed that all reports published by the police and circulated to the Committee in advance of the meeting are strictly confidential and dealt with 'in committee' at the meeting. The confidentiality clause is also valid for reports presented to a public meeting, however they become public documents after the commencement of the meeting. It is also proposed that the Chairman, or in his absence the Vice Chairman or his/her nominee, is the only authorised person to make comment to the media on behalf of the Partnership. The PCSP Manager or his/her nominee will liaise as appropriate with the Council's Marketing and Communication Unit re media enquiries.

The PCSP Manager wished to highlight, particularly to Elected Members, that although the report for the Policing Committee is to be considered 'in Committee', the minute would continue to reflect the level of discussion and debate which took place as there is a requirement to demonstrate the legislative responsibility of the Policing Committee to monitor police performance.

After consideration of the above recommendation it was proposed by Alderman G Rice, seconded by Alderman M Henderson and agreed that the procedures outlined above be approved and that, as discussed under item 2 Matters Arising, the Board be advised accordingly.

7. Any Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 6.20 pm.

Chairman