

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF JOINT POLICING SUB COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN THE OLD IRISH WAYS MUSEUM, CAHERGUILLAMORE, BRUFF, CO. LIMERICK, ON THURSDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2019, AT 3.00 P.M.**

**PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:**

Councillor Bill O'Donnell, An Leas Cathaoirleach.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillors Donegan, Mitchell and Teefy.

Apologies for their inability to attend were received from Cllr Gleeson, Cllr Ryan & Cllr Sheehy.

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Head of Human Resources (Mr V. Murray), Meetings Administrator (Ms. Karen Butler), Senior Executive Engineer Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mr. B. Kidney), Clerical Officer (Helen O'Neill)

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

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

**1. Adoption of Minutes**

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of the Joint Policing Sub-Committee Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on the 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2019.

Proposed by Councillor Teefy;  
Seconded by Councillor Mitchell;  
And Resolved:

"That, the draft Minutes, as circulated, be taken as read and adopted and signed."

**2. Policing Issues in the District**

Superintendent Sugrue gave an update on current policing issues within the District and, in particular, recent issues in the Bruree area. He informed the Members that a policy has been prepared which included both local and primary Garda response units and will provide for additional resources including staffing and a policing plan for the area.

Superintendent Sugrue confirmed to the Members that Garda John Curtin, Ballylanders and Sergeant Helen Holden, Cappamore are due to retire shortly and that plans to replace these staff members are currently in train.

Superintendent Sugrue also informed Members about a new Community Policing Plan to be implemented in the District, where it is proposed to break the District into Policing Areas and assign a Community Garda to each Area. These Policing Areas will be based on population size rather than the geographical size of an area. He confirmed that the Community Garda Policing Policy would be to interact with local Schools and Clubs, Text Alert and Neighbourhood Watch Groups and to deal with non-emergency issues. He explained that it is hoped that this initiative will assist in increasing public confidence of people who are vulnerable and living in remote areas of the District. He confirmed that a lot of Gardai have been briefed already on this new initiative.

The Members welcomed this new initiative and agreed that the local communities would welcome this. Members also requested that the vacant posts for Cappamore and Ballylanders be filled as a matter of urgency to ensure continuity of service in these areas. The Members also wished both Sergeant Helen Holden and Garda John Curtin well in their retirement.

The Members also thanked the Gardai for their support and assistance with the recent St. Patrick's Day parades in the District.

On his own behalf Cllr. Bill O'Donnell wished Superintendent Sugrue and his team well in the future and thanked him for all the support provided to him during his elected time with Limerick City & County Council

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

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**Cathaoirleach**

Date:

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