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### **MEETING OF CAUSEWAY COAST & GLENS POLICING & COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**

**On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 at 2pm**

**Via MS Teams**

**In the Chair:** Councillor Darryl Wilson

**Other Members:** Councillor Brenda Chivers, Councillor Ashleen Schenning, Councillor Adrian McQuillan, Councillor Oliver McMullan, Ald George Duddy, Councillor Philip Anderson, Councillor Sandra Hunter, Councillor Ivor Wallace, Leanne Abernethy, Steven Chambers Lee Kane, Adele Tomb, Ann McNickle, Sam McGregor, Patricia McQuillan and Caroline White

**Statutory Agencies:** Joel Cromie (Housing Executive), Erin Higgins (YJA), Deidre Bradley (EANI), Robert Blair (NIF&RS), Superintendent Ian Magee (PSNI), Chief Inspector Rory Bradley and Chief Inspector Martin Reid (PSNI)

**In Attendance:** Julie Welsh (Head of Service, Community and Culture), Jonny Donaghy (PCSP Manager) Melissa Lemon (PCSP Officer), Zara Curry (Business Support Officer), Joanne Allen (Business Support Admin) and ICT Support.

**Apologies:** Joy Hammond (NH&SCT), Gavin Hamilton (WH&SCT) and Derek McDonald

#### **WELCOME**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the February meeting.

#### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

The Chair read out the Conflicts of Interest Statement.

Ald George Duddy declared a conflict of interest with the Developing Positive Engagements Project.

Leanne Abernethy declared a conflict of interest with the Developing Positive Engagements Project.

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### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

- **4.1** Minutes of the PCSP meeting held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
These were approved on the proposal of Leanne Abernethy and seconded by Cllr Ashleen Schenning.
- **4.2** Minutes of the Public Meeting held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021  
These were approved on the proposal of Steven Chambers and seconded by Caroline White.
- **4.3** Minutes of the Public Meeting held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021  
These were approved on the proposal of Sam McGregor and seconded by Caroline White.

Ald George Duddy ask for an update on the on the £500 that had been returned to the PSNI on the 1<sup>st</sup> December at the Ballymoney Meeting. Clnsp Martin Reid said the money had been lodged in the police property and would have to wait and see the outcome of the complaint that was made to PONY.

Ald George Duddy said that the Superintendent Ian Magee had agreed publicly to attend a meeting with the Aims Project and this had not happened yet. Superintendent Ian Magee said that he had some family medical issues at this present time and would arrange a meeting soon.

The Paramilitary Crime Task Force presentation that was used at the two public meetings was requested.

A discussion took place and it was proposed by Cllr Ashleen Schenning and seconded by Sam McGregor that another two public meetings take place in Limavady and Coleraine. After a further discussion and then a vote took place with 17 voting for it was proposed that an amendment be made to the previous proposal that three public meetings take place in Ballycastle, Coleraine and Limavady with the PSNI in attendance. PCSP Staff will circulate provisional dates and venues to members.

### **UPDATE FROM STATUTORY PARTNERS**

Mark Alexander from NIHE, Deidre Bradley from EANI and Erin Higgins from YJA had circulated reports prior to the meeting.

Cllr Oliver McMullan asked the NIHE about the use of their properties in areas just being used as letter drops and not using them to live in. He said that he had passed on names and addresses to the NIHE of premises that where being used for this and asked how many investigations where being carried out. Joel Cromie from NIHE said that he would follow up with the Ballycastle office as they should have an active tenancies fraud register and would bring the information back to the next Board meeting.

The Chair thanked the statutory members for their reports.

### **POLICING COMMITTEE**

The Chair commented on the concerns that had been raised by members on the last report and to remind members of the confidentiality of these reports.

Superintendent Ian Magee thanked the Chair for bringing this to their attention and it had been reported to the DPO who had reviewed it and given advice on future content and quite a lot of details had now been taken out and the new report met with requirements.

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Cllr Philip Anderson raised concerns over the acquittal of Mr Fennel last month due to a technical issue related to a password during the proceedings and thought that this would have a negative impact on policing.

A discussion took place and on the proposal of Cllr Philip Anderson and seconded by Ald George Duddy that the Partnership write to the Minister on his thoughts on these findings and also about the lack of training for 85 officers, experienced officer retiring and leaving a vacuum of experience and that the Board would like to know what is being done with regard to these issues as it has a concern that they are all contributing to a lack of confidence in policing.

A copy of the PSNI report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

- Patricia McQuillan thanked Insp Colin Shaw for setting up a meeting to reassure residents after 8 cars had been set a light in the early hours of Sunday morning that this would be investigated. She also thanked Melissa Lemon for supplying them with cameras and light for the area.
- Cllr Ivor Wallace said that the problems are occurring again at the Riverside Park in Ballymoney with individuals coming off the trains into the area. He said that they had been throwing eggs at the pensioners' bungalows in the area. He said that the new approach was good the NPT officers were now taking names and taking the individuals back to their parents so that they could see what the problem was. Cllr Darryl Wilson said that himself and Insp Martin Reid had been in discussions about offering a diversion service.
- Ann McNickel asked about crime figures regarding driving off without paying for fuel and had been told that they don't report because the police don't see it as a crime. Insp Rory Bradley said that this was complicated and that it was up to the fore court owners to make contact the owners of the cars to get payment and the police only deal with it if it was a crime as most of the time it was only a mistake. Cllr Darryl Wilson asked how do private businesses get this information under GDPR and Insp Rory Bradley said that there was a Forecourt Watch Scheme. He said that he will get NPT to make contact with the petrol stations.
- Cllr Oliver McMullan asked for an update on the weapons that had been stole in the two burglaries. Superintendent Ian Magee said that they were not able to go into detail as it was still an ongoing investigation.
- Cllr Adrian McQuillan asked about an update on rural NPT. Insp Rory Bradley said that they had a full complement of teams back in NPT with a 16hr coverage and would see improved engagement.
- Ald George Duddy asked to get a break down of the areas that drugs are being seized in and is this with Operation Dealbreaker or officers on the ground and specifically what is J District doing. Insp Rory Bradley said that this was as a result of the work of individual teams and they report back to a centralised audit.
- Cllr Adrian McQuillan asked about the incident of a handbag being snatched in Kilrea. Insp Martin Reid said that this is an active investigation but the lady had received crime prevention advice and her details had been passed on to COAST.
- Cllr Darryl Wilson asked about a spate of break-ins for business holders in Kilrea. Insp Rory Bradley said that the CID were looking at them in depth and the NPT would have reassurance patrols.

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### **DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN**

A copy of the draft report had been circulated to members.

The Manager informed the members that just prior to the meeting that DOJ had contacted him to inform that a reduction of 2% would have to be made on the budget which worked out as £7265. Melissa Lemon added that she had been able to make some reductions on the running costs and so this brought down the reduction that was needed to be found down to £5000. A discussion took place and on the proposal of Ald George Duddy and seconded by Cllr Oliver McMullan that the PR & Campaigns budget be reduced by £2500 and that the Confidence in Policing budget be reduced by £2500. This was agreed by members.

The PCSP Action Plan with these amendments to be made was approved on the proposal of Cllr Philip Anderson and seconded by Cllr Ivor Wallace.

### **UNDERSPEND REPORT**

A report had been circulated to the members.

A discussion took place and on the proposal of Ald George Duddy and seconded by Cllr Ashleen Schenning that underspend be spent on security cameras and a selection of promotional goods. Members could use these during their engagements and monitoring of PCSP projects. This was agreed by members.

Leanne Abernethy said that she had been forwarded an email from Orlaith Quinn regarding Ardmore Drive in Portstewart. It was in reference to the removal of street lighting and how this was having an effect on residents. Leanne Abernethy proposed that the Board write to DFI about the removal of street lighting and this was seconded by Ald George Duddy. A discussion took place and it was agreed that the Board write to the Minister regarding the removal of three street lights at Ardmore Drive, Portstewart and throughout the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area and the concerns of the community about the safety implications of such removals without replacements.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- The next meeting of Causeway Coast and Glens PCSP will be held on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 at 3pm via MS Teams (please note change of time for March meeting)**

DATE	TIME	MEETING
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	2pm	PCSP
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	2pm	PCSP
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	2pm	PCSP