



***Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes***  
***County Meath Joint Policing Committee***  
***26<sup>th</sup> February 2018, Training Room, Buvinda House***

**In Attendance:**

**Chairperson:** Cllr Trevor Golden

**County Council Members:** Maria Murphy, Sharon Tolan, , Enda Flynn, Damien O’Reilly, David Gilroy, Frances Deane, Wayne Harding,

**Oireachtas Members:** Dep P Toibin, Alan Boyce Rep for Min Regina Doherty

**An Garda Síochána:** Chief Superintendent Fergus Healy, Superintendent Michael Devine

**County Council Officials:** Fiona Fallon

**Community & Voluntary Sector:** Bernard Kenny, Ronnie Owens, Jim Matthews, Salome Maher Bordalo, Patrycja Skuza, Bill Commerford

**Policing Authority Observer :** Michal Hanley

**Co-ordinator:** Eugene Farrelly SSO

**Apologies/Absent,** Jackie Maguire CE, Minister D English TD, Minister H McEntee TD, Dep T Byrne, Sen Ray Butler, Cllr J Reilly, Cllr P Fitzsimons, A Murphy, . Gillian Toole, Alan Tobin, Dr Claire O’Driscoll, Eimear Fergusson, Sinead Burke, Conor O’Leary, Carol O Flaherty, Tracy McElhinney, Barry Lynch DOS.

Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p><b><u>Adoption of Minute of Meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017</u></b></p> <p>Chair Trevor Golden welcomed all to the meeting especially Bill Commerford, Salome Maher Bordalo and Patrycja Skuza new members of the JPC as nominated . He also particularly welcomed Michal Hanley representative from the Policing Authority who was in attendance in an observer capacity.</p> <p><b>The minutes of the above meeting were adopted on the proposal of Cllr Sharon Tobin ,seconded by Cllr Frances Deane</b></p>



2.	<p><b><u>Matters arising from the Minutes</u></b></p> <p>n/a</p>
3.	<p><b><u>Correspondence</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Correspondence received from Chief Supt Pat Clavin of the Criminal Assets Bureau was discussed and agreed that an invite to outline how the CAB office links with local Divisions should issue to the next Meeting of the JPC due on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018.</li> <li>• Correspondence received from Lianne Malone seeking support from the JPC for the Traffic (Amendment ) Bill 2017 for the 1.5m safety distance for cyclists. The Committee agreed to write to the Chief Executive and request an update to the Councils motion of support for this initiative in 2017.</li> <li>• Correspondence issued to the Policing Commission on the “Future of the Policing in Ireland” from the North Meath Community Development Association and from the JPC to the Dept of Justice on the “ Review of the Administration of Justice” by their closing dates of 31<sup>st</sup> January and 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018 , respectively, were noted by the Committee.</li> </ul>
4.	<p><b><u>To approve the JPC Annual Report 2017</u></b></p> <p>Fiona Fallon presented the Annual Report to the members and the Report was adopted on the proposal of Cllr Maria Murphy seconded by Cllr Sharon Tolan and that same be forwarded for noting by the full Council at the March meeting.</p> <p>Matters arising from the Report included the matter of inadequate policing numbers for the size and population of the County and the growth in crime in general from the 2016 statistics.</p> <p>CS Healy informed the Committee that Operation Thor had a significant effect on crime figures in 2016 and that garda numbers were gradually increasing to reach full complement.</p>
5.	<p><b><u>To receive an update from AGS on the 2018 Policing Plan for Co Meath</u></b></p> <p>CS Healy informed that the Plan was not fully signed off on yet but expected it to be published in March.</p> <p><b>Chair Trevor Golden suggested that the Policing Plan be circulated to the Committee once made available to the Liaison Officer.</b></p>
6.	<p><b><u>To receive a Report from An Garda Síochána</u></b></p> <p>Chief Superintendant Fergus Healy gave a power point presentation outlining the following crime statistics in the County comparable with statistics at the same point in time in 2016:</p>



**Meath Division Crime Statistics at 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018.**

Crime category	2018 YTD	2017 YTD	Diff	% Change	Div Detect Rate
Property crime	324	274	+50	+18%	21%
Burglary (non aggravated)	77	84	-7	-8%	9%
Theft from Vehicles	57	37	+ 20	+54%	5%
Theft of Vehicles	153	123	+30	+24%	10%
Theft from Shop	79	59	+20	+34%	53%
Theft of Other Property	70	62	+8	+13%	18%
Crimes against the person	37	34	+ 3	+ 9%	42%
Drugs ( sale & supply)	9	6	+3	+33%	
Drugs (possession)	16	34	- 18	-47%	

**Meath Roads Policing at 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

Category	2018 YTD	2017 YTD	Change	% Change
Fatalities	0	2	-2	-100%
Fatal Collisions	0	2	-2	-100%
Serious injuries	2	7	-5	-71%
Serious injury Collisions	2	7	-5	-71%
Driving while Intoxicated incidents	45	32	+13	+40%
MAT Checkpoints	137	199	-62	-31%
Vehicles Seized	151	257	-106	-41%

**Community Engagement**

- Engagement with Community Alert and Neighbourhood Watch schemes
- Attendance at Community Events throughout year, Crime Prevention stands operated etc.
- Open Day Navan Garda Station
- Text Alert system in operation across Division
- Garda clinics at Mosney Reception Centre
- Ongoing local liaison with the Irish Refugee Protection Programme
- Garda Schools Programme – visits to schools in all Districts
- Ethnic Liaison Officers in each District
- Engagement with TY Students -visits to stations etc
- Support for the Job Shadow initiative



- **Meath Crime Prevention Facebook Page – sustained growth - 27,435 followers now**
- **Weekly Garda Crime Desk on LMFM Radio reaching 35,000 local persons**

#### **Resources –Meath Division**

- **308 Sworn Garda Members (All Ranks) ( from 305)**
- **112 Ashbourne District (from 111)**
- **103 Navan District (from 99)**
- **36 Kells District (from 38)**
- **42 Trim District (from 41)**
- **15 Divisional Traffic Unit (*includes 4 seconded trainees*) (from 16)**
- **14 Reserve Members (same)**
- **30 Civilian Support Staff ( same)**
- **16 Garda Stations (same)**
- **60 Vehicles in Divisional Fleet (from 58)**

#### **Members raised the following queries which were responded to by AGS and officials present:**

- AGS policy to fill Dublin District garda vacancies first then the County Districts
- 5 new recruits to come to Meath Division -3 to Ashbourne -2 to Navan
- 4 gardai to be redistributed around the County following training
- Road Policing Unit established based in Ashbourne District
- Two new Vehicles added to the Divisional fleet -1 new to Traffic Unit
- Increase in drive-offs from Petrol Stations –CPO to visit stations and advise on prevention
- Increase in level of burglary crime over Christmas
- Meath Policing Plan nearly complete.
- Increase in drunk driving detections with lower age profile noted.
- It was noted that road fatalities are well down for 2017 from 12 to 9 and currently at zero YTD
- Increase in the number of sexual offences reported across the Division
- There is an increase in the level of drugs detected for both personal use and supply YTD
- Limitations in the size of the Navan Station to run Division wide operations –which are headquartered in Athlumney House
- Ratoath doesn't have a station but is adequately catered for from Ashbourne
- Garda resource released from duty with former Taoiseach in Dunboyne
- Additional 9 gardai to join Traffic Unit.
- Reason the Drugs Unit is operating from Slane is due to lack of accommodation elsewhere
- Victim support unit is operated for the Division from Athlumney house
- Drug finds quantified by way of street value rather than in the damage it causes to persons and society
- Has each of the 16 stations got a specific Comm liaison Officer –just larger urban areas.
- Enquiry as to what are the mandatory requirements around lights on your bike.
- Is there a policy of replacing School Wardens with automated systems at School crossings?
- Consideration should be given to suitable pedestrian access /footpaths to schools at time of planning permission being granted.
- Awareness and education around drug use in schools would help deter younger pupils –earlier than 6<sup>th</sup> Year



7.	<p><b><u>To receive an update from the Sub Committees</u></b></p> <p>Chair Trevor Golden referred to the Report from the 3 Sub Committees as circulated ,which was noted by the Committee and welcomed the following new members to the each as follows:</p> <p><b>Public Order and ASB Sub Committee –Chair Maria Murphy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bill Commerford</li></ul> <p><b>Community Safety and Crime Prevention Sub-Committee –Chair Eimear Fergusson</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Patrycja Skuza</li></ul> <p><b>Road Safety and Improved Driver Behaviour Sub-Committee –Chair David Gilroy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• TBC –Damien O Reilly resigned and to be filled at March Council Meeting</li></ul>
8.	<p><b><u>AOB and Proposed Date for next meeting:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chair requested that the JPC rite to the Chief Executive seeking an update on the meeting with the Data Commissioner in relation to CCTV</li><li>• Chair requested that the JPC write to the Department of Justice seeking additional Garda resources for Co. Meath as it has the lowest rate of Garda numbers relative to population in the country</li><li>• Chair requested that the JPC write to the Chief Executive seeking an update in relation to the “1.5 staying alive initiative”</li><li>• Meath Policing Plan to be on the Agenda of the May meeting.</li></ul> <p>Next Meeting confirmed as follows: , <b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018</b></p>
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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Chair Cllr Trevor Golden

Date: \_\_\_\_\_