

**Community Safety Partnership Meeting
Taughmonagh Community Forum
24th September 2012 – 2pm**

Present:

Norman Earle – Taughmonagh Community Forum, Colin Reid Taughmonagh Residents Association, Sgt Brian McLaren – PSNI, Inspector Gordy Wilkinson PSNI, Mark DeLargy – PSNI, Keith Addy Belfast City Council, Raymond Stewart BCC, James Scott FASA, Harry Smith Benmore, David Elliott NIHE & William Meehan TCF.

Apologies:

Robert Love & Kyle Morrison.

Introduction:

Norman Earle opened meeting and welcomed all in attendance.

Area Reports:

Belfast City Council

Keith Addy gave an update on the Mount Aboo situation citing that there had been a marked improvement in the area. A full time security guard had been hired to watch the new build development at night and some arrests had been made in relation to the previous act of vandalism and general criminality.

Norman Earle asked if there had been any movement on the discussions around installing CCTV in the area. Keith explained the financial aspect of such a move and now that the area had seen a decrease in anti-social activity it would be harder to justify but could always be an option in the future if the situation were to deteriorate.

Sgt McLaren also informed Group that he was currently trying to get a breakdown of the PSNI statistics for the area over the last 2 years.

Police Service Northern Ireland

Sgt McLaren took Group through the PSNI Taughmonagh statistics for the period 27/07/12 to 20/09/12.

Statistical Breakdown:

- Burglaries 2 (shed break-ins)
- Drugs 1
- Harassment 1
- Domestic 3
- ASB 1
- Assault 2

- Criminal Damage 1
- Suspicious 1

Sgt McLaren took the Group through the statistics by category giving some detail of each reported incident.

The Group had a discussion regarding on going anti-social behaviour in the area and in particular Findon Gardens. Sgt McLaren re-emphasised the importance of reporting all incidents as the PSNI can only respond and commit resources if they are aware of the issues raised.

Harry Smith took the opportunity to furnish Group with a Community Safety Newsletter that was going to be delivered to every household in the area. The newsletter contained all the relevant contact numbers and details for a variety of agencies and departments that have the power to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour.

Northern Ireland Housing Executive

David Elliott brought Group up to speed with 4 ongoing cases of anti-social behaviour that the NIHE were currently working on.

The breakdown was as follows:

- Garden 1
- Multiple Complaint 1
- Noise 1
- Neighbourhood Issue 1

FASA

James Scott spoke to Group regarding ongoing issue with young persons in the 'white lane'. He spoke of the importance regarding reaching out to this group. Colin promised to put Kyle Morrison (area Youth Worker) in touch with James as a matter of urgency in order to develop a strategy. James also informed Group of some upcoming training that is to start in the area.

AOB:

William Meehan raised the issue of DRD employed clampers in the area citing the case of an individual who had just buried his mother and was given no grace to have his car unclamped and lost hi car. Colin Reid was tasked with getting information regarding the DRD policy on car clamping.

DONM:

Monday 26th November @ 2pm, Taughmonagh Community Forum