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

**On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 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 Ivor Wallace, Councillor Sandra Hunter, Leanne Abernethy, Steven Chambers Lee Kane, Derek McDonald, Sam McGregor, Patricia McQuillan and Caroline White

**Statutory Agencies:** Mark Alexander (Housing Executive), Erin Higgins (YJA), Deidre Bradley (EANI), Gavin Hamilton (WH&SCT), Superintendent Ian Magee (PSNI), 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), Adele Tomb, Ann McNickle and Chief Inspector Rory Bradley and

#### **WELCOME**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the January 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.

#### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes of the PCSP meeting held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December were approved on the proposal of Cllr Philip Anderson and seconded by Lee Kane.

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### **UPDATE FROM STATUTORY PARTNERS**

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

Ald George Duddy asked if there was any engagement with young people in Portstewart and Portrush. Deidre Bradley from EANI said that a new youth centre would be opening in Portrush PS very shortly to deal with these areas.

Lee Kane asked about the work that was being carried out in the schools that had been discussed at the Action Planning Day. Erin Higgins from YJA said that she would have this information for the next meeting.

The Chair thanked the statutory members for their reports.

### **POLICING COMMITTEE**

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

The Chair Cllr Darryl Wilson raised concerns that he had with the level of detail in this months report and did not want a breach of confidentiality.

Following a discussion on intelligence gathering, Clnsp Marty Reid suggested inviting a representative from intelligence section to a PCSP board meeting to explain how they actually gather information and how it is used going forward.

A discussion took place on some of the points that had been raised on the report

- Cllr Oliver McMullan asked if the livestock thefts were followed up at the markets and slaughter houses. Clnsp Insp Marty Reid said that they had the capability to check the tags at the markets but wasn't sure about the slaughter houses and would have an update for the next meeting.
- Cllr Oliver McMullan asked about the weapons that had been stolen at the two burglaries that had taken place this week. Clnsp Marty Reid said that he could not give any information on this as it was an active investigation.
- Cllr Ashleen Schenning raised the issue of the 21 reports of ASB in the Coolestown area of Limavady and could she have some more information on what had taken place in only 22 days. Clnsp Marty Reid said that he would have more information for the next meeting.
- Cllr Ashleen Schenning said that she had been contacted about poachers being in Fallow Woods in Limavady as this was private land and wanted to know how to deal with this issue. She also said that allegations had been made of drug dealers maybe hiding something in it as well. Clnsp Marty Reid said that he would contact Insp Colin Shaw regarding this matter. Superintendent Ian Magee said that he had raised concerns with him and that he would get answers back to Cllr Schenning. Ald George Duddy said this was covered under the Wildlife Order NI 1985 and the PSNI will have officers that cover this.
- Steven Chambers asked about the rise in older victims of burglary and should the PCSP be making the public more aware of this. Clnsp Marty Reid said that it would have a more impact on the fear of crime for the elderly.
- Lee Kane thanked the PSNI for the data on the report regarding Spit and Bite Guards. He asked could members get a breakdown of the age groups that these were used on in the CC&G's area. He asked when these were used where they reported to the Police Ombudsman? Clnsp Marty Reid said that every time they were used they were reviewed by the District Commander and Professional Standards and by PONY. He also said that he would get information for the next meeting.
- Cllr Philip Anderson raised the issue of two attacks that had taken place on the evening of the 22<sup>nd</sup> December in Coleraine and was Coleraine a safe place to be out

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in the evenings. Superintendent Ian Magee said that these were ongoing investigations and so could not comment but said that Coleraine was a safe place.

- Cllr Adrian McQuillan said that he had been made aware of a lack of NPT in rural areas. Clnsp Marty Reid said that some changes had been made in shift patterns but the primary function of neighbourhood policing continued. He said that Cllr McQuillan should contact NPT Inspector Armour to discuss any concerns.
- Cllr Adrian McQuillan asked if the PSNI had been aware of an article that has been in a newspaper on Sunday about an individual well known to the PSNI. It referenced a holiday in Dubai and also a Christmas party that he had held in a local hotel. Clnsp Marty Reid said that he had not been aware of the event and only worked on intelligence presented to him.
- Cllr Ivor Wallace raised the concerns about the content that was now appearing on Tik Tok and Social Media and asked if the PSNI had a local team to deal with this. Clnsp Marty Reid said that he did not have a local team but was dealt with by the Cyber Crime Unit. He also stated that the Community Safety Team had issued guidance on Tik Tok.
- Cllr Ashleen Schenning asked was Text Alert still operating in the rural areas and should the PCSP be revisiting the use of it. The Manager said that he will make contact with Wendy Nixon as there had been some issues of hacking. Will bring information back to the next Board meeting.
- Ald George Duddy referred back to information that he had requested and had been noted in the October minutes but had not as yet received anything from the PSNI. Clnsp Marty Reid said that he was not aware of this request but would look into and get the information for Ald Duddy.
- Ald George Duddy asked could the number of beat patrols in the CC&G's be included in the report for next month. He also asked could it be included in the report on Operation Dealbreaker that took place in July 2021.

The Chair Cllr Darryl Wilson asked that the PSNI now also have a stand-alone focussed report/section on drugs for the PCSP Board meetings. This was agreed by members.

### **DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN**

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

A facilitated session took place with Joanne Kinnear on the Draft Action Plan. A number of amendments were put forward and on the proposal of Ald George Duddy and seconded by Cllr Oliver McMullan, a further draft be brought to the February PCSP meeting for agreement.

On the proposal of Cllr Adrian McQuillan, seconded by Cllr Philip Anderson the Manager was asked to write to the Minister for the Department of Infrastructure regarding the lack of consistency in approach with regards to the erection of SID's. It was stated that there were some anomalies on how applications from different council areas to install SIDs are dealt with by the Department. A situation now exists that SIDs are permitted or allowed to stay on DFI furniture in one council area but not in another. It was also agreed that a discussion take place with council's legal team to see if any action could be taken regarding this inequality.

A discussion took place on the need for a future discussion to take place on setting targets in order to assist members in their role of monitoring the performance of the police.

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### **UNDERSPEND CRIMINAL JUSTICE WORKER**

A report had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. A discussion took place and on the proposal of Cllr Ashleen Schenning and seconded by Caroline White, that £2000 underspend be moved to the campaigns budget to be used for a local radio campaign over the Valentine's period on domestic abuse and purchase items with the domestic abuse 24 hour helpline number printed on them hidden in the barcode.

### **DISABILITY PROGRAMME**

Sam McGregor said that at the last Board meeting it had been agreed to members that a more detailed report be sent out on the programme. The report had listed training that has now been made available for members and he strongly urged them to sign up for them as soon as possible.

### **WORKING GROUPS**

**Societal Abuse** – Notes circulated prior to meeting

**Early Intervention** – Notes circulated prior to meeting.

Melissa Lemon gave a verbal update to members that all budgets were on track. She informed members that another 3 grants had been successful which gave a total of 18 small grants and 5 large grants. This left a budget of £15,651.22 to spend with the closing date for the last grants on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 12noon. A discussion took place and it was agreed to get the budget utilised by contacting schools again. Successful groups could reapply. She asked that members promote the grants and that it would also be promoted on social media. Members agreed to use slippage money on promotional goods. A discussion took place and it was agreed that they should look at buying High Vis vests for children.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- The next meeting of Causeway Coast and Glens PCSP will be held on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 at 2pm via MS Teams (please note change of time for March meeting)**

DATE	TIME	MEETING
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2022	3pm	PCSP
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	2pm	PCSP
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	2pm	PCSP
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	2pm	PCSP