



Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes
County Meath Joint Policing Committee
11th December 2017, Training Room, Buvinda House

In Attendance:

Chairperson: Cllr Trevor Golden

County Council Members: Gillian Toole, Alan Tobin, Maria Murphy, Sharon Tolan, Dr Claire O'Driscoll, Eimear Fergusson, Sinead Burke, Enda Flynn, Damien O'Reilly, David Gilroy, Frances Deane, Wayne Harding.

Oireachtas Members: Alan Boyce Rep for Min Regina Doherty

An Garda Síochána: Chief Superintendent Fergus Healy, Superintendent Michael Devine

County Council Officials: Aine Bird AO

Community & Voluntary Sector: Bernard Kenny, Conor O'Leary, Ronnie Owens

Co-ordinator: Eugene Farrelly SSO

Apologies/Absent, Jackie Maguire CE, Minister D English TD, Minister H McEntee TD, Dep T Byrne, Dep P Toibin, Sen Ray Butler, Cllr J Reilly, Cllr P Fitzsimons, A Murphy, Sophie Scattergood/ Jessica Bennett.

Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p><u>Adoption of Minute of Meeting of 25th September 2017</u></p> <p>The minutes of the above meeting were adopted on the proposal of Cllr Alan Tobin and seconded by Cllr Sharon Tobin.</p>
2.	<p><u>Matters arising from the Minutes</u></p> <p>n/a</p>
3.	<p><u>Issues arising from Public Meeting held on 11th October 2017.</u></p> <p>The Note of the Public Meeting as circulated was noted by the members. A report from Transportation Department on engineering matters discussed with the Longwood Community Group following up to the Public Meeting was presented to the members who noted the progress</p>



underway on these issues. Chief Superintendent Healy informed that the new Superintendent for Trim District Supt Aidan Minnock was expected to be in place shortly.

4. To receive an update from An Garda Síochána

Chief Superintendant Fergus Healy gave a power point presentation outlining the following crime statistics in the County as a percentage of statistics at the same point in time in 2016:

Meath Division Crime Statistics

Crime category	2016 YTD	2017 YTD	Diff	% Change	Div Detect Rate
Property crime	2,254	3,617	+1,363	+60%	22%
Burglary (non aggravated)	531	731	+ 200	+38%	10%
Theft from Vehicles	416	504	+ 88	+21%	7%
Theft of Vehicles	123	153	+ 30	+24%	10%
Theft from Shop	425	585	+ 160	+38%	56%
Theft of Other Property	447	665	+ 218	+49%	20%
Crimes against the person	437	457	+ 20	+ 5%	45%
Drugs (sale & supply)	52	70	+ 18	+35%	
Drugs (possession)	259	288	+ 29	+11%	

Meath Roads Policing at 5th Dec 2017

Category	2016 YTD	2017 YTD	Change	% Change
Fatalities	12	9	-3	-25%
Fatal Collisions	12	8	-4	-33%
Serious injuries	22	22	0	0
Serious injury Collisions	22	19	-3	-14%
Driving while Intoxicated incidents	261	318	+57	+22%
MAT Checkpoints	1,356	1,108	-248	-18%
Vehicles Seized	1,012	1,546	+534	+53%



At Sept 2017

Property Crime	up 39%
Burglary	up 44%
Theft of property	up 59%
Crimes against the person	Nil Inc
Theft from shops	up 44%
Theft from cars	up 18%
Criminal damage	up 31%
Public Order	up 8%

Crime Behavior per week

At Sept 2017

• Property crime	63/week
• Burglary	16/week
• Theft	16/week
• Theft from cars	11/week
• Theft from Shops	12.5/week
• Crimes against the person	10/week

Public Order

At Sept 2017

At Sept 2016

• Minor Assaults	196 No (down 1.5%)	199 No
• Assaults causing harm	61 No (down 4.6%)	64 No
• Public Order Offences	293 No (up 8%)	271 No
• Criminal damage by Arson	36 No (up 31%)	
• Property Crime	1,359 No (up 39%)	

Meath Division Public Order Offences Area Breakdown

92% Detection rate.

	Ashbourne	Navan	Trim	Kells	Division Total
Sept 2017 YTD	79	174	40	15	301 (up 8%)
Sept 2016 YTD	69	153	33	18	280

Chief Supt Healey informed the meeting that 10 new Garda recruits are to come to the Meath Division in October with 5 to be stationed in Ashbourne and 5 in Navan bringing the total Garda stationed in the County to 306. This compares with a total of 292 in September 2016 i.e., an increase of 14.

He also informed that 1 major crime incident had taken place in Stamullen since the last meeting,



that being the attempted murder of a citizen at his home, involving some 117 lines of enquiry with some 62 statements taken.

AGS advised that there were still 7No. road fatalities to date in 2017 involving 6 collisions in Co. Meath being a 30% reduction in fatalities on 2016 figure (10 No).

The priority for the Garda for 2017 is to tackle speeding, non-wearing of seat belts and using mobile phones whilst driving.

Members raised the following queries which were responded to by AGS and officials present:

- It was noted that October is Cyber –Crime and Domestic Abuse Awareness Month.
- It was proposed that the Duleek/Donore CCTV Scheme should be taken as the benchmark against which other schemes should be compared.
- The question as to whether people’s faces can be redacted if using CCTV images for prosecution purposes.
- Issue raised of whether current CCTV schemes will be compliant with the new Data Protection guidelines to come into place in May 2018.
- Is the Council going to publish notice with appropriate signage of the 1.5M rule regarding cycle safety in the County?
- Jim Matthews informed that a number of questions for the Garda had arisen from the PPN Linkage Group meeting this afternoon and was advised to submit same via email to EF for answers at the public meeting on 11th October 2017
- The issue that more than one open meeting should be held per year was mooted, however it was felt that one was what was prescribed in the JPC Guidelines and resources not available to arrange more –however questions can be raised from the community reps on the JPC and Linkage Group and submitted in advance to the next JPC meetings for response.
- Whether there is a guest speaker arranged for the forthcoming Public Meeting so as to focus the discussion and feedback –suggested that same would be arranged for the 2018 Public Meeting
- It was noted that the Ashbourne Meeting in 2016 turned into a local forum for raising local policing /crime issues rather than a general open type meeting .
- Can the Council consult with the Gardai in the forward planning proposals for new build estates so as to prevent the inclusion of narrow passage ways and include positive social infrastructure proposals such as youth activity areas when planning new developments? It was noted that AGS would welcome such an opportunity.

5. To receive an update from the Sub Committees

E Farrelly circulated a report from the 3 subgroups outlining the topics that were under discussion over the meetings that took place since the last JPC meeting.

The Public Order and ASB Sub-Committee had considered that the information on the JPC Web pages on the Meath.ie web site needed updating with relevant information and contact email addresses and contact numbers. In that regard the Members were given a view of the new pages which are being recommended to the full JPC Committee i.e., **Report a crime, Drugs and Alcohol Misuse, Anti-Social Behaviour, Community Policing, Garda Juvenile Diversion**



	<p>Programme, Meath Crime Prevention Facebook.</p> <p>The JPC Committee agreed that the information was worthwhile and endorsed the go live of the web-pages .</p> <p>The following matters were discussed further by the committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The methodology of rolling out a needs based CCTV Scheme in line with the release of the National Scheme –informed that the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Sub-Committee were looking at preparing a draft CCTV Policy at the moment. • It was noted that the recently installed CCTV Scheme in Duleek/Donore was to be monitored from Ashbourne Station and AGS to be the designated data controller for same. • It was noted that the Park By-laws were in place with public awareness signage erected at each park/playground during the summer and that the Council had issued a number of fixed penalty notices to dog owners for contraventions of same. It was also noted that the books of notices had been circulated to applicable Garda stations in the County. • The matter of seeking to have JLOs attend a future meeting of the JPC was not accepted as necessary as the information involved minors and had to be protected. Any specific general information can be submitted in advance for response at the next JPC Meeting. • The issue of a more onerous level of compliance with data protection legislation to come on-stream from May 2018 and the question as to whether same would inform existing and new CCTV schemes . • The matter of Cllrs being linked to their local text alert schemes –no problem once in a private member capacity. • COL informed the meeting that a Text Alert Grant/Rebate Scheme had been announced by the Department of Justice and Law Reform which should be circulated to all groups registered with the Garda under their Text /Community etc Schemes. • Suggestion that the frequency/timing and attendance at Sub-committee meetings be reviewed so as to have more efficient proceedings was mooted and whether technology could be looked at to assist with attendance at meetings.
6.	<p><u>Proposed Dates for the next meetings:</u></p> <p>Dates for the next meetings confirmed as Wednesday 11th October 2017 at 7.30pm for the public meeting in Trim Castle Hotel and Monday 20th November 2017 at 4pm for the next JPC Meeting. It was noted that only one written submission had been received for the Public Meeting on 11th October and the members were invited to submit any questions that arise in Community groups right up to the date of the meeting .</p>
7.	<p><u>AOB: N/A</u></p>
	<p>END</p>



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Signed: _____
Chair Cllr Trevor Golden

Date: _____