

**Fermanagh and Omagh District Council  
Fermanagh and Omagh Policing and Community Safety Partnership**

**Policing Committee Meeting**

Minutes of the Fermanagh and Omagh Policing and Community Safety Partnership  
Policing Committee meeting held on 25 March 2025 in The Grange, Omagh

**Present:**

**Councillors**

Roy Crawford (Chairperson)  
Elaine Brough  
Shirley Hawkes  
Noeleen Hayes  
Tommy Maguire  
Marty McColgan  
Thomas O'Reilly  
Allan Rainey

**Independent Members**

Miss Louise Bleakley  
Mrs Siobhán Currie  
Mrs Bernadette McCollum  
Miss Margaret McCrory  
Mr Paul Stevenson

**Designated Members**

Mr Ryan McGee (EANI)  
Superintendent Robert McGowan (PSNI)  
Sergeant Lauren McFarland (PSNI)  
Chief Insp Graham Dodds MBE (PSNI)

**Apologies:**

Ms Jacqueline Doherty (WHSCT)  
Chief Insp. Scott Fallis (PSNI)  
Mrs Jenny Ferguson  
Carol Follis (PCSP)  
Cllr Adam Gannon  
Miss Bernadette Lunney (Vice Chairperson)  
Mrs Pauline Treacy  
Mr Peter Melarkey (NIFRS)  
Ms Nicola McSherry (NIFRS)

**In**

**attendance:** PCSP Team Leader Greg McMullan, PCSP Project Assistant Leanne Burns

PC 26/24

**Welcome and Apologies**

The Chairperson welcomed Members to the meeting, apologies were noted.

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**Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were declared.

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**Presentation from Adapt NI on Hearing Loss**

Laura from Adapt NI presented to members their work in the community, after the presentation members engaged in discussion and asked questions

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**Presentation on Community Resolution Notices**

Superintendent Robert McGowan (PSNI) took the opportunity to introduce Chief Insp Graham Dodds and Sergeant Lauren McFarland.

Graham Dodds has returned to G District as Chief Inspector for Performance & Standards in the Fermanagh & Omagh District.

Chief Insp Dodds delivered a presentation to members on Community Resolution Notices (CRN's).

Highlights included:

CRN's are a recognised Criminal Justice outcome and counted as a Criminal Justice Outcome and in crime clearance figures it is included. G District there is approximately 12% outcome is CRN's. Is evidence purely evidence based which PPS verify.

Following the presentation member engaged in a Q&A session.

- Impact on reoffending ask CJ and if it can be shared
- With regard to repeat offending, a CRN cannot be given for same offence in a 12 month period.
- Statistical breakdown of CRN's issued to under 18 year olds and adults.
- Can statistics identify clusters of CRN's issued per area/town or wards.
- Drug awareness course uptake and outcomes

**Recommended:**

1. Figures on statistical breakdown of CRN's issued to under 18's to be shared with Ryan McGee EANI
2. Ask Criminal Justice if stats on CRN's could be obtained by specific area to identify clusters.
3. Request outcomes of Drug and Alcohol awareness
4. Contact PBNI to deliver a presentation to PBNI staff on CRN's

PC 30/24      **Notification of AOB**  
• 1 item

PC 31/24      **Minutes**  
The minutes of the Policing Committee meeting held on **Tuesday 22 October 2024** were considered and approved.

Proposed by Cllr Thomas O'Reilly and seconded by Cllr Shirley Hawkes

PC 32/24      **Matters Arising**  
None

PC 33/24      **Questions from Members of the Public**  
No questions were received.

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## **Members' Questions**

### **1. Security alert to 9 schools in Northern Ireland**

- Superintendent Robert McGowan updated Members on the Security incident at local schools on Monday 24 March and is still a live investigation.
- First time in Northern Ireland this has happened.
- Local Officers' early intervention deemed local schools could remain open after sweep of the building by Police and Staff.
- Threat was made via email to the schools overnight to pupils and staff.
- The threat did not come from the local area and working with the Metropolitan Police and enquiries are ongoing.
- Did not affect Police operations, extra patrols were placed to provide reassurance.

### **2. counterfeit notes in circulation. How do we recognise these?**

Aware of 2 incidents in G District and 1 incident in F District. Superintendent Robert McGowan informed Members of recent incidents person is using counterfeit notes to make small purchases to gain change.

As well as Facebook Marketplace cash transactions. Urged businesses to seek assistance and resources from Bank Of England have really detailed information on their website including videos, training materials, posters and guidance.

Contact 101 and report any suspicious activity.

### **Thoughts on self-appointed Paedophile hunters and if there are any in this area?**

Crops up periodically some reports in the area, Urged not to take the law into own hands

Bring information to Police who have specialised officers and a Department who deal with this area. Anyone who is engaged in this type of activity have to be very careful. The Criminal Justice process is there and must be followed through.

Level of human error is involved and safeguards are in place. It can impeded Police investigations and urged if anyone has any information on Paedophile sexual offending need to bring it to Police and condone any vigilante activity.

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### **A.O.B**

Members were informed that Emergency Services Day is taking place Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May, Tyrone Farming Society.

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### **Rising**

The Committee rose at 8.01pm.

All Members were present for the duration of the meeting.

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**Date/time of next meeting**

The next Policing Committee Meeting will take place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 7:00pm at the Townhall, Enniskillen.