



Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes
County Meath Joint Policing Committee
24th Sept 2018, Training Room, Buvinda House

In Attendance:

Chairperson: Cllr Alan Tobin

County Council Members: Maria Murphy, Enda Flynn, David Gilroy, Gillian Toole, Sinead Burke, Pdraig Fitzsimons, Francis Deane, Trevor Golden,

Oireachtas Members: Dep Shane Cassells

An Garda Síochána: Chief Superintendent Fergus Healy,

County Council Officials: Aine Bird, Barry Lynch

Community & Voluntary Sector: Ronnie Owens, Jim Matthews, Salome Maher, Bill Commerford, John Tobin

Co-ordinator: Eugene Farrelly SSO

Apologies/Absent, Jackie Maguire CE, Minister D English TD, Minister H McEntee TD, Minister Regina DohertyTD,Supt M Devine, Dep T Byrne, Sen Ray Butler, Dr Claire O’Driscoll, Eimear Fergusson. Wayne Harding, Dep P Toibin, Bernard Kenny, Patrizia Skuza ,Conor O Leary

| Item | Discussion / Action |
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| 1. | <p><u>Adoption of Minute of Meeting of 28th May 2018</u></p> <p>Chair Alan Tobin welcomed all to the meeting especially Cathy Whelan from the Meath Community Drug and Alcohol Response (MCDAR) and welcomed John Tobin as the new rep from the later Life network and thanked Jim Matthews for his service to the JPC over many years.</p> <p>The minutes of the above meeting were adopted on the proposal of Cllr Maria Murphy ,seconded by David Gilroy</p> |
| 2 | <p><u>Matters arising from the Minutes</u></p> <p>No matters arising</p> |



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| <p>3.</p> | <p><u>To receive a presentation from MCDAR</u></p> <p>Cathy Whelan gave a presentation to the Committee on the work being carried out by the MACDAR. The presentation dealt with the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Project, 2001 with CRANN Support Group as the Project Promoter• Core funded by NERDATF/HSE NE and various other small grants applied for yearly• Coordinator/Family Support Worker• Full Time Community Project Workers x 2• Part Time Community Project Worker x 1• Admin support, Community Employment• Need own space in Navan, outgrown the shared space with Dublin Simon• Benefits to many services for having a more regular service provided by MCDAR• Our youth become adults!• MCDAR, need 2 to 3 years of stability• So much we could achieve for the community if we had the resources and the opportunity in Navan <p>The Chair thanked Mrs Whelan on her informative presentation and all agreed that this was an invaluable service being delivered under challenging conditions having regard to reducing resources. A number of Members raised questions which were answered to their satisfaction.</p> |
| <p>4</p> | <p><u>To receive a presentation from The Make Way Day campaign</u></p> <p>Eugene Farrelly gave a presentation on the background and proposed roll-out of Make Way Day on 26th September and the presentation mentioned the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commenced in Dublin in 2017 where people with disabilities were canvassed for opinion on greatest challenges that affected them participating in their community.• Parking cars on footpaths• Placing sandwich boards on footpaths• Chaining bikes to lamp-posts• Placing wheelie bins on paths• Allowing hedges overgrow onto paths• Awareness campaign commenced on 26th Sept 2017 with advertising campaign• Campaign led by DFI along with 12 leading disability organizations• Developed into an annual event on same day in 2018• Volunteers with post stickers on such obstacles and take photos of same for websites |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Print advert published in this weeks Meath Chronicle and on Social Media. <p>The Chair thanked Eugene on his informative presentation and all agreed that this was a worthwhile initiative to raise awareness of the difficulties faced by disabled in moving around our public spaces</p> <p>5. <u>Correspondence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence received from Dept of Justice on the additional resources required for Co Meath having regard to 200,000 population was noted. • Correspondence received from the Policing Authority on the themes being looked at by JPC Committees across the Country was noted • Correspondence received from the Laytown Bettystown Municipal District was noted having regard to no 1 above regarding extra resources needed in the County. • Correspondence received from Trim Municipal District regarding speeding of incoming traffic to Trim was noted • Publication of the Public Open Meeting advertised for 17th October next was noted by the Committee • The Report on the Future of Policing in Ireland as released this week by the Policing Commission was received and noted by the Committee. |
| <p>7.</p> | <p><u>To receive an update from the Sub Committees</u></p> <p>Chair Alan Tobin referred to the Report from the 3 Sub Committees as circulated ,which was noted by the Committee and taken as read by same.</p> |
| <p>8.</p> | <p><u>AOB and Proposed Date for next meeting:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Full meeting to take place on Monday 10th December • Public Meeting to be held on 17th October in Navan • The Gratitude of the Committee was passed onto Superintendent Michael Devine on his retirement from AGS and Jim Matthews for both their long service to the Joint Policing Committee. |

Signed: _____
Chair Cllr Trevor Golden

Date: _____