

Minutes of the meeting of Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership held in Training Room, Council Offices, Magherafelt on Tuesday 28 January 2020 at 2.30pm

- Present:** Councillor Derek McKinney (Chair), Councillor Clement Cuthbertson, Councillor Dominic Molloy, Councillor Brian McGuigan, Councillor Seán McPeake
- Mark Farquhar, Ursula Marshall, Martina Watson
- Inspector Andy Archibald (PSNI), Michael Dallat (NIHE), Inspector Joanne Gibson (PSNI), Michelle Grant (PBNI), Sergeant Beverley Knipe (PSNI), Inspector Danny Walsh (PSNI), Constable Peter Waugh (PSNI)
- Apologies:** Councillor Frances Burton, Councillor Anne Forde, Councillor Christine McFlynn, Councillor John McNamee, Liam Duggan (Vice Chair), Superintendent Mike Baird (PSNI), Fiona Crawford, Sinead Dolan (YJA), Orla Murtagh (SH&SCT), Chief Inspector Mervyn Seffen (PSNI), Diane Spence (NH&SCT)
- 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 commenced at 2.30pm.

PCSP136/20 WELCOME

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and introduced Stephen Savage, New Driver Safety Ambassador Community Interest Company who provided a presentation in relation to an expression of interest submitted for their 'New Driver Safe Motoring Presentations' Project.

Mr Savage advised Members that the Safe Motoring Presentations target audience are students aged between 17 and 20 and will be delivered by way of interactive presentations in 16 Post Primary schools across Mid Ulster District Council area. The presentation takes 1 hour approximately, feedback forms are completed by pupils via their teachers.

The Safe Motoring presentation follows a format which every young person will find interest in as it discusses the pros and cons of the following;

- Picking the right driving instructor
- The theory
- The practical test
- Buying a car
- Insurance
- Penalty points & prosecutions
- Car maintenance
- Collisions
- Staying Safe on the road
- Discussing the Share the Road to Zero pledge

The Chair thanked Mr Savage for providing the presentation and advised that Members will give the project their consideration.

Presentation ended at 3.10pm, Mr Savage left the meeting.

The Chair apologised for the slight delay in starting due to photographs being taken of the awards won by Mid Ulster PCSP at the inaugural Community Safety Awards ceremony earlier this year.

The Chair also commented that he had been at PCSP training earlier that day and it was recommended that PCSP Members address each other by first names during meetings and not use titles. Mid Ulster PCSP would adopt this approach going forward.

PCSP137/20 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of their obligation in relation to declarations of interest. *Martina Watson – Mid Ulster Women’s Aid.*

PCSP138/20 MINUTES OF POLICING & COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP MEETING HELD ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2019

The Minutes of Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership meeting held on Wednesday 18 September 2019 were approved and signed.

Proposed: Councillor Brian McGuigan

Seconded: Councillor Sean McPeake

PCSP139/20 MATTERS ARISING

1. New Driver Expression of Interest

The PCSP Manager referred to the presentation provided by Mr Savage and the Expression of Interest Form and sought approval from Members. This Project would include presentations to 16 Post Primary School across Mid Ulster District and the provision of magazines to each participant at a total cost of £3,800.

It was noted by Mark Farquhar that section *1.2 why is there a need for the project / event*, was omitted from the Expression of Interest form submitted.

A number of Members raised some areas of concern, therefore, following a discussion it was agreed that the New Driver Safety Ambassador Community Interest Company be asked to fully complete the Expression of Interest form and re-submit. This will then be brought back for discussion at the next PCSP meeting on the 11 March 2020.

Proposed: Councillor Clement Cuthbertson

Seconded: Councillor Dominic Molloy

2. Start360

The PCSP Manager referred to the Expression of Interest form for a programme submitted by Start360 called 'Live and Learn 360' and sought approval from Members.

This programme will focus on anti-social behaviour, often fuelled by substance misuse. This referral programme, offered as an alternative to prosecution, is an opportunity to avoid a criminal record. 'Live and Learn 360' aims to prevent re-offending by encouraging participants to think about and address their behaviour. The target audience are offenders over the age of 18 issued with a Community Resolution Notice (CRN) who present with little or no previous offending history in order to provide a proportionate disposal for less serious offences. The total cost is £4,500.

Inspector Gibson said they are very keen to get this programme up and running and a further meeting with Kathleen Grego, Start360, Councillor McGinley and PSNI is scheduled to take place on Thursday 30 January 2020 to discuss the administration of the programme.

Mark Farquhar highlighted a number of areas within the Expression of Interest Form as incomplete or unsupported with evidence of need for the programme. Following a discussion, Members agreed that Inspector Gibson would provide an update on the outcome of the meeting with Start360 at the next PCSP meeting on the 11 March 2020.

3. Additional Speed Impact Devices (SIDs) Procurement

The PCSP Manager sought approval from Members for the procurement of additional Speed Impact Devices, advising that the Northern Ireland Policing Board has provided an additional £10,000 funding. This amount added to £15,000 from PCSP budget would allow the procurement of 10 additional Speed Impact Devices. PCSP currently have 4 devices, with a demand in 44 different locations for a device to be installed.

Members were very supportive of this initiative and agreed to the procurement of additional Speed Impact Devices.

PCSP140/20 DRAFT ACTION PLAN 2020-20

The PCSP Manager provided Members with a presentation of the Draft Action Plan for 2020/21.

The following points were noted.

Members were in agreement with actions detailed in Strategic Priority 2 under Anti-Social Behaviour, Night-Time Economy and Vulnerable Victims of Crime, also actions detailed in Strategic Priority 3 relating to 'Support Community Confidence in Policing'.

As the budget for 2020/21 has not yet been agreed, the figures shown in the Draft Action Plan 2020/21 relate to the current year. The Joint Committee is meeting in March to discuss and finalise budgets for 2020/21. Members made the following comments;

Councillor McGuigan stressed the importance of awareness raising in relation to 'scams' and 'bogus callers' to be incorporated into the Action Plan.

He also referred to continuing anti-social behaviour issues in the Maghera area. In response, the PCSP Manager hoped that Neighbourhood Policing Team Officers meeting up with the local community would help in this regard and also the plan for a Youth Engagement Programme (YEP) in the Maghera area would improve the situation.

In response to a question from Martina Watson, Inspector Gibson advised that she would request Inspector Johnston, who is the lead in domestic violence incidents, to make contact in order to discuss the provision of assistance to victims who have not been referred through MARAC. Inspector Gibson advised that (CPOs) Crime Prevention Officers can arrange to visit individuals outside the MARAC referral system. A brief discussion took place surrounding NIHE and the placement of tenants, and the constraints they have to work within when tenants are causing problems, (GDPR) General Data Protection Regulations is one of those constraints. Michael Dallat stated that legislation and mechanisms which NIHE are bound by need to be reviewed.

Councillor McGuigan said in instances when issues arise, agencies must work within the system in place, but if the system is not working, the legislation would need to be reviewed.

PCSP141/20 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Probation Board for Northern Ireland (PBNI) – Community Service

Michelle Grant advised Members that Community Service is one of the most successful court sentences in terms of preventing re-offending. PBNI has responsibility for securing local placements for individuals who are subject to Community Service / Supervised Activity Orders imposed by the Courts.

To fulfil the obligations of these Orders many of the people to which they are subject complete unpaid work placements within their local communities. PBNI invites applications from organisations in the Community and Voluntary Sector to provide placements in the community, advising that there is a grant available.

There is one full time supervisor in Mid Ulster area, who can supervise a maximum of up to four people. Public Liability insurance was a reason why community groups did not avail of this service provision. Currently, pending an adequate risk assessment, public liability insurance is not always required for community service. She said community service placements are available and would appreciate if Members could pass the information on to community groups in their local area.

Railway Park, Dungannon

Councillor Cuthbertson raised continued concern in relation to on-going issues in Railway Park, Dungannon.

In response to Councillor Cuthbertson's previous request for Council Officer/s to attend an Anti-Social Behaviour meeting, the PCSP Manager advised that

an officer would be in attendance at next week's ASB meeting on the 5 February 2020.

PCSP142/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next PCSP meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 March 2020 in the Council Chamber, Dungannon at 6.00pm.

The meeting ended at 4.10pm.

All members were present for the duration of the meeting.