

Cork County Council Joint Policing Committee (JPC)

10th September 2018

Floor 16, Cork County Council, County Hall, Cork

Present:

Cllr. Frank O Flynn, Chair
Cllr Timmy Collins, Vice Chair
Cllr. Joe Carroll
Cllr. Joe Harris
Cllr. Gearóid Murphy
Cllr. Ted Lucey
Cllr. Kevin Murphy
Cllr. June Murphy
Cllr. Cathal Rasmussen
Cllr. Michael Ahern
Mr. Tim Lucey, Chief Executive
Ms Nicola Radley, Senior Executive Officer
Deputy Aindrias Moynihan TD
Deputy Kevin O'Keeffe TD
Deputy Donnchadh O Laoghaire TD
Senator Jerry Buttimer
Mr. Diarmaid Cronin, PPN
Mr. Gavin Falk, PPN
Mr. Tom Howard, PPN

Mr. Sean Kelly, PPN
Mr. John Fuller, PPN
Mr. Liam McCarthy, PPN
Jim O'Leary, PPN
Chief Superintendent Con Cadogan
Superintendent Charlie Barry
Superintendent Mick Maguire

Apologies:

Deputy Sean Sherlock TD

In Attendance:

Mr Pdraig Barrett,
Director of Corporate Services
Ms Claire Looney O'Sullivan,
Administrative Officer, Corporate Services
Ms Majella McMorrow,
Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Services
Mr. Kevin O'Donovan,
District Supervisor, Social Operations Housing

1. Approval of Minutes

Proposed: Senator Jerry Buttimer

Seconded: Cllr June Murphy

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Correspondence:

- Members noted correspondence from TII 30/05/18 regarding the Waterloo Junction

During the discussion members made the following points:



- The closure of the junction is inconvenient to locals but 4 people have lost their lives there
- Contact has been made with the sat nav. companies
- This is adding to people's journey times and calming measures should be put in place to prevent further incidents
- This is not the correct forum for discussing this issue
- The issue with Google Maps has been corrected
- People are unhappy with the communication and discussion of options

In response the Chief Executive outlined as follows:

- This is not an issue for the JPC, a public consultation process is in place.
 - The Council, TII and AGS will come up with a solution after the 2nd of October.
 - A safety audit to be undertaken and an engineering solution to be found.
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- Members noted correspondence from the OPW 31/05/18
 - Members noted correspondence from the Minister for Justice 31/05/18

3. Garda Statistical Report on Crime in Co. Cork

The presentation was given by Chief Superintendent Con Cadogan.

During the discussion members raised the following points:

- There is a need to reassure the public with regard to burglaries in rural areas.
- People need to be encouraged to look in on elderly neighbours.
- One member outlined a personal experience of burglary.
- Are there statistics on drug possession and supply?
- Does the increase in 'Theft of other property' refer to tools being stolen?
- There has been an increase in sexual offences committed according to the City JPC.
- How is the exporting of large machinery that has been stolen?
- Quads have been stolen out of people's yards; there is a need to be vigilant when deliveries are being made to farms.
- There is an issue with lamping using infra red lights.
- The recruitment of ethnic minorities into the Gardaí is welcome?
- Are there schemes in place to target recruitment from ethnic minorities?
- Welcomes the new Garda Commissioner, An Garda Síochána should be reflective of the diversity of Irish society as it is now.
- Glad to see the new Garda recruits.

In response to member's queries Superintendent Michael McGuire outlined that there would be an increase in Garda activity and patrolling over the coming months as crime increase in darkness. Text alerts are being used to keep the public informed and to remind them to check on neighbours and to report any suspicious activity to the Guards.

Chief Superintendent Con Codogan further responded as follows:-

- The highest proliferation of text alerts in the Country in Cork City and County.
- There are high powered cars coming down the motorway and committing crimes.



- There is an increase across the board in the detection of drug possession and supply. The Gardaí work very closely with the Local Authority under the Housing Acts.
- If people are aware of drugs dealing in their area they should contact the Gardaí.
- Many detections are as a result of information received from the public.
- People are advised to mark tools and equipment.
- There have been a number of successful detections where items have been recovered.
- Ongoing operations include checking car boot sales and fairs.
- The Protective Services Unit in Cork City is fully operational, the West Cork Division is currently sourcing a property and the North Cork Division has identified a premises.
- Detections of large machinery are difficult – items are being exported through Northern Ireland and onto Britain, likewise machinery is coming from Britain through Northern Ireland and into the Republic.
- Many of the new Gardaí recruits are multilingual, the only targeted recruitment has been for Irish Stream.

Members agreed to write to the new Garda Commissioner congratulating him on his appointment and inviting him to the JPC Public Meeting in November.

4. Issues Arising/Notices of Motion

- Sean Sherlock, TD – “To seek an update on the challenges of policing large scale athletic events held on public roads” – deferred as Deputy Sherlock wasn’t in attendance
- Gavin Falk, PPN - “That this JPC would write to the Minister for Transport and the RSA asking them to consider introducing legislation that would double penalties (both points and fines) for speeding on roads where Council Workers or Contractors were working as a safety measure for all road workers.”

Members agreed to write to the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport.

- Aindrias Moynihan, TD – “That this JPC call on both the Minister for OPW and Minister for Justice, to give a timeframe for the commencement of construction of a new Garda Station in Macroom.”

It was agreed to write to the Minister for Justice and the OPW to asking them to give a timeframe for the commencement of construction of a new Garda Station in Macroom in particular noting escalating construction costs.

5. A.O.B

CCTV

In response to members’ queries Chief Superintendent Cadogan outlined the following:-

- A working group is in place in respect of this issue and a legislative change will be introduced imminently.
- It is not a problem to review CCTV but there is an issue with surveillance.



Members agreed to write to the Minister for Justice regarding this issue.

Ballygarvan Village Speeding

It was agreed to write to Aidan Weir, S/Director of Services| Roads and Transportation seeking a report on this issue.

Traffic Issues Kinsale Town

Members agreed to write to the Area Engineer for Kinsale and Kinsale Municipal District Officer.

Traffic Cones at Cork Airport

Correspondence from DAA to be forwarded again to Gavin Falk.

Retirement of Chief Superintendent Ger Dillane

It was agreed to write to Chief Superintendent Ger Dillane wishing him all the best for his retirement and inviting him to the JPC Public Meeting, where a presentation will be made to him.

***This concluded the business of the meeting
Next meeting Public Meeting 26th November 2018***