

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT JOINT POLICING SUB COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD AT ÁRAS MAINCHÍN SEOIGHE, MILLMOUNT, KILMALLOCK, CO. LIMERICK ON THURSDAY, 21st NOVEMBER, 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), Clerical Officer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Ms. H. O'Neill).

Also in attendance: Superintendent An Garda Síochána, Mr. John Ryan, and Detective Sergeant An Garda Síochána Ted Riordan.

**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 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2019.

Proposed by Councillor Mitchell;  
Seconded by Councillor M. Ryan;  
And Resolved:

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

**2. Policing Issues in the District**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Superintendent Ryan and Detective Sergeant Ted Riordan to the meeting. Superintendent Ryan gave an update on current policing issues within the District. He confirmed that while there had been a reduction in certain crime categories, including burglaries, domestic incidents and thefts, that incidences of fraud had seen an increase from 2018 to 2019 and he confirmed that An Garda Síochána were looking at measures to address same. He also confirmed that while drink driving detections had reduced, that drug driving detections had increased when compared between 2018 and 2019.

Detective Sergeant Ted Riordan spoke about cyber fraud and outlined some of the ways in which criminals are defrauding people out of money. This included incidences where criminals hacked into a company's IT system and demand money while threatening to reveal a business's bank details and other commercially sensitive information to other criminals if money is not paid. In other instances, fraudsters set up an e-mail address very similar to the business's one. They then e mail a company or person that has a direct debit set up, advising that they have a new bank account and asking them to redirect payments to the new account set up. Detective Riordan advised people to always question any new change and if in doubt, to ring the company involved to verify things.

Superintendent Ryan confirmed that following the recent successful event in Cappamore on rural security, crime prevention and well-being, that it was hoped to run a similar event in Ballylanders in early 2020. Superintendent Ryan also outlined details of an open day being held in Bruff Garda Station on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November and gave details of a presentation a commercial company would be doing at the Open Day for an etching machine that could etch ownership details, such as name and Eircode information, etc, on equipment and personal items of value to people.

The Elected Members thanked the Superintendent and Detective Sergeant for their presentations, and welcomed the reduction in crime in certain categories and noted the increase of incidences of fraud and drug driving in particular. They agreed that it was essential that people remained vigilant, especially in relation to fraud, cybercrime, and the importance of contacting their bank if they had any suspicions about an unexpected call or e-mail relating to their bank account.

The Elected Members also complimented An Garda Siochana on the recent event in Cappamore on rural security and welcomed the fact that another event was being planned for Ballylanders, as well as the forthcoming Open Day taking place in Bruff Garda Station.

The Elected Members complimented An Garda Siochana for the recent drugs seizure in the area, and stressed the importance of continued activity by An Garda Siochana in tackling drug dealing and supply which are a scourge across the Municipal District.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Cathaoirleach**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_