



Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes
County Meath Joint Policing Committee

10th December 18, Training Room, Buvinda House

In Attendance:

Chairperson: Cllr Trevor Golden

County Council Members: Maria Murphy, Enda Flynn, David Gilroy, Sinead Burke, Padraig Fitzsimons, Trevor Golden, Sharon Tolan, Eimear Fergusson, Stephen McKee,

Oireachtas Members: Dep Shane Cassells, Alan Boyce pp Regina Doherty ,Paul McCabe pp Thomas Byrne

An Garda Síochána: Chief Superintendent Fergus Healy, Sgt Ken Coughlan

County Council Officials: Aine Bird, Barry Lynch

Community & Voluntary Sector: Ronnie Owens, Bill Commerford , John Tobin ,Bernard Kenny, Conor O Leary

Co-ordinator: Eugene Farrelly SSO

Apologies/Absent,Alan Tobin. Francis Deane, Gillian Toole, Jackie Maguire CE, Minister D English TD, Minister H McEntee TD , Supt M Devine, Sen Ray Butler, Dr Claire O’Driscoll, Wayne Harding, Dep P Toibin,

Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p><u>Adoption of Minute of Meeting of 24th Sept 2018</u></p> <p>Chair Trevor Golden welcomed all to the meeting especially Sgt Ken Coughlan from Cavan/Monaghan Garda Division .</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>

<p>3.</p>	<p><u>To receive a presentation on Property Marking Equipment</u></p> <p>Sgt Ken Coughlan gave a presentation to the Committee on equipment for marking valuables and mobile equipment, there having been a large number of robberies from isolated farms and houses across Cavan/Monaghan. The marking system under view was introduced following a number of robberies of boats and out-board motors in the south east .</p> <p>The presentation dealt with the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Machine can stamp an impression on any hard surface from Iron to plastic• Property Marking Ireland is the sole distributor of the Dot Preen Marking Machine• PMI is a not for profit enterprise with no shareholders• All funds raised by the project will be used to expand the service in North and South• Pilot Schemes ran in 3 Counties in partnership with their JPCs• Findings: Households and businesses are less likely to be victims of crime when they have their valuables security marked• Found that JPCs purchasing machines and then allocating same to Comm Groups works best• Recommends stamping the equipment with the owners unique Eircode• Machine can X-out the code if being sold/passed on to other person• PMI trains Operators in using the technology at property marking events• Property Registers and signage may also be acquired from PMI• PMI_ can assist with setting-up a Neighbourhood Watch or Community Alert area and can advise on Community Insurance Schemes <p>The Chair thanked Sgt Coughlan on his informative presentation and all agreed that this was an invaluable service being delivered via the JPC Network .The Chair suggested that a number of these machines should be purchased and held centrally for allocation to individual groups.</p> <p>A number of Members raised questions which were answered to their satisfaction.</p>
<p>4</p>	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Correspondence received from Cllr Sinead Burke regarding introducing an Operation Enable Scheme in Meath in early 2019 was discussed and CS Healy agreed that this initiative would be most welcome and will tie in with the Meath Disability Network to launch such a scheme in 2019.• Correspondence received from the Data Commissioner was discussed and noted that while individual schemes are being audited across the Country he has no remit around preventing any new schemes starting up under the current legislation. It was noted that a scheme funded under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme has recently been launched in Athy in Co Kildare



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.BL informed that the Dept of Justice and the CCMA are discussing the matter further in particular the nomination of County Council Chief Executives as Data Controllers for the County.

Summary of Issues arising from Public Meeting held on 17th October 2018

The content of the report was discussed and issues raised by the members included the following:

- Violent robberys in the rural areas being caused by drug users funding their habit
- Letter has been issued to the Dept of Justice regarding this matter
- Need for more visible policing on the streets
- One of the matters of concern was the poor pick-up on calls directly to Garda stations
- Drink and Drugged driving campaign in place over the Christmas period

CS Healy informed the meeting that the new 999 central call management system for the East Region comprising Dublin Meath Kildare Wicklow had come on-stream that day and will be monitored for a period before roll out to 3 other call centers around the Country.

The Chair agreed to resend the latter to the Dept of Justice regarding the passport and driving licence withdrawal from convicted criminals by the court system.

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To receive an update from An Garda Síochana on crime statistics for Co Meath

Chief Superintendent 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 2017:

Meath Division Crime Statistics at 10th Dec 2018.

Crime category	2018 YTD	2017 YTD	Diff	% Change	Div Detect Rate
Property crime	2493	2826	-333	-12%	19%
Burglary (non aggravated)	543	733	-190	-26%	10%
Theft from Vehicles	380	509	-129	-25%	7%
Theft of Vehicles	162	143	+19	+30%	9%
Theft from Shop	651	587	+64	+11%	47%
Theft of Other Property	604	656	-52	-8%	10%
Crimes against the person	495	474	+ 21	+ 4%	22%
Drugs (sale & supply)	59	70	-11	-15%	
Drugs (possession)	245	287	- 42	-15%	



Meath Roads Policing

Category	2018 YTD	2017 YTD	Change	% Change
Fatalities	5	8	-3	-38%
Fatal Collisions	5	7	-2	-29%
Serious injuries	23	21	+2	+1%
Serious injury Collisions	23	21	+2	+9%
Driving while Intoxicated incidents	282	278	+4	+1%
Drug Driving Incidents	9	7	+2	+29%
MIT Checkpoints	1315	1107	+208	+19%
Vehicles Seized	1177	1549	-372	-24%

Community Engagement

- Engagement with Community Alert and Neighbourhood Watch schemes
- 3 Gardai appointed to Comm Policing Unit Navan from September
- Attendance at Community Events throughout year, Crime Prevention stands operated etc.
- Victim Services Staff -2No
- Open days Navan and Ashbourne Stations
- Ethnic Liaison Officers in All Districts
- Text Alert system in operation across Division
- Navan Community Policing Unit regular engagement with Flexibus service and Navan Meals on Wheels
- Garda clinics at Mosney Reception Centre
- Ongoing local liaison with the Irish Refugee Protection Programme
- Garda Schools Programme – visits to schools in all Districts
- Meath Crime Prevention Facebook Page – sustained growth – 29,009 followers now
- Weekly Garda Crime Desk on LMFm Radio reaching 35,000 local persons

Resources –Meath Division

- 318 Sworn Garda Members (All Ranks) (from 311)
- 112 Ashbourne District (from 112)
- 100 Navan District (from 100)
- 41 Kells District (from 38)
- 49 Trim District (from 44)
- 16 Divisional Rods Policing (*includes 4 seconded trainees*) (from 17)
- 12 Reserve Members (from 14)



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 31 Civilian Support Staff (from 30) • 16 Garda Stations (same) • 58 Vehicles in Divisional Fleet (from 54) <p>Members raised the following queries which were responded to by AGS and officials present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-social behaviour around Clusker Park. Neighbourhood Watch being set up but the leaflet drop did not target all of the houses in the estate. • It was outlined that there has been no replacement for the community guard in Johnstown. It was suggested that a sub station needs to be put in place in the Johnstown area given the increase in anti-social behaviour and the difficulty getting a response from the main garda station. • Rise in the level of anti-social behaviour particularly in the Johnstown area due in part to the increasing population due to ongoing housing developments. No services in place for young people and no premises in the area to operate services • Process in place for Garda vetting whereby each club/group have to carry out garda vetting rather than it being done on an individual basis. • Anti-social behaviour around the Broadmeadow River. The River trust and tidy towns clean the town and provide compost heaps and bug hotels along the river. These bug hotels have been vandalised and also compost heaps tampered with. It seems that part of the problem stems from young people in groups, having little to do, peer pressure and a lack of respect for community and people. • Cycle lanes in Ashbourne are being blocked by parked cars. • Anti- social behaviour on the beach at night particularly in relation to cars joyriding and being burnt out
<p>7.</p>	<p><u>To receive an update from the Sub Committees</u></p> <p>Chair Trevor Golden 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 25th February

Signed: _____
Chair Cllr Trevor Golden



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Date: _____