

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 February at 7.00 pm** in The Grange, Omagh

Present:

Councillors

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

Independent Members

Mr Norman Kirkpatrick
Mrs Vida Lake
Mrs Sarah McQuaid
Ms Bernie McCrory
Miss Margaret McCrory
Ms Maria Thompson

Designated Members

Superintendent Robert Mc Gowan (PSNI)
Chief Insp Scott Fallis (PSNI)
Ms Sinead Dolan (YJA)
Ms Helen Hicks (NIHE)

Apologies:

Cllr Elaine Brough
Cllr Roy Crawford
Cllr Keith Elliott
Stephen Gaffney (NIFRS)
Nicola McSherry (NIFRS)

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

PCSP 60/23

Welcome and Apologies

The Chairperson welcomed all Members to the meeting and noted apologies.

PCSP 61/23

Declarations of Interest

The Chairperson read out the Conflicts of Interest statement. No declarations of interest were declared.

PCSP 62/23

Notification of AOB

No items were notified.

PCSP 63/23

Minutes

- The minutes of the PCSP meeting held on 28 November 2023 were considered and approved by Members.

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

PCSP 64/23

Matters Arising

PCSP 31/32: Bonfires:

- Bonfires in Newtownbutler: The Community Support Officer (CSO) for Erne East reported difficulty in identifying community representatives willing to engage in discussions.

Recommended:

1. That the PCSP Manager Carol Follis, the CSO for Erne East and Cllr Thomas O'Reilly to meet to discuss further.

PCSP 51/23: Independent Member Recruitment:

- The PCSP Manager informed the meeting that the second recruitment process had generated sufficient interest to allow for the shortlisting and interview process to be undertaken.

PCSP 52/23: PCSP Action Plan 2024-2025:

- Action Plan 2024-2025 submitted to Joint Committee (JC)
PCSP Manager Carol Follis noted a query from the Joint Committee regarding activity relating to "organised crime and paramilitary criminality".
- Meeting arranged 25 March 2024 with Joint Committee to discuss the budget for 2024-2025.

Recommended:

1. That the PCSP Manager submit the agreed response to the Joint Committee regarding Action Plan query and liaise with Members if further information is required.
2. That all updates on the 2024-2025 budget be forwarded to Members on receipt.

PCSP 53/23 Subgroups:

This is an agenda item for the meeting.

PCSP 58/23: PCSP Meeting December 2023:

Members recently undertook Refugee & Asylum Seeker Awareness Training, facilitated by Mary Lafferty from ERANO on Monday 11 December 2023.

PCSP Manager Carol Follis thanked Members for their participation in the training and the positive feedback received.

Recommended:

1. That invite be issued to Mary Lafferty (ERANO) and Nick Cassidy (Omagh Ethnic Communities Support Group) to speak about their work in the community at the next PCSP Meeting 23 April 2024.
Proposed by Cllr Thomas O'Reilly seconded by Cllr Allan Rainey.

PCSP 65/23

Emerging issues

- No issues brought forward for discussion.

PCSP 66/23

Members' Questions

- No questions were received.

PCSP 67/23

Update from Designated Members

- No updates brought forward for discussion.

PCSP 68/23

PCSP Subgroup Update

1) Community Engagement

The first of a series of engagement meetings is planned for Derrygonnelly (Erne West) where an initial meeting with community representatives to gauge support was favourable. The PSNI is continuing to liaise with the community to identify most suitable date and venue. PCSP Members who sit on the Community Engagement Subgroup will be invited to attend.

2) Acquisitive Crime inc. Rural Crime

The first meeting did not achieve quorum so while there was useful discussion amongst those present no actions were forthcoming.

Members queried the low response to register interest in either of the two subgroups; some suggestions for encouraging membership were discussed.

Recommended:

1. That the date for the next Acquisitive Crime inc. Rural Crime meeting be agreed with PSNI District Lead – this can take place outside of office hours.
2. That Members receive information on the role of the two groups with an invitation to register their interest.

PCSP 69/23

PCSP Finance Report

The PCSP Manager presented an overview of the financial performance of the Partnership reporting that up to the end of quarter 3 just over half (53%) of the budget has been used. At his time there are no concerns regarding achieving full spend at the end of the financial year.

The PCSP Finance Report was proposed for noting by Cllr Shirley Hawkes seconded by Cllr Noeleen Hayes.

Recommended:

1. That the Partnership notes the report.

PCSP 70/23

PCSP Activity Report September 2023 – November 2023

The PCSP Team Leader gave a presentation to Members on PCSP activity for the period December 2023 – February 2024.

The Members all agreed and commented on the variety and amount of work delivered and thanks are conveyed to the PCSP staff team for their hard work and commitment.

PCSP 71/23

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Accreditations:

The following schemes were presented for accreditation: Drumclay Park North, Enniskillen and Lurganboy, Newtownbutler.

Proposed by Cllr Marty McColgan, seconded by Cllr Noeleen Hayes.

Road Safety Quiz for Primary Schools:

Cllr Thomas O'Reilly thanked the Partnership for the recent Primary Schools Road Safety Quiz and commented on the importance of raising awareness of road safety for all users.

Speed Indicator Device (SID) Deployment:

Cllr Thomas O'Reilly asked the Partnership to explore purchasing permanent Speed Indicator Devices in addition to the four mobile devices currently owned by the Partnership. The PCSP Manager provided some information on the process for deploying the mobile devices and the role of the Department for Infrastructure and Roads Policing. She further updated that the Joint Committee had issued a directive that SIDs are no longer considered eligible expenditure for Joint Committee funding. Members agreed of the benefits of SIDs in reducing speed and raising awareness of road safety and queried the Joint Committee directive.

Recommended:

1. That a report exploring the purchase of additional SIDs be brought to a future PCSP meeting.

FODC Corporate Plan 2024 - 2028 (Draft)

The PCSP Team Leader informed the meeting that Fermanagh and Omagh District Council has launched the public consultation phase for its draft Corporate Plan, outlining the priorities that will guide the Council's development and delivery until 2028. The public consultation is now open and will conclude on Friday 12th April 2024. All Members were encouraged to submit a response to the consultation.

Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the PCSP Tuesday 23 April, The Grange, Omagh

RISING:

The Committee rose at 8.00pm.

All Members were present for the duration of the meeting with the exception of Ms Maria Thompson and Cllr Shirley Hawkes who arrived at 7.08 pm and 7.10 pm respectively.