

## **NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD**

### **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 22 OCTOBER 2009 AT 5:00PM IN WATERSIDE TOWER, BELFAST**

#### **PRESENT:**

#### **MEMBERS:**

Mr Tom Buchanan  
Mr Leslie Cree  
Ms Mary McKee  
Mr David Rose  
Mr Peter Weir

#### **POLICE SERVICE OF NORTHERN IRELAND IN ATTENDANCE:**

(1) Superintendent Peter Loughins, (Policing  
with the Community Department)

#### **COMMUNITIES & POLICING TRANSITION PROJECT IN ATTENDANCE:**

(1) Mr Liam Maskey  
(1) Mr Noel Rooney  
(1) Ms Michelle Wilson

#### **OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr David Jackson, Director of Community  
Engagement  
3 Board Officials

#### **(1) Item number 9**

### **1. APOLOGIES, ETC**

Apologies were received on behalf of Mr Alex Maskey (Chairperson), Mr Brian Rea (Vice Chairperson), Mr Gearóid Ó hEára and Mr Suneil Sharma. NOTED.

In the absence of the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson, the meeting was chaired by Mr David Rose.

## **2. MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 27 AUGUST 2009**

It was:-

### **AGREED:**

That the draft minutes of the Community Engagement meeting held on 27 August 2009 be approved.

## **3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 27 AUGUST 2009**

### **3.1 PSNI Community Engagement (Item 8 Of Minutes Refers)**

The Committee was advised that officials had written to PSNI requesting an update on work in this area. A report would be brought to the Committee in due course. NOTED.

## **4. CHAIRPERSON'S BUSINESS**

The Chairperson highlighted the following engagements which he had undertaken on behalf of the Committee:-

- A briefing to District Policing Partnerships on Policing with the Community and PSNI Strategic Review – Beechlawn Hotel, Belfast - 7 October 2009;
- A study visit by West Belfast Sub-Group and the Board for representatives from Tallaght – Dublin – 14 October 2009;
- Meeting with EPIC as part of the Outreach to Loyalist and Republican Communities – 30 September 2009;
- Irish Language Outreach Event – Hilton Hotel, Belfast – 21 October 2009;
- A meeting with PSNI for an update on the development of the Action Plan to support the Policing with the Community Strategy – 21 October 2009.

The Chairperson advised the Committee of the District Policing Partnership (DPP) Conference being held on 17 November 2009 at the Slieve Donard Hotel, Newcastle.

#### **5. POLICING WITH THE COMMUNITY STRATEGY**

This matter was deferred to a future Committee meeting.

#### **6. DISTRICT POLICING PARTNERSHIP KEY ISSUES**

This matter was deferred to a future Committee meeting.

#### **7. DISTRICT POLICING PARTNERSHIP MEMBER'S ATTENDANCE**

The Committee considered a paper which provided details of a District Policing Partnership (DPP) Member who had been absent from September 2008 until September 2009 inclusive.

The DPP Member in question had previously submitted medical evidence and indicated that she had hoped to return to the work of the East Belfast Sub Group during September 2009. However, Board officials were aware that the Member had failed to attend Sub Group meetings in September 2009 and that a further medical certificate had been submitted indicating that the Member was likely to remain 'off work' for the foreseeable future.

Following a discussion:-

It was:-

**AGREED:**

- To refer this case to the Board recommending that the Member be removed from the East Belfast District Policing Partnership;
- If required that a replacement would be taken from the reserve list.

## **8. BELFAST DISTRICT POLICING PARTNERSHIP EFFECTIVENESS ASSESSMENT FOR YEARS 2008/09**

The Committee considered a paper which provided them with a report on the Belfast District Policing Partnership's progress against their effectiveness framework.

The Committee had concerns regarding the lack of communication between the Sub Group and the Belfast District Policing Partnership (DPP).

Following a discussion, it was:-

### **AGREED:**

- To write to the Belfast DPP on the issues arising out of the 2008/09 assessment;
- To arrange a meeting with the new Chair and Vice Chair of the Belfast DPP and Sub Group prior to the January 2010 Committee meeting;
- To provide the Committee with an attendance record of the Belfast DPP.
- To provide a further report to the Committee in January 2010 on Belfast DPP.

## **9. COMMUNITIES AND POLICING THROUGH JUSTICE AND POLICING**

The Chairperson welcomed Superintendent Peter Loughins, PSNI and the Communities and Policing Transition (CAPT) representatives, Mr Liam Maskey, Mr Noel Rooney and Ms Michelle Wilson to the meeting.

The representatives from CAPT and Superintendent Loughins briefed the Committee on the work of CAPT.

The Committee was advised as to who CAPT were and how they were formed.

CAPT is a cross community and cross border project which targets interface and disadvantaged areas in Belfast and Derry City Council areas, as well as the Tyrone and Donegal border region.

The Committee was advised of the various training programmes currently underway and also of future training programmes. The Committee welcomed the presentation and were very positive about the work of CAPT.

Following a discussion, it was:-

**AGREED:**

That the Committee would endorse this scheme and that the CAPT representatives would be invited back to give a presentation to the Board.

**10. THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR IRELAND (IFI) FUNDED JOINT DISTRICT POLICING PARTNERSHIP (DPP), POLICE SERVICE OF NORTHERN IRELAND (PSNI) AND COMMUNITY PROBLEM SOLVING INITIATIVE**

The Committee considered the final report on the IFI funded programme which had now been completed.

The Report contained 19 recommendations and the Committee considered the Report, the recommendations and the suggested responses.

Following a discussion, it was:-

**AGREED:**

That the Committee recommends that the Board forward the report to the IFI in keeping with the terms of the financial grant that the Board agreed to.

## **11. 2010 DISTRICT POLICING PARTNERSHIP PUBLIC CONSULTATION SURVEY QUESTIONS**

The Committee considered a paper which sought their views on the core questions for the 2010 District Policing Partnership (DPP) Public Consultation Survey.

Following a discussion, it was:-

### **AGREED:**

To refer the questions to the Corporate Policy, Planning and Performance Committee recommending that the questions be included in the 2010 DPP Public Consultation Survey.

## **12. INFORMATION PAPERS**

**12.1 DPP 12 Month Assessment of Progress Against Local Policing Plans**

**12.2 PSNI 6 Month Reports To the Board on Policing With the Community**

**12.3 Interim Reports Provided By PSNI under Part 3 of the Policing Plan 2009 – 2012**

**12.4 Annual Progress Report by PSNI to the Equality Commission on Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 and Section 49(a) Of the Disability Discrimination Order 2006**

NOTED.

## **13. SCHEDULE OF BRIEFINGS 2009**

The Committee NOTED the Schedule of Briefings 2009.

## **14. QUESTIONS FOR THE CHIEF CONSTABLE**

There were no matters arising.

## **15. COMMUNICATIONS ISSUES**

There were no matters arising.

## **16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **16.1 Times of Committee Meetings**

A discussion took place on the current timings of Committee meetings.

Members present were happy with the current timings, and it was:-

#### **AGREED:**

That the current timings would remain, but it would be further discussed at a future Committee meeting.

## **17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Thursday, 26 November 2009 at 2:00pm, Waterside Tower, Belfast.

Meeting closed (6:40pm).

**Secretariat**

**October 2009**