

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 February at 7.05 pm in The Townhall, Enniskillen.

Present: **Councillors**
Josephine Deehan, Tommy Maguire, Barry McElduff, Thomas O'Reilly, Allan Rainey and Paul Stevenson.

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

Designated Members
Jonathan Carroll (PBNI), Jacqueline Doherty (WHSCT), Sinead Dolan (YJA), Colum Duffy (PBNI), Chief Insp. Scott Fallis (PSNI), Chief Insp. Rory Hoy (PSNI).

Apologies: Cllr Paul Blake and Ryan McGee (EANI).

In attendance: Carol Follis (PCSP Manager) and Greg McMullan (PCSP Team Leader).

PCSP 58/22 **Welcome and Apologies**
In the absence of the Chairperson the Vice Chair Sarah McQuaid conducted the meeting. The Vice Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and read out a statement on behalf of the Chairperson relating to the events in Omagh the previous week. This statement has been shared on PCSP Facebook page. Apologies were accepted as noted.

PCSP 59/22 **Declarations of Interest**
No declarations of interest were declared. The Vice Chair read out the Conflicts of Interest section from the PCSP Code of Conduct.

PCSP 60/22 **Notification of AOB**
No items raised.

PCSP 61/22 **Minutes**
The minutes of the PCSP meeting held on Tuesday 22 November 2022 were considered and approved. Proposed by Cllr Allan Rainey and seconded by Cllr Paul Stevenson.

PCSP 62/22 **Matters Arising**

PCSP 47/22 Contact details for the Victims Commissioner circulated to members.

PCSP 54/22 Presentation on PCSP financial management agenda item for meeting tonight.

PCSP 54/22 PCSP Action Plan 23-24 submitted to the Joint Committee – awaiting feedback.

PCSP 57/22 Update received from PSNI regarding Facebook live sessions.

PCSP 63/22

Questions from Members of the Public

The PCSP Manager informed Members that no questions had been received

PCSP 64/22

Members' Questions

Cllr Barry McElduff raised three issues for discussion: experience of a young driver's interaction with PSNI, support for the Community Rescue Service in Omagh and speeding concerns at St. Brigid's Primary School, Altamuskin.

It was accepted that the police were not able to discuss an individual case and PSNI personnel present thanked the Member for bringing it to their attention.

The PCSP will attend a public meeting of the Community Rescue Service in March and will advertise the event on social media. Cllr McElduff thanked the PCSP for accepting the invitation.

Discussion on speeding raised issues on the deployment of Speed Indicator Devices and the lack of consistency from Department for Infrastructure. The PCSP Manager explained that this is being pursued by the Joint Committee and that any feedback would be relayed to Members. There followed a brief explanation of the data gathered by the SID and how it tracks driver behaviour. The Members agreed that the SID should be deployed in Altamuskin as soon as possible.

Recommended:

- That deployment of SID at Altamuskin be actioned.

PCSP 65/22

Update from Designated Members

Probation Service

Colum Duffy and Jonathan Carroll gave a presentation on the work of the Probation Service in the district. Members heard about the different strands of activity of the Service and its role working within the criminal justice system. Examples of work delivered through Community Service Scheme illustrated the tangible physical outputs of the scheme and how it benefits recipients such as Riding for the Disabled, Share Discovery Village and individuals. Members were encouraged to identify potential activity for the Community Service Scheme as it can be a challenge to get suitable placements for service users. The Members asked some questions relating to the Community Service Scheme around ratios, risk assessments and how those not able to carry out manual community service were accommodated.

PSNI

Chief Inspector Scott Fallis gave Members a brief overview the development of the Local Policing Plan 2023-2024. In his presentation he warned of the impact on local policing with £80m of savings to be found in the 2023-2024 financial year and the threat that the funding shortfall would be greater the following year. The potential impact on policing in the district was highlighted and of particular concern is the increasing demands on Neighbourhood Policing to undertake other tasks.

Looking forward to 2023-2024 he invited Members to complete the online priority simulator. This forms part of the scoping exercise to inform each district Local Policing Plan. He confirmed that a draft Local Policing Plan would be presented to Members in due course for consideration.

PCSP 66/22

PCSP Equality Scheme 5 Year Review

The PCSP Team Leader gave a brief overview of the review of the Equality Scheme. The Scheme was ratified by the Partnership at a PCSP meeting on 23 May 2017 and formally approved by the Equality Commission on 24 January 2018. The 5 year review examined how the arrangements have been applied and how effective they have been. The review found only minor amendments are required; namely updated organisational structure, updated list of consultees and a revised timetable of measures.

The Members agreed with the recommendation proposed by Cllr Thomas O'Reilly and seconded by Cllr Josephine Deehan.

Recommended:

- That the PCSP Equality Scheme 5 Year Review be approved.

PCSP 67/22

PCSP Finance Structures

The PCSP Manager gave a presentation on the financial management of the PCSP budget commenting on the procurement thresholds and other financial controls in place in Council. The process for change controls and the information required in the quarterly workbook were highlighted. In response to queries raised by Members the Manager suggested that quarterly updates on spend are presented at Partnership meetings.

Recommended:

- That quarterly updates on budget spend are presented to the Partnership.

PCSP 68/22

PCSP Reconstitution

The PCSP Manager provided an update with anticipated timeline for the reconstitution process.

PCSP 69/22

PCSP Meeting Schedule

The PCSP Manager presented the draft meeting schedule for 2023-2024. She added that meeting venues are subject to change and that if this is the case Members will receive notification of the venue change in the email diary invitation. Proposed by Monica Coyle and seconded by Bernie McCrory.

Recommended:

- That the 2023-2024 PCSP meeting schedule be adopted.

PCSP 70/22

PCSP Activity Report December 2022-January 2023

With the approval of Members, it was agreed that the presentation would be issued to Members to look at in their own time.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the PCSP is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 25 April 2023 at 7.00 pm in the Townhall, Enniskillen.

RISING:

The Committee rose at 8.55pm. All Members were present for the duration of the meeting with the exception of Cllr Paul Stevenson who left at 8.20 pm.

