



Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes
County Meath Joint Policing Committee
22nd May 2017, Council Chamber, Navan

In Attendance:

Chairperson: Cllr Alan Tobin

County Council Members: M Murphy, T Golden, S Tolan, Dr Claire O’Driscoll E Ferguson, D O’Reilly,

Oireachtas Members: Dep. Shane Cassells TD, Dep T Byrne,

An Garda Síochána: Chief Superintendent Fergus Healy, Supt. Mick Devine

County Council Officials: Jackie Maguire CE, Barry Lynch DoS, Fiona Fallon SEO

Community & Voluntary Sector: Bernard Kenny, Jim Mathews, Conor O’Leary, Sophie Scattergood, Jessica Bennett

Co-ordinator: Eugene Farrelly, Meath County Council

Apologies/Absent, Minister D English TD, Min H McEntee TD, Cllr J Fox, Cllr W Harding ,Cllr D Gilroy,Cllr J Reilly, A Murphy, T Fitzpatrick, Carol O’Flaherty, Cllr P Fitzsimons ,Cllr G Toole, Cllr E Fergusson ,Cllr C Lynch, Cllr F Deane, Cllr J Reilly, Dep P Tobin, Sen Ray Butler

Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p><u>Adoption of Minutes of 27th February 2017</u></p> <p>The minutes of the above meeting were adopted on the proposal of Cllr Sharon Tolan and seconded by Jim Matthews.</p>
2.	<p><u>Matters arising from the Minutes</u></p> <p>n/a</p>
3.	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Correspondence was received from Kells Municipal Authority in respect of the decision to move the Traffic Core headquarters from Kells to Dunshaughlin was noted by the Committee and addressed in AGS Report to the Meeting. ❖ Correspondence received from Dept of Justice outlining the launch of the National CCTV Scheme was noted by the Committee and that said information had been circulated to the PPN Network recently. It was agreed to refer this matter to the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Sub Committee for discussion.



<p>4.</p>	<p><u>To receive a presentation on Meath County Councils Abandoned Cars Policy</u></p> <p>A powerpoint presentation was made to the Committee from G Twomey SSO Environment Dept which addressed the matter of dealing with abandoned cars in the county. A number of questions raised by members were answered by the officials present.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><u>To receive an update from the Sub Committees</u></p> <p>E Farrelly circulated a report from the 3 subgroups outlining the topics that were under discussion over the meetings that took place since last JPC meeting.</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. • It was noted that the recently installed CCTV Scheme in Duleek/Donore was monitored from Ashbourne Station and AGS are the data controller for same. • A query was raised in relation to the intoxicating liquor bye-laws in Navan and if fines can now be issued. AGS informed that the public order legislation was adequate to deal with street drinking and that it was not practical to introduce bye-laws across the county as they would not be enforceable. • It was noted that any CCTV proposal required a letter of consent from the JPC before submission of a proposal to the Commissioner. • The enforcement of Park Bye-laws were discussed and the Committee advised that when the signage was put in place discussions should commence between the Environment Dept and AGS regarding enforcement. • 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 suggestion that local Chambers of Commerce might be the promoting body in respect of new CCTV schemes was put forward. • A coordinated approach between the MCC and AGS was suggested in identifying where CCTV might be of benefit in the County. AGS suggested that the larger urban areas in the County might benefit most from a CCTV scheme. Priority areas are to be identified by the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Sub Committee.
<p>6.</p>	<p><u>To receive an update from An Garda Síochána</u></p> <p>Chief Superintendant Fergus Healy gave a verbal update outlining the following crime statistics in the County as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal Crime up 15% • Burglary up 42% • Theft of property up 48%

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crimes against the public up 4% • Theft in shops up 10% • Theft of cars down 26% <p>Crime patterns were most pronounced in South Meath, East Meath and Ashbourne areas, however Operation Thor has been successful in addressing out-spill of crime from west Dublin.</p> <p>5 new Gardai have been stationed in Navan bringing the total new recruits up to 30. It is hoped a further 5 new Gardai recruits will come to Ashbourne station shortly. AGS advised that there were 6 fatalities to date in 2017 in Co. Meath. The priority for 2017 is to tackle speeding, non-wearing of seat belts and using mobile phones whilst driving.</p> <p>He informed that the Traffic Corp was moved from Kells to Dunshaughlin for operational reasons and that there would be an increased level of enforcement as a result and that there would be no adverse effect in the Kells District. The level of crime was greatest in South Meath and the Dublin commuter belt and increased Garda presence was necessary in those areas.</p> <p>AGS are presently tendering for a towing service for abandoned cars in the County. There has been an increase level of burglaries from unattended properties both commercial and domestic in the County.</p> <p>Members raised the following queries which were responded to by AGS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laytown beach needs extra policing during the summer season due to summer students drinking at the beach area. • Anti-social behavior an issue in East Meath area including car racing on the beach • Draft Beach Management Plan being put on display shortly and agreed that the JPC would make a submission to same. • The Dunboyne/Maynooth road has become an accident black-spot and action required on speed limits , Garda enforcement with speed cameras etc • Responsibility for policing between Blanchardstown District and Ashbourne District where cross-over issues occur. • The matter of whether bye-laws were needed to prosecute illegal parking in bus-lanes, double yellow lines, footpaths, cyclepaths etc was clarified by BL in that bye-laws were only needed where paid parking was to be introduced. CS Healey informed that he had instructed local management to tackle illegal parking. • It was noted that both Park and Beach Bye-laws have provisions for dealing with illegal drinking in those locations. • Cycle lanes at Gormanstown sharing road with traffic – potential danger to oncoming traffic • Are abandoned cars on the beach included in abandoned car policy and is there a charge for removing cars which have been caught by the tide.
7.	<p><u>Agree Date/Location for JPC Public Meeting</u></p> <p>It was agreed that the JPC public meeting would take place in the Trim Municipal District in early October. Date to be circulated once a venue had been confirmed.</p>



8.	<u>Proposed Dates for the next meetings:</u> Dates for the next meetings confirmed as Monday 25 th September 2017 at 4pm and Monday 20 th November 2017 at 4pm.
9.	<u>AOB: N/A</u>
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Signed: _____
Chair Cllr Alan Tobin

Date: _____