

**Community Safety Partnership Meeting**  
**Taughmonagh Social Club**  
**28<sup>th</sup> May 2012 – 2pm**

**Present:**

Norman Earle – Taughmonagh Community Forum, Colin Reid Taughmonagh Residents Association, Sgt Brian McLaren – PSNI, Gordy Wilkinson PSNI, Mark Delargy – PSNI, Colin Smyth – NIHE, David Elliot NIHE, Bill Johnston Belfast City Council, Harry Smith TCF, Raymond Stewart BCC & Jackie McDonald

**Apologies:**

William Meehan, Kyle Morrison & Keith Addy.

**Introduction:**

Norman Earle opened meeting and welcomed all in attendance.

**Area Reports:**

**Police Service Northern Ireland**

Mark Delargy took Group through the PSNI Taughmonagh statistics for the period 26/03/12 to 26/05/12.

Statistical Breakdown:

- Burglaries 0
- ASB 5
- Assault 0
- Criminal Damage 2
- Concern for Safety 4
- Suspicious 1
- Theft 2
- Other 0

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, White Lane and Dub Lane.

Norman Earle asked if there was any funding available for diversionary work that could be done with a particular group of youngsters in the Findon Gardens area. Bill Johnston said there was none available from his end. Mark Delargy said that he would try Community Safety to see if any was available.

Harry Smith spoke to Group about the Bonfire Management Programme and how it helped with anti-social behaviour around the bonfires.

Norman Earle raised the issue of a young person being the victim of a sectarian attack over the previous weekend at Finaghy Crossroads.

Sgt McLaren spoke about complaints from the 13<sup>th</sup> July last year in relation to a so-called 'illegal parade'. He informed Group that he was coming under pressure from his superiors and political representation to deal with this parade. Colin Reid and Norman Earle tried to explain that this was not a parade organised by any one band or any one individual and that it just happens on the 13<sup>th</sup> night. Whilst they stated they understood Sgt McLaren's position they did want to point out that it is a once a year event where no malice takes place. Colin & Norman agreed to inform those who may take part that they ran a very real risk of prosecution, however absurd that may sound to those involved.

### **Northern Ireland Housing Executive**

Colin Smyth gave Group update on reported incidents of anti-social behaviour in Taughmonagh informing Group that one potentially volatile situation had seemed to be defused with local help.

There was a discussion around introductory tenants and the expectations on them to behave in an acceptable manner and the powers open to the NIHE if they did not.

### **Belfast City Council**

Bill Johnston gave BCC update informing the Group that the BCC Wardens currently deployed in the greater area had reported Taughmonagh to be very quiet.

### **AOB:**

Harry Smith spoke of the Community Safety website informing the Group that he received positive feedback.

### **DONM:**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July @ 2pm.**