

## **Joint Policing Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Venue: Kells Alpha Building**

**Date: 18<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

**Time 9.30a.m.**

**Chair:** Cllr. Regina Doherty

**Attendance:** Cllrs. Ann Dillon-Gallagher, Noel Leonard, Francis Deane, Oliver Fox, Jim Holloway, Seamus O' Neill, Nick Killian (Community Representative), Shaun Lynch, Chief Superintendent Padraig Rattigan, Superintendent Michael Devine, Sergeant Peter Gilsenan, Michael Killeen Director of Service, Olive Falsey A/Senior Executive Officer.

**Apologies:** Deputies Thomas Byrne, Johnny Brady, Mary Wallace, Cllrs. Joe Reilly, Maria Murphy, Niamh McGowan, Wayne Harding, William Carey, Charlie Traynor.

**Councillor Regina Doherty** opened the meeting and welcomed Councillors Dillon-Gallagher and Leonard who were nominated to the JPC following the resignation of Councillors Yore and Campbell.

**1. Adoption of Minutes of the meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> February 2010.**

Minutes of the meeting of **12<sup>th</sup> February 2010** were adopted on the proposal of **Cllr. Francis Deane** and seconded by **Shaun Lynch**.

**2. Correspondence**

**3. Updates from Work Groups**

**3.1. Older People**

The issue of checking on elderly people who live alone was discussed and the committee was informed that a Community Garda will travel with 'meals on wheels' delivery as a support to the elderly.

**3.2. Traffic**

Two schools one in Kilcloon and one in Donacarney, have been identified for road safety assessments. The assessments will be conducted by Michael Finnegan, Meath Co.

Council's Road Safety Officer, and will be examined by the JPC.

Councillor Leonard raised the issue of the location of Mulhussey School and informed the Committee that a planning application for a 'set down' area is currently with the Planning Department. It was agreed that a letter would issue from the JPC in support of this application.

**3.3. Anti-Social Behaviour**

- The legislation regarding the closure of head shops was welcomed.
- The ASB group is addressing broad difficult issues and have agreed to make contact with the Gardaí to assist at sub-committee meetings. The ASB group will be provided with a list of Sergeants who deal with community policing.

- “Copping on Group”: It was agreed to implement this programme in schools from September. It was agreed to organise a presentation on the programme for the JPC and invite representatives from Foróige, Meath Youth Federation, Comhairle Na nÓg and the five Community Garda Sergeants.

#### **4. AOB**

- A question was asked on the matter of whether the Traffic Corps is used in the most effective areas. Chief Superintendent Rattigan explained that there are two units, one in Kells and one in Ashbourne. With regard to traffic inspection, it is not possible to patrol all the small towns and villages in the County.
- Michael Killeen Director of Services was wished well in his forthcoming retirement and thanked for his commitment and dedication to the work of the JPC. Bill Sweeny, who recently retired, was also thanked for his work with the setting up of the JPC.

This concluded the business of the meeting.