

LISBURN AND CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Special Private Meeting of the Policing and Community Safety Partnership held in Harmony Hill Presbyterian Church Hall, Lisburn, Tuesday 17th June 2025 at 6 pm

PRESENT: Councillor A Martin (Chair)
Mr B Corr (Vice-Chair)
Councillor A Givan
Councillor B Higginson
Councillor J Lavery BEM
Councillor S Lowry
Councillor D Lynch
Councillor M McKeever
Councillor T Mitchell
Mr Nathan Anderson
Mr D Cairns
Mr D Drysdale
Ms A Playford

IN ATTENDANCE: Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council
PCSP Officer (JB)
Community Planning Manager (PT)
Community Planning Support Officer (HB)
Member Services Officers (CH & EW)

Designated Organisations
Chief Inspector M Rocks, PSNI
Inspector D Burke
Mr J Crymble, EA
Mr G Cleland, NIFRS
Ms C Cullan, YJA
Mr D Marley, NIHE
Mr C Stitt, NIHE

1. Apologies

Apologies were reported on behalf of Councillors J Gallen and C Kemp, Mrs Y Craig (Ind Member), Mr G McClory (Ind Member), Mr G Walker (Ind Member) and Superintendent K Moore (PSNI).

2. Declarations of Interest

Mr D Drysdale declared an interest in respect of item 3.1, 'Project Support Programme', in view of his committee membership of Dundonald Football Club.

3. Report of the PCSP Officer

3.1 Project Support Programme

The Partnership was informed that, in response to a call for applications under the Project Support Programme funding, a total of 23 applications had been received by the closing date of 30 May 2025. Following assessment by a panel meeting held on 4 June 2025 against pre-agreed criteria, 19 applications were deemed successful. A copy of the assessment outcomes was appended to the report for the Partnership's consideration.

The PCSP Officer reported that a total of £86,363.66 had been approved for payment, which exceeded the allocated budget for this purpose by £11,363.66. The Partnership received an overview of the scope of applications submitted, along with details of the four applications that were unsuccessful. The PCSP Officer also provided information on the application guidance and the information sessions held for prospective applicants. A verbal analysis of the distribution of funding across the District Electoral Areas (DEAs) was presented, as well as the arrangements in place to offer feedback to unsuccessful applicants.

It was proposed by Councillor T Mitchell, seconded by Mr N Anderson, and agreed that the applications for funding as detailed in the assessment panel report be approved.

3.2 Applications for Funding under £500

Chief Inspector M Rocks and Inspector D Burke (PSNI) entered the meeting during this item of business (6.13 pm).

Ms C Cullan entered the meeting during this item of business (6.16 pm).

Councillor M McKeever entered the meeting during this item of business (6.18 pm).

Councillor D Lynch entered the meeting during this item of business (6.28 pm).

The Partnership noted that two funding applications had been received for the same area and dates, submitted by two separate constituted groups.

The PCSP Officer outlined the detail of each of the below projects and responded to several questions in respect of:

- the evaluation process for all funding programmes provided by PCSP,
- deadlines and timelines for assessment of applications, and
- confirmation that attendees at events funded by the PCSP were aware that the funding had been provided by the PCSP **by way of promotional logo and acknowledgement in any written correspondence.**

In response to a question raised by Mr D Drysdale, the PCSP Officer confirmed that the outcomes of the awarded funding applications would be shared with the

Partnership at a future meeting of the PCSP. **It was agreed that the private meeting in September would be an opportune time to provide a summary of all PCSP funding and the result of out comes accountability.**

The PCSP Officer noted a request made by Mr N Anderson, asking that groups awarded funding be encouraged to submit photographs of their events. These images could then be shared on PCSP social media platforms to highlight the

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work being carried out and to promote the availability of funding to other community groups.

The PCSP Officer noted a request made by the Vice-Chair, Mr B Corr, for further discussion at a future meeting regarding oversight and scrutiny of funding applications under £500. **The PCSP Officer outlined the process in place, as agreed at a previous partnership meeting, that funding applications under £500 would be scrutied at officer level and were necessary discussions held with the chair.** Several members expressed concern that the application process for such small amounts should not be overly prohibitive, given the limited funding being requested **and that decretion should be afforded to applicants on timelines given the nature of the funding to address emergency situations.**

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor B Higginson, seconded by Councillor T Mitchell, and agreed that the award of £500 be formally approved to the following funding applications:

Group	Project	Amount Requested
PSNI	Engagement with Flaxfield Children's Home, Lisburn	£500
Pride of Ballybeen	Diversiory programme for 11 July bonfire within Ballybeen Estate, Dundonald	£500
Carryduff Regeneration Group	Safer awareness Event - Autumn	£500
PSNI	One Stop Shop – Monthly Multi Agency Drop-In Service at Leisure Plex, Lisburn (July – September 2025) to address Domestic & Sexual Violence	£500
Four Winds Community Association	Engagement events with PSNI and local community to address anti-social behaviour – August 2025	£500
Davarr Community Initiative	Diversiory programme for 11 July bonfire, Dundonald	£500
PSNI (Tabled)	Diversiory project for 11 – 13 July for engagement with Ballymacash Regeneration Group	£500
PSNI (Tabled)	Diversiory project for 11 – 13 July for engagement with Ballymacash Cultural Awareness Project	£500

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 6.38 pm.

Chair