

**Community Safety Partnership Meeting
Taughmonagh Social Club
26th March 2012 – 2pm**

Present:

Norman Earle – Taughmonagh Community Forum, Colin Reid Taughmonagh Residents Association, Sgt Brian McLaren – PSNI, Mark Delargy – PSNI, Colin Smyth – NIHE, William Meehan Taughmonagh Social Club, Kyle Morrison Taughmonagh Community Forum, James Scott FASA, Keith Addy Belfast City Council.

Apologies:

Harry Smith – Taughmonagh Community Forum & Raymond Stewart BCC

Introduction:

Norman Earle opened meeting and welcomed all in attendance.

Area Reports:

Police Service Northern Ireland

Norman asked Sgt McLaren to give Group the PSNI's area report for Taughmonagh. Sgt McLaren proceeded to furnish Group with a printout of the PSNI statistics for the period 17th January 2012 through to 23rd March 2012. Sgt McLaren and Mark Delargy then proceeded to take the Group through the statistics.

Statistical Breakdown:

- Burglaries 0
- ASB 7
- Assault 1
- Criminal Damage 1
- Concern for Safety 2
- Suspicious 2
- Theft 1
- Other 8 (Other inc non molestation orders and civil matters)

Sgt McLaren and Mark Delargy took the Group through the statistics by category giving some detail of each reported incident. There was a discussion regarding ongoing anti social behaviour in Findon Gardens. William and Kyle informed Group about some diversionary work they intend to carry out in the form of a golf outing that would include some of the young persons believed to be involved.

There was a discussion with regard the proposed closure of the 'White Lane' that runs from the Upper Malone Road to Ramore Park.

Northern Ireland Housing Executive

Colin Smyth gave Group update on reported incidents of anti-social behaviour in Taughmonagh informing Group that there were 6 active cases although none were of a major concern. He took the opportunity to inform Group that there was a case of an individual living in a NIHE property who had no entitlement to the property. This was an ongoing case.

William raised an the issue of sub contractors who had been in the area fitting anti-freeze thermostats on oil heating systems who were inappropriately dressed and without ID. Colin Smyth agreed to raise this with the Housing Officer for the area.

Belfast City Council

Keith Addy informed Group that the Belfast City Council anti social behaviour wardens have now started a presence in the area and were working in identified 'hotspots'. Group discussion around their powers and what level of interaction they had with the PSNI.

Taughmonagh Youth Team & FASA

Kyle Morrison and James Scott spoke with regard to ongoing initiatives in the area and engagement with local young persons and informed Group that a young girls group (13-16yrs) had recently completed OCN Level I Drug Awareness.

James Scott brought Group up to date with the latest abuse 'trends' including setting wheelie bins on fire in order to inhale the fumes.

Kyle and James informed Group of some upcoming awareness sessions they had organised in the area including:

A 'Hidden Harm' course targeting parents of children. Kyle also gave a loose description of a car he believed to be involved in the transportation of illegal drugs.

AOB:

None raised.

DONM:

Monday 28th May, Taughmonagh Social Club 2pm.