



Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes
County Meath Joint Policing Committee

24th February 2020 in the Council Chamber Co Hall Navan

In Attendance:

Chairperson: Cllr Francis Deane

County Council Members: Maria Murphy, Gillian Toole, Noel French, Tom Behan, Alan Lawes, Paul McCabe, Trevor Golden, David Gilroy

Oireachtas Members:

An Garda Síochána: Chief Superintendent Fergus Healey, Insp Peter Gilsenan

County Council Officials: Barry Lynch, Fiona Fallon

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

Co-ordinator: Eugene Farrelly SSO

Apologies/Absent:

Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<u>Confirmation of Minute of Meetings held on 23rd September and 9th December 2019</u> The Minutes of both meetings were adopted on the proposal of Cllr Gillian Toole seconded by Cllr Maria Murphy.
2.	<u>Matters arising and Correspondence</u> There were no matters arising from Minutes and no correspondence for raising with the Members.



3. Presentation on the CCTV Policy for Co Meath

Fiona Fallon SEO presented slides on the new CCTV Policy and went through the main areas dealt with under the Policy i.e

Overall Purpose: Securing Public Order and Safety in public places by facilitating the deterrence, prevention, detection and prosecution of offences.

Community CCTV Policy set out in 7 sub sections

- 1 Roles and Responsibilities:** Steering Group made up of MCC and AGS staff for management of Schemes
 - **Data Controller :** MCC will be Data controller for all CCTV Schemes in the public realm.
- 2 New Schemes/Upgrade of Old Schemes:** Prioritised on basis of policing need, feasibility of location , connectivity and data storage and support from a range of local community groups
- 3 Maintenance of CCTV :** MCC will ensure 3rd party maintenance provider in place and licenced with PSA who will then be required to enter into a formal Data Processing Agreement with MCC with a Maintenance Log in place
- 4 Security and Controls:** All CCTV captures stored securely and restricted access to live feeds or recorded images with garda vetting for same .Register of all Schemes to be maintained by MCC with Access Log to be completed by designated employee and monitored by Data Protection Officer.
- 5 Data Subject Access Requests for CCTV Footage:** Requests to access or download footage must be submitted to and approved by DPO .Garda requests are required to be submitted to DPO using the Request Form referring to criminal investigation. Complaints relating to CCTV systems to be made to Community Section to raise at the CCTV Steering Group.
- 6 Data Breach :**In the event of a data breach concerning personal data collected from County CCTV Schemes ,the DPO must be notified immediately and provided with all necessary details -if deemed high risk to the individual referral to the Supervisory Authority within 72 hours -ref MCC Data Protection Policy.
- 7 Retention :**Data recorded on CCTV System shall not be retained by MCC beyond a max of 30 days

Chair Deane thanked Fiona for her informative presentation and opened the discussion to the floor where a number of contributions were made by Members present which were responded on by the Officials present to their satisfaction.

Members making comments supporting the proposal : Cllr Alan Lawes, Cllr Gillian Toole, Cllr Noel French, John Tobin, Conor O Leary, Cllr Tom Behan, Cllr Maria Murphy,

Chair Deane put the proposal to the Members and the Policy was adopted on the proposal of Cllr Gillian Toole seconded by Cllr Noel French and deemed accepted by the Joint Policing Committee.



4 To Approve the JPC Annual report

Eugene Farrelly gave a presentation by outlining the details contained in the Annual Report as circulated to the members with the Agenda on 17th February last. He outlined the contents as set out under the 7 sections in the Annual Report and in finality went through the details in the Work Plan 2020 at the end of the Report.

Chair Deane thanked Eugene for his comprehensive presentation and then opened it to the floor for comments or suggestions on the content of the report where a number of contributions were made by members .

Members making Contributions on the proposal as follows:

Cllr Tom Behan : Enquired about the proposed Property Marking Machine to be purchased by the JPC for use across the Communities of the County -Chief Superintendent Healy informed that a number of these machines have been purchased across other Divisions and had been found most effective in reuniting victims of crime with their property .

Cllr Maria Murphy: The draft Annual Report had been discussed at the Sub Committees last week and she had a proposal that the increased population in the County should be mentioned given the poor garda/population ratio in the County and that previous members of the JPC prior to the Local Elections in May 2019 should be mentioned in the Report.

Chair Deane put the proposal to the floor subject to the amendment proposed by Cllr Murphy and the amended Annual Report was adopted on the proposal of Cllr Maria Murphy seconded by Cllr Noel French.

5. To receive an update from AGS on Crime Statistics for Co Meath .

Meath Division Crime Statistics at 26th January 2020

Crime category	2020 YTD	2019 YTD	Diff	% Change	Div Detect Rate
Property crime	176	150	+26	+17%	16%
Burglary (non aggravated)	37	33	+4	+12%	8%
Theft from Vehicles	21	31	-10	-32%	82%
Theft of Vehicles	13	6	+7	+117%	7%
Theft from Shop	41	31	+10	+32%	38%
Theft of Other Property	51	37	+15	+38%	10%
Crimes against the person	37	41	-4	-10%	20%
Drugs (sale & supply)	14	15	-1	-6%	
Drugs (possession)	46	51	-5	-10%	



Meath Roads Policing

Category	2020 YTD	2019 YTD	Change	% Change
Fatalities	0	0	0	+0%
Fatal Collisions	0	0	0	+0%
Serious injury collisions	5	2	+3	+150%
Minor injury Collisions	18	24	-6	-25%
Driving while Intoxicated incidents	32	54	-22	-41%
MIT Checkpoints	142	217	-75	-36%
Vehicles Seized	124	175	-54	-31%

The Chief reported on the very successful raids carried out in Navan in the past week where a large quantity of drugs paraphernalia leading to the charging of 13 individuals who are appearing in Trim District Court on 4th March next.

Community Engagement

- Engagement with Community Alert and Neighbourhood Watch schemes
- Attendance at Community Events throughout year, Crime Prevention stands operated etc.
- Probationary guards involved in Community Projects during training
- Text Alert system in operation across Division
- Navan Community Policing Unit regular engagement with Flexibus service and Navan Meals on Wheels
- Ethnic Liaison Officers in each district and regular clinics in Mosney reception center
- 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 – 36,290 followers now
- Divisional Instagram Account being piloted -1003 followers
- Weekly Garda Crime Desk on LMFM Radio reaching 35,000 local persons
- Open day planned at Navan Garda Station

Resources – Meath Division

- 341 Sworn Garda Members (All Ranks) (from 336)
- 130 Ashbourne District (from 116)
- 110 Navan District (from 105)
- 42 Kells District (from 41)
- 59 Trim District (from 59)
- 15 Divisional Roads Policing (*includes 4 seconded trainees*) (from 15)
- 12 Reserve Members (from 13)
- 43 Civilian Support Staff (from 38)
- 16 Garda Stations (same)
- 55 Vehicles in Divisional Fleet (from 58)



Chair Deane thanked Fergus for his comprehensive presentation and then opened it to the floor for comments or queries on the content of the report.

Members who made contributions were: Cllr Alan Lawes, Bill Commerford, Cllr Gillian Toole, Cllr Noel French, John Tobin, Conor O Leary, Cllr Tom Behan, Cllr Maria Murphy, Ronnie Owens on various topics such as: Population Growth, Go Pro Vans and increased roads policing, Laytown Garda station and additional resources, abandoned cars, mandatory reporting of child abuse, missing person from Dunboyne, thanks for the Text Alert garda engagement with in Kells and Navan districts recently, expanding the text alert coverage, local roads being used as shortcuts and speeding, stronger sanctions for drug related crime. Chief Supt Healy and Barry Lynch responded to the queries raised to the satisfaction of the members.

Chair Deane thanked Chief Supt Healy for his report and responses to members and it was agreed that a good part of the next meeting would be devoted to the drugs issue in the county with suitable speakers invited.

6 Report from the 3 Sub Committees

Eugene referred to the written report attached to the Agenda where the work of the sub-committees is outlined including the recommendation from the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Sub Committee to circulate information received on the Meath Befriending Service and the Inspire Scheme which is a scheme launched recently whereby youths age 16-23 can avail of certification for an 8 week course on farm or equine works with on hand experience on farms/stables around the County

The Chair acknowledged the work the Sub Committees are undertaking and thanked all for their participation and agreed that the information should be circulated via the PPN network.

7. AOB and next Meeting Date

Next JPC Meeting dates confirmed as 25th May, 14th September and 14th December with Public meeting on 7th October in Ratoath MD. The Chief raised the issue of drugs in the County and informed that the Commissioner was keen that a part of a JPC Meeting should be devoted to this subject with relevant speakers invited.

The Chair suggested and the members agreed that a good part of the May meeting should be concentrated on the Drugs issue.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Chairperson

Cllr Francis Deane