

Joint Policing Committee Meeting Minutes

Venue: Athlumney House, Navan

Date: 26th October 2010

Time 9.30a.m.

Chair: Cllr. Regina Doherty

Attendance: Cllrs. Noel Leonard, Wayne Harding, Jim Holloway, Seamus O' Neill, Maria Murphy, Tracy McElhinney, and Joe Reilly. Deputy Thomas Byrne, Charlie Traynor (Community Representative), Superintendent Michael Devine, Kevin Stewart Director of Service, Martin Rogers Senior Executive Officer.

Also in Attendance: Larry Whelan SEO Meath County Council, Sergeant Peter Gilsenan, Deirdre Bigley Copping On Programme.

Apologies: Chief Superintendent Pdraig Rattigan, Deputy Johnny Brady, Cllrs. Ann Dillon-Gallagher, Willie Carey and Oliver Fox.

Councillor Regina Doherty opened the meeting and welcomed new members Kevin Stewart and Martin Rogers to the Committee following the retirements of Michael Killeen and Bill Sweeney.

1. Adoption of Minutes of the meeting of 18th June 2010.

Minutes of the meeting of **18th June 2010** were adopted on the proposal of **Cllr. Noel Leonard** and seconded by **Councillor Seamus O'Neill**.

2. Matters Arising

Councillor Doherty indicated that there was a commitment to having the schools at Kilcloon and Donacarney assessed from a road safety viewpoint and a report would be provided shortly in this regard.

3. Correspondence

It was noted that a Consultation Seminar on White Collar Crime was proposed for Friday 5th November next. It was agreed that Councillors Regina Doherty (Chair) and Seamus O'Neill (Vice Chair) would attend on behalf of the JPC.

4. To receive a Draft Anti Social Behaviour Strategy prepared in accordance with Section 35 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 in respect of the prevention and reduction of Anti Social Behaviour in the Housing Stock of Meath County Council and Navan, Kells & Trim Town Councils.

It was noted that a report (as well as a copy of the Draft Strategy) had been circulated to each Member in advance of the meeting. The report set out the obligations of the Meath Local Authorities in terms of the prevention and reduction of anti social behaviour in its housing stock. It was pointed out that as a prescribed body under the legislation the Council was required to consult with the JPC.

A PowerPoint presentation (copy attached) was provided by Larry Whelan SEO Housing who indicated that the last date for receipt of submissions on the Draft Strategy was 29th October. He explained that the Draft Strategy together with any submissions received

would be put before the SPC and then the full Council for adoption at its November meeting. A detailed discussion was then held at which all Members contributed.

5. To Receive a presentation on the “Copping On” Programme

A presentation (copy attached) was provided by Deirdre Bigley on the “Copping On” programme which was a national multi agency crime awareness initiative aimed at reducing the risk and incidence of offending and damaging behaviour in young people. The presentation set out the ethos, the aims & objectives, the key aspects and the benefits of the programme.

Following a discussion the Chair thanked Deirdre for her interesting and informative presentation.

6. To receive a presentation on Community Policing.

A presentation was provided by Sergeant Brian Dineen on community policing which included (a) the national background (b) the role of the Community Garda (c) the initiatives (d) its application in Meath.

There was then a full discussion on the merits of the scheme and questions raised were answered.

7. AOB

- It was noted that Local Authority National Accessibility Week 2010 was proposed to take place from 29th November to 3rd December and was designed with a particular focus on illegal and inconsiderate parking. The theme of the week was to be “Park Right” and the campaign was to create awareness of the impact of illegal parking on groups like disabled people, wheelchair users, parents with pushchairs and older people. It was agreed that zero tolerance be applied in such case of illegal parking. It was pointed out that the enforcement of illegal parking in disabled bays in private car parks was limited.
- Garda Authorities pointed out that there was a backlog on the completion of forms for work clearance due to the extent of applications.

This concluded the business of the meeting.