

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 27 September 2022 at 7.00 pm in The Townhall, Enniskillen.

Present: **Councillors**
Paul Blake (Chairperson), Josephine Deehan, Stephen Donnelly, Keith Elliott, Tommy Maguire, Thomas O'Reilly, and Paul Stevenson.

Independent Members
Sarah McQuaid (Vice Chair), Monica Coyle, Noeleen Hayes, Norman Kirkpatrick, Vida Lake, Margaret McCrory and Pauline Treacy.

Designated Members
Mickey Curran (NIFRS), Sinead Dolan (YJA) and Inspector Scott Fallis (PSNI).

Apologies: Cllr Barry McElduff, Cllr John McClaughry, Cllr Allan Rainey, Bernie McCrory, Maria Thompson, Superintendent Mervyn Seffen (PSNI), Chief Insp Robert McGowan (PSNI), Nicola McSherry (NIFRS), Podge McKeon (NIFRS) and Peter Melarkey (NIFRS).

In attendance: Carol Follis (PCSP Manager), Sandra Armstrong (PCSP Officer) and Maggie McManus (PCSP Admin).

PCSP 31/22 **Welcome and Apologies**
The Chairperson welcomed the PCSP Members to the meeting. In his welcome Cllr Blake passed on condolences to Cllr Rainey on the death of his grandson and to Maggie McManus on the death of her Mother and Uncle. Apologies were accepted.

PCSP 32/22 **Declarations of Interest**
No declarations of interest were declared.

PCSP 33/22 **Presentation from ASSIST NI**
Apologies were received from Michelle Martin, ASSIST NI, who had planned to deliver a presentation to Members. Michelle will attend the Policing Committee meeting in October to update Members on the roll out of the project in the district.

PCSP 34/22 **Notification of AOB**
Statement on the inquest into the death of Noah Donohoe – Cllr Tommy Maguire

PCSP 35/22 **Minutes**
The minutes of the PCSP meeting held on Tuesday 28 June 2022 were considered and approved. Proposed by Cllr Keith Elliott and seconded by Monica Coyle.

PCSP 36/22 **Questions from Members of the Public**
The PCSP Manager informed Members that the meeting has been advertised as a public meeting of the PCSP and members of the public

invited to register their attendance. The opportunity to submit questions was also shared and at the deadline no registrations or questions were submitted.

PCSP 37/22

Matters Arising

PCSP 30/22 The PCSP Manager informed the Members that Greg McMullan had been appointed PCSP Team Leader.

PCSP 29/22 An article on Neighbourhood Watch article was shared on the FODC Staff Hub at the end of June to inform all Council staff of NHW Schemes. The PCSP Manager plans on some promotional work around the NHW Conference in November 2022.

PCSP 38/22

Members' Questions

No questions were received.

PCSP 39/22

Update from Designated Members

NIFRS

Mickey Curran (NIFRS) updated the Members on the impact of the rollout of the P5 Fire Safety Video. He relayed an incident where two children travelling in the car with their grandmother and noticed the smell of smoke and raised the alarm telling the grandmother to pull over and exit the vehicle. This quick thinking can be attributed to the fire safety message they heard at a session in Kesh Primary School. The NIFRS and PCSP has organised a recognition at the Fire Station to take place later in the week to be attended by the PCSP Chair and Vice Chair. The Members commented on the actions of the children and the benefit of education and awareness raising work in primary schools.

Recommended

- Should necessary consent be received follow up publicity to be undertaken.

PSNI

Insp Fallis (PSNI) thanked the PCSP for the financial assistance towards the Youth on Water project. The project, delivered by the PSNI and Blue Green Yonder, worked with 4 groups of young people over 5 weeks delivering water-based activities and promoting engagement with Neighbourhood Policing Teams. At the end of project celebration held participants were presented with completion certificates and enjoyed an afternoon of water activities with their families.

Youth Justice Agency

Sinead Dolan (YJA) informed the meeting that the 2021-2022 Performance Impact would be released shortly and encouraged Members to read and give feedback as appropriate.

Recommended

- The PCSP Manager to forward the JYA Performance Impact Report to Members.

PCSP 40/22

PCSP Activity Report July - September 2022

The PCSP Manager gave a presentation on PCSP activity for the period July–September 2022. Highlights include The Ambassadors Programme,

County Shows, New Driver NI Launch, Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls Launch Event, Ballinamallard Youth Soccer Event, and visits to community groups promoting engagement with Neighbourhood Policing Teams and relating community safety messages.

Sandra Armstrong (Project Officer) gave a short presentation on the Safer at Home and Vulnerability Project giving examples of equipment provided and case studies of types of visits being carried out and onward referrals process for assistance from other agencies and services.

The Members commented on the variety and amount of work delivered and asked that their thanks are conveyed to the PCSP staff team for their hard work and commitment to the delivery of the Action Plan. Cllr Deehan informed the Members of the Herbert Protocol for people with dementia at risk of going missing.

Recommendation

- The PCSP Manager to circulate information on the Herbert Protocol to the Members.

PCSP 41/22

Traveller Engagement Initiative

The PCSP Manager informed graduate student, Luke Morton was due to attend and give a presentation on activity to date for the Traveller Engagement Initiative progress to date but was unable to attend for personal reasons. The Traveller Engagement Initiative will be discussed at the next PCSP meeting. It was confirmed that the PCSP Manager delivered a short presentation on the project to the other PCSPs and that the Joint Committee is pleased that the PCSP is undertaking this challenging project.

PCSP 42/22

Update from Funding Task & Finish Group

The PCSP Manager provided the meeting with updates from the Funding Task & Finish Group that had previously been emailed to all Members. The Members agreed that it is beneficial to bring these updates to PCSP meetings for noting. Proposed by Cllr Stevenson and seconded by Cllr Deehan.

PCSP 43/22

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Accreditations

The following schemes were presented for accreditation: Slieve View, Teemore and Tullyneill, Sixmilecross. Proposed by Cllr Donnelly and seconded by Cllr Maguire. The Members were informed that the NHW conference will take place on Saturday 5 November in the Silver Birch Hotel, Omagh.

PCSP 44/22

Any Other Business

Monica Coyle expressed condolences to Alison McCullagh, FODC Chief Executive, on the death of her mother.

Cllr Maguire expressed concern regarding Secretary of State's decision to grant a Public Interest Immunity Certificate regarding the death of Noah Donohoe.

Mickey Curran (NIFRS) congratulated his former colleague Cllr Keith Elliott, on his recent retirement from the NIFRS. He thanked him for his dedication

to the service particularly his role in preventative role. Good wishes were echoed by all those present.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the PCSP will take place on Tuesday 22 November 2022 at 7.00 pm venue to be confirmed.

RISING:

The Committee rose at 8.11pm. All Members were present from the start of the meeting with the exception of Pauline Treacy who arrived at 7.11pm.