

**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 27 June 2023 at 7.00 pm** in the Grange, Omagh.

**Present: Councillors**

Tommy Maguire, Elaine Brough, Roy Crawford, Keith Elliott, Noeleen Hayes, Marty McColgan and Thomas O'Reilly.

**Independent Members**

Sarah McQuaid (Vice-Chair), Monica Coyle, Norman Kirkpatrick and Margaret McCrory.

**Designated Members**

Superintendent Robert McGowan (PSNI), Chief Inspector Rory Hoy (PSNI), Ms Sinead Dolan (YJA), Ms Helen Hicks (NIHE), Allen Fleming (EANI Youth Service) and James McIntyre (Dept of Justice).

**Apologies:**

Cllr Adam Gannon, Cllr Shirley Hawkes, Cllr Allan Rainey, Vida Lake, Bernie McCrory, Maria Thompson, Pauline Treacy, Colum Duffy (PBNI), Chief Inspector Scott Fallis (PSNI), Ryan McGee (EA) and Alan Murdoch (NIFRS).

**In attendance:**

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

PCSP 12/23

**Welcome and Apologies**

The PCSP Manager welcomed all Members and guests to the meeting and informed the meeting that Cllr Tommy Maguire is the new Chair, and that Monica Coyle had been elected to the position of PCSP Vice Chair.

PCSP 13/23

**Declarations of Interest**

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

PCSP 14/23

**Notification of AOB**

PCSP Agenda – PCSP Manager

PCSP 15/23

**Minutes**

The minutes of the PCSP meeting held on 25 April 2023 were considered and approved.

Proposed by Monica Coyle and seconded by Norman Kirkpatrick.

PCSP 16/23

**Matters Arising**

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

The PCSP Manager informed the meeting that the Letter of Offer for £301,448 had been received and signed by the Council Chief Executive.

PCSP 08/23 – Probation Board Visit

The Chair thanked the Probation Board for facilitating Members to attend the event in May.

PCSP 08/23 – Local Policing Plan 2023-2024

Due the cancellation of the Policing Committee meeting in May the report on the implementation of the 2022-2023 Local Policing Plan is an agenda item for this meeting.

PCSP 09/23 – PCSP Annual Report 2022-2023

The PCSP Manager advised that the Annual Report will be presented for noting at the next Council Regeneration Committee meeting.

PCSP 17/23

### **Questions from Members of the Public**

#### Vehicular ASB Omagh

The PCSP Manager read out correspondence regarding vehicular ASB in Omagh town centre and what measures can be taken to challenge drivers for their inconsiderate behaviours. In the discussion Members referenced work undertaken in Quay Lane and the initiatives undertaken in Omagh to date.

Chief Inspector Hoy advised that the Roads Policing team is active carrying out patrols where there are reports of vehicular ASB and meetups. He added that the PSNI works with the Gardai in border areas on this issue.

Responding to a question from Cllr Thomas O'Reilly regarding legislation for modification of vehicles Chief Inspector Hoy advised that there is legislation in place to seize vehicles where modifications are not compliant. PSNI to provide an update on measures to address vehicular ASB at the next meeting.

PCSP Chair welcomed keeping this under review and recommended that the situation is monitored.

#### **Recommended:**

- That the PSNI provide an update on incidents of vehicular ASB in Omagh.

#### Speeding in Ederney Village

The PCSP Manager informed the meeting of concerns raised by residents regarding excessive speeding in the village. Representation has been made to DfI regarding the condition and placement of the speed cushions on the arterial routes to the village. Chief Inspector Hoy commented on the patrols undertaken by Neighbourhood Policing Team and the liaison with residents.

A proposal to issue a letter of support for the refurbishment of the speed cushions was deferred until a formal request is submitted to the PCSP.

#### **Recommended:**

- That any request for a letter of support be brought to a future PCSP meeting.

PCSP 18/23

### **Members' Questions**

Cllr Keith Elliott queried PSNI awareness of the Council Play Park Strategy adding that it would be beneficial for Neighbourhood Policing Teams to be aware of plans for the provision of play parks in the district. Chief Inspector Hoy responded that this would be beneficial.

- PCSP 19/23      **Update from Designated Members**  
Youth Service  
Allen Fleming provided an update on the provision of EA led summer schemes highlighting the challenges faced by Youth Centres due to budget cuts.  
Cllr Thomas O'Reilly noted his recent visit to Lisnaskea Youth Centre and thanked the youth workers for their hospitality and their work engaging with young people.
- PCSP 20/23      **Local Policing Plan 2023 – 2024**  
Superintendent McGowan delivered a presentation on the implementation of the Local Policing Plan 2023 – 2024.  
In his opening comments he thanked outgoing District Commander Superintendent Mervyn Steffen for contribution to policing in the district.
- He gave a comprehensive overview of the report and noting some key points such as the proactive steps to reduce reoffending particularly with young people and cross border initiatives focused on burglary and car drifting meets. The number of fatalities on the roads continues to be a major concern with inattention, speeding and tailgating cited as causation factors.
- In looking to the year ahead he warned of the significant shortfall in the PSNI budget and the impact that this will have locally. He added that more detail on the PSNI operating model should be available in July.
- Recommended:**
- That an update on PSNI budget to be brought to the next PCSP meeting.
- PCSP 21/23      **PCSP Member Declarations of Interest**  
The PCSP Manager requested that Members complete and return the Declarations of Interest form no later than 21 July 2023. She added this is required by the Joint Committee and will be carried out annually.
- Recommended:**
- That all PCSP Members to complete and return declarations of interest forms by 21 July 2023.
- PCSP 22/23      **PCSP Community Engagement Funding**  
The PCSP Manager presented a report on the proposed implementation of PCSP Community Engagement Funding. Funding of up to £5,000 is available for eligible groups for projects that demonstrate how the project will address and identified community safety issue or build confidence in policing. Following discussion, the proposal was proposed by Cllr Thomas O'Reilly and seconded by Cllr Roy Crawford.
- Recommended:**
- That the Community Engagement Funding proposal is implemented.
- PCSP 23/23      **PCSP Funding Task & Finish Group**  
The PCSP Manager sought nominations for PCSP Funding Task & Finish Group.

Member nominations received from Cllr Tommy Maguire, Cllr Thomas O'Reilly, Cllr Keith Elliott, Monica Coyle and Norman Kirkpatrick. Proposed by Cllr Thomas O'Reilly and seconded by Cllr Keith Elliott. The PCSP Manager further sought approval for the Task & Finish Group to be given the authority to make decisions on funding applications. Proposed by Cllr Thomas O'Reilly and seconded by Cllr Keith Elliott.

**Recommended:**

1. That the named Members sit on the Task & Finish Group.
2. That the Task & Finish has the authority to make decisions on funding applications.

PCSP 24/23

**PCSP Activity Report May 2023 – June 2023**

The PCSP Team Leader delivered a presentation detailing PCSP activity in the period May – June 2023. Highlights include Emergency Services Day, PSNI work experience and schools water safety programme. Cllr Thomas O'Reilly commended the work of the PCSP staff on Emergency Services Day. The PCSP Chair thanked Margaret McCrory, Bernie McCrory, Cllr Thomas O'Reilly for their assistance at Emergency Services Day.

PCSP 25/23

**AOB**

Change to Agenda Item:

PCSP Manager proposed a future change of agenda item 'Questions from Members of the Public' to 'Emerging Issues'.

**Recommended:**

- That the agenda item be changed.

**Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the PCSP will take place on Tuesday 26 September at 7 pm, Townhall Enniskillen.

**RISING:**

The Committee rose at 8.40pm. All Members were present for the duration of the meeting with the exception of Margaret McCrory who arrived at 7.05pm.