

**Community Safety Partnership Meeting
Taughmonagh Community Forum
24th April 2017 – 2pm**

Present:

Colin Reid Taughmonagh Residents Association, Con McCoy PSNI, Con Johnston PSNI, Stuart Muxlow UPRG, Susan Crossan NIHE, Jackie McDonald & Keith Addy Belfast City Council.

Apologies:

Norman Earle TRA

Introduction:

Colin Reid opened meeting by welcoming everyone present.

Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting were proposed as accurate by Con McCoy and seconded by Jackie McDonald.

Area Reports:

Police Service Northern Ireland

Con McCoy took Group through the stats providing some information with regard to reported incidents in Taughmonagh including a burglary in Finnis Close, a theft by a care worker and an incident of anti-social behaviour in Findon Gardens.

Con McCoy also spoke of ongoing anti-social behaviour at the old observatory in Barnetts Demesne (Dub Lane) where young people were starting fires. The Group discussed this and Keith Addy BCC informed Group that he was trying to ascertain who had ownership of the property so that we could approach them over either securing or demolishing the site.

On wider South Belfast issues the PSNI representatives also informed Group that there were young people from Taughmonagh involved in under age drinking at the Blythsfield BMX track.

Northern Ireland Housing Executive

NIHE representative, Susan Crossan had no ongoing Community safety or anti-social behaviour issues to report but did speak in relation to the anti-social behavior incident(s) in Findon Gardens highlighted by the PSNI.

Belfast City Council

Keith Addy informed Group that there were no specific anti-social behaviour incidents under investigation in Taughmonagh but spoke of wider issues including

illegal raves in Sir Thomas and Lady Dixon park that may involve young persons from Taughmonagh.

AOB

Colin asked the PSNI representatives if it was possible to run a programme with young people that were on the verge of engaging in anti-social behaviour or who were engaging in low-level anti-social behaviour. Con McCoy noted that this had been done successfully through funding from the PCSP. Colin asked if it was possible for a Group of parents to apply for this funding or would it have to go through the Youth Club. Keith Addy advised that funding would be more likely if the Youth Club applied for it.

DONM: TBC