

**Minutes of the meeting of Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership
held in the Council Offices, Magherafelt on Wednesday, 15 March 2017
at 6.00pm**

Present: Ciaran McElhone (Vice Chair)

Councillors Elattar, Mallaghan, McPeake, Quinn

Fiona Crawford, Marian Dorman, Mark Farquhar, Ursula Marshall, Emma Sheerin, Martina Watson

Inspector Andy Archibald (PSNI), Superintendent Mike Baird, Michael Dallat (NIHE), Simon Greene (NIFRS), Kate Lambe (HSCT), Ruth McKelvey (PBNI), Inspector Danny Walsh (PSNI)

Apologies: Councillors Burton (Chair) and Gildernew. Liam Duggan, Hannah Su O'Callaghan, Sergeant Ken McDermott (PSNI), Chief Inspector Roy Robinson (PSNI), Deputy Chief Constable Drew Harris (PSNI)

In Attendance: Celene O'Neill (PCSP Manager), Annette McGahan (PCSP Officer), Martina McCullagh (PCSP Admin)

Meeting started at 6.00pm

PCSP50/17 WELCOME

In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair, Ciaran McElhone chaired the meeting.

PCSP51/17 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

PCSP52/17 MINUTES OF POLICING & COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP MEETING HELD ON 14 DECEMBER 2016

The Minutes of the Policing and Community Safety Partnership meeting held on Wednesday, 14 December 2016 were approved and signed.

Proposed by: Fiona Crawford
Seconded by: Michael Dallat

PCSP53/17 MATTERS ARISING

None

PCSP54/17 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2017/2018

The schedules of meetings for PCSP, Policing Committee, Anti-Social Behaviour Forum, Night Time Economy and Vulnerable Persons were distributed to Members.

PCSP55/17 VISIT TO CALL HANDLING CENTRE – GOUGH BARRACKS, ARMAGH

Members were reminded of the visit to the 'Call Handling' Centre in Gough Barracks, Armagh, which will take place on Thursday, 30 March 2017 at 8.00pm. Anyone wishing to attend was asked to provide their car registration details.

PCSP56/17 ASB – Anti-Social Behaviour Forum Update

The PCSP Manager provided an update to Members on the work of the Anti-Social Behaviour Group and the following comments were made:

Item 13 - Mid Ulster YEP (Youth Engagement Partnership)

- The PCSP Manager advised Members the Mid Ulster YEP (Youth Engagement Partnership) Project has been put 'on hold' due to lack of numbers participating. This will be looked at again in the new financial year allowing a longer planning time, leading up to Halloween.

Item 18 ASB Information – Community Safety Warden

- The PCSP Manager advised Members it would cost in the region of £35,000 to £42,000 for one warden to operate in the Mid Ulster Area working a 37 hour week.
- NIHE could provide up to £20,000. Michael Dallat advised that this initiative has been operating very successfully in Derry for years and suggested introducing one warden in the Mid Ulster area on a pilot basis.
- Marian Dorman praised the work carried out by the Community Safety Warden in the legacy Dungannon and South Tyrone PCSP, stating he had made in-roads into areas where PSNI were not welcome.
- It was agreed to further investigate the possibility of a Community Safety Warden, looking at job descriptions, etc with a view to developing an initiative that would be most suitable and beneficial to the Mid Ulster area.

NTE – Night-Time Economy Group Update

PCSP Officer provided an update to Members on the work of the Night-Time Economy Group and the following comments were made;

Item 1 – Target Hotspot areas – Fairhill, Cookstown

- A very productive meeting was held with TransportNI on 6 February 2017. TransportNI stated as there have been no collisions reported in Fairhill over the previous number of years, it is not on their priority list for traffic calming measures.
- Three planters have been positioned outside Holy Trinity Primary School with reflective stripes. Three additional planters to be positioned outside residents' homes directly opposite the main entrance to the Holy Trinity Primary School. A speed counter is also in operation in the area monitoring traffic.

- Permission is presently being sought from TransportNI allowing posters to be put on lamp posts for the '*Fair Warning for Fairhill*' campaign which would also include PSNI handing out leaflets regarding anti social driving.
- It was agreed that a joint agency meeting be arranged as soon as possible inviting the residents who raised these issues.

Item 7 – Support Street Reach/Street Pastor Groups Youth Alcohol Engagement Programme

- Inspector Walsh stated the Youth Alcohol Engagement Programme has been running since October 2016, with 220 young people having attended during this period, almost all were accompanied by one parent. There have been 4 repeat offenders and files have been prepared for the PPS – Youth Justice Agency. He advised a number of school principals have enquired about having the programme delivered in their schools.

VP – Vulnerable Persons Group Update

PCSP Manager provided an update to Members on the work of the Vulnerable Persons Group and the following comments were made;

Item 1 – Secondary School Programme

- Martina Watson raised concerns about 'The Voice Within/Mind Games' drama delivered to 16 Post Primary Schools across Mid Ulster by 'Spanner in The Works' in relation to age group, content and support provided following the drama.
- Inspector Archibald advised that PSNI Case Officers were present at the drama in a supportive role. The School Principals were aware of the content of the drama, as discussions had taken place with the writer.
- Members were advised, for quality assurance purposes, teachers and pupils had completed evaluation forms following the drama, which would highlight any issues or areas of concern.

PCSP57/17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Invite to two Senior Citizens Events

The PCSP Officer extended an invitation to Members to two '*Information and Awareness Raising*' events for Senior Citizens, which will take place on:

- **Friday 24 March, 2017 in Royal Hotel, Cookstown from 10.00am to 1.00pm**
- **Friday 31 March 2017 in Smyth Memorial Hall, Ballygawley from 10.00am to 1.00pm**

PSNI Stations – Change in opening hours

Superintendent Baird advised that the opening hours of PSNI Station Enquiry offices throughout Mid Ulster area has changed. The opening hours are now 11am to 7pm with no weekend opening. He stated a media campaign will be taking place soon informing the general public of these changes.

Councillor Quinn said the changes will have a big impact on communities and asked if there had been any consultation prior to this decision being taken.

Superintendent Baird stated surveys had been carried out showing minimal footfall into Station Enquiry offices at weekends, the closure of which will therefore, have little impact on the general public. He said it is not the outcome the PSNI as an organisation wanted, but cuts of between 3% - 4% have had to be endured.

PCSP58/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next PCSP meeting was scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 31 May 2017.

The meeting ended at 6.45pm.

All members were present for the duration of the meeting except Councillor Cathal Mallaghan who arrived at 6.05pm and left at 6.35pm and Emma Sheerin who arrived at 6.15pm.