

**Community Safety Partnership Meeting
Taughmonagh Social Club
30th July 2012 – 2pm**

Present:

Norman Earle – Taughmonagh Community Forum, Colin Reid Taughmonagh Residents Association, Sgt Brian McLaren – PSNI, Inspector Gordy Wilkinson PSNI, Phil Prendergast – PSNI, Keith Addy Belfast City Council, Raymond Stewart BCC & James Scott FASA.

Apologies:

William Meehan, Kyle Morrison, Robert Love & Harry Smith.

Introduction:

Norman Earle opened meeting and welcomed all in attendance.

Area Reports:

Belfast City Council

Keith Addy spoke of serious vandalism in the Mount Aboo area of Finaghy, including a car being set on fire, criminal damage to another car and 18 windows being smashed in an unoccupied new development over a number of nights. Although it was agreed that this was more a matter for the Benmore partnership a discussion was had within the Group exploring what deterrents could be put in place to help combat this type of behaviour.

Whilst the Group discussed the Benmore area Norman Earle took the opportunity to raise an incident regarding a car that's occupants were throwing eggs at pedestrians on Finaghy Road South.

Police Service Northern Ireland

Sgt McLaren took Group through the PSNI Taughmonagh statistics for the period 27/05/12 to 25/07/12.

Statistical Breakdown:

- Burglaries 1
- ASB 3
- Assault 2
- Criminal Damage 1
- Concern for Safety 1
- Suspicious 3
- Theft 1
- Other 5

Sgt McLaren took the Group through the statistics by category giving some detail of each reported incident also informing Group about a more recent burglary not yet included in these statistics.

Inspector Wilkinson wished to put or record his thanks for the Community assistance around the '13th parade' in the estate. Sgt McLaren informed Group that the complaints had went down from 12 in the previous 2 years to 3 this year. Norman Earle also wanted to praise the PSNI for working with the Community to achieve this progress.

Norman Earle asked if there was any update on his request for funding that may be available for diversionary work that could be done with a particular group of youngsters in the Findon Gardens area. Phil informed Norman that funding for such activities was very scarce at the present time.

Northern Ireland Housing Executive

No one from NIHE in attendance. No apologies given.

FASA

James Scott spoke to Group regarding substance abuse in the area citing a recent issue with young girls being involved in solvent abuse. Colin Reid whilst recognising the seriousness of the situation wanted to point out that the parents of the girls involved knew that they could approach the area youth worker Kyle Morrison and Kyle was able to facilitate a meeting with FASA within 24 hours.

AOB:

Sgt McLaren furnished Group with Facebook details for his Neighbourhood Team. Colin Reid promised to pass onto a more Social Network savvy person.

DONM:

Monday 24th September @ 2pm, Taughmonagh Community Forum