



Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes
County Meath Joint Policing Committee
25th September 2017, Training Room, Buvinda House

In Attendance:

Chairperson: Cllr Trevor Golden

County Council Members: G Toole, A Tobin, M Murphy, T Golden, S Tolan, Dr Claire O'Driscoll, D O'Reilly, P Fitzsimons, D Gilroy, F Deane,

Oireachtas Members: Dep. Shane Cassells TD, Alan Boyce Rep for Min Regina Doherty

An Garda Síochána: Chief Superintendent Fergus Healy,

County Council Officials: Barry Lynch DoS, Fiona Fallon SEO

Community & Voluntary Sector: Bernard Kenny, Jim Mathews, Conor O'Leary, Carol O'Flaherty, 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 E Ferguson, Cllr J Fox, Cllr W Harding , Cllr J Reilly, Cllr C Lynch, Cllr F Deane, A Murphy, T Fitzpatrick, Sophie Scattergood/ Jessica Bennett, Supt. Mick Devine

Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p><u>Adoption of Minute of Meeting of 22nd May 2017</u></p> <p>The minutes of the above meeting were adopted on the proposal of Cllr Maria Murphy and seconded by Jim Matthews.</p>
2.	<p><u>Matters arising from the Minutes</u></p> <p>n/a</p>
3.	<p><u>Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson</u></p> <p>As required under the JPC guidelines the chairperson of the JPC should be reviewed after 2 years. Cllr Alan Tobin announced his decision to stand aside as Chair of the JPC for its remaining term and proposed Cllr Trevor Golden to the position of Chairperson which was seconded by Cllr Damien O'Reilly. Cllr Trevor Golden was deemed elected.</p> <p>Cllr Golden congratulated Cllr Tobin for his stewardship of the JPC from its resumption in September 2015 to date and congratulated the members on its achievements to date. As he was now Chairperson, a new Vice Chair was required. Cllr Trevor Golden sought nominations for the</p>



	<p>role and in that regard Cllr Alan Tobin was proposed by Cllr Sharon Tolan and seconded by Cllr Maria Murphy and was deemed elected.</p>																																																																				
<p>4. <u>Correspondence/membership</u></p>	<p>❖ Correspondence was received from Cllr Caroline Lynch and Cllr Joe Fox indicating they would be resigning their positions from the Joint Policing Committee. The Committee accepted their resignations and were informed that proposals for their replacements would come before the October Council meeting.</p> <p>❖ The Committee also noted that the PPN JPC Linkage Group, which have the nomination rights for 4 of the 7 Community members on the JPC had met just prior to this meeting. Ronnie Owens was nominated to join the JPC and was warmly welcomed onto the Committee.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Committee would write to the two departing members thanking them for their involvement with the Committee over the past two years.</p>																																																																				
<p>5. <u>To receive an update from An Garda Síochána</u></p>	<p>Chief Superintendent Fergus Healy gave a verbal update outlining the following crime statistics in the County as a percentage of statistics at the same point in time in 2016:</p> <p>Meath Crime Statistics</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="427 1055 1054 1379"> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">At Sept 2017</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Property Crime</td> <td style="text-align: right;">up 39%</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Burglary</td> <td style="text-align: right;">up 44%</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Theft of property</td> <td style="text-align: right;">up 59%</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Crimes against the person</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Nil Inc</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Theft from shops</td> <td style="text-align: right;">up 44%</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Theft from cars</td> <td style="text-align: right;">up 18%</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Criminal damage</td> <td style="text-align: right;">up 31%</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Public Order</td> <td style="text-align: right;">up 8%</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Crime Behavior per week</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="331 1458 1054 1715"> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">At Sept 2017</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Property crime</td> <td style="text-align: right;">63/week</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Burglary</td> <td style="text-align: right;">16/week</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Theft</td> <td style="text-align: right;">16/week</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Theft from cars</td> <td style="text-align: right;">11/week</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Theft from Shops</td> <td style="text-align: right;">12.5/week</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Crimes against the person</td> <td style="text-align: right;">10/week</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Public Order</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="284 1787 1473 2007"> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">At Sept 2017</td> <td style="text-align: right;">At Sept 2016</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Minor Assaults</td> <td style="text-align: right;">196 No (down 1.5%)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">199 No</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Assaults causing harm</td> <td style="text-align: right;">61 No (down 4.6%)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">64 No</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Public Order Offences</td> <td style="text-align: right;">293 No (up 8%)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">271 No</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Criminal damage by Arson</td> <td style="text-align: right;">36 No (up 31%)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Property Crime</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1,359 No (up 39%)</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>				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%			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			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%)	
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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



	<p>policing /crime issues rather than a general open type meeting .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p>6.</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 the last JPC meeting.</p> <p>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 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.
<p>7.</p>	<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</p>



	meeting in Trim Castle Hotel and Monday 20 th 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 11 th October and the members were invited to submit any questions that arise in Community groups right up to the date of the meeting .
8.	<u>AOB: N/A</u>
	END

Signed: _____
Chair Cllr Trevor Golden

Date: _____