

Minutes of the meeting of Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership held in Council Chamber, Dungannon on Wednesday, 30 May 2018 at 6.00pm

Present: Councillors Ken Reid (Chair), Frances Burton, Clement Cuthbertson, Catherine Elattar, Denise Mullen, Sean McPeake

Fiona Crawford, Liam Duggan, Ursula Marshall (Vice Chair), Ciaran McElhone, Emma Sheerin, Martina Watson

Inspector Andy Archibald (PSNI), Superintendent Mike Baird (PSNI), Jacqueline Connolly (SHSCT), Michael Dallat (NIHE), Sinead Dolan (YJA), Inspector Joanne Gibson (PSNI), Michael Hogg (EA), Sergeant Beverley Knipe (PSNI), Sergeant Richard Mulligan (PSNI), Sergeant JP McCartan (PSNI), Chief Inspector Mervyn Seffen (PSNI)

Apologies: Councillor Phelim Gildernew, Stephen Dolan (CJINI), Mark Farquhar, Kate Lambe (NHSCT), Emer Loughran (PBNI), Liz McGrath (SHSCT)

In Attendance: Michael McCrory (PCSP Manager), Annette McGahan (PCSP Officer), Celene O'Neill (PCSP Officer), Shauna McCloskey (PCSP Officer), Martina McCullagh (PCSP Assistant)

The Meeting started at 6.05pm

PCSP83/18 WELCOME

The Chair, Councillor Ken Reid welcomed all to the meeting.

PCSP84/18 ELECTION OF PCSP VICE CHAIR

The Chair thanked Ursula Marshall for her work and support during her term as Vice Chair. Elected and Designated Members remained in the Council Chamber during the election. He then commenced the process to elect a new PCSP Vice Chair, advising it would be by a simple majority of all votes cast.

Voting papers were distributed to all Independent Members, votes were cast and voting papers collected. No voting papers had been submitted prior to the meeting. All votes were counted, six votes were cast.

The Chair declared Liam Duggan as having been elected by the PCSP Independent Members to the position of Vice Chair for the period 1 June 2018 to 31 May 2019. He congratulated Liam on behalf of all present.

PCSP85/18 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of their obligation in relation to declarations of interest.

PCSP86/18 MINUTES OF POLICING & COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

MEETING HELD ON 7 FEBRUARY 2018

The Minutes of Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership meeting held on Wednesday, 7 February 2018 were approved and signed.

Proposed by: Fiona Crawford
Seconded by: Councillor Frances Burton

PCSP87/18 MATTERS ARISING

Public Prosecution Service (PPS) & Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland (CJINI)

The PCSP Manager advised Members the representative from the Public Prosecution Service (PPS) was unable to attend today due to a prior engagement, he is liaising with PPS to attend an upcoming meeting.

He also informed Members Stephen Dolan from Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland (CJINI) sent his apologies, but will be attending the next Policing Committee Meeting on 13 June and both Night Time Economy and Anti-Social Behaviour Sub Group meetings on the 20 June.

PCSP81/18 Any Other Business

1. Maghera Park and Ride – CCTV

Responding to a question from Councillor McPeake, the PCSP Manager stated funding from Department for Infrastructure (DfI) is available. The Tender process to be completed.

PCSP88/18 ACTION PLAN FOR 2018/19

The PCSP Manager sought Members' approval for the Action Plan 2018/19 which had been submitted to the Joint Committee for consideration. The Action Plan was approved however, the budget allocation was reduced by £2,155. This was due to Mid Ulster having one of the lowest levels of deprivation in Northern Ireland. The deficit has been equally apportioned across all themes.

Proposed by: Councillor Frances Burton
Seconded by: Fiona Crawford

PCSP89/18 THEMATIC GROUP UPDATES

1. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR THEMATIC GROUP UPDATE

The PCSP Officer provided an update to Members on project work completed and ongoing programmes, details as follows;

Emergency Services Fatal RTC Reconstruction

A very successfully RTC Reconstruction was held on the 22 May 2018 for the Youth Volunteer Academy at the Education Authority Building in Cookstown. Further events to be rolled out throughout the year.

Youth Diversionary / Engagement Programme

In relation to Railway Park and Windmill Woods, meetings are being arranged to discuss prevailing issues.

The 'Celebration and Recognition Evening' for the YEP participants and their parents was held in Ranfurly House on 14 May 2018. Certificates of Achievement for completing the Youth Engagement Programme were presented to the young people on the night. The Programme was delivered by PCSP, PSNI, YJA and EA Youth Service to 14 young people who had come to the attention of these agencies for ASB and low-level crime.

The PCSP Officer thanked Michael Hogg from the Education Authority for all his work in the Youth Engagement Programme and informed Members he is moving to another post and this was his last PCSP meeting.

Michael Hogg thanked Members for their co-operation during his time with PCSP and advised that Ryan McGee would be his replacement representing the Education Authority.

The PCSP Officer stated the YEP taking place in Cookstown is now in its second week. There is also a YEP scheduled to take place in Maghera.

ASB Educational Programmes

'Where is your Child – Your Vision: Their Reality' Campaign

The PCSP Officer advised that the video for this campaign is now complete and the launch will take place on the 19 June 2018. There is also a lesson plan to accompany the video.

'Sober Moments'

South West College have developed two videos relating to 'Sober Moments' campaign and the official launch will place at the RADAR Centre in Belfast on Tuesday 5 June 2018. Members were advised a local launch to be arranged.

Councillor Burton referred to anti-social behaviour issues occurring at a pond located at the back of the play park in Aughnacloy, where a number of elderly residents reside. Councillor Burton stated it is Council property and she had informed the Director of Business and Communities.

Inspector Gibson stated no reports to date have been received in relation to anti-social behaviour in this area, but will act on this information and investigate further.

The Chair extended sincere thanks to Michael Hogg for all his help and co-operation during his time with PCSP.

2. NIGHT-TIME ECONOMY THEMATIC GROUP UPDATE

The PCSP Officer provided Members with an update on project work completed and ongoing programmes, details as follows;

Recorded Incidents of Crime and ASB related to Night-Time Economy

The PCSP Officer advised that Night-Time Economy in the Mid Ulster Area historically had the highest levels of violent crime and ASB outside of Belfast. Violent Crime and ASB have now both reduced in 2016/17 and this trend is

continuing in 2017/18. In the last two years, the crime profile has now changed from one of violent crime to low-level crime.

Alcohol Awareness Programme

The Youth Alcohol Engagement Programme continues to be delivered on a regular basis targeting underage drinkers. 173 youths attended the Youth Alcohol Awareness Courses, with 15 repeat offenders during the financial year ending 31 March 2018.

Club Angels

PCSP continue to support Club Angels project in terms of providing equipment. Feedback from Vintners and PSNI has shown that there is a need for this scheme, it continues to go from strength to strength.

Stakeholders Initiatives

The PCSP Officer advised Members a meeting with vintners has been arranged for the 14 June 2018 in order to provide further clarification on laws relating to the issue of occasional / temporary licences.

Radiolink

Radiolink is operational in Magherafelt and is being installed in Cookstown early June. This will be linked into PSNI and CCTV monitor.

Fairhill – Anti-Social Driving

The PCSP Officer advised Members Transport NI (TNI) have added Fairhill to their schedule of work to introduce speed humps in this area. There is currently a proposal from Transport NI with Fairhill residents. If residents agree with the proposal, Transport NI will then carry out a consultation exercise.

3. VULNERABLE PERSONS THEMATIC GROUP UPDATE

The PCSP Officer provided Members with an update on project work completed and ongoing programmes, details as follows:

Radar Programme

To date 500 key stage 2 pupils are scheduled to visit the RADAR Centre during the month of June. All schools have been identified by PSNI Schools Officers.

High Risk Victims Security Installations

Equipment continues to be fitted in High Risk victim's homes. All referrals are provided by the PSNI Crime Prevention Officers.

PCSP Positive Relationships DV Schools Programmes

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The PCSP Officer stated Mid Ulster Women's Aid delivered the 'PCSP Positive Relationships' Programme to all year 10 students in 16 Post Primary schools across Mid Ulster, feedback was excellent.

The Tender process commenced today for a Positive Relationships programme to address domestic violence this year.

'Who's at the Door' – Beam Creative Network

The PCSP Officer advised that a Letter of Offer will be issued to Beam Creative Network to deliver E-Safety Programme 'Who's at the Door' to both teachers and Key Stage 2 pupils across Mid Ulster District.

Internet Safety for Post Primary

The PCSP Manager advised Members a new Internet Safety Programme has been developed by O2, NSPCC and PSNI to target year 8 pupils and their parents. This Programme will be delivered by PSNI Case Officers.

Home Security & Crime Prevention Awareness Event

The PCSP Manager referred to the 'Home Security & Crime Prevention' Awareness Event which was held in Aughnacloy on the 27 April 2018. It was very well attended and excellent feedback received.

Councillor Burton raised concerns in relation to speeding vehicles along the Aughnacloy / Dungannon Road, which leads onto Moore Street in Aughnacloy. High volumes of buses travel the road where both Aughnacloy Primary School and Aughnacloy College are located. Councillor Burton advised that this area does not meet the criteria for the introduction of speed ramps.

The Chair said the introduction of speed ramps would be under the remit of Transport NI in conjunction with information provided by PSNI regarding the number of accidents on this road.

Superintendent Baird said speed checks can be carried out, but stated very few reports have been received. He advised that PSNI presence has been increased in the Aughnacloy area following the recent burglary.

Inspector Gibson advised that the 'Safety Camera' van can be requested or the 'speed trailer' set up in the area.

Superintendent Baird stated incidents must be reported in order to support the use of these initiatives.

PCSP90/18 CRIME HEAT MAP

The PCSP Manager provided a presentation on the use of 'Heat Map' technology. This is a quick and instant visual guide, detailing where incidents have occurred. The darker the colour, the more incidents have taken place in that particular area. All collated data is anonymised.

Website and Password details to be sent to Members.

PCSP91/18 MID ULSTER PCSP MEMBERS SURVEY 2018

The PCSP Manager referred to the Mid Ulster PCSP Members Survey 2018 stating there was a 42% response rate to the survey. Members had no questions regarding the survey.

PCSP92/18 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Prescription Drugs

Liam Duggan raised concerns about the abuse of prescription drugs locally and suggested engagement with schools, GPs and Pharmacists in the Magherafelt / Maghera area in order to ascertain the issues they face and what help they require.

The Chair said the misuse of prescription drugs is a big problem, but advised dealing directly with Health Trusts might be a better route to take.

Michael Hogg stated the Education Authority has conducted a survey of 12,000, 14-18 year olds and the main concern identified was mental health issues with drugs and alcohol being ranked lower down on the scale. This survey to be conducted annually by the Youth Service. Michael Hogg to share findings with PCSP Manager.

Superintendent Baird said he sits on both Northern & Southern Health Trust Groups. He advised training has been offered to schools where an issue has been identified, but would be wary of duplicating work.

Inspector Archibald informed Members that local political party members have been in touch regarding a specific school in Maghera. The school has been contacted and lessons can be tailored to suit their needs. He also stated the Youth Engagement Programme (YEP) would be commencing next week in Maghera.

Councillor McPeake said the Public Meeting held in Maghera in April was very well attended and it did allay fears at that time. He also referred to the excellent 'Home Security & Crime Prevention' event, which took place in Aughnacloy on the 27 April and requested that another public meeting / event be arranged for Maghera during the month of September.

Liam Duggan said the Education Authority survey information would be very useful, if localised, and said he is not encouraging duplication of work.

The PCSP Manager said a meeting to take place with PHA Connection Services and PSNI to develop a schools programme to address alcohol, drugs, and mental health.

Signage targeted against MUDC employees

Responding to a question from Councillor McPeake regarding signage recently erected in Clogher, targeting Mid Ulster District Council staff, Superintendent Baird said legal advice has been sought. The PSNI have been advised the signage is not a legal offence and that they do not have the power to remove them. The property owner has been asked to remove the signage.

Anti-Social Driving – Do-Nuts

Fiona Crawford referred to the continuing anti-social driving issues at Dergenagh Crossroads and Sandvic on the Dungannon Road. This is

happening sporadically between the hours of 10.30pm and 4.30am, local residents are very distressed with this ongoing activity.

Superintendent Baird stated anti-social driving is taking place across the district. He said a PSNI car patrols this area. He advised that the same problem was happening in Toome, where the use of an unmarked car proved successful. He stressed the importance of reporting all incidents to gather significant information in order to tackle the issue.

Inspector Gibson stated that a 'witness statement' is required to progress a reported incident. The main offence is dangerous driving which would carry a fine. Regarding lower level activity, one warning can be given following that the vehicle can be removed, and a payment is required before the vehicle is released. She said it is very difficult to target anti-social driving when incidents are sporadic and informed Members that the Road Police will be re-briefed on the situation.

Fiona Crawford asked if '*Do-nuts*' could be specifically covered at the next scheduled PCSP Road Safety and Car Simulator Events.

Councillor Burton referred to the following incidents;

- ASB in Ballygawley on Saturday 26 May 2018 – beer kegs were rolled down the street.
- Hate Crime – Clogher Valley, isolated area, asked that PCSP and Partner agencies engage with them to provide support.

As this was Councillor Reid's final meeting as PCSP Chair, he thanked Ursula Marshall for all her support as Vice Chair throughout the year. He also thanked Members, PCSP Manager, and staff for their help and support.

PCSP93/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next PCSP meeting will be held on Wednesday, 19 September 2018 in the Council Chamber, Dungannon at 6.00pm.

The meeting ended at 7.25pm

All members were present for the duration of the meeting except Jacqueline Connolly who arrived at 6.10pm, Councillor Denise Mullen who left at 6.40pm and Ciaran McElhone who left at 7.04pm.