



***Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes***  
***County Meath Joint Policing Committee***

***29<sup>th</sup> April 19, Training Room, Buvinda House***

**In Attendance:**

**Chairperson:** Cllr Trevor Golden

**County Council Members:** Maria Murphy, David Gilroy, Sharon Tolan, , Gillian Toole, Enda Flynn ,Francis Deane

**Oireachtas Members:** Thomas Byrne TD, Emer Tobin for Peadar Tobin TD

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

**County Council Officials:** Barry Lynch, Fiona Fallon

**Community & Voluntary Sector:** Ronnie Owens, Conor O Leary , Bill Commerford

**Co-ordinator:** Eugene Farrelly SSO

**Apologies/Absent** Eimear Fergusson, Sinead Burke, Alan Tobin., Jackie Maguire CE, Minister D English TD, Minister H McEntee TD , Sen Ray Butler, Wayne Harding, Dep P Toibin, : Dr Claire O'Driscoll, Dep Shane Cassells , Stephen McKee, Pdraig Fitzsimons, ,Salome Maher Bordello, John Tobin, Bernard Kenny,

Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p><b><u>Adoption of Minute of Meeting of 25th February 2019</u></b></p> <p>Chair Trevor Golden welcomed all to the meeting as it will be the last JPC meeting under the current Council and the members of the incoming Council will elect the membership of the JPC from June onwards.</p>



	<p>The minutes of the above meeting were adopted on the proposal of Cllr Maria Murphy ,seconded by Cllr Frances Deane.</p>
2	<p><b><u>Matters arising from the Minutes</u></b> No matters arising</p>
3.	<p><b><u>Correspondence</u></b> Three items of correspondence were noted at the meeting</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Email to the following from the last JPC:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Email to The Policing Authority enclosing the Annual Report 2018</li><li>• Email to Dept of Justice on rural crime. <b>Chair Golden read out a detailed response from the Secreatry to the Minister which explained in detail the rational behind the independence of the Judiciary in its decisions regarding of disqualification of driving licences and the constitutionality of withdrawing passports on individuals .The letter was noted by the Committee.</b></li><li>• Email to Ashbourne Municipal members regarding CCTV</li></ul></li><li>2. E mail from Cll Deane regarding CCTV in Johnstown. <b>A.Response under Item 4 on the agenda</b></li><li>3. Email from PPN regarding policing matters across the County<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Laytown/Bettystown ASB-<b>CS Healy informed that extra resources would be assigned to Laytown Station this summer</b></li><li>• Navan:ASB Johnstown-<b>addressed under item 4</b></li><li>• Navan:Comm Garda for Johnstown-<b>New Super Sean Farrell appointed to Navan who will accompany CS Healy on the incoming JPC and will be assembling a Community Policing Unit</b></li><li>• Kells Garda Vetting:<b>Vetting is done in Tipperary and on a specific purpose and point in time for the person being vetted so have to be done individually.</b></li><li>• General :<b>Garda Confidential Line is recorded at a single center in Garda HQ and then referred to the relevant Divisional Superintendent for follow-up.</b></li></ul></li></ol>



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**To receive an update on the CCTV Scheme for Co Meath.**

Barry Lynch informed the meeting of the different types of CCTV Schemes in various stages of operation in the Counties of Tipperary, Laois and Kildare. He informed that the Kildare Model was centralised to a traffic management control center operated by the Council, whereas Laois was seeking to introduce a federation of rural cctv operations which required the outsourcing of a data processor for holding and issuing data from the cameras. A recently installed scheme in Limerick covering 14 rural locations has come under the gaze of the data commissioner on foot of the detail of surveillance proposed under the scheme. The Tipperary Scheme would appear to be the one that Meath may model our CCTV Scheme on having a joint data control agreement between the Garda and the Council ,however it may be prudent to await the report of the Data Commissioner on the CCTV Audits he is carrying out across the Country including a recent one on the Duleek CCTV Scheme before advancing our own to finality .It is intended to finalise the Scheme that is currently at draft stage once the GDPR refinements have been input to same with a view to bringing it to an early meeting of the incoming JPC. Having met with the Chief Superintendent Healy recently who put forward the proposal to extend the existing CCTV Scheme in Navan town out to include outlying urban areas such as Johnstown .This matter has come up as a top priority given the recent incidents of ASB and public order issues arising and which has repeatedly come up at the last 2 Public Meetings of the JPC. This would not constitute a new CCTV Scheme as such ,but an extension of the existing 9 cameras situated around the center of town ,with MCC continuing in its role as data controller for the extended scheme .As it will be a public scheme the assent of the JPC is required and we are putting this proposal to the Committee for opinion and support. Members raised a number of infrastructural queries which were addressed in that a scoping report would need to be carried out to look at compatibility with the existing cctv in operation in Navan and to ensure sustainability going forward.

**Cllr Deane informed that this extension to the existing CCTV Scheme was what the people of Johnstown had lobbied for a number of years now and he proposed that the JPC Support the proposal which was formally agreed by the members of the JPC.**

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**To receive an update on the Co Meath Policing plan 2019.**

Chief Inspector Healy outlined in detail the contents of the current Policing Plan which were recently agreed by the Garda Commissioner. He set out the main areas that would be addressed under the plan such as :

- Community Engagement
- High Visibility Policing
- Crime Prevention



- Garda Resources
- Victim Supports
- Young Persons

Other areas of interest under the Plan are: Event Management, Crime Management, Roads Policing, Road Safety, Fixed Charge Notices, National Security, Courts Security, Subversive Activity, Change Management, Garda Code of Ethics, Performance Management, Data Quality, Risk Management, Civilisation of work, Intelligence gathering etc. He informed that the Plan can be sourced on the garda.ie website for more detailed consideration. He informed of a new initiative under the Plan was a Youth Awards Scheme for the County which would take place in Kells later in the year. The Members sought various clarifications from the Chief which he provided to their satisfaction and the Chair thanked him for his detailed presentation.

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6. **Meath Division Crime Statistics at 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019.**

Crime category	2019 YTD	2018 YTD	Diff	% Change	Div Detect Rate
<b>Property crime</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>-81</b>	<b>-10%</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>Burglary (non aggravated)</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>-38</b>	<b>-21%</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Theft from Vehicles</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>+44</b>	<b>+40</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Theft of Vehicles</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>-10%</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>Theft from Shop</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>-77</b>	<b>-33%</b>	<b>43%</b>
<b>Theft of Other Property</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>-3%</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>Crimes against the person</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>+ 32</b>	<b>+ 20%</b>	<b>21%</b>
<b>Drugs ( sale &amp; supply)</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>+14</b>	<b>+88%</b>	
<b>Drugs (possession)</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>- 41</b>	<b>-45%</b>	

**Meath Roads Policing**

Category	2019 YTD	2018 YTD	Change	% Change
<b>Fatalities</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-50%</b>
<b>Fatal Collisions</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>67%</b>
<b>Serious injuries</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>+2</b>	<b>67%</b>
<b>Serious injury Collisions</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>+2</b>	<b>66%</b>



Driving while Intoxicated incidents	72	75	-3	-4%
MIT Checkpoints	372	202	+170	+84%
Vehicles Seized	292	214	+78	+36%

#### 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 – 32,170 followers now
- Weekly Garda Crime Desk on LFMFM Radio reaching 35,000 local persons
- Open day planned at Trim Garda Station

#### Resources –Meath Division

- 317 Sworn Garda Members (All Ranks) ( from 319)
- 124 Ashbourne District (from 125)
- 99 Navan District (from 100)
- 41 Kells District (from 41)
- 53 Trim District (from 53)
- 14 Divisional Rods Policing (*includes 4 seconded trainees*) (from 15)
- 11 Reserve Members (from 13)
- 36 Civilian Support Staff ( from 33)
- 16 Garda Stations (same)
- 54 Vehicles in Divisional Fleet (from 58)

6	Members raised the following queries which were responded to by AGS and officials present: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• M Murphy : Road alignment at Shire new entrance dangerous</li> </ul>
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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• D Gilroy : Informed the Committee of the valuable work done in sub-committee and he was Chair of the Road and Imp Driver Behaviour Group which had carried out a number of road safety initiatives over the last 5 years.</li><li>• Chair Golden: Conserved about the growing problem of anti social behaviour across the County.</li><li>• Cllr Tolan :Recent Garda awareness day at Mosney and dispute handled very well by AGS</li><li>• R Owens : Very concerned about the gang warfare underway in Drogheda which is drugs related and danger of it spilling out to Bettystown and Laytown</li><li>• CS Healy : Recent robbery of two ATM machines in kells receiving serious attention with a Detective Inspector assigned to the case.</li></ul> |
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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Chair Cllr Trevor Golden

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