

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Policing and Community Safety Partnership
held remotely by zoom and in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 21 April 2022
at 6.30 pm**

PRESENT:

In a remote location –
Councillor M Guy (Chairperson)
Councillor N Anderson
Councillor R Carlin
Councillor A Gowan
Councillor A McIntyre
Councillor S Skillen
Ms G Conroy
Mrs Y Craig
Mr P Dean
Ms A Landa
Mrs P Leeson
Mr D McBurney
Mrs P Yellamaty

In the Council Chamber –
Councillor A Ewing
Mr J Bentley

IN ATTENDANCE:

Acting PCSP/Member Services Manager
PCSP Officer (SA)
Member Services Officer (PS)

Designated Organisations

In a remote location –
Ms J Harkness – Youth Justice
Ms N Bradshaw – Probation Board NI
Ms E Millar - EA

In the Council Chamber –
Chief Inspector J Wilson, Police Service of Northern Ireland

Commencement of the Meeting

The Chairperson, Councillor M Guy, welcomed everyone to the meeting, which was being held via zoom and in the Council Chamber in hybrid format due to the current Covid-19 restrictions. She extended a particular welcome to Mr P Dean who had recently been appointed an Independent Members of the Partnership.

1. Apologies

It was agreed to accept an apology for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Superintendent J Mullan, Mr D Marley, Mr G Clifton, Ms A Twomey and the PCSP Officer (JB).

2. Minutes

It was proposed by Mr D McBurney, seconded by Mrs Y Craig and agreed by the Partnership that the Minutes of the Private Meeting of the PCSP held on 15 March 2022 be confirmed and signed. Mr McBurney sought an update on the Cultural Diversity Event referred to at that meeting and was advised that this would be provided later in the meeting.

3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

The Chairperson sought any Declarations of Conflicts of Interest and the following declarations were made –

- Ms G Conroy advised that her parents had been involved in one of the funding applications.
- Councillor S Skillen declared an interest in any matters involving Ballybeen Improvement Group as she was on their Board.
- Mr J Bentley advised that he had been involved with one of the Grand Choice applicants however they had not been granted funding.

4. Update from Statutory Organisations

Representatives from Statutory Organisations having been asked to provide updates on the work of their respective organisations with regards to community safety priorities, the following updates were provided:

Update from Chief Inspector J Wilson, PSNI

Chief Inspector Wilson advised that the Local Policing Plan had been circulated to members of the PCSP. He advised that the Corporate level plan had yet to be agreed and summarised that the plan was similar to the previous year with the addition of item 1.2.

He advised that due to the system being closed down for end of year procedures, there were no updates on crime figures at this moment in time. He provided an update on ongoing projects throughout the borough area. He advised that an event had been held where the District hosted the Chief Constable for a day, he advised on ongoing successful drug searches and stated that current focus was on the Balmoral Show and on road safety issues. The District were also preparing for summer and the forthcoming marching season.

Update from Ms Esther Millar, Education Authority

Ms Millar updated on a stakeholder hate crime event and on continuing work with the Youth Council, she provided information on the work of detached youth workers and on emerging issues, she advised of a new programme running in Dundonald High School which was being delivered to build relationships with statutory agencies. She then responded to some questions from members on how work was currently being delivered.

Update from Nicola Bradshaw, Probation Board NI

Ms Bradshaw advised that the service was not yet back to a full face to face service but was still restricted, however she stated that face to face services had been prioritised for high risk service users. She advised that users were responding well to telephone contact. She updated on a change to legislation in respect of domestic abuse.

The Chairperson, Councillor M Guy, expressed thanks to representatives of the PBNI who had attended a graffiti bus event in Carryduff. In response to a question from a member Ms Bradshaw outlined the availability of the bus and plans for its use across other areas. She undertook to feedback to the service the desire for this to be rolled out further afield.

Update from Ms J Harkness, Youth Justice

Ms Harkness advised that referrals were picking up again and being progressed. She advised of an early stage diversion project and work in schools which were ongoing. She advised of work plan need to take place in schools and invited requests from community groups which might wish to avail of the service.

5. Report of the Acting PCSP/Member Services Manager

It was agreed that the report and recommendations of the Acting PCSP/Member Services Manager be adopted, subject to any decisions recorded below, and other items noted.

5.1 Participatory Budgeting – Grand Choice Event – Downshire West

Members of the Partnership were appraised of the event which had taken place on Saturday 9 April 2022 at St John's Parish Centre, Moira when twenty three applicants competed on the day showcasing their projects, attracting around 800 people throughout the course of the day. They were provided with a list of the applicants and projects and it was highlighted that Kilwarlin Rural Development Group had withdrawn from the competition must before the community event. Members were advised that 752 votes had been cast resulting in 16 groups across the DEA being awarded a total of £15,755.50. They were provided with an Appendix showing the voting results and amounts awarded to each of the 16 groups.

Members were reminded that the partnership had agreed the following proposal for the delivery of the participatory budgeting schemes –

- 2020/21 - Castlereagh East and Downshire West
- 2021/22 - Lisburn South and Castlereagh South
- 2022/23 - Downshire East and Lisburn North

However, it was highlighted that Covid-19 had impacted the timeline and resulted in the Castlereagh East and Castlereagh South events being delivered as online competitions in Summer 2021. It was also highlighted that provision had been made in the 2022/23 Action Plan for other Grand Choice events.

Members were advised that since the report had been issued to them conversations had been taking place regarding a total of three participatory budgeting initiatives being rolled out before the end of March 2023. It was recommended that the following events be held –

- September – Lisburn South
- November – Downshire West
- February – Lisburn North

It was proposed by Mr D McBurney, seconded by Mrs Y Craig and agreed by the Partnership that the information circulated be noted and that three Grand Choice participatory budgeting event be organised as outlined above.

5.2 Balmoral Show

Members were advised that the PCSP would be an integral part of the Community Safety marquee at the Balmoral Show for the 4 days from 11 – 14 May 2022 and were provided with information on other organisations that would also have a presence.

It was agreed that the above information be noted.

5.3 Applications for funding under £500

Members were advised of the following applications for funding under £500.00, the application from First Lisburn Blues Supporters Club was highlighted as having been received since the report was circulated –

Group	Project	Amount Requested
Magheragall District LOL No 9	Parade Marshalling Training – May 2022	£500
Hillsborough Working Together	Parade Marshalling Training – May 2022	£500

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Downshire Primary School Hillsborough	Buddy Scheme with PSNI for younger students	£498.75
PSNI Bike Safe	Host PSNI Bike Safe – September 2022	£500
PSNI	Youth Engagement with Dreamscheme NI	£400
PSNI	Domestic Violence Initiative with Hydebank Wood College	£480
First Lisburn Blues Supporters Club	Community Fun Day – engagement with local PSNI Neighbourhood Policing Team to establish relations	£500

It was proposed by Councillor N Anderson, seconded by Mr P Dean and agreed that the applications outlined above be approved.

5.4 Cultural Diversity Day – Saturday 21 May 2022

The PCSP Officer (SA) advised that plans were being progressed to celebrate Cultural Diversity Day on Saturday 21 May 2022. They were advised that discussions had taken place with members of Carryduff Intercultural Friendship Group and it was proposed to hold an event in the Carryduff area between 11.00 am – 3.00 pm. Members were advised that a meeting had been arranged for 22 April 2022 to confirm a suitable venue and itinerary for the event. Members were told that they would be advised of the arrangements in due course and were encouraged to support the event with their attendance.

It was agreed that the information be noted.

5.5 PSNI/PCSP Engagement Event – Save the Date

Members were advised that work was ongoing between the NIPB and the PSNI in relation to increasing the effectiveness of the Policing Committees and developing the reporting template. The Acting PCSP/Members Services Manager advised that a series of regional engagement events would be held in June which District Commanders and PCSP Members would be invited to attend. The events would take the form of workshops to discuss the reporting template, effective problem solving and how engagement between PSNI, PCSPs and the community could be enhanced.

Members were advised that the regional event for the North District (LCCC, Antrim & Newtownabbey, Ards & North Down and Causeway Coast & Glens) had been suggested for Wednesday 8 June from 10.30 am to 4.00 pm in Mossley Mill. It was highlighted that formal notification would be issued in due course by the NIPS.

It was agreed that the information be noted.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Councillor A Ewing
Bike Safe Event

Councillor Ewing wished to commend police on Bike Safe events which he had attended in the past and went on to highlight the benefits of such events, he asked if there were any plans for these to be held in the near future. Chief Inspector J Wilson responded that he was not aware of any but went on to highlight some similar events that were being organised.

6.2 PCSP Officer (SA)
Speed Indicator Devices

The PCSP Officer updated on progress regarding the installation of new SIDS advising that it was planned to have SIDS installed in the following areas -

Magheraconluce Road - Letter drop to local residents ongoing to ascertain their contentment with proposed siting arrangements
Killynure Road, Carryduff
Gransha Road, Dundonald
Milltown Road, Derriaghy

6.3 The Chairperson, Councillor M Guy
Congratulations

The Chairperson, Councillor M Guy wished to express congratulations on behalf of the Partnership to Ms A Twomey on the occasion of her forthcoming wedding.

6.4 The Acting PCSP/Members Services Manager
Next Meeting of the PCSP

The Acting PCSP/Members Services Manager advised that the next meeting of the Partnership would be held in Public in the Connect Hall, Dromara on Tuesday 17 May 2022 at 7.00 pm and she encouraged all members to attend advising that it would be an 'in person' event.

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 7.35 pm.

Chairperson