

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council
Fermanagh and Omagh Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Minutes of the Fermanagh and Omagh Policing and Community Safety Partnership meeting held, on Tuesday 24 November 2020 at 6 pm via MS Teams.

Present: Councillors

John McClaughry (Chairperson), Paul Blake, Josephine Deehan, Stephen Donnelly, Keith Elliott, Deborah Erskine, Tommy Maguire, Barry McElduff, Thomas O'Reilly and Allan Rainey.

Independent Members

Noeleen Hayes, Vida Lake, Bernie McCrory, Margaret McCrory and Pauline Treacy.

Designated Members

Superintendent Alywin Barton (PSNI), Sinead Dolan (YJA), Oonagh McAvinney (NIHE) and Allen Fleming (EANI).

Apologies: Ryan Magee (EANI), Sarah McQuaid and Maria Thompson.

In attendance: Carol Follis (PCSP Manager) and Maggie McManus (Committee Clerk).

PCSP 14/20 **Welcome and Apologies**

The Chairperson welcomed the PCSP Members to the meeting. Apologies were accepted.

PCSP 15/20 **Presentation from Life After**

Debbie Mullan and Marie O'Brien delivered a presentation on the work of Life After. This volunteer organisation has a membership comprised of individuals who have been bereaved by the death of a family member through RTC and supports other bereaved families as they adjust to the death of a family member. Promoting road safety is another key part of its work collaborating with NIFRS, PSNI and others to support RTC demos in schools and youth clubs. Life After is very active in Derry City and Strabane District Council area and plans to launch its services in the Fermanagh and Omagh area in early 2021.

Question 1

Councillor Elliott thanked Debbie and Marie for their presentation and said they looked forward to working with them. He asked what the PCSP could to help Life After?

Response

Debbie Mullan informed that they are looking for support, promotion and recognition of their services. Also, making new connections would be a great help.

Question 2

Bernie McCrory asked if they had any connection with the NIFRS, in particular the 'Driving Change' programme?

Response

Debbie Mullan said she works with the NIFRS delivering RTC demos along with NIFRS to schools and HM Prison Maghaberry.

Question 3

Councillor Donnelly asked what FODC could do to help Life After branching out into Fermanagh and Omagh?

Answer

Debbie Mullan said that Life After needed support from all the political parties. The Chair commented that PCSP and FODC will do what they can to assist. The PCSP Manager said the PCSP would assist with the launch event in January.

Recommended:

That the PCSP Manager forward information to Members when the date for Life After launch is confirmed.

PCSP 16/20

Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were declared.

PCSP 17/20

Notification of AOB

No notification of AOB was declared

PCSP 18/20

Minutes

The minutes of the PCSP meeting held via MS Teams on Tuesday 22 September 2020 were considered and approved. Proposed by Councillor O'Reilly and seconded by Vida Lake.

PCSP 19/20

Matters Arising

PCSP 07/20 – Update from designated members

The PCSP Manager confirmed that a press release on the circulation of counterfeit notes had been issued to local media but it had not been picked up possibly as the PSNI had issued a similar press release the previous week.

PCSP 08/20 – Activity Reporting April-September 2020

The report on knife bins will be brought to the PCSP meeting in January.

PCSP 10/20 - PCSP Security Grant

The change control request was submitted and approved by the Joint Committee.

PCSP 12/20 – AOB Vehicular ASB at Crevenagh Park and Share

Prior to the PCSP organising a road safety awareness event the PCSP Manager was informed that the PSNI was planning a joint operation with the DVLA on Friday 6 November. This event negated the need for now for such an event at Crevenagh Park and Share.

PCSP 12/20 – AOB Woodbrooke Village

The PCSP Manager confirmed that the letter had been sent to the developer and no reply had been received to date.

PCSP 20/20

Members Questions

No members questions were received prior to the meeting.

PCSP 21/20

Update from Designated Members

Written updates were received from Oonagh McAvinney (NIHE).

The PCSP Manager informed the Members that going forward the PSNI will only provide an update at the Policing Committee Meetings, unless there is something urgent to be provided. This will allow for greater clarity and definition between the PCSP meeting and the Policing Committee meeting.

Recommended:

1. That the Partnership notes the report.
2. That the PSNI update be provided at the Policing Committee meeting only unless urgent. Members to feedback to the PCSP Manager if they have any comments on this.

PCSP 22/20

PCSP Activity Reporting September-November 2020

The PCSP Manager presented an Activity Report for the period September to mid-November 2020. In the report the Manager advised Members that even with Covid-19 restrictions, there had been plenty of PCSP activity.

Councillor O'Reilly congratulated the PCSP staff team on the activity undertaken during the period. He asked if the quantity of drugs deposited could be broken down by bin location and the type of drugs. Also, could any of the drugs be recycled through pharmacies. The PCSP Manager responded that future reports would provide a break down of number of drug items deposited in each of the bins and some information on the types of drugs. Responding to a second question from Councillor O'Reilly the PCSP Manager confirmed that all drugs deposited in the bins are destroyed and disposed of and that it is not possible to reissue any of the drugs items.

Regarding the parking signs for schools, Councillor O'Reilly asked the PCSP Manager how many schools had been issued with signs. The PCSP Manager responded that 18 schools had received signs. He asked that information on the effectiveness of the signs in addressing parking issues at the schools be brought to a future PCSP meeting.

Recommended:

1. That the Partnership notes the report.
2. That the PCSP Manager provide a breakdown of the drugs deposited by bin location and type of drug.
3. That the PCSP Manager provide feedback on the effectiveness of school signs at a future PCSP meeting when data is available.

PCSP 23/20

PCSP Security Equipment Grant

The Chair thanked the PCSP Manager and the PCSP team for the speedy turnaround on this process. The PCSP Manager provided a report on the Security Equipment Grant and thanked the Task and Finish group for their assistance in expediting the process quickly. 25 applications were received, 2 of which were ineligible. The PCSP Manager explained that applications

were received from a variety of organisations across the district commenting on the contribution of FODC Community Services staff in promoting the Grant. Ten applications scored 60% or above and were eligible to be funded. The allocated budget did not allow for all ten to be funded and following recommendation from the Task & Finish Group Members were asked for their approval for a Change Control Request to reprofile budget from Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence budget. Following Member approval, the Request was approved by the Joint Committee. The PCSP Manager requested that the Members do not make public the application assessment results as applicants had yet to be notified of the assessment process outcome and direct all enquires to her.

Proposed by Councillor Blake and seconded by Councillor Donnelly.

Recommended:

That the Partnership notes the report.

PCSP 24/20

PCSP Covid-19 Response Grants

The PCSP Manager presented an update to the Members on the Covid-19 Response Grants first brought to the PCSP meeting in May. She informed the Members that all but one of the of the five grants had finished with Men's Action Network Isolation Helpline active until the end of December 2020.

Recommended:

That the Partnership notes the report.

PCSP 25/20

PCSP 2021-2022 Action Plan

The PCSP Manager reminded the Members that Action Plan Workshop is scheduled for Thursday 26 November commencing at 7 pm. She asked that Members read the draft Action Plan and confirmed that no information regarding budget allocation for 2021-2022 had been received from the Joint Committee.

Recommended:

That the Partnership notes the report.

PCSP 26/20

Neighbourhood Watch Schemes

The PCSP Manager presented the Neighbourhood Watch report. The following new schemes were presented for accreditation:

Boho
Castlebalfour & Kilmacranell
Lack

The following scheme was presented for reaccreditation:

Knocksilla

Proposed by Councillor Erskine and seconded by Councillor Rainey.

The PCSP Manager informed the Members that Alan Crooks (PCSP) and Rory Hoy (PSNI) will deliver a presentation on Neighbourhood Watch at the Policing Committee meeting on 15 December 2020.

Recommended:

That the Partnership notes the report.

PCSP 27/20

AOB

No other business reported.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the PCSP will take place on Tuesday 26 January 2021 via MS Teams.

RISING:

The Committee rose at 7.33 pm