

**Community Safety Partnership Meeting
Taughmonagh Community Forum
2nd September 2013 – 2pm**

Present:

Colin Reid Taughmonagh Residents Association, Sgt Brian McLaren – PSNI, Insp Gordy Wilkinson PSNI, Keith Addy Belfast City Council, Harry Smith Community Forum, Norman Earle Taughmonagh Residents Association, Elaine McWilliams Belfast City Council & David Elliott NIHE.

Apologies:

None given.

Introduction:

A round table introduction was given for the benefit of Elaine McWilliams. Keith introduced Elaine as his replacement as he was taking up another role.

Minutes of last meeting:

Proposed by David Elliott and seconded by Keith Addy.

Area Reports:

Police Service Northern Ireland

Sgt McLaren took Group through the PSNI Taughmonagh statistics for the period 26/06/13 to 29/08/13.

Statistical Breakdown:

- ASB 2
- Burglary 0
- Assault 1
- Criminal Damage 2
- Suspicious 0
- Theft 0
- Other/Misc 5
- Domestic 3

Sgt McLaren took the Group through the statistics by category giving some detail of each reported incident. Norman Earle addressed some issues of concern raised regarding the 11th July Bonfire and ‘buggy joyriding’ within the Balmoral Golf Club.

Northern Ireland Housing Executive

David Elliott informed that there had been only 1 instance of ASB in the area for the reporting period for a noise complaint had since been resolved.

Belfast City Council

Keith Addy informed Group that there were no ongoing issues in the Taughmonagh area. He took the opportunity to highlight a public meeting to be held in the Crescent Art Centre, date to be confirmed.

AOB:

Legal Highs

Harry Smith spoke of ongoing work with FASA around this issue.

13th 'Parade'

Colin Reid asked the PSNI to outline the reasons for the change in policy regarding the policing of the 13th 'parade' explaining that the community had felt it was heavy handed and unnecessary in particular when compared to the successful operation of the previous year.

Sgt McLaren responded by informing Group that due to the lack of a guarantee that there would be Community Representatives on the ground his superiors felt that the large numbers of PSNI on the ground was necessary.

A discussion regarding this followed.

DONM:

None set. Colin Reid to confirm.