

**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 25 February 2020 at 6.15 pm.

**Present:**               **Councillors**  
Thomas O'Reilly (Chairperson), Paul Blake, Josephine Deehan, Keith Elliott, John McClaughry, Donal O'Cofaigh and Allan Rainey.

**Independent Members**  
Norman Kirkpatrick, Eithne McAnespy and Pauline Treacy.

**Designated Members**  
Superintendent Clive Beatty (PSNI), Michael Curran (NIFRS) and Oonagh McAvinney (NIHE).

**Apologies:**           Councillor Tommy Maguire, Councillor Barry McElduff, Monica Coyle (Vice-Chairperson), Vida Lake and Ryan McGee (EANI).

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

PCSP 01/20           **Welcome and Apologies**  
The Chairperson welcomed the PCSP Members and members of the public to the meeting and apologies were accepted.

PCSP 02/20           **Declarations of Interest**  
No declarations of interest were declared.

PCSP 03/20           **Notification of AOB**  
PCSP Administration Update (PCSP Manager).

PCSP 04/20           **Minutes**  
The minutes of the PCSP meeting held in public on Tuesday 17 December November 2019 were considered and approved. Proposed by Councillor Keith Elliott and seconded by Councillor Paul Blake.

PCSP 05/20           **Matters Arising**  
PCSP 29/19 - Matters Arising (PCSP 16/19 Quay Lane North Car Park)  
The PCSP Manager informed the Members that the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) public consultation on the Traffic Calming Scheme for Quay Lane North Car Park closed on 25 December 2019. It was reported that no objections were received during the consultation period and the proposed works would proceed.

PCSP 33/19 - PCSP Action Plan 2020-2021  
The PCSP Manager advised that the Fermanagh and Omagh PCSP Action Plan had been submitted to the Joint Committee and to date no feedback has been received.

PCSP 34/19 - PCSP Disability Action Plan 2019-2024  
The PCSP Manager informed the Members that minor amendments, suggested by the Equality Commission and approved by the PCSP

Chairperson, had been made to the PCSP Disability Action Plan 2019-2024 prior to it being resubmitted on 16 January 2020. No further feedback has been received from the Equality Commission.

PCSP 38/19 - AOB (Curr Road, Omagh –Community Safety Issue)

The PCSP Manager reported that correspondence was issued to the DfI in respect of the above matter and the response received circulated to the Members for information.

Correspondence was issued to the DfI regarding street lighting repairs and the response circulated to the Members for information.

PCSP 39/19 – Member’s Questions (Offender Management)

It was reported that Detective Inspector Scott Thompson from the PSNI Offender Management Unit would deliver a presentation on the Public Prosecution Arrangements for Northern Ireland to the Policing Committee following the PCSP Meeting.

PCSP 06/20

**Members of the Public Questions**

Question:

**What are the Members views on the article in the Impartial Reporter?**

Reference: Impartial Reporter, 12 December 2019, Local resident is outraged by meeting empathy for boy racers

Referring to the article the Members felt that it was not reflective of the comments expressed by the Members at the meeting commenting that the empathy appeared to come from the public in attendance at the PCSP meeting. Councillor Elliott suggested that comments by some Members at the meeting expressing concern about criminalising individuals may have been construed as empathy, but he did not agree that the Partnership Members expressed empathy towards the ‘boy racers’.

Question:

**Who is responsible for enforcing the law regarding flora and fauna?**

Setting the context for the question the member of the public referred to a complaint he had raised with the Planning Service which he felt had not been dealt with appropriately. In following up with the PSNI the gentleman was advised to refer the complaint to the Planning Service and that, in his opinion, the PSNI had been less than helpful.

Councillor Deehan entered the meeting at 6.30pm.

Superintendent Beatty advised that he was not aware of the details of complaint and conveyed his apologies for any lack of service from the PSNI in dealing with the gentleman’s issue.

The gentleman provided the meeting with details of a development where the habitat of red squirrels, bats and badgers had been interrupted.

At this juncture the Chairperson advised that it may be more appropriate to raise this matter with the Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA).

Superintendent Beatty confirmed that the PSNI investigates reports of wildlife crimes working collaboratively with different agencies as part of the investigation. As not all the relevant details were available to him to make further comment Superintendent Beatty invited the gentleman to follow up with him outside of the meeting.

PCSP 07/20

#### **Members Questions**

A Member advised that the question he had submitted had been answered in the previous item.

PCSP 08/20

#### **Update from Designated Members**

Oonagh McAvinney provided a brief update on behalf of NIHE referring to the external review of Community Cash and to investigations, which are progressed in conjunction with the PSNI and Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, relating to anti-social behaviour and community safety issues.

On behalf of the NIFRS Michael Curran provided the Members with an update on deliberate acts of fire setting locally and on the success of fire safety programmes in schools which had been delivered by NIFRS in collaboration with the PSNI and the PCSP. Referring to the PCSP Social Alarm Scheme Mr Curran talked about its complementarity with the NIFRS Home Safety Fire check. He presented the Partnership Agreement People at Risk for signing by the PCSP and the NIFRS to consolidate future collaborative working. The Members welcomed this initiative commenting on the positive nature of such engagement for community safety across the district.

Councillor Rainey entered the meeting at 6.42pm.

Superintendent Beatty provided an update on behalf of the PSNI and reported that the 7 Neighbourhood Policing Teams in the district are operational and engagement work is underway in each area. Superintendent Beatty advised that members of each of the Teams would attend future meetings of the PCSP/Policing Committee.

In response to a query regarding the stability of personnel on the Neighbourhood Policing Teams Superintendent Beatty advised that it was anticipated there would be at least 2 years of a commitment period which, as with any position, would be subject to promotion and sickness. This was welcomed by the Members commenting that the community will appreciate the opportunity to build relationships with the Team members.

Superintendent Beatty informed the Members that contact details for a designated Sergeant for each electoral ward would be available on the PSNI website in due course. It was suggested that inclusion of this information in the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council resident's magazine would be very useful.

### **PCSP Activity Reporting 2019-2020**

The PCSP Manager provided a comprehensive overview of the activity of the PCSP during January and February 2020 through a PowerPoint presentation. It was reported that a focus on raising the profile of the Partnership through social media had resulted in a 31% increase in social media reach. The Members were encouraged to help increase this even further by 'liking' and 'sharing' posts.

The public information event which took place in relation to the review of Hate Crime Legislation was referred to and Members were encouraged to, if they have not done so already, complete the online Hate Crime Review Survey.

It was reported that following social media promotion significant interest had been expressed in the Social Alarm Scheme and that with further posts scheduled more interest would be generated.

The PCSP Manager confirmed that 5 schools had availed of School Parking Signs and that another 5 schools had expressed interest in the scheme. It was reported that 22 Primary Schools participated in the annual Beesafe event which catered for a total of 659 pupils over 4 days. The local heat of the Road Safe NI Primary School Quiz also took place with Enniskillen Model Primary School securing first place.

Other events during the period included trailer marking in Lisnaskea, Safer Internet Day information stands and numerous scams presentations across the district which had been receiving positive feedback.

The ongoing work carried out by the PCSP was commented on by the Members noting that the continuous engagement and investment in the local community was encouraging stronger, safer and shared communities.

The Chairperson commented that there remains the need for all the Members to take responsibility to raise the profile of the Partnership as many people are unsure of the role of the PCSP and how they can engage with it.

#### **Recommended:**

That the Partnership notes the report.

Pauline Treacy left the meeting at 7.00pm and returned at 7.05pm.

In response to a query raised by a Member (Councillor Elliott) regarding Western Health and Social Care Trust (WHSCT) representation on the PCSP the Manager informed the Members that this was raised with the Joint Committee at governance meetings and that it is being taken forward by the Joint Committee.

In response to a query raised by a Member (Councillor O'Cofaigh) regarding stakeholder engagement the PCSP Manager undertook to produce a stakeholder analysis for a future meeting.

**Recommended:**

That the PCSP Manager provide a report on stakeholder engagement for a future meeting.

PCSP 10/20

**PCSP Meeting Schedule 2020-2021**

Members considered the PCSP Meeting Schedule 2020-2021. It was noted that PCSP Meetings and Policing Committee meetings are scheduled to take place on different dates and that PCSP Meetings will be Business meetings or Themed meetings.

It was agreed that the approved schedule would be forwarded to the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Democratic Services Team so that the details could be included on the Councillor's calendar.

Proposed by Councillor Deehan and seconded by Councillor Blake.

**Recommended:**

That the PCSP Meeting Schedule 2020-2021 be implemented.

PCSP 11/20

**Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Re-accreditations**

The Members considered applications for the re-accreditation of the following Neighbourhood Watch Schemes:

- Castle Street, Irvinestown
- Clabby
- Railway Park, Maguiresbridge

Proposed by Councillor Elliott and seconded by Norman Kirkpatrick.

**Recommended:**

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

PCSP 12/20

**AOB**

PCSP Administration Update

The PCSP Manager advised that Margaret (Maggie) McManus had been appointed to the position of Administration Assistant.

The PCSP Manager also informed Members that the PCSP office had been relocated from the Intec Centre to County Buildings.

Members of the Public Questions

Councillor Deehan referred to the Members of the Public Questions suggesting that a previous PCSP meeting had expressed empathy for boy racers and advised that she had not been present for the discussion however wanted to express that any empathy displayed at the meeting was for the residents of the area.

The Chair took the opportunity to remind the Members of the protocol of submitting questions; all questions to be submitted in writing at least 5 days in advance of the meeting, a written response would be issued within 7 days

and the questions and respective responses would be included in the minutes.

It was agreed that the PCSP Manager would circulate a flow chart to outline the procedure.

**Recommended:**

That the PCSP Manager circulate a flow chart for the Members.

**RISING:**

The Committee rose at 7.22 pm.

All Members were present at the beginning of the meeting except for the following who entered at the stated time: Councillor Josephine Deehan at 6.30 pm and Councillor Allan Rainey at 6.42 pm. All Members remained present for the duration of the meeting.