

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 26 September 2023 at 7.00 pm** in the Townhall, Enniskillen

Present:	Councillors	Independent Members
	Tommy Maguire (Chairperson) Adam Gannon Roy Crawford Elaine Brough Noleen Hayes Shirley Hawkes Thomas O'Reilly Allan Rainey Keith Elliott	Mr Norman Kirkpatrick Mrs Monica Coyle Miss Margaret McCrory Ms Maria Thompson
Apologies:	Mrs Vida Lake Marty McColgan Mrs Sarah McQuaid	Designated Members
		Ms Sinead Dolan (YJA) Chief Insp Scott Fallis (PSNI) Mr Podge McKeon (NIFRS) Superintendent Robert Mc Gowan (PSNI) Mr Colum Duffy (PBNI) Ms Jacqueline Doherty (WHSCT) Mr Ryan McGee (EANI)

In attendance: Carol Follis (PCSP Manager), and Leanne Burns (PCSP Admin).

PCSP 26/23 **Welcome and Apologies**

The Chairperson welcomed all Members to the meeting and noted apologies.

PCSP 27/23 **Declarations of Interest**

The Chairperson read out the Conflicts of Interest statement and no declarations of interest were declared by Members.

PCSP 28/23 **Notification of AOB**

PCSP Manager: Planning workshops for the development of the 2024/2025 PCSP Action Plan

PCSP 29/23 **Minutes**

The minutes of the PCSP meeting held on 27 June 2023 were considered and approved by Members. Proposed by Cllr Thomas O'Reilly, seconded by Monica Coyle.

PCSP 30/23 **Matters Arising**

PCSP 17/23: Vehicular ASB Omagh & Speeding in Ederney Village

Chief Insp Fallis provided an update on Vehicular ASB in Crevenagh Road area. Signage urging motorists to be considerate of residents now erected, with DfI approval, Omagh NPT is continuing to engage with motorists and residents.

No further reports of speeding in Ederney Village. Police recently conducted operations in the village and one person issued with a fixed penalty notice and other motorists spoken to.

Vehicular ASB in Gortin Glen Forest Park

Reference to vehicular ASB in Gortin Glen. The PSNI is working with the Forestry Service and FODC to address.

Vehicular ASB Clones/Cavan Road

Request for an update on PSNI actions to address vehicular ASB in the Clones area.

Recommended:

- That an update on PSNI actions to address vehicular ASB in Clones/Cavan border area be brought to a future meeting.

PCSP 20/23: Local Policing Plan 2023/2024

Superintendent McGowan updated Members on the estimated budget shortfall of approximately £50million this financial year. A review is ongoing as to what efficiencies can be identified in year to combat the deficit. Options under consideration include review of Neighbourhood Policing Teams and reduced opening hours for enquiry offices. A recruitment freeze will most likely result in posts in the district remaining vacant.

Members were reassured that the Police can and will maintain safe staffing levels in the district.

PCSP 21/23: PCSP Member Declarations of Interest

The PCSP Manager reminded Members that had not returned their forms to do as soon as possible.

PCSP 22/23: PCSP Community Engagement funding

This is an agenda item for the meeting.

PCSP 25/23: Change to agenda

Agenda item from 'Questions from Member of the Public' has been changed to 'Emerging Issues' as per the Agenda item 6.

PCSP 31/23

Emerging issues

Fireworks and ASB at Railway Junction Retail Park, Enniskillen:

The PSNI provided an overview of recent events at the site. Following engagement with the landowner it is expected that a barrier at the entrance/egress to the site will be installed shortly. The Police has conducted several operations dealing with driver behaviour and vehicle road worthiness.

The Neighbourhood Policing Team has a strong visible presence in the area and Chief Inspector Fallis acknowledged the role of Enniskillen Town Councillors in supporting the Police over the past few weeks. Strong support from the public for Police actions was also noted.

The PCSP Chairperson asked that the best wishes of the PCSP be sent to the two Police officers injured in recent incidents in the area.

Cllr Keith Elliott thanked the PSNI for their efforts but added concerns that addressing ASB in one area may cause it to relocate to another area; something that has been witnessed previously.

Bonfires:

Members were updated on the multi-agency approach to bonfire management and the role of the PCSP working with partners including the PSNI and the NIFRS to monitor potential sites and take proactive steps as appropriate to reduce the likelihood of a bonfire taking place.

PCSP 32/23 **Members' Questions**

No questions were received.

PCSP 33/23 **Update from Designated Members**

NIFRS

1. Podge McKeon extended an invitation to Members to an open morning at Omagh Fire Station on Friday 13 October from 10am.
2. As part of Road Safety Week, commencing 19 November, NIFRS is planning to organise road traffic collision demonstrations at Enniskillen Castle and CAFRE, Enniskillen.

Recommended:

- That details for the NIFRS open morning be circulated to Members.

Youth Justice Service, Enniskillen

1. Sinead Dolan extended an invite to Members to visit Youth Justice Service office in Enniskillen. Members if they wish to do so should contact Sinead to make arrangements.

PCSP 34/23 **Joint Committee Governance meeting**

The PCSP Manager presented a report on the recent PCSP Governance meeting held online in September with Joint Committee.

Key issues:

- 2024/2025 budget: There is uncertainty of the allocation to PCSPs.
- PCSP Reconstitution: The application process is open closing Friday 13 October. Current Independent Members will remain in place until 1 June 2024.
- Designated Members: The Joint Committee has arranged a workshop to review CJINI recommendations and how PCSPs can have closer relationships with Designated Members.
- PCSP Action Plans: The Joint Committee will be assessing plans to ensure that there is no overlap with the function of other statutory bodies. The Action Plan should also reflect additional areas of work e.g. Anti-social Behaviour Forms and Multi-agency Support Hub.
- The PCSP was commended for its work in promoting and maintaining Neighbourhood Watch.

Traveller Engagement Initiative:

Responding to a query raised the PCSP Manager updated Members on the delivery of the Traveller Engagement Initiative which having been led on by the PCSP is now under Good Relations with the PCSP as a delivery partner. The first engagement meeting will take place on Thursday 12 October in Strathroy Community Centre with representatives from the Offaly Traveller Movement and the Traveller Mediation Service in attendance. The PCSP Manager confirmed that the PCSP would be updated on all relevant developments on the initiative.

The report on the Governance meeting was noted by the Partnership proposed by Cllr Thomas O Reilly, seconded by Monica Coyle.

Recommended:

- That the PCSP Manager provides updates to the Partnership on the implementation of the Traveller Engagement Initiative.

PCSP 35/23

PCSP Community Engagement Funding

The PCSP Manager updated Members on the PCSP Community Engagement Funding which received the largest number of applications to date of any PCSP funding programme.

Letters of Offer have been issued to the eight successful groups and a Project Officer assigned to each to assist as required in the roll out of the project. Those unsuccessful projects were given the opportunity to request feedback on their application and to date two groups have availed of this. The PCSP Manager thanked the members of the Funding Task & Finish Group for their co-operation and contribution to the assessment process. It was noted that learnings from the process regarding eligible expenditure and wording of questions be taken into any future funding process. The following recommendations were approved by the Partnership proposed by Cllr Adam Gannon, seconded by Cllr Noeleen Hayes.

Recommended:

1. That the recommendations of the Funding Task & Finish Group be endorsed.
2. That the budget reprofile of £6,429.40 be approved.

PCSP 36/23

PCSP Funding Addressing Domestic and Sexual Violence

The PCSP Manager informed the Members that the PCSP Funding Task & Finish Group had approved funding of £6,880 to Fermanagh Women's Aid (lead partner) for the delivery of the Domestic Violence Alert project. This project will work with Faith Leaders to raise awareness of domestic violence and the supports available. The funding will be administered via a Service Level Agreement and the PCSP Manager will be the assigned PCSP Officer for the project. The recommendation of the Funding Task & Finish Group was proposed by Cllr Keith Elliott seconded by Cllr Thomas O'Reilly.

NIFRS Safe Place

Podge McKeon advised Members that all NIFRS stations have been accredited as a designated 'Safe Place' with logos displayed. NIFRS personnel are trained to signpost the public to supports for those affected by domestic abuse.

Recommended:

- That the recommendations of the Funding Task & Finish Group be endorsed.

PCSP 37/23

People at Risk Partnership Agreement

The PCSP manager updated Members on the Partnership Agreement with the NIFRS. This is the second term of the Partnership Agreement which was formally renewed in August 2023. Members gave thanks to NIFRS for its assistance in the Home Safety Checks. The report was noted by the Partnership proposed by Monica Coyle seconded by Cllr Shirley Hawkes.

Recommended:

- That the Partnership notes the report.

PCSP 38/23

PCSP Finance Report

The PCSP Manager gave a brief overview of the financial management of the Partnership and the process for compiling and submitting quarterly claims. The Quarter 1 claim of just under £55,000 accounted for 17% of the total budget and is in line with spend for the quarter. The Quarter 2 claim will be submitted at the end of October after which there will be a review to determine if there is a need for any change control requests which in line with guidance will be brought to the Partnership for approval.

The Members thanked the PCSP Manager for the report and noted the importance of Members understanding of the PCSP budget. The report was proposed for noting by Cllr Roy Crawford seconded by Cllr Allan Rainey.

Recommended:

- That the Partnership notes the report.

PCSP 39/23

Neighbourhood Watch Schemes

Drumclay Park North was presented for accreditation and Lurganboy for re-accreditation.

The PCSP Manager reminded Members that reaccreditation is now every 4 years meaning that schemes are brought to the Partnership less frequently than previously.

The Members were advised that the Neighbourhood Watch Conference will take place on Saturday 4 November in the Manor House Hotel, Killadeas. The findings from the annual NHW survey with co-ordinators will be presented at the conference and at a future meeting of the Partnership.

PCSP Manager asked that Members look out for social media posts promoting NHW and use of co-ordinators sharing their stories to make NHW more relatable.

Members discussed the locations, retention, and promotion of the schemes in the district with a suggestion that analysis on NHW locations be undertaken at some point as deemed appropriate.

Responding to a request from Cllr Allan Rainey the PSNI agreed to raise awareness of rural crime particularly in the darker winter evenings.

Recommended:

1. That invites to Members to NHW Conference 4 November 2023 be circulated.
2. That PSNI continue to promote rural crime awareness.

PCSP 40/23

PCSP Activity Report July 2023 – September 2023

The PCSP Administrator gave a presentation to Members on PCSP activity for the period July–September 2023.

The PCSP Manager asked Members to note the efforts made in further development of the PCSP Social Media pages and thanked Leanne for her extensive work in this area.

Following discussion on PCSP social media content and the impact of collaboration with others it was suggested that discussion be held with Fermanagh Lakeland Tourism (FLT) and Waterways Ireland to further promote water safety messaging.

The Members all agreed and commented on the variety and amount of work delivered and thanks are conveyed to the PCSP staff team for their hard work and commitment.

Recommended:

- That the PCSP explore engagement with FLT & Waterways Ireland on water safety messaging.

PCSP 41/23

AOB

Planning Workshops for the 24/25 Action Plan:

All Members agreed to hosting two planning workshops (afternoon & evening) for the 2024/2025 Action Plan. Proposed by Cllr Thomas O'Reilly, seconded by Cllr Keith Elliott.

Recommended:

- That details of the planning workshop be circulated to Members.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the PCSP will take place on Tuesday 28 November 2023 at 7 pm.

RISING:

The Committee rose at 8.15pm. All Members were present for the duration of the meeting with the exception of Keith Elliott who arrived at 7.05pm and Cllr Adam Gannon who departed the meeting at 8.10pm