

NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 24 JUNE 2010 AT 2:00PM IN WATERSIDE TOWER, BELFAST

PRESENT:

MEMBERS:

Mr Alex Maskey (Chairperson)
Mr Brian Rea (Vice Chairperson)
Mr Leslie Cree
Ms Mary McKee
Mr David Rose
Mr Suneil Sharma

REPRESENTATIVES FROM COMMUNITY RESTORATIVE JUSTICE IRELAND AND NORTHERN IRELAND ALTERNATIVES IN ATTENDANCE:

(1) Mr Harry Maguire
(1) Mr Jim McCarthy
(1) Ms Debbie Watters
(1) Mr Tom Winstone

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Adrian Donaldson, Chief Executive
Dr Debbie Donnelly, Deputy Chief Executive
Mr David Jackson, Director of Community
Engagement
4 Board Officials

(1) **Item number 5 only**

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received on behalf of Mr Gearóid Ó hEára. NOTED.

No conflicts of interest arising from the agenda were declared by Members. NOTED.

2. MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 27 MAY 2010

It was:-

AGREED:

That the draft minutes of the Community Engagement meeting held on 27 May 2010 be approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 27 MAY 2010

3.1 Local Partnership Working On Policing and Community Safety: Consultation Paper (Item 5 of Meeting Refers)

The Committee was advised that a paper was presented to the June 2010 Board meeting, setting out the Committee's proposals for the Board's response to local Partnership Working Consultation. NOTED.

3.2 PSNI Policing With The Community Implementation Plan (Item 7 O Minutes Refers)

The Committee was advised that officials would be arranging a special Committee meeting, together with PSNI, to discuss Policing with the Community. NOTED.

3.3 District Policing Partnership (DPP) Vacancies (Item 10 of Minutes Refers)

The Committee noted the agreed District Policing Partnership appointments. NOTED.

3.4 PSNI Programme Boards – Local Crime and Justice Board and Service Excellence Board (Item 15.1 of Minutes Refers)

The Committee was advised that the Committee Chairperson had delegated authority to discuss the above with the Deputy Chief Executive and the Director of Community Engagement. NOTED.

4. CHAIRPERSON'S BUSINESS

4.1 District Policing Partnership (DPP) Briefings

The Chairperson advised the Committee of two briefings which had been held to provide DPP members with an overview of the Criminal Justice System. The briefings had taken place on 3 June 2010 at the Beechlawn House Hotel, Dunmurry chaired by Mr David Rose and 9 June 2010 at the Ross Park Hotel, Ballymena chaired by Mr Gearóid Ó hEára.

4.2 Presbyterian Assembly Public Meeting

The Vice Chairperson of the Committee attended the Presbyterian Assembly Public Meeting in Belfast on 7 June 2010. The theme of the event was "Bringing Justice and Policing into a Community" and focussed on the role of the Church and faith based groups in engaging with the Communities on policing issues. NOTED.

4.3 Invitation To Attend "Faith in Policing" Street Pastors Seminar

The Committee considered the invitation to attend the Faith in Policing Street Pastors Seminar.

Following discussion, it was:-

AGREED:

That Board Members would raise a question with the Chief Constable at the private session of the July 2010 Board meeting as to the appropriateness of PSNI being involved in this project.

5. YOUNG PEOPLE, THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

The Chairperson welcomed representatives from Community Restorative Justice Ireland and Northern Ireland Alternatives.

The representatives updated the Committee on the work of their organisations. It was recognised that the revision of Policing with the Community presented an opportunity to embed Restorative Justice in the Criminal Justice process.

The representatives spoke on their work with young offenders and advised the Committee of their success in this area in reducing reoffending and the reintegration of young offenders into the community.

The representatives also discussed their vision for a Justice House which would be a “one stop Shop” for local areas incorporating all the agencies involved in the criminal justice system.

The Committee recognised the work of these agencies and it was:-

AGREED:

That officials would liaise with Department of Justice officials and arrange a multi agency meeting to include a discussion as to the contribution that community restorative justice schemes can play in diverting young people away from crime or in preventing them from reoffending.

6. REVISING THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

The Committee considered a paper which informed them of the work being undertaken to revise the Board’s Community Engagement Strategy.

Following a discussion, it was:-

AGREED:

That officials would consider the issues raised made by the Committee and bring a further revision of the strategy to the next Community Engagement meeting.

7. BOARD MEMBERS' LINKS WITH DISTRICT POLICING PARTNERSHIPS

The Committee considered a paper which asked Members to consider a number of options and to recommend an option for Board Member links to District Policing Partnerships.

Following discussion, it was:-

AGREED:

That officials would develop an approach to take forward, based on comments and views made by the Committee.

8. COMMITTEE ENGAGEMENT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND MONITORING FRAMEWORK FOR 2010 – 2011

The Committee considered a paper which updated Members on the plans to take forward the Community Engagement Strategy for the year 2010/11, and on the evidence presented against the Community Engagement National Standards.

The Committee was also asked to note a recommendation arising from the Best Value Review (BVR) recommendation which remained unresolved and the evidence which had been presented to allow this recommendation to be considered as completed.

It was:-

AGREED:

That Members would consider the Best Value Review recommendation at a future Committee meeting.

9. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2010/11

Members considered the Committee's Work Programme up to March 2011 and discussed proposals to take the work of the Committee outside Waterside Tower.

Following discussion, it was:-

AGREED:

- to consider taking the work of the Committee outside Waterside Tower;
- to accept the Community Engagement Committee Work Programme.

10. INFORMATION PAPERS

The Committee considered the following information paper:-

10.1 District Policing Partnership (DPP) Financial Guidelines

NOTED.

11. SCHEDULE OF BRIEFINGS 2010

The Committee noted the information provided on the Schedule of Briefings for 2010.

12. QUESTIONS FOR THE CHIEF CONSTABLE

There were no matters arising.

13. COMMUNICATION ISSUES

The Communication Manager advised the Committee that the last hard copy edition of the District Policing Partnership (DPP) News had been published. In future, DPP News would be issued on line.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no matters arising.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Thursday, 26 August 2010 at 2:00pm in Waterside Tower, Belfast.

The Committee was also asked whether they preferred all future meetings to be held at 2:00pm.

It was:-

AGREED:

That all future Committee meetings would be held at 2:00pm.

The Committee was also advised that the September 2010 meeting had now been changed to **Thursday, 30 September 2010**.

Meeting closed (5:00pm).

Secretariat
June 2010

Chairperson