

# **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 22 June 2021 at 7.30 pm in the Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen.

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

**Independent Members**  
Monica Coyle (Vice Chairperson), Noeleen Hayes, Norman Kirkpatrick, Bernie McCrory, Margaret McCrory, Sarah McQuaid and Pauline Treacy.

**Designated Members**  
Superintendent Alywin Barton (PSNI), Sinead Dolan (YJA) and Patricia McKeever (PBNI).

**Apologies:**               Vida Lake, Maria Thompson, Oonagh McAvinney (NIHE) and Michael Curran (NIFRS).

**In attendance:**       Carol Follis (PCSP Manager), Maggie McManus (Committee Clerk), Alan Crooks (PCSP), Greg McMullan (PCSP), Sandra Armstrong (PCSP), Chief Inspector Rory Hoy (PSNI) and Chief Inspector Robert McGowan (PSNI).

PCSP 16/21               **Welcome and Apologies**  
The outgoing Chairperson welcomed the PCSP Members to the meeting and welcomed the new Chairperson, Councillor Keith Elliott. Apologies were accepted.

The Chairperson announced that Monica Coyle had been re-elected to the position of PCSP Vice Chairperson. In her acceptance speech she thanked those who had voted for her and expressed her wish that circumstances would allow for PCSP activity to be delivered in person throughout the district.

The Chairperson congratulated Chief Inspector Rory Hoy on his recent MBE award in the Queen's Birthday Honours.

The PCSP Members introduced themselves to the meeting.

PCSP 17/21               **Presentation Always Being Connected Project**  
Allison Forbes from SWAP (South West Age Partnership) gave a presentation on the Always Being Connected Project, which was funded by the PCSP.

The Chairperson thanked Allison for the presentation commenting on the significant work done to bring it to fruition and its future potential.

PCSP 18/21               **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were declared.

PCSP 19/21

**Notification of AOB**

PCSP Manager – Community Cash

PCSP 20/21

**Minutes**

The minutes of the PCSP meeting held via MS Teams on Tuesday 27 April 2021 were considered and approved. Proposed by Councillor Blake and seconded by Councillor McClaughry.

PCSP 21/21

**Matters Arising**

PCSP 02/21 – Presentation New Community, New Beginnings: The Syrian Community in the FODC Area

The Needs Assessment was forwarded to Members. There was a positive response from NIFRS and NIHE designated members who have undertaken to address issues in the report where feasible.

PCSP 09/21 – PCSP Activity Reporting March-April 2021

Information on call blocking was posted on PCSP facebook page.

PCSP 10/21 – Knife Surrender Bins

The bins are due to be installed in July. The PCSP Manager added that there will be a press release issued to launch the service and that will be incumbent on all members to promote the service.

PCSP 15/21 Funding Sources available to Lack Community Association

The FODC Community Support Officer is liaising with the Association regarding funding opportunities.

PCSP 15/21 Water Safety

The PCSP Manager met with representatives from Waterways Ireland, FODC and PSNI to discuss water safety. The meeting reported that the Lough Erne bye laws are currently being reviewed and 2 part-time wardens have been recruited to work over the summer months. Some actions from the meeting include a water safety event for open swimmers 30 June 2021 and a water safety information talk in association with the FIND Centre.

PCSP 22/21

**Questions from Members of the Public**

The PCSP Manager reported that correspondence had been received from a member of the public requesting that it is read at the PCSP meeting. The Members determined as this is a statement with no specific questions relevant to the PCSP the correspondence would not be addressed at this meeting.

**Recommended:**

- That the PCSP Manager liaise with the member of the public to confirm that the PCSP has the facility to accept questions that relate to the PCSP only.

PCSP 23/21

**Members' Questions**

Councillor McElduff: Is there an update on PSNI, Housing Executive and other statutory agency efforts to support the community of Strule Park and Centenary Park in Omagh by way of addressing recent incidents of violence, anti-social behaviour and harassment which have occurred in this area?

**Response**

Chief Inspector McGowan responded that there is an ongoing neighbour dispute which is being addressed through mediation and that the area is receiving PSNI attention. The PSNI is supportive of the efforts of the community to establish a community association and will provide whatever assistance it can.

PCSP 24/21

**Update from Designated Members**

No written or verbal updates were presented.

PCSP 25/21

**PCSP Annual Report 2020-2021**

The PCSP Annual Report 2020-2021 was agreed by all Members. Proposed by Councillor O'Reilly and seconded by Monica Coyle.

PCSP 26/21

**PCSP Activity Reporting May-June 2021**

The PCSP Manager presented the PCSP Activity Report for the period May-June 2021. Questions and ideas for future activity were welcomed.

**Recommended:**

1. That the PCSP Manager provide further detail on ASB referrals at the next meeting.
2. That the PCSP Manager explore cycling safety for post-primary pupils and adults.

PCSP 27/21

**Neighbourhood Watch Schemes**

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

**Fermanagh – Reaccreditation**

Derryvore

Killyfole

Railway Park

**Omagh – Reaccreditation**

Beechgrove

Cappagh

Sunningdale/Railway

Brookmount Road

Cranny/Garvaghy

View

Cannondale/Kelvin

Festival Park

Road

Proposed by Councillor Deehan and seconded by Monica Coyle.

**Recommended:**

- That the Partnership endorse the reaccreditations.

PCSP 28/21

**AOB**

**Community Cash**

The PCSP Manager updated the Members on the roll out of Community Cash. Due to a lower than anticipated uptake there is an underspend of £32,000. Five options were presented to Members the preferred option

being Option 5. It was also agreed that the Task & Finish Group for Community Cash would oversee the Security Equipment Grant should it proceed.

Proposed by Councillor Blake and seconded by John McClaughry.

**Recommended:**

- That the PCSP Manager submit a Change Control request to the Joint Committee and inform Members of the outcome.

**Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the PCSP will take place on Tuesday 28 September 2021 at 7.30 pm, venue to be confirmed

**RISING:**

The Committee rose at 8.40pm.