

**Minutes of the meeting of Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership
held in Conference Room, Magherafelt on Wednesday, 12 December 2018 at 3.00pm**

Present: Councillor Frances Burton, Councillor Phelim Gildernew,
Councillor Derek McKinney, Councillor Sean McPeake

Liam Duggan (Vice Chair), Ursula Marshall, Martina Watson

Inspector Andy Archibald (PSNI), Jacqueline Connolly
(SH&SCT), Michael Dallat (NIHE), Inspector Joanne Gibson
(PSNI), Michelle Grant (PBNI), Sergeant Beverley Knipe
(PSNI), Niall McEvoy (PBNI), Chief Inspector Mervyn Seffen
(PSNI), Emma Wilkinson (PSNI), Cheryl Johnston (PBNI)

Apologies: Superintendent Mike Baird (PSNI), Jacqueline Connolly
(SH&SCT), Fiona Crawford, Sinead Dolan (YJA), Councillor
Denise Mullen (Chair), Ryan McGee (EA), Alan Simpson
(NIFRS), Diane Spence (NH&SCT)

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

The Meeting started at 3.07pm

PCSP102/18 WELCOME

In the absence of the Chair, the meeting was chaired by the Liam Duggan, Vice Chair. He welcomed all to the meeting, extending a warm welcome to Niall McEvoy and Cheryl Johnston (PBNI) who provided the following presentation on 'Supervised Activity Orders'.

PCSP103/18 SUPERVISED ACTIVITY ORDERS (SAO) – NIALL MCEVOY (PBNI)

Niall McEvoy advised Members that 'Supervised Activity Orders' were piloted by PBNI in 2013, under the Justice Act (NI) 2016 and the Fine Collection and Enforcement Service (FCS).

The process of imposition of an SAO is as follows;

- Where a fine is imposed at the point of sentence and the debtor requests an SAO;
- Fine imposed and a 'Collection Order' imposed – 4 weeks to pay
- The Fine Collection and Enforcement Service (FCS) become involved on non-payment – 2 weeks of reminder letters
- Continued non-payment FCS make further recoup efforts – 4 weeks
- Continued non-payment summons issued for Default Hearing – 6 weeks
- On service of summons appear at Default Hearing and SAO imposed based on outstanding fine balances

There is a sliding scale of hours related to the size of outstanding fine, total cannot exceed £1,000

- 10-50 hours for monetary penalties up to £200
- 10-100 hours for monetary penalties between £200-£500
- 10-150 hours in any other case

He informed Members that 'Supervised Activity Orders' are Pre-Programme Placement, which focus on citizenship and money matters, has an unpaid work element and must be completed within 12 months.

Placement requirements include;

- Public Liability Insurance
- GDPR compliant
- Not for profit
- On-site supervision
- Risk assessment pre-placement
- Placements that are appropriate to the individual
- Placements that provide tangible benefits to the local community
- Locally based Probation Service Officer who will liaise with the Placement provider

Placements include faith based, sports based and community/public health sectors. Charitable partners include DePaul Ireland, Womens' Aid, Barnardos, Restore and Can Can Bazaar.

Members raised the following questions;

Responding to a question from Councillor McKinney regarding statistics showing success rate of the scheme, Niall McEvoy stated statistics are not presently available

A discussion took place regarding Public Liability Insurance and how this is a major obstacle for companies/organisations becoming involved in the scheme.

Councillor Gildernew raised concern regarding individuals who are unable to pay and those who 'won't' pay fines.

In response to a question from Michael Dallat, Niall McEvoy advised the placement company are responsible for the supervision of the person on the placement programme.

Responding to a question from Sergeant Knipe, Niall McEvoy advised that the scheme is open to both new and legacy participants.

Contact details for Cheryl Johnston to be circulated to Members.

Members were advised their comments would be fed back to the Probation Board for consideration.

The Vice Chair thanked Niall McEvoy and Cheryl Johnston for the presentation. They both left the meeting at 3.38pm.

PCSP104/18 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

Martina Watson – Mid Ulster Women’s Aid

Ursula Marshall – Mid Ulster Women’s Aid

PCSP105/18 MINUTES OF POLICING & COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP MEETING HELD ON 19 SEPTEMBER 2018

The Minutes of Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership meeting held on Wednesday 19 September 2018 were approved and signed.

Proposed by: Councillor Derek McKinney
Seconded by: Councillor Phelim Gildernew

PCSP106/18 MATTERS ARISING

PCSP100/18 Any Other Business

In response to a question from Councillor Burton relating to the installation of 20mph speed limit signs in Aughnacloy, the PCSP Manager stated that DfI have given permission for the use of their poles for the ‘Speed Indicator’ devices. He also said he has requested funding from DoJ/NIPB to procure 4 devices.

Responding to a question from Councillor Burton regarding the availability of Hi Vis Vests, the PCSP Manager advised Members to contact PCSP Officers and provide details of what they require.

Chief Inspector Seffen advised Members a National Review of the non-emergency 101 number is taking place in order to resolve issues and improve service provision.

PCSP107/18 THEMATIC GROUP UPDATES

Anti-Social Behaviour Forum Update

The PCSP Officer provided the following brief summary of initiatives under development;

- Fireworks video and accompanying outdoor advertising campaign to be rolled out in October leading up to Halloween
- Launch of Sexting Leaflet and awareness raising sessions, awaiting leaflet approval from PSNI & PPU

In response to a question from Councillor McKinney, Chief Inspector Seffen advised there were no prosecutions in relation to disturbances on the Westland Road in Cookstown on Halloween night.

Night-Time Economy Sub Group Update

The PCSP Officer provided the following brief summary of forthcoming initiatives;

- Defibrillator Training will take place in Dungannon in January 2019
- Drugs Awareness Training to be delivered by the end of March 2019

Vulnerable Persons' Sub Group Update

The PCSP Officer provided the following brief summary of initiatives under development

- Primary School Internet Safety programme to be delivered by Beam Creative Network to Key Stage 2 pupils in 15 schools across Mid Ulster
- Post Primary School Internet Safety programmes are being delivered in partnership with PCSP, PSNI and MMD Communications, piloted in 6 schools across Mid Ulster. The programme has been very well received.
- The RADAR Centre in Belfast is remaining open, presently liaising with them to secure bookings
- Domestic Violence Campaign will be delivered in December / January
- Drugs and Alcohol Pilot partnership project being delivered in post primary schools by Start 360 and PSNI Case Officers. The Project is being well received
- As a follow-up to the 'Older Persons Event', Aughnacloy is a pilot area for the Participatory Budgeting process.

PCSP108/18 PCSP DRAFT STRATEGY & ACTION PLAN 2019-22

The PCSP Manager provided a brief presentation on the PCSP Draft Strategy & Action Plan 2019-22 and advised Members a further meeting to be arranged in January to discuss the Action Plan in detail. He also stated budget figures shown are last year's figures, actual budgets have not yet been agreed. The budget may be reduced.

Members made the following comments;

In response to a question from Michael Dallat regarding comparing Mid Ulster PCSP to other PCSPs, Chief Inspector Seffen stated Mid Ulster PCSP has one of the best working relationships with PSNI.

Jacqueline Connolly advised Members she had recently attended the Outcome Based Accountability Training, which she found very valuable and asked if it could be extended to Community Groups in the future.

In response, the PCSP Manager advised the training had been organised and funded by the DoJ & NIPB and only targeted PCSP members.

PCSP109/18 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

PCSP110/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next PCSP meeting will be held on Tuesday 29 January 2019 in Council Chamber, Dungannon at 6.00pm.

The meeting ended at 4.10pm

All members were present for the duration of the meeting except Councillor Derek McKinney who arrived at 3.09pm.