



Miontuairiscí / Meeting Notes
County Meath Joint Policing Committee
17th October 2018, Public Meeting, Ardboyne Hotel 7.30pm-9.30pm

In Attendance:

Chairperson: Cllr David Gilroy

County Council Members: Gillian Toole, Maria Murphy, Noel French, Francis Deane, Sinead Burke, Sharon Keogan, Pdraig Fitzsimons,

Oireachtas Members: N/A

An Garda Síochána: Chief Superintendent Fergus Healy, Inspector Martina Noonan, Sgt Liam Mc Carville, Garda Paddy Skehan,

County Council Official: Barry Lynch DoS,

Community & Voluntary Sector: Bernard Kenny,

Co-ordinators: Eugene Farrelly, Joan Carroll , Meath County Council

Public in Attendance: 38 No people

Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p>Cllr David Gilroy welcomed everyone to the JPC public meeting and outlined the purpose of the meeting was to allow the public the opportunity to raise matters with the JPC. He introduced the JPC members seated beside him as Chief Superintendant Fergus Healy , Acting Superintendant Martina Noonan and Barry Lynch Director of Service in Meath County Council. He advised that the format of the meeting would be as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take questions submitted by email in advance of the meeting • Take questions from the public as per written submissions at the meeting • Take questions from members of the JPC <p>He advised that 8 submissions had been received in advance from the public in relation to the JPC.</p>
2.	<p>Submission No 1 – Alan Lawes Boyne View Neighborhood Watch. Q1 More Gardai on beat in Navan/Johnstown. Chief Super Healey informed that Meath Division had received 5 or 6 new garda per quarter and 2 of same have been stationed in Navan which is a training station bringing the station number to 96 from a total of 320 in the Meath Division in total. The recent introduction of garda on Mountain Bikes have been employed to cover the wider Navan /Johnstown area which should improve visibility of gardai on the beat.</p>



	<p>Q2 Unanswered phone calls in Navan Station: CSH informed that a new system of centralised call management is being looked at to cover the eastern region covering Dublin Meath Kildare Wicklow etc and hoped this would be in place in 2019.</p> <p>Q3 Improved funding to Meath Division: CSH informed that there was the ongoing intention to improve garda numbers in the County however the poor conditions in the existing stations mean space is limited particularly in Navan where additional accommodation had to be provided in prefabs at the rear. Meath being a commuter belt for Dublin has also put additional pressures on the Traffic Corps.</p> <p>Q4 Garda Station for Johnstown; CSH informed that AGS are presently seeking a location for a Navan Station that would cater for the whole of Navan both older and newer residential areas .Barry Lynch commented that the Council’s Planning Dept would work constructively with AGS to facilitate a new Divisional base/Navan station .It is hoped that an interim solution to the garda accommodation problem in Navan will be in place at an early stage.</p> <p>Q5 Regular Car patrols in Navan: CSH confirmed that there was at least 1 car patrolling the District at any time with 9/10 gardai per shift on duty in Navan Station.</p> <p>Q6 has the recent cut in OT resulted in reducing available garda cover at Halloween: CSH informed that there had been a meeting with the Assistant Commissioner as a precursor to Halloween and specific policing cover will be in place at that time.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Submission No 2 – Jonathan Togher –Issues arising from Derelict Buildings on Flower Hill Navan : Mr Togher not being present it was not clear what his main area of concern was ,however Barry Lynch informed that the recently published Urban Regeneration Scheme may address the dereliction issues in this location.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Submission No 3 –Paul Walsh –Anti Social Behaviour in Maudlin Vale Trim. Mr Walsh not being present this query deferred in the event of him showing –up by end of the meeting.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Submission No 4 – Liam McCarthy Rural Policing around Lismullen School Chief Supt Healy informed that the Lismullen resides in the Navan District and under Inspector Martina Noonans remit ,who gave an outline of how the Community Alert Scheme works in practice and also that a number of new Community Liaison Officers had been appointed recently to give advice on the text alert scheme. She also informed that Michael Finnegan as Road Safety Officer has a remit around safety at schools .</p>
	<p>Submission No 5 – Cllr Sinead Burke – various General Queries Q1 –Channel of Comms between MCC and AGS for consultation on alleyways, alcohol, traffic calming ,etc. BL stated that the JPC was the appropriate forum for discussing county at large issues and policy introduction from both MCC and AGS whereas smaller engineering type issues were probably better dealt with at Municipal level.</p>



	<p>Chief Supt Healy noted that his office had to be consulted regarding variation of speed limits .The Gardai are also consulted when bringing in By laws or Management Plans such as the Beach Management Plan for Bettystown on view at present.</p> <p>Q2.CCTV Update BL informed that the roll-out of the national Grant Scheme was stalled at the moment pending a review by the Dept of Justice on foot of a submission from the CCMA and an Audit of existing CCTV Schemes being carried out at the moment by the Data Protection Commissioner</p> <p>Q3 Text Alert This query already dealt with earlier but Sgt D Kearns has undertook to carry out a gap analysis on the current roll-out to examine where any gaps might be apparent in the County</p> <p>Q4 Navan Substation –already addressed earlier in the evening</p> <p>Q5 Garda Numbers – already addressed earlier in the evening.</p>
	<p>Submission No6 – Cll Noel French –Speeding trucks through Longwood</p> <p>Chief Supt Healy advised that the local garda had been liaising with the lorries moving through that area and advised them of the recommended speeds on these local roads.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Question 7 – PPN Laytown/Bettystown Muno -Derelict Sites are contributing to ASB particularly at Bettystown Beach.</p> <p>BL informed of the regeneration scheme for urban areas previously mentioned and that a Beach Management Plan was under submissions at resent which will improve access and facilities at the beach and hopefully address some of the ASB issues over there. The Gardai have been involved in the Plan and are invited to join the Beach Management Committee.</p>
	<p>Question 8 – Juliann Callaghan Leinster Horse & Pony Rescue</p> <p>Chief Supt Healy informed that the gardai play a supporting role to the State Animal Welfare officers in the parks and wildlife area but do have a primary role in mistreatment of animals and have had a number of successful horse and cattle mistreatment prosecutions over the past while such as under the Control of Horses Act 1996.CSH regretted the response Ms Callaghan had received from the garda conserved and stated that it was up to individuals to make a complaint to the Ombudsman if they wished.</p>
	<p>Question 9 – What is being done about ASB at Bailis Johnstown around the former Jackie Skelly Gym.</p> <p>Chief Supt Healy informed that he had regular patrol cars visit the shopping center and recently introduced mountain bike patrols around the estates also. in order to keep one patrol car on the road manned by two Gardai takes a staff of 10 Gardai on a cover for 24/7/365 manning levels. This means that it is often difficult to get to crime sites as fast as he would like. It is a matter of demand exceeding supply but he will have ongoing meetings with his Superintendants and senior staff to ensure that the most effective use of resources will be employed across the Division. There is an undercover unit dealing with drug dealing specifically who are very effective however education around substance abuse must begin early with health and education programmes.</p>



	<p>If people observe illegal activity same should be reported to the Gardai who will follow-up. He also said that all incoming calls are handled through Navan GS and directed to nearest patrol car with response times capable of being recorded for follow-on analysis.</p>
	<p>Question 10 – Paul McCabe –Seeking rebate for delivery of Text Alert Service-CCTV on M3 road and serving Communities.</p> <p>Chief Supt Healy advised that cctv onto motorways was in the remit of the NRA or NTA and the Community CCTV was held up at present due to the Dept review underway. He should persue better subvention for the text alert phone costs via Pobal or Muintir na Tire</p>
	<p>Question 11 – Ross Kelly –ASB at Johnstown</p> <p>Chief Supt Healy advised that incidents of ASB should be sent into Navan Garda Station</p>
	<p>Question 12 – Paul Barnes –Anti-Social Behaviour and intimidation of certain residents in Athboy- garda response time from Kells GS</p> <p>Chief Supt Healy noted that the situation outlined by Paul was most conserning and hoped to discuss same with him after the meeting in order to research it further with Kells District Office.</p>
	<p>Question 13 – Sinead Kavanagh –Johnstown issues :garda numbers,community guards, what number for the new call center and will they answer then,</p> <p>CSH informed that these queries had been dealt with previously at the meeting.</p>
	<p>Question 14 – Helen O Neill –How many ASBOS issued in Navan District and Meath Division-arrest rate for burglaries,how many offences committed by persons out on bail</p> <p>Superintendent Noonan spoke with Helen at the end of the meeting and discussed the matters raised by her in some detail and informed that a patrol car would be circling her estate regularly .</p>
	<p>Chair David Gilroy thanked all for their involvement in the meeting and in particular Barry, Eugene and Joan for their work in putting this successful event together and Chief Supt Healy and the Gardai for attending JPC Meetings with up to date statistics. He also thanked the members of the JPC for their involvement in meetings</p>



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