

**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 25 April at 7.10pm** in The Townhall, Enniskillen.

**Present:**

**Councillors**

Josephine Deehan, Tommy Maguire, John McClaughry, Thomas O'Reilly, Alan Rainey.

**Independent Members**

Monica Coyle, Norman Kirkpatrick, Vida Lake, Bernie McCrory, Margaret McCrory and Pauline Treacy.

**Designated Members**

Colum Duffy (PBNI), Chief Insp. Scott Fallis (PSNI), Helen Hicks (NIHE) and Superintendent Robert McGowan (PSNI).

**Apologies:**

Cllr Barry McElduff, Cllr Paul Stevenson, Noleen Hayes, Jacqueline Doherty (WHST) and Sinead Dolan (YJA).

**In attendance:**

Carol Follis (PCSP Manager), Greg McMullan (PCSP Team Leader) and Leanne Burns (PCSP Admin).

PCSP 01/23

**Welcome and Apologies**

In the absence of the Chairperson and the Vice Chair, Cllr Thomas O'Reilly Chaired the meeting with the approval of all members present.

PCSP 02/23

**Declarations of Interest**

The Chair read out the Conflicts of Interest statement and no declarations of interest were declared.

PCSP 03/23

**Notification of AOB**

PCSP Manager – 1 item.

PCSP 04/23

**Minutes**

The minutes of the PCSP meeting held on 28 February 2023 were considered and approved.

Proposed by Cllr Alan Rainey and seconded by Norman Kirkpatrick.

**Matters Arising**

PCSP 54/22 - PCSP Action Plan 23-24:

- The PCSP Manager informed the meeting that the Action Plan has been approved but in the absence of an agreed budget the Joint Committee had not issued the 2023-2024 Letter of Offer.
- The Joint Committee has agreed to honour spend in first quarter on a par with Q1 2022-2023 spend which was £47,055.50.
- Members will be updated on all developments, and should the Action Plan require significant revisions this will be discussed and agreed with Members.

PCSP64/22 - Deployment of SID at Altamuskin:

- The PCSP Manager provided an update of the work in progress along with the support of the PSNI.

PCSP 67/22 - PCSP Finance Updates:

- The PCSP Manager informed the meeting that the financial statement for 2023-2024 will be circulated when available. Work is ongoing for the submission of the Q4 claim.

PCSP 06/23

**Questions from Members of the Public**

The PCSP Manager informed Members that no questions had been received.

PCSP 07/23

**Questions from Members**

None raised.

PCSP 08/23

**Update from Designated Members**

Probation Service

Colum Duffy (PBNI) provided details of a forthcoming Probation Board visit to Rural West Staff at the Omagh Office on Wednesday 24 May 2023 and extended to PCSP Members.

**Recommended:**

- That the details of the visit to be forwarded to Members.

PSNI

Spt Robert McGowan (PSNI) provided an update on end of year figures due to be published in May 2023 and noted the priorities on the 2023-2024 Local Policing Plan.

In summarising key issues, he noted a recent rise in online scams and those involving sharing indecent images and extortion. The increase in road fatalities highlights the need for continued collaboration to raise awareness of road safety. Members were briefed on the new stalking legislation and noted that all PSNI Officers are trained in its implementation.

The full report will be discussed at the next Policing Committee meeting.

The Acting Chairperson congratulated Spt Robert McGowan on his new role and provided well wishes to Spt Mervyn Seffen in his new role in Mid Ulster.

**Recommended:**

- That the 2022-2023 report on the implementation of the Local Policing Plan is discussed at the next Policing Committee meeting.

PCSP 09/23

### **PCSP Annual Report 2022-2023**

The PCSP Manager gave a presentation on the draft PCSP Annual Report 2022-2023 highlights and thanked Greg for preparing the report.

As per legislation the report will be presented at the June Regeneration and Community Committee meeting and published on the PCSP webpage and linked in social media.

The Members briefly discussed some of the highlights in the report and approved its publication. Proposed by Margaret McCrory and seconded by Monica Coyle.

#### **Recommended:**

- That the PCSP Annual Report 2022-2023 be presented to Council at the June Regeneration and Community Committee meeting and made public thereafter.

PCSP 10/23

### **PCSP Activity Report February 2023 – April 2023**

The PCSP Team Leader gave a presentation on PCSP activity for the period February 2023 – April 2023.

Highlights included Positive Peers project delivered by Devenish Partnership Forum the continued delivery of Bee Safe, the Traveller engagement workshop, presentations in schools in collaboration with New Driver NI and drug awareness events in South West College.

The briefed Members on Emergency Services Day Sunday 28 May 2023 to which all Members are encouraged to attend and promote in their local area. The Chair thanked Greg for the activity report and work to date.

The report was considered and approved. Proposed by Cllr Josephine Deehan and seconded by Vida Lake

PCSP 11/23

### **Any Other Business**

In response to a query raised by a Member the PCSP Manager gave an update on the Safer at Home project. Members agreed that it's an invaluable service provided by the PCSP and commended collaboration with other supports including the NIFRS and the manner in which the referrals process operates.

The Traveller Engagement workshop was raised and in response to a question raised by a Member the PCSP Manager reassured the meeting that this initiative is ongoing with further meetings schedule for May and June.

The PCSP Manager opened a discussion on the format of PCSP meetings, with a vision of using the PCSP meetings as engagement sessions online or at alternative community venues with different themes to encourage public attendance.

The Members agreed that the current format is not working and welcomed new innovative ways to engage with the public in their local areas to raise the profile of the PCSP.

The Acting Chairperson welcomed the discussion, noted the difficulty on choosing suitable venues but welcomed seeking alternatives to allow engagement with the public.

The Acting Chairperson welcomed Administrator Leanne Burns to the PCSP Team and gave thanks to Margaret McManus for her work in PCSP and wished her new role in the Council.

**Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the PCSP will take place on Tuesday 27 June at 7 pm, venue to be confirmed.

**RISING:**

The Committee rose at 8.15pm. All Members were present for the duration of the meeting with the exception of Cllr Josephine Deehan who arrived at 7.20pm.