

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 June at 7.00 pm** in The Townhall, Enniskillen

Present:

Councillors

Roy Crawford
Keith Elliott
Shirley Hawkes
Noeleen Hayes
Thomas O'Reilly
Allan Rainey

Independent Members

Miss Louise Bleakley
Mrs Siobhán Currie
Mrs Jenny Ferguson
Mrs Bernadette McCollum
Miss Margaret McCrory
Mr Paul Stevenson
Mrs Pauline Treacy
Mr Simon Wiggins

Designated Members

Ms Selina Carty (PBNi)
Ms Jacqueline Doherty (WHsCT)
Ms Sinead Dolan (YJA)
Chief Insp. Scott Fallis (PSNI)
Ms Helen Hicks (NIHE)
Superintendent Robert McGowan (PSNI)
Ms Nicola McSherry (NIFRS)
Mr Sean McCusker (EANI)

Apologies:

Cllr Adam Gannon
Cllr Elaine Brough
Miss Bernadette Lunney
Peter Melarkey (NIFRS)
Greg McMullan (PCSP)

In attendance:
PCSP 14/24

Carol Follis (PCSP Manager), Leanne Burns (PCSP).

Welcome and Apologies

In the absence of a PCSP Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, with Members agreement, PCSP Manager welcomed Members and visitors to the meeting and noted apologies.

PCSP 15/24

Declarations of Interest

The PCSP Manager read out the Conflicts of Interest statement.
No declarations of interest were declared.

PCSP 16/24

Presentation from Presentation from Men's Advisory Project (MAP)

Members received a presentation from the Men's Advisory Project.
Members engaged in a Q&A session and commended the organisation on their commitment to raising awareness.

Recommended:

- That the presentation be emailed to all PCSP Members.

PCSP 17/24

To confirm the PCSP Chairperson appointment

The PCSP Manager announced the appointment of the new PCSP Chairperson – Cllr Roy Crawford. Cllr Crawford was introduced to Members who then conducted the meeting in his capacity as Chairperson.

PCSP 18/24 **PCSP Reconstitution and Member Update**
The PCSP Manager welcomed the newly appointed Independent Members appointed at the reconstitution of the PCSP on 01 June 2024. Members were informed that the recruitment process had failed to appoint a panel of reserve members and that the recruitment process for this would commence at the end of June closing at the end of August, with appointments made by the end of December 2024. The PCSP Manager confirmed that the PCSP would promote the recruitment on social media channels. During this agenda item the PCSP Manager provided a brief overview of the meeting format and the standard agenda.

PCSP 19/24 **Notification of AOB**
PCSP Manager:

- Meeting venue
- Members claim process

PCSP 20/24 **Minutes**
The minutes of the PCSP meeting held on 23 April 2024 were considered and approved by Members.

Proposed by Cllr Thomas O'Reilly and seconded by Margaret McCrory

PCSP 21/24 **Matters Arising**

PCSP 05/24: PCSP Action Plan 2024-2025:
The PCSP Manager notified Members that the Letter of Offer for an allocation of £301,448 had been received for the financial year 2024/2025. The Letter of Offer was signed and returned to the Joint Committee on 21 June.

PCSP 72/23: Additional Speed Indicator Devices (SID's).
Report on information on deployment option, costs to convert to solar power and other software upgrades deemed necessary will be presented at the September PCSP meeting.

Recommended:

- That a report be presented at the September PCSP meeting.

PCSP 11/24: Finance Report:
The PCSP Financial statement for 2023/2024.
Currently awaiting the return from Policing Board.

Recommended:

- That the financial statement be reported to Members when available at a future PCSP meeting.

PCSP 11/24: Declaration of Interest

The PCSP Manager thanked Members who submitted their form reminding those who had not to complete this as soon as possible.

Item forward from May Policing Committee Meeting

Road Traffic Collisions emerging causation factors – Super Intd Robert McGowan presenting on this at the meeting tonight given the time span from the May meeting to next PC meeting in October.

PCSP 22/24

Emerging issues

1. Cllr Thomas O'Reilly commented on the presentation from Men's Advisory Project and how to as a PCSP we could raise awareness of all forms of abuse and review how this is funded. Discussion from Members noted the achievements of Fermanagh & Omagh Women's Aid and that this is an area that requires additional funding, awareness raising. Look at how figures are reported by PSNI and signposting to Men's Advisory Project.
2. Discussion on trends/engagement across all demographics on social media platforms and how these can best be used to deliver PCSP messaging and raise awareness of the PCSP.

Recommended:

- That a meeting be arranged with the Men's Advisory Project to explore potential delivery of services in the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area.

Proposed by Cllr Allan Rainey and seconded by Cllr Thomas O'Reilly

- That a report on the usage and growth of social media platforms used by the PCSP and identification of new opportunities be brought to the September PCSP meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Thomas O'Reilly and seconded by Cllr Noeleen Hayes

PCSP 23/24

Members' Questions

Road safety concerns Tempo Road, Enniskillen

Cllr Elliott proposed that a letter is issued to the Department for Infrastructure Roads Service highlighting the road safety concerns raised at the meeting.

Recommended:

- That correspondence be issued to DfI noting safety concerns raised and seeking information on proposals to mitigate these.

Proposed by Cllr Keith Elliott and seconded by Paul Stevenson.

PCSP 24/24

Update from Designated Members

Chief Inspector Scott Fallis gave a brief overview of Stop and Search procedures in the district. He asked that any Member who had been contacted by the public regarding Stop and Search to contact him to discuss.

PCSP 25/24

Road Traffic Collisions (RTCs)

In response to issues raised at the May Policing Committee meeting Superintendent Robert McGowan gave some analysis of causation factors for RTCs. He reported that unfortunately numbers for Killed and Seriously Injured (KSI) in the District had increased on the previous calendar year.

Asked on emerging trends i.e. gender, age, location he commented that it was difficult to identify such trends but added that the principle factors were inattention/attention diverted, driving too close to the vehicle in front and driving whilst under the influence of alcohol/drugs. Members contribution to the discussion reaffirmed road safety as one the key priorities for the Partnership and look forward to initiatives such as Bike Safe and Road Safe Roadshow being rolled out later in the year.

PCSP 26/24

PCSP Annual Report 2023-2024

The PCSP Manager informed Members that the Annual Report is a legislative requirement and following approval by the Partnership to be brought to a future Council meeting for noting.

Recommended:

- That the Partnership approves the Annual Report
- That the Annual Report is presented at the September Council meeting for noting.

Proposed by Cllr Keith Elliott and seconded by Cllr Thomas O'Reilly.

PCSP 27/24

PCSP Internal Audit

The PCSP Manager gave a brief overview of the findings of the PCSP Internal Audit report. The audit is a condition of funding from the Joint Committee and was completed in accordance with the approved annual Internal Audit Plan for 2024/25. Members were informed that examples of good practice were identified and an overall rating of satisfactory achieved.

PCSP 28/24

PCSP Activity Report May - June 2024

The PCSP Project Assistant gave a presentation to Members on PCSP activity for the period May - June 2024.

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

PCSP 29/24

PCSP Planned Activity Report

PCSP Manager provided Members with an update on planned activity for the months of July & August. Activities include:

- Collaboration with Road Safety Authority in Co. Mayo.
- Neighbourhood Watch cluster meetings & study visit to Belfast.
- Road Traffic Collision demonstration at Summit Car Show, Knockninny.
- 16 Days of Action Ending Violence Against Women and Girls.

Discussion on planned activity as stated in the Action Plan resulted in the following recommendations.

Recommended:

- That a meeting be arranged with Members to discuss future community engagement projects.
- That Members to receive a presentation on the Multi Agency Support Hub activities at a future PCSP meeting.
- That training be arranged for Members on the role and function of the Policing Committee.

PCSP 30/24

A.O.B

Meeting Venue

Members were advised of the temporary closure of The Grange, Omagh and the proposal that until further notice monthly meetings be held in the Townhall, Enniskillen.

Members Claims Process

Members were reminded of the need to submit claims for attendance allowance and mileage on Tech One.

Recommended:

- That future meetings to be held in the Townhall, Enniskillen.
- That an email be issued to Members detailing the claims process for Tech One.

PCSP 31/24

Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the PCSP will be held on **Tuesday 24 September 2024**, The Townhall, Enniskillen at 7.00pm.

PCSP 32/24

RISING:

The Committee rose at 9.40pm.

All Members were present for the duration of the meeting with the exception of Cllr Keith Elliott who arrived at 7.35pm.