

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

Policing Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Fermanagh and Omagh Policing and Community Safety Partnership Policing Committee meeting held on Tuesday 22 March 2022 at 7.00pm via Webex.

Present: Councillors

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

Independent Members

Monica Coyle (Vice-Chairperson), Noeleen Hayes, Norman Kirkpatrick, Bernie McCrory, Margaret McCrory and Maria Thompson.

Designated Members

Superintendent Mervyn Seffen (PSNI), Chief Inspector Robert McGowan (PSNI) and Nicola McSherry (NIFRS).

Apologies: None

In attendance: Inspector Maoliosa Tate (PSNI), Carol Follis (PCSP Manager) and Maggie McManus (PCSP Clerk).

PC 18/21

Welcome and Apologies

The Chairperson welcomed Members to the meeting, in his opening remarks he expressed sympathy on behalf of the PCSP to Cllr Paul Stevenson on the death of his father.

A warm welcome was extended to the new District Commander, Superintendent Mervyn Seffen, and thanks to Chief Inspector Robert McGowan for his time in the role. Also welcomed to the meeting was Nicola McSherry from NIFRS.

PC 19/21

Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were declared.

PC 20/21

Presentation: PSNI Reducing Offending Unit (ROU)

Inspector Maoliosa Tate (PSNI) Reducing Offending Unit (ROU) gave a presentation on the ROU structure, collaborations, activity and successes within the South Area, encompassing G District.

The presentation was followed by a question and answer session. The Chairperson thanked Inspector Tate for a very informative presentation and the Members for their searching questions.

PC 21/21

Notification of AOB

Cllr Allan Rainey – Traffic management issues on the A5.
PCSP Manager –PCSP meeting format.

PC 22/21

Minutes

The minutes of the Policing Committee meeting held on Tuesday 26 October 2021 were considered and approved. Proposed by Cllr Thomas O'Reilly and seconded by Norman Kirkpatrick.

PC 23/21

Matters Arising

PC 07/21 Reducing Offending Partnership Group presentation

A presentation made by Inspector Maoliosa Tate (PSNI) from the Reducing Offending Unit (ROU).

PC 16/21 Travelling Community Culture presentation

The Traveller Mediation Service (TMS) will deliver a workshop to Members; date to be agreed.

PC 24/21

Questions from Members of the Public

No questions were received.

PC 25/21

Members' Questions

No questions were received.

PC 26/21

Local Policing Plan 2022-2023

Superintendent Mervyn Seffen and Chief Inspector Robert McGowan delivered a presentation on the Local Policing Plan 2022-2023.

Following the presentation, Superintendent Seffen and Chief Inspector McGowan answered questions from the Members.

PC 27/21

AOB

A5 Traffic Issues

Cllr Allan Rainey raised concerns regarding traffic issues on the A5 and what the PCSP could do to assist with lobbying for traffic calming measures.

Recommended:

1. That a letter be sent to the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) to lobby for the reduction of the speed limit to 40mph on a section of the road and for reconfiguration at Killadroy Junction to provide a right turn facility to improve traffic management.
2. That the Speed Indicator Device is deployed.

PCSP Meetings

The PCSP Manager explained that the PCSP has received several queries from the public about PCSP public meetings and that it would be beneficial to have an agreed response. In the discussion Members agreed that where required groups could be invited to attend a private meeting with the PCSP to discuss their issues. Proposed by Cllr Josephine Deehan seconded by Cllr John McClaughry. The PCSP Manager was asked by the Members to encourage the public to submit written questions to the PCSP.

Recommended:

1. That there is an agreed statement from the Chairperson issued in response to any queries regarding public meetings.

Rising

The Committee rose at 9.17 pm.

Date/time of next meeting

Policing Committee Meeting Tuesday 24 May 2022 at 7.00 pm, venue to be confirmed.