

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 23 November 2021 at 7.00 pm in The Westend Community Centre, Enniskillen.

Present:

Councillors

Keith Elliott (Chairperson), Paul Blake, Josephine Deehan, John McClaughry, Barry McElduff, Tommy Maguire and Thomas O'Reilly.

Independent Members

Monica Coyle (Vice Chairperson), Norman Kirkpatrick, Bernie McCrory, Margaret McCrory, Maria Thompson, and Sarah McQuaid.

Designated Members

Superintendent Robert McGowan (PSNI), Sinead Dolan (YJA), Helen Hicks (NIHE), Allen Fleming (EA) and Podge McKeon (NIFRS).

Apologies:

Councillor Stephen Donnelly, Councillor Allan Rainey, Vida Lake and Paul Devlin (PBNI).

In attendance:

Michael Avila (Victim Support NI), Mickey Curran (NIFRS), Carol Follis (PCSP Manager), Alan Crooks (PCSP), Greg McMullan (PCSP) and Maggie McManus (Committee Clerk).

PCSP 42/21

Welcome and Apologies

The Vice Chairperson welcomed the PCSP Members to the meeting and apologies were accepted.

PCSP 43/21

Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were declared.

PCSP 44/21

Presentation on Hate Crime

Michael Avila, Hate Crime Advocacy Coordinator at Victim Support NI delivered a presentation on the supports available to address hate crime and provide support to victims across Northern Ireland. Following the presentation, the Members had the opportunity to pose questions which were duly answered.

PCSP 45/21

Notification of AOB

No notifications were received.

PCSP 46/21

Minutes

The minutes of the PCSP meeting held on Tuesday 28 September 2021 were considered and approved. The minutes were proposed by Norman Kirkpatrick and seconded by Cllr McClaughry.

PCSP 47/21

Matters Arising

PCSP 38/21 – Breakdown of knives deposited in Knife Surrender Bins

The PCSP Manager informed the Members that the breakdown will be provided in the PCSP Activity Report going forward.

PCSP 39/21 – Strategic Plan Members engagement workshops

The PCSP Manager informed the Members that an online workshop took place on 25 November and a face-to-face workshop took place on 8 December. The final draft Action Plan will be brought to the PCSP meeting on 13 December for agreement and sign off prior to submission to the Joint Committee.

PCSP 41/21 – Letter of Support to MACCA

The PCSP Manager informed the Members that the letter of support was issued to MACCA.

PCSP 48/21 **Questions from Members of the Public**

No questions were received.

PCSP 49/21 **Members' Questions**

No questions were received.

PCSP 50/21 **Update from Designated Members**

No written updates were presented.

Sinead Dolan (YJA) informed the Members that the Youth Justice Agency, working in partnership, with the PSNI delivered three road safety workshops in St Kevin's College, Lisnaskea during road safety week. The workshops were very well received and there are plans to roll this out across the district going forward.

PCSP 51/21 **PCSP and Schools Engagement**

Mickey Curran (NIFRS) delivered a presentation on the P5 Fire Safety Programme which was developed as part of a collaboration with the NIFRS and seven other PCSPs. The online programme is an alternative to fire officers visiting schools to deliver the fire safety message to P5 pupils. In his presentation Mickey thanked Fermanagh and Omagh PCSP for taking the lead on the initiative and informed the meeting that up to 30 June 2021 20,147 pupils from across Northern Ireland had participated in the programme 2,686 of them from the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area. Evaluation revealed a positive change in knowledge around fire safety.

Alan Crooks (PCSP) gave the Members an update on the delivery of the Bee Safe schools programme, which will be delivered in individual schools with the aid of video presentations on different topics including road safety, internet safety and water safety. This is also a collaborative project working with other PCSPs.

Greg McMullan (PCSP) gave an update on PCSP engagement with schools on road safety. Initiatives include school no parking signs, Ditch the Dark events and RTC reconstructions.

The PCSP Manager informed the meeting that the presentations provide the Members with more detail on the work of the PCSP and show how the PCSP is responding to the challenges of delivery during Covid 19. The Members had an opportunity to ask questions of the presenter which were duly answered.

PCSP 52/21 **AOB**

The PCSP Manager congratulated Con Trevor Kirke, PSNI, on having received the Emergency Services award from Road Safe NI.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the PCSP will take place on Monday 13 December 2021 at 7.00 pm via MS Teams.

RISING:

The Committee rose at 8:47pm.