

**Community Safety Partnership Meeting
Taughmonagh Community Forum
25th February 2013 – 2pm**

Present:

Norman Earle – Taughmonagh Community Forum, Colin Reid Taughmonagh Residents Association, Sgt Brian McLaren – PSNI, Gordy Wilkinson, Inspector PSNI, Phil Prendergast PSNI, Keith Addy Belfast City Council, Raymond Stewart BCC, Harry Smith Benmore & David Elliott NIHE.

Apologies:

Kyle Morrison.

Introduction:

Harry Smith opened meeting and welcomed all in attendance.

Minutes of last meeting:

Proposed by Raymond Stewart and seconded by Norman Earle.

Area Reports:

Police Service Northern Ireland

Sgt McLaren took Group through the PSNI Taughmonagh statistics for the period 24/11/12 to 20/02/13.

Statistical Breakdown:

- ASB 1
- Burglary 1
- Assault 5
- Criminal Damage 0
- Concern for safety 2
- Suspicious 2
- Theft 8
- Other 0
- Domestic 3

Sgt McLaren took the Group through the statistics by category giving some detail of each reported incident outlining the particularly high number of thefts for the reporting period explaining that half of these were down to residents reporting that their wheelie bins had been stolen.

Colin Reid highlighted the positive Policing from the Neighbourhood Team during the flag related protests on the Upper Malone Road but did want to point out that other PSNI officers not from the Neighbourhood Team gave false information to

residents and care workers who were trying to access the estate. Colin wanted to point out that this was the type of incident that could undo all the good work that the Community Partnership were involved with and asked that this be highlighted with their superiors.

Northern Ireland Housing Executive

David Elliott brought Group up to speed with 2 ongoing cases of anti-social behaviour that the NIHE were currently working on.

The breakdown was as follows:

- Harassment 1
- Property Issue-aerials 1

David also informed Group other cases that had since been resolved.

Belfast City Council

Keith Addy informed Group that there were no ongoing issues in the Taughmonagh area but that there were issues with a Group who were frequently hanging around the coop at the top of Mount Abo who targeted vulnerable people and who were suspected of vandalising a bus shelter across the road from the coop.

Harry Smith spoke to Group about a new Traders Group that had been set up at the Finaghy Crossroads in partnership with the Council. He also informed Group that he had put in an application to Council to fund Community Safety Newsletters and to help develop the website.

AOB:

Sgt McLaren asked the Group if they would be willing to meet representatives from the Dub Lane who were concerned at their road being blocked during the flag protests and to discuss other issues. The Group agreed to meet with their representatives.

Harry Smith asked the Group to consider becoming a neighbourhood watch area and proceeded to outline the benefits of such a move. The Group agreed to consider this in time for the next meeting.

DONM:

Monday 22nd April 2013 @ 2pm, Taughmonagh Community Forum