

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 Tuesday 24 October 2023 at 7.00pm in The Grange.

Present:	Councillors	Independent Members
	Tommy Maguire (Chairperson) Elaine Brough Roy Crawford Keith Elliott Shirley Hawkes Marty McColgan Thomas O'Reilly	Mrs Monica Coyle (Vice-Chairperson) Mrs Vida Lake Miss Margaret McCrory Ms Maria Thompson
		Designated Members
		Chief Insp Scott Fallis (PSNI) Mr Podge McKeon (NIFRS) Superintendent Robert McGowan (PSNI)

Apologies:	Cllr Adam Gannon	Chris Morrison
	Cllr Noeleen Hayes	Peter Melarkey
	Cllr Allan Rainey	Helen Hicks
	Ryan McGee	Jacqueline Doherty
	Chief Insp Rory Hoy	
	Nicola McSherry	

In attendance: Greg Mc Mullan (PCSP Team Leader)
Leanne Burns (PCSP Administrator)

PC 01/23 **Welcome and Apologies**
The Chairperson welcomed Members to the meeting, apologies were noted.

PC 02/23 **Declarations of Interest**
No declarations of interest were declared.

PC 03/23 **Notification of AOB**
None

PC 04/23 **Minutes**
The minutes of the Policing Committee meeting held on Tuesday 28 March 2023 were considered and approved.
Proposed by Cllr O'Reilly and seconded by Monica Coyle.

PC 05/23 **Matters Arising**
None

PC 06/23 **Questions from Members of the Public**
No questions were received.

PC 07/23 **Members' Questions**
Cllr Elliott requested clarity on the recent closure of the Custody Suite in Omagh from remedial works concerned with downtime of police, impact on resources in the area and if it will reopen.

Superintendent Mc Gowan (PSNI) confirmed the following:

- Omagh Custody Suite closed on Monday 23 October after 13 years, to allow for major refurbishment.
- The works are part of a major upgrade to bring it in line with current fire, health and safety regulations and anticipate the works will take 9-12 months to complete.
- The capital for the remedial works has been ringfenced and committed in this financial year.
- Detained persons from G district will go to Strabane Custody Suite whilst the Omagh Custody Suite is closed.
- PACE Code of Practice states that detained persons are brought to the nearest Custody Suite, subject to circumstances and availability.
- Suites in Dungannon and Waterside have been used on previous occasions.
- Enniskillen Custody Suite closed in 2018 and there are no plans to reopen it.
- There are no plans for closure of the Omagh Custody Suite.

Members made it known their concerns about the impact that this may have on rural communities regarding availability of Officers, who are now travelling outside the district to attend Custody Suites.

PC 08/23

Local Policing Plan 2023-2024

Superintendent Mc Gowan (PSNI) gave a presentation on the on 2023/24 Local Policing Plan Delivery.

Following the presentation, Superintendent Mc Gowan (PSNI) answered questions from the Members.

PC 09/23

Rising

The Committee rose at 7.54 pm.

PC 10/23

Date/time of next meeting

Policing Committee Meeting 23 January 2024 at 7pm, venue to be confirmed.