

# **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 28 September 2021 at 7.30 pm via MS Teams.

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

**Independent Members**  
Monica Coyle (Vice Chairperson), Norman Kirkpatrick, Bernie McCrory, Margaret McCrory, Vida Lake, Maria Thompson, and Sarah McQuaid.

**Designated Members**  
Superintendent Alywin Barton (PSNI), Chief Inspector Robert McGowan (PSNI), Sinead Dolan (YJA), Paul Devlin (PBNI), Helen Hicks (NIHE), Podge McKeon (NIFRS).

**Apologies:**               Ryan Magee (NIEA) and Councillor Paul Blake.

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

PCSP 29/21

### **Welcome and Apologies**

The Chairperson welcomed the PCSP Members to the meeting and apologies were accepted. In his opening comments the Chairperson informed Members that it had been planned to hold this meeting face to face but the high prevalence of positive Covid-19 cases at the beginning of the month in the district was cause for concern hence the use of the virtual platform.

The Chairperson passed on condolences to Members, Pauline Treacy on the death of her brother, and Sarah McQuaid on the death of her father.

The Chairperson welcomed Ms Helen Hicks, NIHE Area Manager South West area who replaced Oonagh McAvinney following her retirement. He also welcomed Simon Copestake and Podge McKeon from NIFRS.

The Chairperson congratulated Superintendent Alywin Barton on his upcoming retirement and welcomed his replacement, T/Superintendent Robert McGowan.

PCSP 30/21

### **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were declared.

PCSP 31/21

### **Notification of AOB**

PCSP Manager – Letter of Support request.

- PCSP 32/21      **Minutes**  
The minutes of the PCSP meeting held on Tuesday 22 June 2021 were considered and approved. Proposed by Councillor Deehan and seconded by Norman Kirkpatrick.
- PCSP 33/21      **Matters Arising**  
PCSP 10/21 – Knife Surrender Bins  
The 2 knife surrender bins have been installed in Drummee Recycling Centre and Gortrush Recycling Centre. The installation attracted significant press attention with press releases in the local print media and a feature segment on Downtown Radio News.
- PCSP 22/21 – Questions from Members of the Public  
The PCSP Manager informed the member of the public that his item of correspondence was a statement and not a question and was not read at the meeting. No response was received from the member of the public to date.
- PCSP 26/21 – ASB Referrals  
This an agenda item for the meeting.
- PCSP 26/21 – Cycle Safety  
Working with Cycling Ulster the PCSP Manager plans to support classes at the Regional Cycle Hub in Ecclesville later this year.
- PCSP 28/21 – AOB – Community Cash  
The PCSP Manager submitted the change control on 23 June for the Security Equipment Grant, it has been approved. Members were informed at the time via email.
- PCSP 34/21      **Questions from Members of the Public**  
No questions were received.
- PCSP 35/21      **Members' Questions**  
No questions were received.
- PCSP 36/21      **Update from Designated Members**  
No written or verbal updates were presented.
- PCSP 37/21      **PCSP and Anti-Social Behaviour**  
The PCSP Manager presented a report on PCSP and its role regarding Anti-Social Behaviour.
- PCSP 38/21      **PCSP Activity Reporting June-September 2021**  
The PCSP Manager presented the PCSP Activity Report for the period July-September 2021. Questions and ideas for future activity were welcomed.
- Members congratulated the PCSP Manager and staff for their continued work to deliver on the Action Plan. Members who took part in the Beat on the Street recommended that others take part in future Beats on the Street.

**Recommended:**

- That the PCSP Manager seek a breakdown of the types of knives deposited in the Knife Surrender Bins from the PSNI and include this in future reports.

PCSP 39/21

**PCSP Strategic Plan 2022-2025 and Action Plan 2022-2023**

The PCSP Manager informed Members that the existing Strategic Plan covering the period April 2019 to March 2022 is coming to an end and a full strategic assessment is required for the 2022-2025 period. Member input is required to inform the Strategic Plan.

**Recommended:**

- That two Member engagement workshops are arranged, and details circulated to Members.

PCSP 40/21

**Neighbourhood Watch Schemes**

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

**Fermanagh – Accreditation**

Church Hill  
Loughside,  
Garrison

Clachan Court,  
Derrylin

Curryann Road,  
Maguiresbridge

**Fermanagh – Reaccreditation**

Station Park,  
Maguiresbridge

**Omagh – Accreditation**

Gortin/Owenkillew

Knocksilla Park

Stonebridge

**Omagh – Reaccreditation**

McClay Park

Mountjoy

Retreat Heights

Proposed by Councillor O'Reilly and seconded by Councillor Donnelly.

**Recommended:**

- That the Partnership endorse the accreditations and the reaccreditations.

PCSP 41/21

**AOB**

**Letter of Support - MACCA**

The PCSP Manager informed the Members that Mullaghmore & Castlevew Community Association (MACCA) had requested a Letter of Support for a funding application to the National Lottery People and Communities Fund. The project will address a long-identified need for a dedicated project worker to work alongside the community to develop and deliver a range of activities across all age groups and interests.

**Recommended:**

- That the PCSP Manager to issue the Letter of Support as requested.

**Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the PCSP will take place on Tuesday 23 November 2021 at 7.30 pm.

**RISING:**

The Committee rose at 8.45pm.