

**NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 21 FEBRUARY 2008 AT 5:00PM IN WATERSIDE TOWER, BELFAST**

**PRESENT:**

**MEMBERS:**

Mr Alex Maskey (Chair)  
Mr Tom Buchanan  
Mr Leslie Cree  
Rt Hon Jeffrey Donaldson  
Ms Mary McKee  
Mr Gearóid Ó hEára  
Mr David Rose  
Mr Suneil Sharma

**KPMG IN ATTENDANCE:**       **(1)** 3 Representatives

**OFFICIALS IN  
ATTENDANCE:**

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

**(1) Item number 5**

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received on behalf of the Vice Chair, Mr Barry Gilligan. NOTED.

**2. MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON 24 JANUARY 2008**

It was:-

**AGREED:**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Community Engagement Committee held  
on 24 January 2008 be agreed.

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 24 JANUARY 2008**

**3.1 Board Members Links With District Policing Partnerships (DPPs)** (Item 3.4  
Of Minutes Refers)

Members of the Committee had been issued with a copy of "Guidance for Members' Attendance at DPP Meetings".

**3.2 Revised Code Of Practice On Functions And Responsibilities Of District  
Policing Partnerships And Belfast Sub Groups** (Item 5 Of Minutes Refers)

This matter was dealt with at item 14.

**3.3 Report From The Northern Ireland Youth Forum Recommending A Process  
To Support The Board's Future Engagement With Children and Young  
People** (Item 10 Of Minutes Refers)

This matter was dealt with at item 8.

**3.4 Programme For A DPP PSNI And Community Joint Development  
Programme** (Item 12 Of Minutes Refers)

The Director of Community Engagement advised the Committee that Members would be required to sit on the Reference Group.

It was:-

**AGREED:**

- that David Rose, Barry Gilligan and Mary McKee would represent the Committee on the Reference Group;
- The four geographical areas selected to participate covered would be Belfast, Derry/Londonderry, South Tyrone and Ards.

#### **4. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS**

##### **4.1 Institute For Conflict Research (ICR)**

The Chair advised the Committee that research was being carried out by The Institute for Conflict Research into "Policing within loyalist and republican communities and the PSNI". The Researcher would like to conduct a number of interviews with Members of the Policing Board.

Any Member interested in taking part should contact the ICR. NOTED.

#### **5. NIPB BEST VALUE REVIEW – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The Chair welcomed representatives from KPMG to the meeting. Through discussion KPMG representatives sought Members opinions in respect of several questions relating to the NIPB Best Value Review – Community Engagement function. NOTED.

#### **6. ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PUBLIC MEETINGS**

The Committee was asked to consider a paper relating to the issue of public meetings for the Community Engagement Committee. Members discussed various options and several locations and it was,

##### **AGREED:**

To hold a meeting in public in Belfast in May or June 2008 with a second meeting planned for Derry/Londonderry later in the year.

## **7. MEMBERS' LINKS WITH THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REFERENCE GROUPS**

The Committee considered a paper which asked Members to consider how best to relate to the Community Engagement Reference Groups established by the Board.

The Committee agreed it was more effective to schedule these meetings along with existing meetings. Following a discussion, it was:-

### **AGREED:**

- That Mr Suneil Sharma and Ms Mary McKee would attend the induction event on Thursday, 28 February 2008 at the Radisson Hotel, Belfast.
- That a list of future dates of meetings with the Reference Groups would be provided for Members.

## **8. PROGRESS REPORT FROM COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT BRANCH**

The Committee considered a paper which advised Members on the progress made in implementing the Board's Community Engagement Strategy. NOTED.

## **9. PROPOSALS FROM CRIMESTOPPERS REGARDING AN ANTI DRUGS CAMPAIGN IN NORTH AND WEST BELFAST**

The Committee was asked to consider a request from Crimestoppers to support the PSNI to develop an "Anti Drugs" campaign in North and West Belfast.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed that the proposal needed to be built upon, to demonstrate its engagement with the Community in North and West Belfast.

It was:-

**AGREED:**

That Crimestoppers should refer their proposal to the Policing with the Community Fund.

**10. RESEARCH ON POLICING WITH THE COMMUNITY – REQUEST FOR INTERVIEWS**

The Committee considered a request from a doctoral student at the University of Ulster to interview Board Members as part of his research. NOTED.

Following discussion, the Committee;

**AGREED**

That officials would explore opportunities to develop links with Universities.

**11. UPDATE FROM PSNI ON POLICING WITH THE COMMUNITY**

The Committee considered a paper which provided Members with an update on the work being undertaken by PSNI to implement the Policing with the Community Strategy.

Members requested further information and discussion with PSNI on this area of work and it was:-

**AGREED:**

That there should be a discussion with the PSNI when they attend the Committee meeting in June 2008.

## **12. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH PROPOSED ACTION PLAN**

The Committee considered the proposed Neighbourhood Watch Action Plan. NOTED.

## **13. REVISED DISTRICT POLICING PARTNERSHIPS (DPPs) EFFECTIVENESS FRAMEWORK**

The Committee considered a draft of the DPP Effectiveness Framework 2008/09 and noted that the development of the framework would continue throughout the coming year.

It was:-

### **RESOLVED:**

To approve the DPP Effectiveness Framework 2008/09.

## **14. REVISED CODE OF PRACTICE ON FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF DISTRICT POLICING PARTNERSHIPS (DPPs) AND BELFAST SUB GROUPS**

The Committee was asked to consider the draft Code of Practice for DPPs. The draft Code reflects the previously agreed changes following consultation with key stakeholders.

It was:-

### **RECOMMENDED:**

- That the revised DPP Code of Practice be approved by the Board and submitted to the Secretary of State for agreement to issue, and
- following agreement, to publish as appropriate.

**15. INFORMATION PAPERS**

**15.1 District Policing Partnership (DPP) Views On The Impact Of Station Closures**

NOTED.

**16. SCHEDULE OF BRIEFINGS/REPORTS 2008**

The Committee noted the Schedule of Briefings for 2008. NOTED.

**17. QUESTIONS FOR THE CHIEF CONSTABLE**

It was:-

**AGREED:**

That officials would draft a question on Policing with the Community.

**18. COMMUNICATION ISSUES**

There were no matters arising.

**19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**19.1 Policing With The Community Awards**

The Director of Community Engagement advised the Committee that the Policing with the Community Awards was scheduled for April 2008, and that representatives from the Board were required to attend this event.

It was:-

**AGREED:**

That details would be provided to all Board Members.

**20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Thursday, 24 April 2008 at 5.00pm.

(Meeting closed at 7:15pm).

**Secretariat**

**February 2008**

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**Chair**