



Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes
County Meath Joint Policing Committee

19th September 2022 – 2.30 pm HR Training Room, Buvinda House, Navan

In Attendance:

Presiding: Cllr Maria Murphy

County Council Members: Cllr Noel French, Cllr Alan Lawes, Cllr Yemi Adenuga, Cllr Edward Fennessy, Cllr Aisling O’Neill, Cllr Alan Tobin, Cllr David Gilroy, Cllr Tom Behan

Oireachtas Members: Senator Shane Cassells, Deputy Peadar Toibin

An Garda Síochána: Chief Superintendent John Dollard, Superintendent Blaitheín Moran, Superintendent Martina Noonan, Detective Inspector Michael Dorrigan, Inspector Peter Gilsean, Inspector Brian Dunne, Inspector Joe Finnegan, Sergeant Clarissa Byrne

County Council Officials: Barry Lynch, Fiona Fallon

Community & Voluntary Sector: Ronnie Owens, Bernard Kenny, Tinu Achioya

Co-Ordinator: Angie Mitchell

Apologies: Minister Helen McEntee, Cllr Francis Deane, Jackie Maguire, Superintendent Dermot Drea, Minister Damien English, Deputy Thomas Byrne, Deputy Johnny Guirke, Deputy Darren O’Rourke, Senator Annie Hoey, Senator Regina Doherty, Senator Sharon Keogan, Cllr Deirdre Geraghty Smith, Cllr Pdraig Fitzsimons, Cllr Paul McCabe, Cllr Trevor Golden, Cllr Gillian Toole, Conor O’Leary, Bill Commerford

Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p>Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 23rd May, 2022</p> <p>Cllr Maria Murphy welcomed everyone to this meeting and noted the extra attendance from An Garda Síochána. She informed the committee that she was acting as Chairperson today as the JPC Chairperson Cllr Francis Deane was attending a conflicting JPC convention with Jackie Maguire, Chief Executive. She extended her sympathies on behalf of the Committee to Superintendent Dermot Drea on the recent passing on his brother. She noted apologies from all persons not in attendance at today’s meeting and welcomed the New Chief Superintendent for the Meath/Westmeath Garda Division, John Dollard, to this meeting.</p> <p>The Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd May, 2022 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr French and seconded by Cllr Fennessy.</p>



2. Matters arising from minutes

No matters arising.

3. Correspondence

Fiona Fallon briefed the committee on one item of correspondence that had been circulated to the Committee prior to this meeting which was an invitation to the DRIVE project roadshow that took place on 7th September. Ms Fallon stated that there will be a member of An Garda Síochána designated to this DRIVE Project who can be contacted in relation to Drug Related Intimidation and it hasn't been confirmed yet who that designated Garda representative will be.

4. To receive an update on the 3 JPC Sub Committees

A Mitchell gave an update on the 3 JPC Subcommittees 1) Road Safety & Improved Driver Behaviour 2) Antisocial Behaviour and Public Order and 3) Community Safety & Crime Prevention. She confirmed that these Committee meetings were held on 15th & 16th September and the agreed objectives of each committee following these meetings was relayed to the Committee.

Cathaoirleach thanked A Mitchell for the update and opened to the floor for any questions or comments.

Queries, concerns and questions were raised by Deputy Toibin, Cllr Fennessy, Cllr Lawes, Cllr Murphy and R Owens in relation to - *antisocial behaviour in Navan, antisocial behaviour on the NX Bus Service and the Lack of Garda resources in Meath per capita, the wearing of seatbelts on public transport.*

Responses to queries and concerns raised were responded to by Chief Superintendent Dollard and Inspector Finnegan and it was agreed that a meeting will be organised between Navan Gardai and the National Bus and Rail Union.

5. To receive an update on the CCTV Scheme for Navan and seek support of the JPC for the scheme

Fiona Fallon gave an update on the CCTV scheme and stated that the next step in the process is to seek the support of the JPC Committee by way of a letter of approval for the scheme which will then be forwarded to the Garda Commissioner for his approval. Once approval is received, a document must be prepared to cover GDPR and she hopes that the new system will be operational by the end of the year and early into next year.

Cllr Murphy thanked Fiona for the update and opened to the floor for discussion:

Queries were raised by Deputy Toibin, Cllr Fennessy, Cllr Tobin and Cllr Gilroy in relation to - *who currently monitors the CCTV Data, whether the CCTV Scheme in Navan will be temporary or permanent, whether the scheme will be rolled out to other areas of the County and whether a CCTV Scheme could be used in the case of illegal dumping.*

F Fallon responded to all questions to their satisfaction.

6. To receive report on fatal accidents in Co. Meath for Q3 of 2022 in line with Circular RW 18 of 2020 LA16 Collision Reporting and Evaluation Procedure

Inspector Gilsenan gave a verbal report on the incidents of fatalities and stated that there have been 7 fatalities to date in 2022.

Meath Roads Policing

Category	2021 YTD	2022 YTD	Change	% Change
Fatalities	7	7	0	--
Fatal Collisions	6	7	+1	17%
Serious injury collisions	25	34	+5	20%
Non-serious injury Collisions	84	120	+36	43%
Driving while Intoxicated incidents	183	193	+10	5%
MIT Checkpoints	802	905	+103	13%
Vehicles Seized	535	379	-156	-29%

Cllr Murphy thanked Inspector Gilsenan for his report and opened to the floor for discussion:

Queries, concerns and questions were raised by Cllr O'Neill, Cllr Tobin, Cllr Murphy, Cllr French, Deputy Toibin, Cllr Fennessy, Cllr Gilroy & R Owens in relation to - numbers presenting to A&E departments following road accidents with drugs in their systems, Roadside testing for alcohol and drugs including testing after Road Traffic Accidents, Figures for pre and post covid detection rates, Clarification on Garda numbers assigned to the Traffic Corp, Speeding on the R156 & R158, Road Calming measures on the Trim Road in Navan and outside certain schools, The location of Speed Vans, Accident Hot Spots, The speed limit review in Meath and Convictions for Drug Driving.

Responses to queries, concerns and questions raised were responded to by Chief Superintendent Dollard, Inspector Gilsenan and Barry Lynch.

Chief Superintendent Dollard confirmed that he will provide figures at the next meeting in response to Cllr Tobin's query on Traffic Corp numbers.

Inspector Gilsenan will provide figures at the next meeting in response to Cllr Murphy's question on whether pre covid detection rates for alcohol and drugs are different to post covid figures.



7. To receive a presentation from An Garda Síochána on Crime Statistics for County Meath to 19th September 2022

Detective Inspector Michael Dorrigan gave a verbal presentation on the crime statistics for Meath to date as follows:

Meath Division Crime Statistics

Crime category	Incidents 2022 YTD	%change YTD	No of detections 2022 YTD	% change detection rate YTD
Property crime	1453	+43%	259	-28%
Burglary (non-aggravated)	281	+60%	22	-4%
Theft from Vehicles	192	+22%	14	-50%
Theft of Vehicles	69	+33%	18	-38%
Theft from Shop	476	+29%	158	-32%
Theft of Other Property	310	+67%	32	-37%
Crimes against the person	355	+7%	98	-30%
Drugs (sale & supply)	36	-48%	36	-53%
Drugs (possession)	28	-18%	17	-47%

Resources – Meath Division

- 331 Sworn Garda Members (All Ranks)
- 124 Ashbourne District
- 108 Navan District
- 42 Kells District
- 57 Trim District
- 19 Roads Policing Unit
- 15 Reserve Members
- 53 Garda Staff
- 16 Garda Stations

Cathaoirleach thanked Detective Inspector Dorrigan for his presentation and opened it up to the floor for discussion:

Queries, concerns and questions were raised by Cllr O’Neill, Senator Cassells, Cllr Adenuga, Cllr Gilroy, Cllr Behan, Cllr Tobin, R Owens and T Achioya in relation to - *Theft from shops, Garda deployment Geographically, Young offenders, Adult First time offenders, Burglaries, Hate Crime and the Garda IT system.*

Responses to queries, concerns and questions raised were responded to by Chief Superintendent Dollard, Detective Inspector Dorrigan, Inspector Noonan, Inspector Moran, Inspector Gilsenan.



8. To discuss a date and venue for public meeting

F Fallon stated that previous public meetings had been held in Navan, Trim and Kells Towns and that Ratoath might be a suitable location for this year's public meeting. This was agreed by all present at today's meeting. She stated that as per previous years, an advert will be prepared for the Meath Chronicle and the add will also be circulated on social media. Some questions will be received and collated in advance of the meeting and questions will also be taken by members of the public on the night.

Clr Tobin asked for it to be advertised in the Ashbourne News and Clr Murphy asked for it to be advertised in the Dunshaughlin News.

9. AOB and next Meeting Date Monday 12th December, 2022

Clr Tobin mentioned the concerns and dangers of the use of nitroxide by young people around Halloween and the nerve damage it can cause.

Clr French commended the Gardai in Trim for their presence at the recent Open Day in Trim and mentioned the issue of antisocial behaviour in Trim that had been addressed by Clr Golden and their recent Municipal District meeting.

Clr Murphy thanked all for their presence and the meeting concluded at 16.20 p.m.

Signed: _____

Maria Murphy
Clr Maria Murphy

Date: _____

12th December 2022