



**TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE GALWAY CITY
JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE**

Date: 5th March, 2018.

A meeting of Galway City Joint Policing Committee will be held on Monday, 26th March 2018 in the Council Chamber, Galway City Council, College Road, Galway at 11.00am.

Parking is available at the customer car park at City Hall or the Greyhound Track, College Road.

The Agenda is as set out hereunder:

Signed: _____
Peter Salmon,
Secretary to the Committee.

AGENDA

- 1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting of Galway City Joint Policing Committee held on Monday 4th December, 2017.**
- 2. Up-date on JPC Strategic Plan 2017-2020**
- 3. Consideration of Garda Report (report to follow)**
- 4. Discussion on specific topics (please submit any specific questions you would like to have considered for next JPC meeting by Tuesday 13th March 2018)**
- 4. Any other Business**



Galway City Joint Policing Committee

Meeting Minutes

- Date:** 04th December, 2017
- Location:** Council Chamber, College Road, Galway
- Chairperson:** Cllr. M. Cubbard, Chairperson of the Committee.
- Members Present:** Cllr. P. Conneely, Cllr. P. Keane, Cllr. D. Lyons, Cllr. M. Lohan, Cllr. B. Cameron, Cllr. F. Fahy, Cllr. P. Keane, Chief Supt. T. Curley, Supt. M. Skehill, Cllr. T. Flaherty, Mr. J. Rabbitte, Mr J. Loughnane, Mr Tommy Flaherty, Ms. N. Tierney.
- Apologies:** Cllr. M. Farrell, Cllr. D. McDonnell, Mr. B. McGrath, Mr. T. Connell,
- In Attendance:** Mr G. McMahon, A/Director of Services
Mr. P. Salmon, A.O.
Ms. A Whyte C.O.
Inspector Brendan Carroll,

Item No:	Description
No. 1	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>Cllr. M Cubbard welcomed Ms. Nicola Tierney from Westside Age Inclusion as a new member of the Joint Policing Committee.</p> <p><u>Minutes of previous Meeting and Matters Arising</u></p> <p>The Minutes from the previous meeting held on Monday 25th September 2017 were approved on the proposal of Cllr. D. Lyons and seconded by Cllr. F. Fahy</p>

<p>No. 2</p>	<p><u>Matters Arising:</u></p> <p>Cllr. Donal Lyons queried if details of cycling offences could be given in the Garda Report.</p> <p>Cllr. F Fahy advised that there is still an issue in relation to drug blackspots but complimented the work being carried out by the Gardaí in the City.</p> <p>Cllr. T Flaherty asked if anything could be put in place to address the issue in relation to anti- social behaviour by a small group of juveniles in the Ballybane area.</p> <p>Supt. Marie Skehill commented that these juveniles have to be brought through the court system. She stated that precautions need to be taken by the public to ensure items are not left visible in their vehicles as these will be targeted.</p> <p>Cllr N. McNelis queried if fines have been issued in relation to public drinking offences and if so how many.</p> <p>Cllr. P. Conneely sought clarification in relation the incorrect figures for breath tests for the district.</p> <p>Cllr. M Lohan queried if statistics were available in respect of accidents or fatalities for cyclists. He also queried the visibility of cyclists and if the Gardai had a role in relation to this.</p> <p>A number of members contributed to a discussion in relation to the provision of CCTV cameras in City areas and in particular if funding would be available for such initiatives.</p> <p>In response to queries raised Chief Supt Curley advised that there are hi-vis jackets available from the Gardaí, and they give them out to cyclists when required. Chief Supt Curley commented that he would seek details in relation to accidents / fatalities for cyclists.</p> <p>Chief Supt. Curley advised members that in relation to figures for breath testing, that 108 records had been examined and that no evidence was found that would allow for prosecutions.</p> <p>He stated that the figures for pedal cycle offences are in the Garda report already.</p> <p>Mr G McMahon commented that he would seek clarification in relation to funding for CCTV from the appropriate Director of Services in City Hall.</p> <p>Mr J Loughnane commented that anti-social behaviour should be addressed by engaging these young people in community activities.</p>

<p>No. 2</p>	<p><u>Update on JPC Strategic Plan</u></p> <p>Mr J Rabbitte Chairperson of the Road Safety Sub Committee informed members that his Group had met and that they were working on the actions.</p> <p>Cllr. N. McNelis Chairperson of the Sub Committee dealing with Anti-Social behaviour advised members that their Group was making progress in developing the Policy</p> <p>Mr P Salmon advised members that the Sub Committees dealing with the issue of crime prevention had the provision of CCTV in the City as an action to be considered by them.</p> <p>Mr Salmon encouraged the Chairpersons of the sub committees to hold meetings so that the Actions identified in the Strategic Plan could be progressed.</p>
<p>No. 3</p>	<p><u>Drugs Paraphernalia Policy</u></p> <p>A policy is to be developed in relation to the disposal of drug paraphernalia. Mr Salmon advised that a meeting had taken place in relation to this matter with representatives of the City Council Environment section. He advised that it was intended that future meetings would be arranged with the Gardai and the Health Service Executive to progress this matter.</p> <p>Mr G McMahon advised that the litter crew in the City Council will collect drug paraphernalia during working hours and that the Gardaí had confirmed that they will deal with it outside of those working hours.</p>
<p>No. 4</p>	<p><u>To Agree date for Public Meeting</u></p> <p>Following a discussion it was agreed that the public meeting would take place in Ballybane.</p> <p>Specifics in relation to the date and venue would be decided following a meeting of the Chairpersons of the JPC Sub Committees.</p>
<p>No. 5</p>	<p><u>Consideration of Garda Report</u></p> <p>Chief Supt. Curley referred to the Garda Report figures for 2016 and 2017 and detailed percentage increases/decreases in each case. The report which was circulated to members gave details of all crime figures for the period.</p>

Cllr. F Fahy also commended the good work that has been carried out by the drug squad.

Cllr. M Lohan also commended the work of the Gardaí on recent heroin seizures and stressed the importance of addressing this issue within the city.

Chief Supt. Curley advised that heroin is definitely an issue in the city at present. He commented that two individuals were arrested in the past fortnight who are heroin addicts and they had informed the Gardaí that their habit is costing them €1200 a week.

Any Other Business

The following Motion proposed by Cllr. M Cubbard, seconded by Cllr. N. McNelis was agreed by the members present

“That the Oireachtas members who sit on this Committee are contacted and confirmation sought that they wish to remain as a member of the Galway City Joint Policing Committee”

The next JPC meeting will be held on the 26th March 2018.

This concluded the business of the meeting.