

**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 28 November 2023 at 7.00 pm** in the Townhall, Enniskillen

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Councillors</b>	<b>Independent Members</b>
	Tommy Maguire (Chairperson) Elaine Brough Keith Elliott Adam Gannon Noeleen Hayes Thomas O'Reilly Allan Rainey	Mrs Monica Coyle (Vice Chairperson) Mr Norman Kirkpatrick Mrs Vida Lake Miss Margaret McCrory
		<b>Designated Members</b>
		Mr Colum Duffy (PBNI) Chief Insp Scott Fallis (PSNI) Stephen Gaffney (NIFRS) Chief Inspector Rory Hoy (PSNI) Superintendent Robert Mc Gowan (PSNI)

**Apologies:** Cllr Roy Crawford  
Cllr Shirley Hawkes  
Mr Chris Morrison (NIFRS)  
Mr Ryan McGee (EANI)

**In attendance:** Carol Follis (PCSP Manager), Greg McMullan (PCSP Team Leader), Leanne Burns (PCSP Administrator) and Victoria Johnston (Journalist).

PCSP 42/23 **Welcome and Apologies**  
The Chairperson welcomed all Members to the meeting and noted apologies.

PCSP 43/23 **Declarations of Interest**  
The Chairperson read out the Conflicts of Interest statement and no declarations of interest were declared.

PCSP 44/23 **Notification of AOB**  
PCSP Manager:  
1. PCSP Meeting 11 December 2023

PCSP 45/23 **Minutes**  
The minutes of the PCSP meeting held on 26 September 2023 were considered and approved by Members.

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

PCSP 46/23 **Matters Arising**  
PCSP 17/23: Vehicular ASB Clones/Cavan Road  
Chief Insp Fallis provided an update:

- Erne East Neighbourhood Policing Team conducted a joint operation with An Garda Síochána at the end of September.
- Await an update from the most recent joint operation on 25 November 2023.
- No reports of issues in the area of late, there has been increased PSNI activity in the area.

PCSP 31/23: Fireworks/ASB at Railway Junction Retail Park, Enniskillen:  
Chief Insp Fallis provided an update:

- On 26 October a significant seizure of fireworks, class B drugs and counterfeit cigarettes in the Ballinamallard area had an impact and disrupted the supply in the district.

PCSP 31/32: Bonfires

Cllr O'Reilly noted the benefit of engagement with communities to manage bonfires. In the discussion the PCSP Manager informed the meeting of the role of the inter-agency working group and highlighted the difficulties in identifying individuals who are willing to engage with agencies. Cllr O'Reilly queried if this is something that could be pursued by Council Community Support Officers in relevant areas.

**Recommended:**

- That the Community Support Officer for Erne East contact Cllr O'Reilly for further discussion.

PCSP 33/23: Open morning at Omagh Fire Station on Friday 13 October

Cllr O'Reilly gave thanks to NIFRS for the event which provided a useful insight into some of the most common causes of fires in the home.

PCSP 39/23: Invite Members to NHW Conference 4 November 2023

The PCSP Manager thanked those Members who attended the recent Neighbourhood Watch Conference.

PCSP 40/23: Engagement with FLT & Waterways Ireland on water safety messaging

The PCSP Manager informed Members that this will be revisited in the coming holiday season.

Cllr O'Reilly updated Members on the recent launch of Waterways Ireland Reimaging Our Waterways 10 Year Plan.

PCSP 47/23

**Emerging issues**

No issues brought forward for discussion.

PCSP 48/23

**Members' Questions**

No questions were received.

PCSP 49/23

**Update from Designated Members**

Colum Duffy (Probation Board):

The Probation Board is working on developing a response to Alcohol and Drug Misuse service and is seeking to work with the PCSP in developing the project with the aspiration of the PCSP committing funding towards it.

Chief Insp Scott Fallis (PSNI):

The PSNI has launched Operation Seasons Greetings Campaign running until 02 January 2024. This campaign which has three main areas of focus Safe Shopping/Safe Roads/Safe Socialising will be widely promoted on social media platforms.

Safe shopping- High footfall shopping areas identified in Enniskillen & Omagh, Officers are conducting high visibility patrols in vehicles and on foot to deter shoplifting and ASB.

Safe Socialising - Officers will have a visible presence during night-time economy hours in the areas identified to prevent and deter ASB, as well as violence and predatory behaviour against women and girls.

Safe roads: We are experiencing higher than normal RTC's, the causes include lack of attention, excessive speed and excessive alcohol. Officers now have the authority to conduct PCP's (breath tests) on the roadside without reasonable cause.

PCSP 50/23

### **Code of Practice for Appointment of Independent Members to PCSPs and DPCSPs**

The PCSP Manager informed Members of the new Code of Practice for the appointment of Independent Members. The new Code of Practice will be going to Council for noting at a later stage. The Code of Practice proposed by Cllr Gannon and seconded by Cllr O'Reilly.

#### **Recommended:**

- That the Partnership notes the report.

PCSP 51/23

### **Independent Member Recruitment**

The PCSP Manager updated Members on independent member recruitment.

- Eight applications were received during first call from 1 September to 3 November 2023.
- Due to the low number of applications the Policing Board opened a second call closing Friday 15 December.
- The Board has indicated that it will strive to retain the reconstitution date of 1 June 2024.
- Current recruitment campaigns on social media are ongoing.
- Existing members that have applied during the first call do not need to reapply.

It was agreed by all present that all efforts should be made to continue to promote the recruitment process. Proposed by Cllr Hayes and seconded by Norman Kirkpatrick.

#### **Recommended:**

- That PCSP Members continue to promote and advocate the independent member recruitment process.

PCSP 52/23

### **PCSP Action Plan 2024-2025**

PCSP Manager requested Member feedback on the draft 2024-2025 PCSP Action Plan. It was noted that there is no confirmation of the budget available for 2024-2025 but following advice from the Joint Committee the Action Plan has been developed based on the full allocation of £301,448.

During the discussion Colum Duffy (PBNI) referred to a project for consideration by the Partnership for inclusion in the Action Plan. A brief overview of the proposal was presented to Members. The Probation Board

is seeking to develop a local counselling referral service open to those identified with severe alcohol and/or substance misuse. Members requested that more information is made available to enable informed decision making.

**Recommended:**

1. That the PCSP Manager circulate the PBNI proposal, when available, to Members for consideration.
2. That the Draft Action Plan 2024-2025 be brought to the January meeting for further discussion.

PCSP 53/23

**PCSP Subgroups**

The PCSP Manager updated Members on the proposed establishment of thematic subgroups and suggested the establishment of two subgroups and this to be reviewed later.

Looking at the Action Plan Members felt that two key areas of work revolved around combating theft/burglary and community engagement. The latter was cited as being of crucial importance also to promoting the role of the PCSP to a wider audience.

It was agreed by Members that the following subgroups to be established focusing on specific areas of work:

1. Acquisitive Crime inc. Rural Crime
2. Community Engagement

Proposed by Cllr O'Reilly and seconded by Norman Kirkpatrick.

**Recommended:**

- That the PCSP Manager to request Members to identify which (if any) group they wished to sit on and that where feasible both groups to meet in January.

PCSP 54/23

**PCSP Finance Report**

The PCSP Manager gave a brief overview of the financial management of the Partnership.

- Quarter 2 claim submitted at the end of October 2023.
- 32% Budget spend has been spent to date which is on track for full spend for the financial year.
- Quarter 3 claim will be prepared for submission in January.

The PCSP Finance Report was proposed for noting by Cllr Noleen Hayes seconded by Norman Kirkpatrick.

**Recommended:**

- That the Partnership notes the report.

PCSP 55/23

**Neighbourhood Watch Conference**

PCSP Team Leader gave an update on the recent Neighbourhood Watch Conference held in November. Those Members attending commented on

the conference organisation and the importance of educating people on the stories of newcomers to the district so that we are truly welcoming.

PCSP 56/23      **PCSP Activity Report September 2023 – November 2023**

The PCSP Team Leader gave a presentation to Members on PCSP activity for the period October - November 2023.

PCSP 57/23      **AOB**

Next PCSP Meeting 11 December 2023:

The PCSP Manager requested a change to the PCSP meeting on the 11 December to be replaced by 'Refugee & Asylum Seeker Awareness Training' for all PCSP Members.

Members agreed to the change of the meeting to a training session. Proposed by Cllr Thomas O'Reilly and seconded by Cllr Noleen Hayes.

**Recommended:**

1. That the PCSP Manager to forward details of the training to all Members.
2. That if not enough PCSP Members attending the invite to be extended to Councillors.

PCSP 58/23      **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the PCSP will be replaced by Refugee & Asylum Seeker Awareness Training on Monday 11 December at 7pm. The Grange, Omagh

PCSP 59/23      **RISING:**

The Committee rose at 8.25pm. All Members were present for the duration of the meeting with the exception of Cllr Keith Elliott who arrived at 8.00pm