

Minutes of the meeting of Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership held in Council Chamber, Dungannon on Wednesday, 7 February 2018 at 4.00pm

Present: Councillor Ken Reid (Chair), Councillors Frances Burton, Phelim Gildernew, Denise Mullen, Derek McKinney, Sean McPeake

Fiona Crawford, Liam Duggan, Mark Farquhar, Ursula Marshall (Vice Chair), Emma Sheerin

Inspector Andy Archibald (PSNI), Superintendent Mike Baird (PSNI), Michael Dallat (NIHE), Sinead Dolan (YJA), Inspector Joanne Gibson (PSNI), Michael Hogg (EA), Sergeant Beverley Knipe (PSNI), Emer Loughran (PBNI), Liz McGrath (SHSCT), Chief Inspector Roy Robinson (PSNI), Inspector Danny Walsh (PSNI)

Apologies: Councillor Peter Bateson, Councillor Cathal Mallaghan, Councillor Clement Cuthbertson, Simon Green (NIFRS), Kate Lambe (NHSCT) Martina Watson

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

The Meeting started at 4.05pm.

PCSP75/18 WELCOME

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

PCSP76/18 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

PCSP77/18 MINUTES OF POLICING & COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP MEETING HELD ON 20 SEPTEMBER 2017

The Minutes of Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership meeting held on Wednesday, 20 September 2017 were approved and signed subject to the following comments.

Proposed by: Councillor Phelim Gildernew
Seconded by: Councillor Denise Mullen

PCSP65/17 THEMATIC GROUP UPDATE
ASB – Anti-Social Behaviour Forum Update

Councillor Burton stated she had recently contacted the non-emergency 101 number to report a suspicious vehicle in her area, but was unable to do, as her call was unanswered when transferred to call-handling section. She said the level of service provided to the public continues to be very poor.

PCSP73/17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1 Incident in Coalisland

In response to a question from Liam Duggan, the PCSP Manager said due to the postponement of the meeting in December 2017, a representative from the Public Prosecution Service (PPS) would be invited to the next PCSP meeting.

PCSP78/18 THEMATIC GROUP UPDATES

1. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR FORUM

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

Youth Engagement Programme (YEP)

Members were informed a 'Celebration and Recognition Evening' will be arranged following the completion of the Youth Engagement Programme. This Programme is being delivered by PCSP, PNSI, YJ A and EA Youth Service to 14 young people who have come to the attention of these agencies for ASB and low-level crime. Members will receive an invitation to the event.

'Where is your Child – Your Vision, Their Reality'

The PCSP Officer advised Members this campaign was developed by PCSP, PSNI, Breakthru, Dungannon Youth Resource Centre and EA Youth Service and delivered by Beam Creative Network. Photographs and short video clips developed for five external advertising and social media campaigns on fireworks, drugs misuse, sexual exploitation, alcohol/hate related violence and alcohol misuse. Advertising campaign to take place in March 2018 and roll out of social media campaign thereafter.

2. NIGHT-TIME ECONOMY GROUP UPDATE

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

Defibrillator – Moy Village

Members were advised that the PCSP Officer has been engaging with local Vintners in Moy to assess problems. A defibrillator to be installed in Moy village in the near future.

Responding to a question from Ursula Marshall, the PCSP Manager advised that Street Angels and Club Angels are two separate organisations. The former is operating under Positive Steps with the later operating out of Lanyon Hall in Cookstown.

3. VULNERABLE PERSONS UPDATE

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

Radar Programme

739 key stage 2 pupils visited Radar throughout November 2017. There are 5 more visits scheduled to take place to the end of March 2018.

'No Cold Calling' Zones

4 zones have been set up to date. 4 more to be set up in Cookstown and Dungannon areas.

"Who's At The Door"

This will be delivered by Beam Creative Network in 15 schools across Mid Ulster between 29th January and 9th February. All schools have been identified by the PSNI Schools Officers and include Sperrinview Special School and Kilronan School.

Schools & Parents Internet Safety

Delivery has commenced. 3 parent sessions have been delivered to date. Dates and schools have been identified for the 5 remaining workshops. This programme is delivered in partnership with the PSNI Schools Officers.

Responding to a question from Liam Duggan, the PCSP Officer stated that all participating schools are identified by PSNI Case Officers.

The list of participating schools to be sent to all Members.

PCSP79/18 ACTION PLAN 2018/2019

The PCSP Manager sought approval for PCSP Action Plan 2018/2019. He advised Members pages one to five inclusive contain a detailed introduction to the three Strategic Priorities.

Pages eight to thirteen contain Population Indicators. Members were advised since 2013 there has been a steady reduction in the number of recorded crime incidents across the Mid Ulster District.

Responding to a question from Mark Farquhar, the PCSP Manager stated that 2016/17 are the last verified PSNI statistics, previous years' figures have been included to identify trends.

The Strategic Priorities are contained in pages fourteen to twenty four inclusive.

Members made the following comments;

Responding to a question from Councillor McPeake, Inspector Gibson advised that there is an existing Speed Patrol Trailer in Dungannon, which is an excellent piece of equipment and has been utilised in villages on various occasions.

Inspector Gibson also informed Members that Cookstown and Magherafelt have the use of Speed Trailers.

In response to a question from Councillor Burton regarding the lack of promotional and security items the PCSP Manager stated that due to the late issue of our Letter of Offer and confirmation of budget, procurement for new items was delayed. He advised Members there was a current stock of items

and to contact any of the PCSP Officers if merchandise is required for an event.

The PCSP Manager informed Members the Action Plan 2018/2019 presently contains an indicative budget and he will report upon the Letter of Offer at the next meeting.

Members approved the PCSP Action Plan for 2018/2019.

Proposed: Councillor Derek McKinney
Seconded: Councillor Frances Burton

PCSP80/18 CONSULTATION SURVEYS

The PCSP Manager advised Members that consultation surveys will be completed at PCSP events. Surveys would be offered in both paper and electronic form, dependent on the audience. A district wide consultation survey would be released in April/May.

Liam Duggan referred to questions 6 in the survey, relating to 'the overall experience when reporting a crime' to the PSNI and made reference to the very negative experience provided by a Member earlier in the meeting when contacting the non-emergency 101 number.

Liam also mentioned Equality Section 75 - LGBT not reporting. The PCSP Manager advised the section on demographics would be expanded.

Michael Dallat suggested the inclusion of a more qualitative substance and also commented on identifying specific areas of anti-social behaviour. This will be incorporated into the survey.

PCSP81/18 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Maghera Park n' Ride – CCTV

The PCSP Manager advised Members a very positive meeting had taken place with the Department for Infrastructure, PSNI and himself on the issue of crime in park n rides. It was put to DfI that PCSP could fund CCTV cameras in the car parks. DfI indicated that existing street lighting poles and electricity could be used for cameras. They would also provide funding to assist the scheme.

However, DfI have since informed us that we are now unable to use their street lighting poles or electricity supply. To put up separate poles and power supplies would greatly increase the cost of this scheme.

Superintendent Baird stated Park n' Ride CCTV had been discussed at Community Planning meetings and suggested sending a letter to DfI from the Chief Executive of Mid Ulster District Council seeking clarification. He also suggested the possibility of installing 'dummy' cameras.

The PCSP Manager will liaise further with DfI on this issue.

2. 'Safer U' App

The PCSP Manager advised Members the 'Safer U' App is now available to download. The district wide promotional campaign would begin with the new Action Plan. He added that Liz McGrath from the Southern Health Trust had recently provided a number of leaflets and links that will be also be available on the App. If any other member had any suggestions please forward them.

The Chair referred to the sad passing of Marian Dorman a much valued PCSP Member and Paul McElhone, father of Ciaran McElhone who both passed away in December 2017.

A minute silence was observed at the Policing Committee Meeting on 24 January 2018. The Chair expressed sincere condolences to both families.

PCSP82/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next PCSP meeting will be held on Wednesday, 30 May 2018 in the Council Chamber, Dungannon at 6.00pm.

The meeting ended at 5.10pm.

All members were present for the duration of the meeting except Sinead Dolan who arrived at 4.05pm, Liz McGrath who arrived at 4.09pm, Fiona Crawford who arrived at 4.35pm and Emma Sheerin who left at 5.00pm.