

**Minutes of the meeting of Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety
Partnership held in the Council Chamber, Dungannon on Wednesday, 31 May
2017
at 6.00pm**

- Present:** Councillor Frances Burton (Chair)
- Councillors Catherine Elattar, Phelim Gildernew, Mark Glasgow, Denise Mullen, Ken Reid
- Fiona Crawford, Marian Dorman, Liam Duggan, Mark Farquhar, Ursula Marshall, Ciaran McElhone (Vice Chair), Martina Watson
- Superintendent Mike Baird (PSNI), Jacqueline Connolly (SHSCT), Alan Cunningham (NIFRS), Michael Dallat (NIHE), Sinead Dolan (YJA), Kate Lambe (NHSCT), Ruth McKelvey (PBNI), Chief Inspector Roy Robinson (PSNI)
- Apologies:** Councillors Peter Bateson, Sean McPeake, James Shiels, Inspector Andy Archibald (PSNI), Sergeant Ken McDermott (PSNI), Hannah Su O'Callaghan, Emma Sheerin, Sergeant Gavin Sterling (PSNI), Inspector Danny Walsh (PSNI), Michael McCrory (PCSP)
- In Attendance:** Celene O'Neill (PCSP Manager), Annette McGahan (PCSP Officer), Martina McCullagh (PCSP Admin)

PCSP59/17 WELCOME

Councillor Frances Burton, advised Members this would be her final meeting as PCSP Chair. She thanked PCSP Members and staff for their support during her term and extended best wishes to the incoming Chair.

Councillor Burton also thanked the Vice Chair, Ciaran McElhone, for stepping into the breach on occasions when she was unable to attend. She expressed sincere gratitude to Superintendent Baird, Chief Inspector Roy Robinson and all the PSNI team, with a special word of thanks to Inspector Danny Walsh who had earned the respect of many in the room.

The Chair welcomed Jacqueline Connolly from the SHSCT to her first PCSP meeting and also Claire Linney, Head of Community Development, who would be providing Members with an update on Mid Ulster Community Planning.

**PCSP60/17 COMMUNITY PLANNING PRESENTATION – MID ULSTER
DISTRICT COUNCIL, HEAD OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

The Head of Community Development provided Members with a copy of the Mid Ulster Community Plan, advising it had been developed over the previous two years through consultation with community organisations, business and statutory partners and reflected the following core principles;

- Focused on Mid Ulster but also recognised assets which cross Council boundaries
- Working towards short, medium and long term goals within an overall ten-year horizon
- Delivery of the Plan through strong governance and monitoring arrangements
- The Plan will clearly link with the forthcoming Mid Ulster Development Plan
- The Plan takes account of equality, good relations, sustainable development, social inclusion and rural proofing and it has been screened to ensure that it does not impact negatively upon these core principles.

The Community Plan contains five Themes, *Theme 1: Economic Growth, Theme 2: Infrastructure, Theme 3: Education and Skills, Theme 4: Health & Wellbeing, Theme 5: Vibrant & Safe Communities.*

Strategic

Theme 5: 'Vibrant & Safe Communities' will deal with the following

Actions,

- A Fear of Crime initiative
- A 'Support Model' to facilitate agencies sharing information and support for those most vulnerable regarding safety
- A 'Design Out Crime' guide/process with appropriate partners to help develop safer spaces and places
- An Anti-Social Behaviour Programme, targeting the district's hot spot areas and issues

The Head of Community Development stated statistics show anti-social behaviour is low in Mid Ulster in comparison to other Council areas, but issues of concern still exist in hotspot areas. She advised *Theme 5 Strategic Actions* identified complement the work of PCSP and that close working would be required to take these forward.

Following discussion, Members were advised that '*Our Community Plan*' had been signed off and launched and would be sent out to community groups.

Ursula Marshall queried the need for another working group being set up, duplicating the work being carried out by PCSP. She requested clarification regarding overall structures in relation to the delivery of the community plan. Superintendent Baird asked who would be providing overall direction in relation to delivery.

The Head of Community Development informed Members the 'Vibrant & Safe Communities' working group was one of five groups established with a wider remit than community safety. It was recognised that PCSP is doing a very effective role in relation to community safety at a local level and that any Action Plan to be developed through community planning would seek to address a number of strategic actions that can be best be delivered through an integrated approach and would support the work of the PCSP. All proposals on taking *Theme 5 Strategic Actions* forward with regard to community safety will be through liaison with PCSP and other relevant key statutory agencies.

Details of Community Planning and Governance Structures to be provided to Members.

The Chair thanked the Head of Community Development for attending the meeting and providing an update in relation to the Community Plan.

Claire Linney left the meeting at 6.30pm.

PCSP61/17 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR – INDEPENDENT MEMBERS

The Chair thanked Ciaran McElhone for his commitment and work during his term as Vice Chair. She then commenced the process to elect a new PCSP Vice Chair. The Independent Members agreed the elected Members could remain in the Chamber during the election process.

The Chair advised Independent Members the election of the Vice Chair would be by a simple majority of all votes cast. Voting papers were distributed to all Independent Members, votes were cast and voting papers collected. One voting paper had been submitted in a sealed envelope prior to the meeting. This was opened and counted with votes cast on the night. A total of seven votes were cast.

The Chair declared Ursula Marshall as having been elected by the PCSP Independent Members to the position of Vice Chair for the period 1 June 2017 to 31 May 2018. She congratulated Ursula on behalf of all present.

The outgoing Vice Chair, Ciaran McElhone, thanked the PCSP Members and staff for their support during his term in office. He also thanked Councillor Phelim Gildernew, last year's PCSP Chair and Councillor Frances Burton, current Chair, for their help and assistance. He wished Ursula Marshall all the best in her new position.

PCSP62/17 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

PCSP63/17 MINUTES OF POLICING & COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP MEETING HELD ON 15 MARCH 2017

The Minutes of the Policing and Community Safety Partnership meeting held on Wednesday, 15 March 2017 were approved and signed.

Proposed by: Ciaran McElhone
Seconded by: Fiona Crawford

PCSP64/17 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2017/2018 – DISCUSSION REGARDING TIMES AND PROPOSAL RE AMALGAMATION OF ASB & NTE SUB GROUP MEETINGS

The PCSP Manager referred to a consultation which had taken place in February 2016 when Members were given a choice of 6.00pm, 6.30pm or 7.00pm start time for meetings. The majority agreed with a 6.00pm start.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed the PCSP Manager would review all schedules of meetings and endeavour to accommodate the views expressed and seek to balance everyone's interests as much as possible. Revised schedules would be e-mailed to Members.

The PCSP Manager referred to a Member's suggestion at a recent ASB sub group to amalgamate the Anti-Social Behaviour and Night Time Economy sub groups due to overlapping discussions surrounding ASB issues. A possible solution would be to discuss Anti-Social Behaviour issues at PCSP meetings, given that ASB has linkages through the three sub groups.

Following an in-depth discussion Members decided to continue with three separate sub groups.

Proposed: Councillor Phelim Gildernew
Seconded: Councillor Mark Glasgow

PCSP65/17 THEMATIC GROUPS UPDATE

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 1 – Target Hotspots

- The PCSP Manager advised meetings had been held regarding

Draperstown, Maghera and the 'Lines', Dungannon. In relation to Milltown, the PSNI, DYRC and Youth Service were scoping the problem to identify the young people and develop a suitable youth programme. There had been increased PSNI patrols and Parks staff were aware of the ongoing issues in the area.

Councillor Reid stated no-one from PSNI had contacted him to provide an update on issues in Milltown. Superintendent Baird apologised for this as it was due to sickness absence. He would arrange for the Councillor to be updated.

Item 4 – Anti-Social Driving

- A meeting is being arranged to update Fairhill residents. In response to a question from Ursula Marshall, Superintendent Baird advised he had not received any reports of car related incidents from residents in Fairhill over the past number of weeks. He stated a significant amount of work had been conducted in the area and vehicles seized.
- An Emergency Services Reconstruction would be held on 5 June 2017 in Moygashel. The Fire and Rescue Service would not be in attendance due to budget constraints.

Item 5 – Redeployable CCTV Cameras

- Quad bikes were being used illegally in Davagh Forest. PCSP, PSNI and Council had been working together on an information campaign and putting up CCTV cameras and signage to combat this activity.

Item 7 – ASB Information sharing Protocols

- Responding to a question from Liam Duggan in relation to the introduction of a 'Warden Scheme', the PCSP Manager stated further investigation into job descriptions would be required.

Item 8 – Anti-Social Driving

- Fiona Crawford updated Members in relation to anti-social driving issues (do-nuts) happening on the Killeeshill Road, stating the PSNI are taking the issue very seriously. Incidents were sporadic and therefore hard to catch individuals 'in the act'. PSNI patrols had been increased in the area and she had received very positive feedback from Inspector Jamieson.

Item 13 - Mid Ulster YEP (Youth Engagement Partnership)

- The PCSP Manager advised Members the Mid Ulster YEP (Youth Engagement Partnership) Project will be developed with partners and delivered on the lead up to Halloween.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – Mid Ulster District Council Leisure Services, Summer Scheme Extended Provision

The PCSP Manager advised that Mid Ulster District Council's Leisure Services Department had submitted an 'Expression of Interest' to extend their 'Summer Scheme Programme' targeting young people aged between 6 and 14 years in hotspot areas. Funding would enable the centres to target additional children and undertake additional activities including trips to Davagh Forest for mountain biking, climbing walls and bubble ball. The cost would be £1,500 each for Cookstown, Maghera, Magherafelt and Dungannon Leisure Centres and £500 for Maghera Leisure Centre.

Members agreed it was a worthy project, providing district wide coverage, but requested further information and assurance that the target audience would be successfully brought on board ensuring it was not just an add-on to what already exists.

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

- The PCSP Officer advised a meeting was presently being arranged in order to keep the residents updated on the actions being taken to address anti-social driving.

Item 8 – Develop and Manager CCTV

- Members were advised a Contractor had been appointed to install the Mid Ulster District CCTV System, and a camera would be erected at the Loy Street junction in due course.

Item 9 – Defibrillators & Training

- Training on how to use a defibrillator would be arranged in Dungannon, Cookstown and Magherafelt.

Item 11 – Fast Food Outlets

- The PCSP Officer advised an Environmental Health Officer would attend the next Night Time Economy meeting to provide information on present legislation regarding 'Closing Orders' for Fast Food Outlets.

VP – Vulnerable Persons Group Update

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

Item 3 – Neighbourhood Watch

- Members were advised a Neighbourhood Watch meeting for Dungannon co-ordinators would be held on Thursday, 15 June in Council Offices, Dungannon at 7.00pm.

Item 7 – Bogus Callers Awareness Events

- The PCSP Manager invited Members to attend an ‘Older Persons’ Event on Thursday 1 June 2017 in Caledon Community Centre (Old Primary School) at 10.30am.

Item 8 – Scam Awareness Events

- Counterfeit currency information sessions were presently being arranged to take place in Santander, Dungannon.

Item 10 – Develop Schools Internet Safety

- Members were reminded about and asked to promote the next Public Meeting, (‘Internet Safety’ theme) which would be held on Wednesday 14 June 2017 in the Glenavon House Hotel, Cookstown.

PCSP66/17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Focus Group – Dr Jonny Byrne, University of Ulster

The PCSP Manager advised that the NI Policing Board had commissioned Ulster University to conduct a research project examining the effectiveness of the Policing Committees of PCSPs and DPCSPs. As part of the research, Dr Jonny Byrne would like to hold a focus group with a number of Policing Committee Members. It would last for approximately one hour and allow Members to consider issues around effectiveness, measuring impact, engagement and relationship between the PSNI and the Board.

The following Members agreed to participate;
Councillor Denise Mullen, Councillor Frances Burton, Fiona Crawford
Marian Dorman, Mark Farquhar, Ciaran McElhone and Liam Duggan.

2. Street Angels, Cookstown

The PCSP Manager advised the work of the ‘Street Angels’ in Cookstown was presently ‘on hold’. A new group named ‘Club Angels’ would be operating within Lanyon Hall, Cookstown.

3. PCSP Training and Capacity Building Plan

In response to a query from Liam Duggan regarding training available to PCSP Members, the PCSP Manager advised a Communique from the Joint Committee detailing the Training Plan 2017/2018 would be e-mailed to Members.

PCSP67/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next PCSP meeting on Wednesday, 20 September, 2017. A Themed Public Meeting will be held on Wednesday 14 June 2017 in the Glenavon House Hotel at 7.00pm.

The meeting ended at 7.50pm.

All members were present for the duration of the meeting except Councillor Denise Mullen who arrived at 6.07pm.