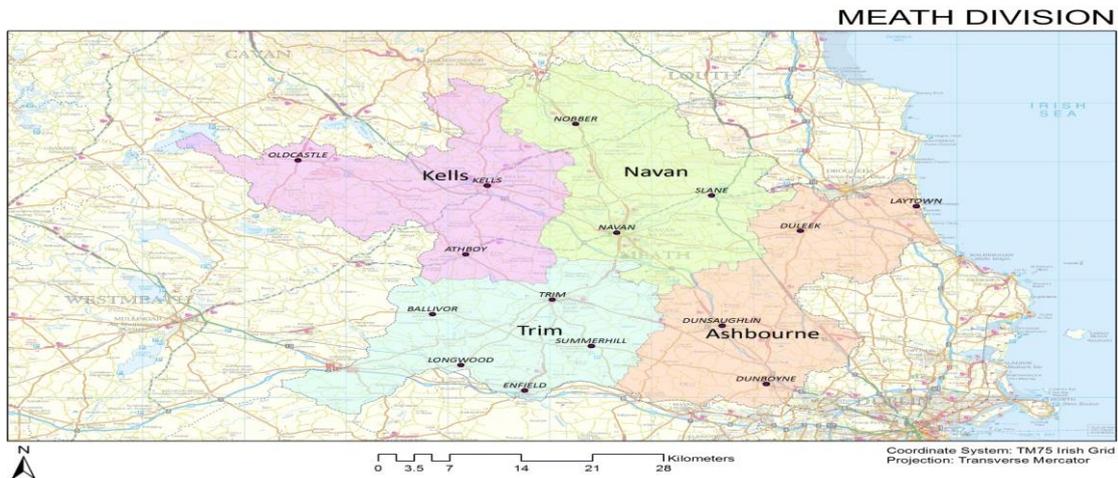




Meath County Joint Policing Committee Annual Report for the year 2020



Arrival of Property Marking Machine to JPC Meeting in December 2020





Introduction

Section 35 of An Garda Síochána Act 2005 provides for the establishment of Joint Policing Committees (JPC). The Meath Joint Policing Committee was established in 2015 following the introduction of new JPC Guidelines by the Minister for Justice in August 2014.

The Joint Policing Committee's function is to serve as a forum for consultations, discussions and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the Local Authorities administrative area. The Population of County Meath from the last census taken in 2016 stood at 195,044 an increase of 6% from the previous census figure.

At a meeting held on the 4th of February 2016 the Meath Joint Policing Committee Strategic Plan 2016-2020 was formally adopted.

1. JPC Meetings 2020

Meetings were held in Navan with 4 meetings held as follows:

- **24th February 2020** in Council Chamber Co Hall.
- **25th May 2020** By Zoom
- **14th September 2020** in Solstice Theatre
- **14th December 2020** in Solstice Theatre

2. Presentations

In addition to strategy development work, the JPC also received presentations on and considered other relevant policing matters, such as:

Presentation	Presented By	Meeting
County Crime Statistics: Levels and patterns of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in Co Meath.	Chief Supt Fergus Healy	February 2020 December 2020
Presentation on Covid 19 Occurrences in Co Meath and measures employed by AGS regarding same.	Chief Supt Fergus Healy	December 2020



Presentation	Presented By	Meeting
JPC Sub-Committee Quarterly Report to JPC	E Farrelly SSO	February 2020 May 2020 September 2020 December 2020
Presentation on Make Way Day Campaign	E Farrelly SSO	September 2020
Policy adopted on the Community CCTV Policy for Co Meath.	Barry Lynch DOS Fiona Fallon SEO	February 2020
Presentation on the North East Drugs Task Force.	Andy Ogle	September 2020
Presentation on Substance Use Service for Teens (SUST)	Philip James	September 2020

3.Membership of County Meath Joint Policing Committee

An Garda Siochana (2)	Chief Superintendent Fergus Healy Superintendent Sean Farrell (Retd September) *	Oireachtas Members (all)	Minister Damien English Minister Helen McEntee TD Senator Regina Doherty Minister Thomas Byrne TD Senator Shane Cassells Peadar Tobin TD Johnny Guirke TD Senator Sharon Keogan Senator Annie Hoey Darren O Rourke TD
MCC Elected Members (15)	Chair: Cllr Frances Deane Vice Chair: Cllr Maria Murphy Cllr Gillian Toole Cllr Noel French	PPN/Community & Voluntary Sector (7)	John Tobin (Later Life Network) Bernard Kenny (Core Navan) Ronnie Owens (North Meath Development Association)



	<p>ClIr Deirdre Geraghty Smith</p> <p>ClIr Alan Lawes</p> <p>ClIr Paul McCabe</p> <p>ClIr Trevor Golden</p> <p>ClIr Eddie Fennessy</p> <p>ClIr Ashling O Neill</p> <p>ClIr Pdraig Fitzsimons</p> <p>ClIr Alan Tobin</p> <p>ClIr Tom Behan</p> <p>ClIr David Gilroy</p> <p>ClIr Yemi Adenuga</p>	<p>Meath County Council (2)</p>	<p>Conor O'Leary (Muintir na Tire)</p> <p>Bill Commerford (AGR)</p> <p>Salome Maher (Comhairle na nOg)</p> <p>Tinu Achioya (Cultur)</p> <p>Barry Lynch DOS Fiona Fallon SEO</p>
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** (The JPC members from An Garda Síochána and Meath Co Co may be accompanied to meetings by other Garda officers and personnel as appropriate)*

4. Summary of progress in implementing the JPC's work programme

The JPC strategic plan provides a structured and integrated approach to achieving social, economic and environmental wellbeing of all those that work, live and visit Co. Meath.

In this strategy three strands inform the work of the JPC, namely educational/awareness work, prevention and enforcement. The strategy outlines general aims, so that the JPC can be flexible to adapt to changing priorities and good practice over the term of the Plan.

The priority issues for the Co. Meath JPC have been identified as the following and these are consistent with the Local Economic and Community Plan 2016-2020 and the Age Friendly Strategy 2017-2020 that have been adopted by the Council.

- Crime Prevention – to reduce the levels of crime in Co. Meath
- Community/Personal Safety– to increase people's sense of security in their communities and ensure that they can undertake their daily activities in a safe manner
- Promoting Public Order – to reduce the incidents of anti-social behaviour and public disorder in Co. Meath
- Road Safety – to reduce road accidents and fatalities



Meath Garda Crime Statistics 2014-2020

Category	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2019/20. % Change
Property Crime	2181	2,650	2,673	3,025	2,228	2,956	3,400	-15%
Burglary (not aggravated)	392	557	603	789	578	858	919	-30%
Robbery from establishment/Institution	12	14	14	21	14	24	25	-14%
Crime against the Person	575	643	570	512	472	505	428	-11%
Robbery from the Person	18	22	13	15	15	26	26	-18%
Theft from the Person	18	29	27	24	21	54	59	-38%
Theft from Vehicle	383	505	402	534	431	564	679	-24%
Theft/U/T of vehicle	155	192	172	150	137	222	292	-19%
Theft from Shop	594	634	708	641	461	508	512	-6%
Theft of other property	462	574	627	692	466	568	720	-20%
Road User Fatalities	7	7	7	9	12	8	5	0%

5. Reports from the JPC Sub Committees 2020

At the February 2016 JPC meeting the committee approved the 5-year Strategic Plan and agreed that an annual review of the plan should occur thereafter. It was also agreed to set up working groups to deliver on the objectives of the strategy. The following 3 sub-committees were set-up under each priority issue identified in the strategy and chaired by a Councillor of the JPC.

- **Community Safety and Crime Prevention – Chaired by Cllr G Toole**
- **Road Safety and Improved Driver Behaviour – Chaired by Cllr D Gilroy**
- **Public Order and Anti-Social Behaviour – Chaired by Cllr Alan Lawes**



Public Order and Anti-Social Behaviour Sub Committee

Chair: Cllr Alan Lawes

Members: Inspector Declan Power, Cllr Maria Murphy, Cllr Ashling O Neill, Cllr Eddie Fennessy, Bernard Kenny, Tinu Achioya

The PO & ASB Sub Committee met 4 times over the course of 2020 and considered the following Actions under the Strategic Plan:

Objective	Outcome	Sub Committee/JPC
Ensure that proper attention and seriousness is given to Anti-Social Behaviour.	Update received on Text Alert Groups with some 82 groups with 9,274 members	PO &ASB/JPC
Monitor MCC's Anti-Social Behaviour Policy, and preventative measures to be explored	Report received from MCC on the incidence of ASB in tenancy and the trend over the last 3 years.	PO &ASB/JPC
Work in partnership to divert children and young people from antisocial behaviour, including assessment of current Garda youth related services	Quantify the number of School visits/YTS engagements by AGS in 2020 -no School visits occurred post February 2020 due to Covid -19 Restrictions	PO &ASB/JPC
Work in partnership to ensure that young people engage positively with the justice system	D Power gave regular updates on the Youth Diversion Programme in Laytown and Navan.	PO &ASB/JPC



Community Safety and Crime Prevention Sub Committee

Chair: Cllr Gillian Toole

Members: Superintendent Martina Noonan, Sgt Dean Kearns, Cllr Francis Deane, Cllr Noel French, Conor O’Leary, John Tobin, Cllr Yemi Adenuga, Ronnie Owens

The CS & CP Sub Committee met 4 times over the course of 2020 and considered the following Actions under the Strategic Plan:

Objective	Description	Sub Committee/JPC
Develop and adopt a CCTV Policy for Co Meath	CCTV Policy paper was adopted at the February Meeting of the JPC with first project being extension of the Navan Scheme to Johnstown.	CS &CP/JPC
Pursue the introduction of the Crime Ambassador programme in Co Meath	Distribution of Leaflet on the Age Well Programme being promoted by 3rd Age for Older Persons arranged.	CS &CP/JPC
Develop and support joint programmes/activities between older people and the younger population to encourage cross generational support and trust including the extension of ‘The Way We Were’ programme	Promotion of engagement between Comhairle na nÓg and Later Life Network unable to take place due to Covid-19 Restrictions in 2020.	CS &CP/JPC
Increase awareness and implementation of crime prevention measures	Programme of Crime Prevention advisory clinics by AGS suspended due to Covid-19 restrictions during 2020.	CS &CP/JPC
Initiate a series of preventative programmes enhancing older people’s safety	Komeer Text Alert Scheme examined by the Sub Committee with ongoing options study at year end 2020.	CS & CP/JPC



Road Safety and Improved Driver Behaviour Sub Committee

Chair: Cllr David Gilroy

Members: Inspector Peter Gilsean, Michael Finnegan Road Safety Officer, Cllr Alan Tobin, Cllr Trevor Golden, Cllr Pdraig Fitzsimons, Bill Commerford, John Tobin.

The RS & IDB Sub Committee met 3 times over the course of 2019 and considered the following Actions under the Strategic Plan:

Objective	Description	Sub Committee/JPC
Work to improve the perception of community safety among local communities via increased civic participation	Report on the incidence of crime taken at the February Meeting on: Control of Horses/Dogs Littering offences/Traffic violations from MCC /AGS	RS & IDB/JPC
Develop Estate Management Initiatives and supports to Tenant/Resident Associations	Meetings held with Reps from Maudlin Vale Res Assoc on ongoing ASB issues arising in their estate.	RS & IDB/JPC

6. Public Meeting 2020

Due to Covid -19 Lockdown requirements the public meeting was put back to be held during 2021.



7.County Meath JPC Work Plan 2021

Obj. No	Objective	Description	Sub Committee/JPC
1	Rollout of CCTV Policy for Co Meath	Policy adopted in Feb 2020 - extension of Navan CCTV first priority	CS &CP/JPC
2	Implement booking system for property marking machine once Public Health Restrictions are eased	Machine delivered in December 2020 and due to be allocated to groups in 2021.	CS &CP/JPC
3	Prepare new 5-year JPC strategy	Review current Plan and update same in line with remit of JPC Sub Committees.	JPC
4	Pursue the introduction of the Crime Ambassador programme in Co Meath	Seek update from 3rd Age and Befriending Service for Older Persons to a JPC Meeting	CS &CP/JPC
5	Develop and support joint programmes/activities between older people and the younger population.	Promote engagement between Comhairle na nÓg and Later Life Network to encourage participation in activity program mes involving MSP/LMETB during 2020 -invite CnaNog to a JPC Meeting in 2021	CS &CP/JPC
6	Increase awareness and implementation of crime prevention measures	Resume Programme of Crime Prevention advisory clinics by AGS with targeted groups across the County and use of technology to engage with Groups.	CS &CP/JPC
7	Initiate a series of preventative programmes enhancing older people's safety	Re-examine various options under text alert promotion for the County	CS & CP/JPC
8	Assist Community Groups by introducing practical solutions to prevent burglary and theft of property in the County	Arrange for allocation of Property Marking Machine in 2021 for the identification of individual and community owned property in the County.	PO &ASB/JPC



Obj. No	Objective	Description	Sub Committee/JPC
9	Monitor MCC's Anti-Social Behaviour Policy, and preventative measures to be explored	Receive updates for incidents of ASB in both MCC Tenancies and in the Community via the AGS.	PO &ASB/JPC
10	Work in partnership to divert children and young people from anti-social behaviour, including assessment of current Garda youth related services	Seek presentation from AGS and MCC on the incidence of ASB and assist in identifying preventative measures that may be employed to reduce ASB	PO &ASB/JPC
11	Work in partnership to ensure that young people engage positively with the justice system	Receive presentation on Youth Diversion Programme from assigned gardai.	PO &ASB/JPC
12	Promote the Road Safety message, including awareness of the dangers, and address careless behaviour	Identify ways to improve public awareness of traffic dangers at bank holidays via RSO and advertising campaigns	RS &IDB/JPC
13	Work to improve the perception of community safety among local communities via increased civic participation.	Foster a positive road safety attitude across local communities – receive presentations on Control of Horses/Dogs Littering offences/Traffic violations from MCC /AGS	RS &IDB/JPC
14	Develop Estate Management Initiatives and supports to Tenant/Resident Associations	Encourage Residents Associations where specific repetitive incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour have been experienced to engage with the JPC in joint programmes with MCC and AGS.	RS & IDB/JPC