

NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 27 JANUARY 2011 AT 2:00PM IN WATERSIDE TOWER, BELFAST

MEMBERS:

Mr Alex Maskey (Chairperson)
Mr Brian Rea (Vice Chairperson)
Ms Mary McKee
Mr Gearóid Ó hEára
Mr David Rose

POLICE SERVICE OF NORTHERN IRELAND IN ATTENDANCE:

- (1) Mr Will Kerr (ACC Criminal Justice)
- (1) Chief Superintendent Alan Todd, Criminal Justice Department
- (1) One PSNI Representative, Criminal Justice Department

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

- (1) **Item number 5 only**

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received on behalf of Mr Ian McCrea. NOTED.

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

2. MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 25 NOVEMBER 2010

The Committee considered the draft minutes of the meeting.

It was:-

AGREED:

That the draft minutes of the Community Engagement Committee meeting held on 25 November 2010 be agreed.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 25 NOVEMBER 2010

3.1 Community Engagement (Item 5 of Meeting Refers)

This matter was dealt with under agenda item 5.

3.2 District Policing Partnership (DPP) – Effectiveness Framework (Item 6 of Minutes Refers)

This matter was dealt with under agenda item 8.

3.3 Newry And Mourne District Policing Partnership (DPP) Independent Member's Attendance (Item 7 Of Minutes Refers)

The Committee was advised that this matter would be referred to the February 2011 Board meeting. NOTED.

3.4 PSNI Policing With the Community Quarterly Progress Report for Part 3 of the Policing Plan 2010 – 2013 (Item 8 of Minutes Refers)

This matter was dealt with under agenda item 5.

4. CHAIRPERSON'S BUSINESS

4.1 Meeting with Department Of Justice (DOJ) Officials

The Committee was advised that a meeting would be held with DOJ officials after the Board meeting on 3 February 2011 to discuss the developing policy for Policing and Community Safety Partnerships.

The Committee also noted an update in relation to the Board's participation in the Committee for Justice oral evidence session on Policing and Community Safety partnerships.

5. POLICING WITH THE COMMUNITY STRATEGY 2020

The Chairperson welcomed ACC Kerr and his colleagues to the meeting.

ACC Kerr and his colleagues briefed the Committee on the progress to date with the refresh of the Policing with the Community (PWC) Strategy.

Members were advised that PSNI has worked to incorporate the issues raised by Members in the document and referred to the draft copy of the Strategy Implementation Plan which members have already received as part of the Committee papers.

Issues discussed included:

- Detail in relation to the infrastructure to support and deliver against the strategy, specifically;
- Incivility complaints;
- The R4 Project;
- The Policing Commitments;
- The PWC delivery guides;

- The introduction of the Individual Performance Appraisal.

The Committee also discussed issues relating to the monitoring of PWC through the Policing Plan that are subject to ongoing discussion at Corporate Policy, Planning and Performance Committee.

Members welcomed the progress that had been made on the draft strategy and agreed that the Strategy was essentially nearing agreement between the PSNI and the Board.

This is subject to finalising the issues raised at the last Corporate Policy, Planning and Performance Committee in relation to the Policing plan and PWC.

The Chairperson thanked ACC Kerr and his colleagues for attending and they left the meeting.

The Committee continued to discuss the PWC Strategy and the option of the Board contributing to the foreword to the Policing with the Community Strategy 2020

Thanks were also conveyed to Officials for their work in this process.

It was:-

RECOMMENDED:

That the Board approve the Policing with the Community Strategy and Implementation Plan for 2011/12 in principle, pending Corporate Policy, Planning and Performance Committee resolving issues around the Policing Plan;

It was:-

RECOMMENDED:

That the Board would provide a joint foreword to the Strategy.

6. POLICING WITH THE COMMUNITY AWARDS 2011

The Committee considered a paper which considered a request from the PSNI for financial support from the Board for the Policing with the Community Awards.

Following discussion, it was:-

AGREED:

To support an initial bursary of £3k and consider subsequent funding for the Awards Process subject to availability.

**7. CONSULTATION ON THE REVISED COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY
PRODUCED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

The Committee considered a paper which advised of the consultation that was being undertaken by the Department of Justice in relation to the Revised Community Safety Strategy.

Following discussion, it was:-

AGREED:

This matter would be dealt with at the February 2011 meeting when Members have had an opportunity to consider the issue.

8. DISTRICT POLICING PARTNERSHIP EFFECTIVENESS

The Committee considered a report on District Policing Partnership (DPP) effectiveness, which included:-

- An update in relation to Carrickfergus DPP;
- An assessment of Belfast DPP performance against its 2009/10 DPP Effectiveness Framework;
- A draft summary report on the effectiveness of DPPs for 2009/10 reporting year for possible publication.

Carrickfergus DPP

The Committee received an update on the performance of Carrickfergus DPP for 2009/10 following the meeting in November 2010. Officials advised that a meeting was held with Members of the DPP and the Council Chief Executive and that the DPP has agreed to re-submit a report to the Board for consideration at the next Committee Meeting.

Belfast DPP

The Committee also considered a report on Belfast DPP effectiveness. The Committee was pleased to note that all 4 Belfast sub-groups met between 10 and 12 of the 13 targets and there has been improvement in overall general attendance of Belfast DPP Members. Members however, reflected concerns at the work of the Principal Belfast DPP in relation to its role in providing the strategic direction for the sub-groups and enabling a city wide focus to the DPP work in Belfast. It was agreed to consider the role of the Principal Belfast DPP as part of the work to develop new Policing and Community Safety Partnerships later this year.

Draft Summary Report

The Committee considered a draft report on the effectiveness of DPPs for 2009/10 and agreed to publish on the Boards website.

It was:-

AGREED:

- That the Carrickfergus report would be brought back to the February Committee meeting;
- That officials would look at the role of the Principal Belfast DPP prior to the setting up of any new partnerships;
- To publish a report on DPP effectiveness on the Boards Website.

9. CONSULTATION ON CODE OF PRACTICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME

The Committee considered a paper which advised of the consultation that was being undertaken by the Department of Justice in relation to a Code of Practice for Victims of Crime.

The Committee was asked to decide if they were content with the approach being taken by PSNI in relation to victims of crime.

Following discussion, it was:-

AGREED:

To circulate to Members a copy of the PSNI Code of Practice for Victims of Crime and to raise this at the next Committee meeting.

10. INFORMATION PAPERS

10.1 Business Case For Resources To Appoint Independent Members To Future Partnerships

10.2 Update On Local Partnership Working

10.3 District Policing Partnership (DPP) Briefings on Organised Crime

The Committee noted the information papers.

11. SCHEDULE OF BRIEFINGS 2011 AND WORK PROGRAMME 2010/11

The Committee noted the information provided on the Schedule of Briefings and Work Programme for 2010/11. NOTED.

12. QUESTIONS FOR THE CHIEF CONSTABLE

There were no matters arising.

13. COMMUNICATION ISSUES

There were no matters arising.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 District Policing Partnership Members

The Committee discussed the timescale for the reconstitution of District Policing Partnerships in December 2011.

It was:-

AGREED:

A memo should be sent to all District Policing Partnership members advising that they would be in post until the reconstitution, which it is anticipated will be in December 2011, and that their allowances would be paid until then.

14.2 Proposed Budget Cuts

The Chairperson asked for clarification on the financial loss to the work of the Committee from the budget shortfall. Members were advised that some of the funding for the recruitment of DPP Independent Members had been reviewed; other areas were currently being reviewed. The Chairperson asked that this issue be kept on the agenda for a future update.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was:-

AGREED:

That a meeting would be scheduled for Thursday, 24 February 2011 at 2:00pm.

Meeting closed (4:10pm).

Secretariat
January 2011

Chairperson