

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF JOINT POLICING SUB COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD AT ÁRAS MAINCHÍN SEOIGHE, MILLMOUNT, KILMALLOCK, CO. LIMERICK ON THURSDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2019, AT 2.3.0 P.M.**

**PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:**

Councillor Mike Donegan, An Cathaoirleach.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillors Carey, Egan, Mitchell, E. Ryan, M. Ryan and Teefy.

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Director, Support Services-Finance, Corporate, HR & ICT (Mr. S. Coughlan), Meetings Administrator (Mr. M. Leahy), Senior Executive Engineer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mr. B. Kidney), Executive Engineer, Clerical Officer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Ms. H. O'Neill).

Also in attendance: Superintendent An Garda Síochana, Mr. John Ryan.

**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 11<sup>th</sup> April, 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**

The Elected Members welcomed Superintendent Ryan to the meeting, and acknowledged the work done by previous Superintendent Brian Sugrue in the District, prior to the appointment of Superintendent Ryan. The Members also acknowledged the fact that Superintendent Sugrue had secured replacements for Sgt Holden and Garda Curtin who had retired recently, which he had committed to doing.

Superintendent Ryan gave an update on current policing issues within the District and while there had been a reduction in crime categories across many areas, there had been an increase in crimes against the person from 2018 to 2019 and he confirmed that An Garda Síochana were looking at measures to address same.

Superintendent Ryan confirmed that Garda Jim Ryan from the Bruff Garda Station had retired recently, and the Superintendent advised that he had sought more resources to support the operations of An Garda Síochána in the District. The Elected Members welcomed this and referred to the fact that the Garda Station in Doon was currently vacant and that the Garda Station in Oola needed additional supports if possible, and Superintendent Ryan agreed to look at this issue.

Superintendent Ryan also confirmed that An Garda Síochána was planning to run an event in the Cappamore-Pallasgreen area on rural security, crime prevention and well-being, which would be similar to an event organised recently in Bruff by An Garda Síochána. The Elected Members welcomed this initiative and agreed to support the promotion of it.

Superintendent Ryan also referenced the Community Garda Policing Policy, which would interact with local Schools and Clubs, Text Alert and Neighbourhood Watch Groups and stressed that every Garda had a role to play as a Community Garda when interacting with members of the public. He also stressed the importance of supporting the Text Alert groups across the District and the importance of using social media as a tool in dealing with crime prevention as well. The Elected Members welcomed this and acknowledged the work done by Garda Yvonne Norris in Galbally, and other members of An Garda Síochána in the whole area of community policing.

The Elected Members referred to the issue of the control of horses and sulky use in the District. They stressed the importance that relevant legislation, such as The Control of Horses Act 1996, was adhered to by horse owners to ensure the wider public safety for all road users and pedestrians. Superintendent Ryan agreed to look into any individual cases that the Elected Members were aware of, and stated that this issue had also to be dealt with in co-ordination with the local authority and the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

The Members also referred to the ongoing issue in relation to the speed of traffic, especially in towns and villages in the Municipal District area, and the ongoing importance of enforcement measures being taken by An Garda Síochána, in conjunction with road engineering measures such as the provision of speed ramps and traffic signs, provided by the local authority.

Superintendent Ryan also highlighted the importance of giving drugs talks in schools by An Garda Síochána to raise awareness of the dangers of drugs to try to change the culture and attitudes in society towards drugs as it was such a big issue facing society, and the Elected Members welcomed this initiative

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

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**Cathaoirleach**

Date:

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