



Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes
County Meath Joint Policing Committee
20th July 2016, Council Chamber, Navan

In Attendance:

Chairperson: Alan Tobin

County Council Members: Gillian Toole, Maria Murphy, Sharon Tolan, Eimear Ferguson
Caroline Lynch, David Gilroy , Joe Reilly .

Oireachtas Members: none

An Garda Síochána: Superintendent Michael Devine

County Council Officials: Fiona Fallon

Community & Voluntary Sector: Carol O’Flaherty, Conor O Leary, Bernard Kenny, Eboni
Burke & Jessica Bennett (CnanOg)

Co-ordinator: Áine Bird, Meath County Council

Apologies: Min D English, Dep. R Doherty, Dep H McEntee, Dep P Toibin, Dep T Byrne, Dep S
Cassells, Cllr S Tolan, Cllr S Drew, Cllr J Fox, Cllr P Fitzsimons, Cllr T Golden, Cllr F Deane, Cllr
W Harding, A Murphy, T Fitzpatrick, J Matthews, T McElhinney, B Lynch DoS.

Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p><u>Adoption of Minutes of 21st April 2016</u></p> <p>The minutes of the above meeting were adopted on the proposal of Gillian Toole and seconded by Maria Murphy.</p>
2.	<p><u>Matters arising from the Minutes</u></p> <p>There were no matters arising from the Minutes</p>
3.	<p><u>To receive a presentation on the CE scheme for Drug Rehabilitation</u></p> <p>Lisa Gavillet of North East Regional Drugs Task Force & Joe Kearney CE Supervisor & Co-Ordinator of the scheme gave a presentation on the Meath Drug Rehabilitation Community Employment Scheme.</p> <p>The scheme is in operation for a year and is based out of offices on Kennedy Road. 12 participants are currently on the scheme. Support workers, rehabilitation co-ordinator and education & training co-ordinator work with the participants. The programme was established following a survey conducted with current Addiction Service users to seek their views on what would help with their rehabilitation/recovery. Based on the survey of which</p>



	<p>80% males responded and 18% females, 80% were interested in participating on a scheme. The scheme is based on a mix of accredited education with soft skills relating directly with rehabilitation and personal development. To date the programme has covered the following areas: nutrition and healthy eating, community addiction studies, woodwork, meditation, relapse prevention etc. The participants must be available and committed to attend 19.5 hrs per week and participate, is drug free and over 18 years of age. The outcomes for the participants are improved educational levels, increased employability likelihood, improved mental health, coping skills, reduced risk of relapse and increased confidence. The scheme is for four years and after this can go onto a normal CE scheme.</p> <p>The committee raised the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any plans to develop a female programme. • How do you review the programme and track progress • Where do clients go post CE scheme • Clients education varies in schemes, how do tutors deal with this. <p>Lisa & Joe responded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No plans for female only, decline in women seeking CE schemes due to childcare issues. • Women will lose childcare benefit if went on scheme, this issue gone to national level. • Tracking process in place i.e track education success, mental health and physical health. • Low drop-out rate, only 4 have dropped out of 16 participants. • The scheme is for 4 years, to get client back on track, 5th year the client then goes on a normal CE scheme. • The education varies within the group and poses a problem with teaching. Working with the ETB as no funding for tutors. Need specialised tutors to work with addiction clients. • Annual assessments required by the DSP with targets to reach. • 2 clients are in fulltime education and 2 in part time education. • Employment more difficult to get into. • CE scheme in Navan only as no budget for transport for clients to attend schemes if in other parts of the county. • Budgets come from fund-raising and any available grants.
<p>4.</p>	<p><u>To receive an update from An Garda Síochana</u></p> <p>Superintendent Devine gave a verbal report outlining the following crime statistics in the County.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He advised that there is a reduction in crime activity in the county however there has been an increase in road traffic fatalities. • He said that 7 persons were killed in 2016 which is an increase of 2 on 2015. Serious accidents are down by one. • Drink driving is up 21% with 3000 breath tests completed this year. 23



arrests made in last Quarter.

- Burglary down 45%
- Vehicle theft down 22%
- Unlawful taking of vehicles down 43%
- Shop theft down 20%
- Crimes against persons down 18%

Continue visits to schools under the schools programme and held the annual open day at Ashbourne fire station with 30 children visiting.

Recently had a crime prevention stand at Tayto Park. Facebook is now reaching 20,000 persons with the Chronicle reaching 35,000 persons.

Committee raised the following issues:

- Why are burglaries down in Ashbourne
- Is shoplifting in Trim seasonal
- Where are the worst areas for offences
- No response from some stations such as Dunboyne.
- Abandoned vehicles causing problems.
- One car still abandoned at Gormanstown beach, when will it be removed.
- Environment SPC preparing procedures and policy for abandoned cars, will liaise with guards and bring to the JPC.
- More guards needed for Dunboyne as easy access.
- Require list of text alert schemes for Navan MD.
- Community Text Alert – Sergeant only sends texts
- Can persons be prosecuted if parked on cycle lanes/ disabled bays as no bye-laws in place in Ashbourne.
- Legislation and criteria in place for putting in double yellow lines

Supt. Devine responded to the above queries:

- Burglaries down due to more checkpoints
- Drugs driving included under drink driving statistics
- Shoplifting in Trim down to transient shoplifters and more security now installed at Lidl.
- No worst areas or spike in any areas within county.
- Reduction in reserved guards and some have resigned.
- If car abandoned and there's criminal damage, guards deal with vehicle and dispose of it.
- Due to get 5 more guards for Navan, if get more they will be moved around.
- Will look at text alert scheme and train up other guards to send texts.
- Can council send letter to guards in Ashbourne and Ratoath advising that signage now up for cycle lanes, this will allow guards to prosecute cars that are parking on the cycle ways.



5.	<p><u>To receive an update from the Sub-Groups</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Order & ASB group have met and are working on objectives and actions • Community Safety & Crime Prevention group is working on the crime prevention ambassador’s programme with the focus on Older Persons. • Road Safety & Improved Driver Behaviour group is working on an awareness campaign for 30km speed limit, mobile phone use when driving, 3rd worst in country and what can be done, walking awareness campaign with RSA and feedback on CCTV in Navan. • Next meeting of the sub-groups is Wednesday 14th September at 2pm in Navan Municipal District offices, Watergate Street.
6.	<p><u>Agree a date for the JPC annual public meeting:</u></p> <p>Tuesday 4th October at 7.30pm in the Ashbourne House Hotel.</p>
7.	<p><u>Agree a date for next meeting :</u></p> <p>Tuesday 6th September at 3pm in Council Chamber, Co Hall</p>
8.	<p><u>AOB:</u></p> <p>Update on unauthorized vehicles at Tara? The council is working with the guards on the matter as there is a statutory process to follow to remove unauthorized vehicles.</p>

Signed: _____
Chair Cllr Alan Tobin

Date: _____