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MEETING OF CAUSEWAY COAST & GLENS POLICING & COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

On Thursday 7th October 2021 at 2pm

Via MS Teams

In the Chair: Councillor Darryl Wilson

Other Members: Councillor Brenda Chivers, Councillor Ashleen Schenning, Alderman George Duddy, Councillor Adrian McQuillan, Councillor Oliver McMullan, Councillor Philip Anderson, Councillor Ivor Wallace, Councillor Sandra Hunter, Councillor Leanne Peacock, Leanne Abernethy, Steven Chambers, Sam McGregor, Patricia McQuillan, Adele Tomb, and Derek McDonald

Statutory Agencies: Noeleen Connolly (Housing Executive), Gerry Davey (NIFRS), Superintendent Ian Magee (PSNI), Chief Inspector Martin Reid (PSNI) and Chief Inspector Rory Bradley (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), Ann McNickle, Lee Kane, Deidre Bradley (EANI) and Gavin Hammond (WH&SCT)

WELCOME

The Chair welcomed everyone to the October meeting.

Assist NI Advocacy Service Presentation – Michelle Martin

Michelle Martin, Project Manager for ASSIST NI gave a power point presentation on the Domestic and Sexual Abuse Advocacy Support Service. A short discussion took place and it was agreed that the presentation be forwarded out to members after the meeting. The Chair thanked Michelle for the presentation and for sharing her contact details at the end of it.

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CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The Chair read out the Conflicts of Interest Statement.

Ald George Duddy declared a conflict of interest in the Developing Positive Engagement Programme.

Leanne Abernethy declared a conflict of interest in the Developing Positive Engagement Programme.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the PCSP meeting held on Thursday 2nd September were approved on the proposal of Cllr Sandra Hunter and seconded by Cllr Ashleen Schenning.

The Chair informed the members that he was awaiting confirmation from one of the venues for the public meetings and then will forward information to members.

UPDATE FROM STATUTORY PARTNERS

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

Ald George Duddy thanked the EANI for the summer programme numbers. He asked could they provide numbers of young people that are engaging with the street work in the different areas. PCSP Manager agreed to pass on this request as there was no EANI representatives in attendance.

The Chair thanked the statutory bodies for providing the reports.

POLICING COMMITTEE

The Chair, Cllr Darryl Wilson informed members that no PSNI report had been circulated this month because of a potential breach of confidentiality within Standing Orders. This is currently being investigated and could not provide any further information.

Superintendent Ian Magee gave a verbal update for members

- 59 cases of domestic violence had been reported. Have been issues of reporting incidents and unwilling to report them the next day. Using a proactive strategy of wearing body cameras to film the injuries and then using this evidence to proceed with the cases
- Thanked Melissa Lemon for her work with SIDs and said that it has had a positive impact on the roads
- Riverside Retail Park work is to proceed with the barriers
- Port Cruises – 30 cars tested with 5 taken off the road, 20 had a prohibition order and were sent to the MOT centre with only 2 having a clean bill of health, 40 traffic tickets were issued
- Drink Driving Campaign – Morning After
- Motorcycle Safety Campaign
- 6 fatalities on the roads between 1st April and 30th September 2021
- 494 breath tests – with 87 failures
- 15 offences of burglary in September

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A discussion took place and some of the points were raised by members

- Cllr Ivor Wallace raised the issue of Riverside Park in Ballymoney and the ongoing problem with a large number of young people congregating in the park every Saturday evening. Residents in the area have contacted him saying that they are now letting off fireworks over pensioner's bungalows. Residents have been contacting 101 on a weekly basis. Cllr Darryl Wilson said that he had also been contacted by concerned residents and has spoken to Council's Environmental Health Dept to get new signs put up with the by-laws on them. Clnsp Rory Bradley said that he was working closely with Judith Lavery (Crime Prevention Officer) and Adrian (CC&G's) on this. They were also aware that large numbers of young people were coming in by trains from other areas. He asked that the reports be made using 101 as the more reports that were made the more resources they were potentially able to get.
- Ald George Duddy asked that for the next meeting
 - Could the PSNI have the crime analysis for Limavady, broken down into wards Coolessan, Roeside and Greystone Limavady for the last 3 months. To include more specifically days and times.
 - Could the PSNI have the crime pattern analysis for Armoy for the last 3 months. To include more specifically days and times.
 - Could the PSNI have the crime pattern analysis for the Riverside Park area of Ballymoney for the last 3 months. To include more specifically days and times.
 - Could PSNI provide the number of Beat Patrols carried out across Causeway Coast and Glens Borough so Members can respond to queries raised by public regarding PSNI presence.
- Ald George Duddy thanked Clnsp Rory Bradley and Cons Jonathan McKeever for the letter written by the PSNI regarding an ASB issue.
- Cllr Adrian McQuillan raised a concern about the policing of a recent football match where fans were being asked to 'bunch up' contrary to social distancing advice. PSNI agreed to look at this.
- Steven Chambers asked how many PSNI officers were in the Borough. Clnp Martin Reid said that there were 144 constables in the Borough, 2 response crews in Limavady and 4 response crews in the wider Coleraine area. He said that if any events took place that they were able to call in resources from other areas. Following a query, PSNI agreed to find out what the allocation for this area was under 'Patten'.
- Cllr Ashleen Shenning referred to Riverside Park in Ballymoney and suggested that local groups could potentially apply for funding to help address the situation.
- Cllr Brenda Chivers said that at one of the sub committees it had been proposed to write a letter to the Chief Constable regarding resources. Superintendent Ian Magee said that he mentions resources again and again at meetings that he attends but with no change. Cllr Brenda Chivers mentioned an individual where there was a concern for safety. PSNI agreed to meet.
- The Chair, Cllr Darryl Wilson requested figures for the number of times the PSNI have assisted Ambulance Service over the year.
- Leanne Abernethy raised concerns about 101 number and about PSNI Officers from certain units not giving their name when asked. Superintendent agreed to reiterate to PSNI departments that if they are in Causeway Coast and Glens area they should identify themselves when asked. The Chair encouraged everyone to use the 101 number as this is how PSNI base their resourcing.
- With regards to the potential breach of confidentiality, Derek McDonald asked if there were items of discussion that we should not be going back to the public with? Superintendent Ian Magee explained that he was encouraging open and transparent policing.

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- Ald George Duddy informed the members that on Sunday 3rd October at around 11am a picture of him and his car was taken by a PSNI officer while he was in Blackthorn Court. He had identified himself by handing the officer one of his Councillor's cards. Ald Duddy asked that this be recorded in minutes and requires to know for what purpose was the photograph taken and for what purposes the images will be used for?

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

A report had been circulated to members. On the proposal of Steven Chambers and seconded by Cllr Ashleen Schenning it was agreed that the PCSP adopt the process for filling the post of Vice Chair.

PCSP ACTION PLAN UPDATE 2020/2021

A report had been circulated on the under spend of £1906.70 in the Causeway Response Network Budget. A discussion took place and on the proposal by Ald George Duddy and seconded by Leanne Abernethy it was agreed that the monies be moved to the small grants of £500.

WORKING GROUPS

Fear of Crime – Sam McGregor – Updated members that it had been agreed at the September Board meeting that the Disability Consultation was to go back to the working group for discussion. Unfortunately this was unable to take place. On the proposal of Sam McGregor and seconded by Cllr Oliver McMullan it was agreed that the Disability Consultation to out to public consultation.

Early Intervention – Steven Chambers – Reminded members that Prof O'Neill, Mental Health Champion for Northern Ireland, would be doing a presentation on Tuesday 12th October at 3pm via MS Teams. To contact Joanne for the link to the meeting.

PCSP NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME

Jonny Donaghy informed the members that he would send out the updated information to them.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Chair reminded members of correspondence that had been sent out to members on the 4th October for a Join Committee letter regarding review of Strategic Priorities. A discussion took place and it was agreed on the proposal of Cllr Oliver McMullan and seconded by Ald George Duddy that a letter be sent to DOJ requesting an extension on the consultation period so that the Board could discuss this further and reply as a Board.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- The next meeting of Causeway Coast and Glens PCSP will be held on **Thursday 4th November 2021 at 2pm via MS Teams**

DATE	TIME	MEETING
Thursday 2 nd December	2pm	PCSP
Thursday 6 th or 13 th January	2pm	PCSP