

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF JOINT POLICING SUB COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN ÁRAS MAINCHÍN SEOIGHE, MILLMOUNT, KILMALLOCK, CO. LIMERICK, ON THURSDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2018, AT 3.00 P.M.**

**PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:**

Councillor E. Ryan, An Cathaoirleach.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillors Donegan, Gleeson, Mitchell, and Teefy.

An apology for their inability to attend was received from Cllr O'Donnell & Cllr Sheehy.

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Director Support Services-Finance, Corporate, HR & ICT (Mr S. Coughlan), A/Senior Executive Engineer Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mr. B. Murphy), Meetings Administrator (Mr. M. Leahy).

Also in attendance: Superintendent An Garda Síochána Mr. Brian Sugrue.

An apology for his inability to attend was received from Public Participation Network (PPN) Nominee Mr. Thomas O'Dwyer.

**1. Policing Issues in the District**

Superintendent Sugrue gave an update on policing issues within the District and he outlined some crime statistics in relation to reported criminal activity to date in 2018 in the Bruff Garda District. He confirmed that, overall, that there had been no major changes in crime statistics in comparison with the same period in 2017.

The Superintendent stressed the importance of members of the public ensuring that their homes and cars were securely locked at all times and that, with the advent of darker evenings approaching, that homeowners ensured that their properties were adequately lit up in the evening times by using light timers, etc., especially when people were not home.

He confirmed that Sgt Bernie Leech, Crime Prevention Officer, Limerick was available to speak to homeowners and business owners about properly securing their homes and business premises. The Members welcomed this and referred to several crime prevention meetings they had attended where An Garda Síochána gave practical advice to home and business owners. The Members also stressed the importance of CCTV cameras as a deterrent to criminals and as an important resource to support An Garda Síochána in tackling crime.

The Superintendent informed the Members that the Small Area Policing Plan initiative would be launched in the coming months and that this initiative would improve the level of communication and contact between the public and An Garda Siochana in tackling crime. The Superintendent stressed the importance of communicating this new approach to policing to the public so that they would be aware of the role that they could play.

The Members acknowledged the work done by An Garda Siochana in the District and welcomed the update on policing within the District and the proposed introduction of the Small Area Policing Plan.

The Members also referred to issues in relation to the speed of traffic, especially in towns and villages in the Municipal District area, and the road engineering measures such as speed ramps and traffic signs that could be considered to tackle this issue, in addition to actual enforcement measures being taken by An Garda Siochana.

The Members also referred to the issue of people calling to householders in isolated, rural areas and the importance that people living in these areas were vigilant and looked for proper identification before admitting any strangers onto their property. The Superintendent confirmed that An Garda Siochana were aware that this was an ongoing issue and stressed the importance of members of the public being vigilant and contacting the Gardai to report any suspicious activity in a locality.

This concluded the Meeting.

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**Cathaoirleach**

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