

Appendix 1

Local Community Festival Grants January 2023 (Maximum £1,200)

No	Organisation Name	Aim	Title Of Event/project	Band	Request	Award
1	No applications received					
Total					£0.00	

Good Relations Grants – January 2023 (Maximum £1,200)

No	Organisation Name	Aim	Title Of Event/project	Band	Requested	Awarded
1.	Feis Dhun Geanainn	Community	Annual Festival/engagement	4	£1200	£840
				Total		£840

Bands	Score	%
7	30-39	40%
6	40-49	50%
5	50-59	60%
4	60-69	70%
3	70-79	80%
2	80-89	90%
1	90+	100%

Minutes of the meeting of Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership held on Wednesday 7 September 2022 in Council Chamber, Dungannon and via MS Teams at 2.30pm

Present: Councillor Dominic Molloy (Chair), Councillor Frances Burton, Councillor Clement Cuthbertson, Councillor Anne Forde, Councillor Cathal Mallaghan, Councillor Robert Colvin, Councillor Christine McFlynn, Councillor John McNamee, Councillor Sean McPeake,

Alexandra Black (Vice Chair), Sue Chada, Grace Meerbeek, Ciaran McElhone, Julie McKeown

Sharon Crooks (NIHE), Inspector Peter Cunningham (PSNI), Sinead Dolan (YJA), Superintendent Stephen Murray (PSNI), Chief Inspector Daniel McPhillips (PSNI), Allison Campbell-Smyth (NH&SCT), Inspector Peter McNeill (PSNI), Leo Quinn (EA)

Apologies: Jonathan Armour (NIFRS), Steven Hind (NIFRS)

In Attendance: Michael McCrory (PCSP Manager), Annette McGahan (PCSP Officer), Martina McCullagh (PCSP Assistant)

The Meeting commenced at 2.38pm.

PCSP242/22 WELCOME

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

PCSP243/22 PSNI BUSINESS CRIME PRESENTATION

The Chair welcomed Inspector Peter Cunningham to the meeting. Inspector Cunningham advised Members that he is a Neighbourhood Inspector in East Belfast and is also Business Crime support to Chief Superintendent Darren Jones who is currently Business Crime Lead for the PSNI. The business crime team currently has 4 officers.

The definition of a Business Crime is *‘any criminal offence where a business or person in the course of their employment, and because of that employment is the victim’*.

Inspector Cunningham provided a Powerpoint presentation relating to Business Crime, referring to the impact on the economy and community and what initiatives are being used to combat this type of crime.

He advises that ‘Safe Shop’ is an initiative where Police work with retailers and staff to combat crime and promote a safer working environment. ‘Safe Shop’ promotes the principles of ‘Prevent, Detect and Deter’ and provides retailers with practical advice on how to protect their business from crime. ‘Safe Shop’ training is provided to business owners and their staff. The success of this initiative is measured by the absence of crime in stores which have received ‘Shop Safe’ training.

Following the presentation, Members made the following comments;

- Superintendent Murray updated Members that through business 'text alert', 14 retail outlets across Mid Ulster District have signed up to for 'Safe Shop' training, which will take place in the near future.
- A Member suggested bringing businesses, Chambers of Commerce and Development Associations together to share this presentation with them in order to let them know what initiatives they can avail of in order to minimise business crime in their area.
- A Member agreed with the arrangement of a 'business' event to bring proprietors together to share and learn from each other's experiences.
- Responding to a question, Inspector Cunningham advised that the threshold of loss before reporting to the PSNI varies from business to business. The 'Safe Shop' initiative is directed more towards the small to medium size stores. Where no theft is acceptable, large multi-national stores are in a financial position to absorb a certain level of theft, whereas this could result in a smaller retailer being put out of business. The 'Safe Shop' provides training relating to theft by the general public and by employees.

Inspector Cunningham reiterated the importance of supporting vulnerable businesses and partnership working is the way forward to combat business crime.

The Chair thanked Inspector Cunningham for attending the meeting and providing a very informative presentation.

PCSP244/22 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

PCSP245/22 MINUTES OF MID ULSTER POLICING & COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25 MAY 2022

The Minutes of Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership meeting held on Wednesday 25 May 2022 were approved by Members.

Proposed by: Councillor Frances Burton
Seconded by: Councillor Clement Cuthbertson

PCSP246/22 MATTERS ARISING – PCSP237/22 – Review of CCTV System across Mid Ulster District

In response to queries from Councillor Colvin and Councillor Burton, the Chair suggested setting up a CCTV working group and holding a one-off meeting to review the current CCTV provision across the district. It was agreed to first ascertain whether a recent district wide review of CCTV has already been conducted by Mid Ulster District Council.

The PCSP Manager advised Members that the CCTV System is owned by Mid Ulster District Council and Maintenance and Monitoring is covered by Council. If new CCTV cameras are installed, they would be covered under the warranty which is normally 3 years, which is also the tender period for the CCTV contractor. Additional cameras added to the CCTV system will not automatically result in an increase in monitoring charges.

PCSP247/22 PROJECTS UPDATE

The PCSP Manager referred to the Project Update document and asked Members for feedback on the new layout and which option they preferred. A brief overview was provided on all Projects including Road Safety initiatives and SIDs report. Members made the following comments;

- Grace Meerbeek raised concerns about the excessive speed of agricultural vehicles travelling our roads and the many dangers associated and feels more should be done to increase engagement with this large group of road users.
- Councillor McFlynn stated that it would be excellent to re-engage with the Neighbourhood Watch Schemes. There has been anti-social behaviour issues in the Glenburn and Highfield Road areas in Magherafelt. Councillor McFlynn also raised concerns about recent anti-social behaviour occurring at Riverview and Parker Avenue in Castledawson and asked if Police could patrol these areas and provide some reassurance to residents.
- In response to a question from Sue Chada, the PCSP Manager advised that SIDs remain 6 to 8 weeks in each location for maximum impact. The time scale can vary depending on demand and the availability of street lighting poles.
- The Chair advised Members that he attended a meeting with DfI on the 1 September 2022 in Moy to discuss the speed safety issues in the village. The results garnered from the SID located in Moy formed part of the discussion in relation to levels of speeding vehicles in the area. It would be very beneficial if the 30mph speed limit could be extended further out of the village to help reduce traffic speed prior to vehicles reaching residential areas in Moy village.
- Councillor Cuthbertson made the suggestion to introduce a 40mph speed limit leading into Moy, prior to reaching the 30mph speed limit, thus allowing time for traffic to slow from 60mph to 40mph and then arrive at the 30mph speed limit area. Councillor Cuthbertson stated that he has spoken with Roads Service in relation to getting the speed limit reduced to 30mph throughout Tamnamore village, as it is currently 40mph in most of the village. Another area of concern is the Bovean Road which has been highlighted to Police following a serious accident at the end of August 2022, resulting in a vehicle travelling through two gardens and ending up hitting a house which will now need to be rebuilt due to the level of damage caused.

The Chair thanked Members for their comments and stated that Police support is very beneficial when lobbying for the introduction of change to speed limits.

PCSP248/22 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Traffic congestion on Coolshinny Road, Magherafelt

Sue Chada raised the issue of serious traffic congestion along the Coolshinny Road in Magherafelt during school collection time and asked if Police could do something to alleviate this problem.

In response, Superintendent Murray stated that this issue had been raised at the end of term in June 2022, now that the schools have re-opened the traffic has increased again. The Neighbourhood Team will patrol the area at school closing time and an update will be provided in due course.

Councillor McFlynn stated that Coolshinny Road is very dangerous at school closing time and given there are bollards and planters along the grass verge, parents are left with little choice but park on the road while waiting to collect their children from school. This issue will be raised with DfI.

Traffic Parking issues on Main Street to Smith Street in Moneymore

Councillor McFlynn referred to traffic parking on double yellow lines outside food outlets on Main Street to Smith Street in Moneymore and asked if Police could take any measures to alleviate the situation.

Superintendent Murray advised that Police have 'no powers' in relation to vehicles parking on single / double yellow lines. He advised that this area will be patrolled and encouragement given to drivers to move their vehicle along.

Updated Contact details for PSNI Personnel in Mid Ulster

Responding to a query from Councillor McNamee regarding the recent changes to PSNI personnel in Mid Ulster, Superintendent Murray advised that a small number of changes have taken place, the new contact list will be share with PCSP Members.

PCSP249/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next PCSP meeting will take place on Wednesday 14 December 2022 in Council Chamber, Dungannon at 2.30pm and via MS Teams.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The meeting ended at 3.40pm.