***Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes***

***County Meath Joint Policing Committee***

 ***25th February 19, Training Room, Buvinda House***

**In Attendance:**

**Chairperson:** Cllr Trevor Golden

**County Council Members:** Maria Murphy, , David Gilroy, Sinead Burke, Padraig Fitzsimons, Sharon Tolan, Eimear Fergusson, Stephen McKee, Gillian Toole, Dr Claire O‘Driscoll,

**Oireachtas Members:** Alan Boyce pp Regina Doherty

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

**County Council Officials:** Barry Lynch

**Community & Voluntary Sector**: Ronnie Owens, Conor O Leary ,Salome Maher Bordello

**Co-ordinator:** Eugene Farrelly SSO

**Observers :** Michal Alfasi Hanley, Avril Hevey Third Age, Jim Matthews Later Life Network

**Apologies/Absent**, Alan Tobin. Francis Deane, Jackie Maguire CE, Minister D English TD, Minister H McEntee TD , Supt M Devine, Sen Ray Butler, Wayne Harding, Dep P Toibin, Enda Flynn**:** Dep Shane Cassells , Bill Commerford , John Tobin, Aine Bird, Bernard Kenny,

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| **Item** | **Discussion / Action** |
|  | **Adoption of Minute of Meeting of 10th December 2018**Chair Trevor Golden welcomed all to the meeting especially Jim Matthews from Later Life Network, Michal Hanley from The Policing Authority and Avril Hevey from Third Age .**The minutes of the above meeting were adopted on the proposal of Cllr Padraig Fitzsimons ,seconded by David Gilroy.** |
| **2****3.** | **Matters arising from the Minutes**No matters arising**Correspondence**Three items of correspondence were noted at the meeting1. Email from Cllr S Burke on behalf of the Community safety Sub Committee of the JPC seeking response regarding the following:
* Q.The delay in proceeding with CCTV Schemes in the County from mid 2017
* **A. B Lynch advised that a report on how neighbouring Counties are approaching the data controller issue for the next meeting**
* Q.Garda arranging an Operation Enable car parking review of use of disabled permits in the county
* **A. F Healy informed that Operation Enable would be happening once the Traffic Core is in place to do so.**
* Q.Seeking a presentation on the Policing Plan for 2019 from AGS
* **A.F Healy informed that same would be in place for the next meeting**
* Q.Need for Sub Committee Members to prioritize attendance at their meetings
* **A.B Lynch informed that new Committees are being formed after the local elections and training will be available.**
1. Letter from The Policing Authority informing that reps may attend meetings of the local JPS

**A.Michal Hanley from Policing Authority in attendance as observer at the meeting**1. Letter from Ashbourne MD seeking CCTV Cameras at Balrath Woods to monitor the car-park due to recent break-ins.
* **Letter to issue to the members acknowledging receipt and that the matter is receiving attention from the JPC.**
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| **4****5****6.** | **Presentations from Later Life Network and 3rd Age Summerhill.**Jim Matthews of Later Life Network gave an interesting presentation on the works being carried out in the county on behalf of the older persons which make-up a large percentage of the population.The presentation covered the following subject matter:* county-wide forum to collectivise and harness the experience, insight and knowledge of over 55’s in Meath.
* 2 Members from each Municipal District & Representatives from:
* Carer’s Association, IFA, GAA,
* Alzheimer’s Society, ICA
* Men’s Sheds
* Active Retirement Ireland
* Nursing Homes
* Briefing meetings with Health Providers & Councillors
* County-wide grassroots consultations
* Contributions to Seminars, Conferences, Strategy Review etc
* Participation in ‘age friendly’ towns, services, facilities
* Contribution & feedback to AFA
* Co-operation with Meath PPN.
* “Home Project” 2017 – 2018.
* “Bridging the Gap Project” 2018 – 2019.
* “Acorn” Project 2019.
* Promoting and sustaining the Network.
* Increasing our own capacity.
* Raising the voice of older people in Meath.
* Advocating for and being a catalyst for change to make Meath a better place to live for older people.
* Ensuring all older persons have equal access.

**Jim addressed a number of questions raised by members of the JPC and the** **Chair congratulated him and his committee for the excellent work being done by the Network.**Avril Hevey gave a presentation on the Age Well Project being run out of the 3rd Age Group in Summerhill and being supported by the HSE with the following outcomes over the past 12 months:* Reducing isolation
* Identifying evolving health problems
* Connecting older persons to appropriate services
* Arranging peer to peer visits involving weekly visits and phone call
* Health Screening and monitoring
* Identify risk early
* Smartphone App for tracing progress.

 **Avril addressed a number of questions raised by members of the JPC and the Chair congratulated her and for the excellent work being done under the Age Well Project and suggested that she send in updated leaflets so as to put the availability round via the PPN.****To approve the Draft Annual Report 2018.****The Annual Report had been circulated to the full committee in advance of the Meeting and all were happy to approve the content to go to the March Full Council Meeting for noting**   To receive an update from AGS on Crime Stats for Meath 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 2018:Meath Division Crime Statistics at 25th February 2019 .Meath Division Crime Statistics at 10th Dec 2018.

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| Crime category | 2019 YTD | 2018 YTD | Diff | % Change | Div Detect Rate |
| Property crime |  291 | 363 | -72 | -20% | 20% |
| Burglary (non aggravated) |  49 |  83 | -34 | -41% | 11% |
| Theft from Vehicles |  60 | 62 | -2 | -3% | 9% |
| Theft of Vehicles |  17 | 21 | -4 | -19% | 8% |
| Theft from Shop |  72 | 94 | -22 | -23% | 45% |
| Theft of Other Property |  77 | 82 | -5 | -6% | 12% |
| Crimes against the person |  78 | 46 | + 32 | + 70% | 22% |
| Drugs ( sale & supply) |  14 |  7 | +7  | +100% |  |
| Drugs (possession) |  48 | 14  | - 42 | +342% |  |

 Meath Roads Policing

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| Category | 2019 YTD | 2018 YTD | Change | % Change |
| Fatalities |  0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fatal Collisions | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Serious injuries | 1 | 3 | -2 | -66% |
| Serious injury Collisions | 1 | 3 | -2 | -66% |
| Driving while Intoxicated incidents | 46 | 46 | 0 | 0 |
| MIT Checkpoints | 218 | 127 | +91 | +72% |
| Vehicles Seized | 172 | 143 | +29 | +20% |

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
* Further Open days planned for 2019
* 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 – 30,757 followers now
* Weekly Garda Crime Desk on LMFM Radio reaching 35,000 local persons

Resources –Meath Division* 319 Sworn Garda Members (All Ranks) ( from 318)
* 125 Ashbourne District (from 112)
* 100 Navan District (from 100)
* 41 Kells District (from 41)
* 53 Trim District (from 49)
* 15 Divisional Rods Policing (*includes 4 seconded trainees*) (from 16)
* 13 Reserve Members (from 12)
* 33 Civilian Support Staff ( from 31)
* 16 Garda Stations (same)
* 58 Vehicles in Divisional Fleet (from 58)

**Members raised the following queries which were responded to by AGS and officials present**: |
| **6** | * R Owens: Is there any further news from the Dept on the confiscation of DLs or Passports from offenders
* **Chair Golden replied advising that as no reply received since last time another letter will issue.**
* Chair Golden: Of the number of cars confiscated how many are reclaimed by the owners.
* **CS Healy advised that there is a daily charge to be paid and following 21 days the vehicle may be scrapped in an authorised breakers yard.**
* Cllr Toole:When will community alert texts resume as none appear to have gone out to Kilmessan TA since they commenced operations.
* **CS Healy advised that he was not aware of the number of alerts that have gone out.**
* Cll Tolan: When will Laytown get a community garda given the population
* **CS Healy advised that Super Dwyer is conscious of the issue and will address same as resources allow.**
* Cllr Tolan: Video Footage available on Facebook of person speeding and then burning out of the car on the beach at Laytown –can AGS follow-up
* **CS Healy stated that it was not currently possible to use facebook footage as the data controller is based in the US.**
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| **7.** | To receive an update from the Sub Committees**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.** |
| **8.** | **AOB and Proposed Date for next meeting:*** **Next Full meeting to take place on Monday 29th April in advance of the May Local Elections ,following which a new Joint Policing Committtee will be nominated by the incoming Council.**
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Signed:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Chair Cllr Trevor Golden

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