

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 in public in the Townhall Enniskillen, on Tuesday 26 February 2019 at 6.14 pm.

Present: **Councillors**
Allan Rainey (Chairperson), Paul Blake, Debbie Coyle, John Coyle, Keith Elliott, Tommy Maguire, Marty McColgan, Thomas O'Reilly and Howard Thornton.

Independents
Monica Coyle, Eithne McAnespy, Mairaid McMahon and Simon Wiggins.

Designated
Chief Inspector Clive Beatty (PSNI), Michael Curran (NIFRS), Sinead Dolan (YJA), Oonagh McAvinney (NIHE) and Sharon Hughes (EANI).

Apologies: Councillor Stephen McCann, Vida Lake, Pauline Treacy and Brian Hetherington (NIFRS).

In attendance: Susan Brew (Crimestoppers), Carol Follis (Partnership Manager) and Paula Sheerin (Committee Clerk).

PCSP 01/19 **Welcome and Apologies**
The Chairperson welcomed Members to the meeting and apologies were accepted.

PCSP 02/19 **Declaration of Interests**
No declarations of interest were made.

PCSP 03/19 **Presentation from Crimestoppers**
The Members received a presentation by Ms Susan Brew on the work of Crimestoppers. The Members were encouraged to follow Crimestoppers facebook page when it is launched shortly. The Members asked questions relating to the presentation which were answered accordingly.
The Chairperson thanked Ms Brew for her presentation.

Councillor Debbie Coyle left the meeting at 6.31 pm and returned at 6.36 pm.

PCSP 04/19 **Minutes**
The minutes of the Partnership meeting held in public on Tuesday 23 October 2018 were approved. Proposed by Councillor Marty McColgan and seconded by Councillor Paul Blake.

PCSP 05/19 **Matters Arising**
31/18 Assets Recovery Community Scheme
The PCSP Manager informed the Partnership that the Assets Recovery Community Scheme report is an agenda item included in the meeting papers.

34/18 PCSP Participatory Budgeting
The PCSP Manager provided the Partnership with information relating to the PCSP Participatory Budgeting held in December 2018 in Mid Tyrone, noting its success with seven groups receiving funding on the night.
The PCSP Manager noted that Participatory Budgeting has been agreed by Members to be included in 2019/ 2020 action plan with £14,500 allocated towards this.

Other Issues requiring Member input

Independent Member Vacancies:

The PCSP Manager informed the Members that as the Policing Board is now reconstituted it is a position to fill the two vacancies for independent members from the current reserve list on the Fermanagh and Omagh PCSP. The Members agreed that the two vacant positions are filled. Proposed by Mairaid McMahon and seconded by Councillor Keith Elliott.

Recommended:

That the PCSP Manager inform the Policing Board that the PCSP wishes for the two vacant independent members positions to be filled from the reserve list.

For information

Recruitment of Independent Members:

The PCSP Manager informed the Partnership that the recruitment of Independent Members will be led by the Policing Board with applications due to open mid-March to close mid-April, with the intention for interviews and shortlisting to be held during September-November 2019. The letters of appointment are scheduled to be issued March 2020 after which time the PCSP will be reconstituted in April 2020. The Policing Board will be advertising recruitment on their webpage and social media forms. The PCSP Manager noted that current serving independent members have received communication from the Policing Board confirming that they are in place until 31 March 2020.

Elected Members:

The PCSP Manager noted that the Elected Members will remain in place until the Local Government election on 2 May 2019. Elected Members will be nominated to serve on the PCSP at the Council AGM on 23 May 2019.

Budget reprofile:

The PCSP Manager informed the Partnership that following the Joint Committee monitoring of PCSP meeting expenses expenditure the Fermanagh and Omagh PCSP was offered the opportunity to reprofile part of its allocation for Members meeting expenses to activities towards activities in SP2: To improve Community Safety by tackling actual and perceived crime and anti-social behaviour. The reprofile gave the Partnership £5,649.84 to be spent in the 2018/2019 financial year. Following email communication with the Members it was agreed that this funding should be allocated for an external evaluation of the Community Safety Wardens Scheme (£3,250) and a cycling safety project (£2,429.84) in collaboration with Cycling Ulster.

Councillor Howard Thornton left the meeting at 6.42 pm and returned at 6.44 pm.

PCSP 06/19 Update from Designated Members

Verbal updates were received from the Designated Members present.

Councillor Marty McColgan left the meeting at 6.53 pm and returned at 7.00 pm.

Councillor Marty McColgan left the meeting at 7.09 pm.

Mairaid McMahon left the meeting at 7.20 pm.

PCSP 07/19 PCSP & PC Meeting Schedule 2019-2020

The PCSP Manager provided the Members with a draft meeting schedule for 2019 - 2020 for consideration. The Members discussed the meeting schedule and agreed the scheduled. Proposed by Monica Coyle and seconded by Simon Wiggins.

Recommended:

That the PCSP & PC meeting schedule for 2019 – 2020 be approved.

PCSP 08/19 Assets Recovery Community Scheme

The PCSP Manager noted that the Partnership was successful in securing funding of £16,983 through the Assets Recovery Community Scheme to deliver “Operation Online” project. The aim of the project is to engage with identified post primary schools in the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area to deliver a bespoke Invisible Theatre performance on the theme of cyber bullying. The project includes the theatre piece, workshops, cyber-crime booklets and digi-PAL Champion workshop for teachers. The Members discussed the report and commended the project.

A PCSP Member suggested to take “Operation Online” into primary schools. The PCSP Manager noted that the current year budget has been allocated however within the 2019-2020 Action Plan there is an allocation for cyber-crime and this can be considered in planning for activity.

Recommended:

That the report be noted.

PCSP 09/19 PCSP Working Groups

The Partnership considered the update from the four Working Groups noting that the PCSP now has its own active Domestic and Sexual Violence Working Group.

Recommended:

That the report be noted.

PCSP 10/19 PCSP Activity Reporting 2018-19

The PCSP Manager provided the Members with information relating to the roll out of the PCSP Action Plan 2018-2019. Members discussed the reporting for the Community Safety Wardens Scheme suggesting that a revised reporting format is presented. This is to be explored as part of the external evaluation. Proposed by Councillor John Coyle and seconded by Councillor Paul Blake.

Recommended:

That the report be noted.

PCSP 11/19 Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Accreditations and Re-accreditations.

The Partnership considered the accreditation of Clabby Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and the re accreditation of the five listed schemes.

Recommended:

That the applications for accreditation and re-accreditations as detailed be endorsed.

RISING:

The Committee rose at 8.02 pm.

All Members were present at the beginning of the meeting.

All Members remained present for the duration of the meeting except for the following who left at stated times: Councillor Marty McColgan at 7.09 pm and Mairaid McMahon at 7.20 pm.