

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, 20th FEBRUARY, 2020, AT 3.00 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, Ms. Aileen Magner, and Sergeant's An Garda Síochána, Niamh Brosnan & Martin Concannon.

Apologies: Superintendent 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 21st November, 2019.

Proposed by Councillor E. Ryan;
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 Cathaoirleach welcomed Superintendent Magner and Sergeants Brosnan and Concannon to the meeting. Superintendent Magner outlined Garda Management proposals for a new operating model for policing where she would be assuming the role of Superintendent in the Bruff District, in addition to her current role in the Newcastlewest District.

She then proceeded to give an update on current policing issues within the District. She confirmed that while there had been a reduction in certain crime categories, that burglaries,

had seen an increase in recent months, particularly in commercial premises, and she confirmed that An Garda Síochána were looking at measures to address same. She also confirmed that while drink driving detections had reduced, that drug driving detections had increased over recent years.

Superintendent Magner also outlined details of 57 domestic violence cases responded to by an Garda Síochána in 2019 and stressed the importance of people contacting the Gardaí in such situations if they felt they were in danger. It was also the policy of the Gardaí to subsequently follow up with complainants as part of the process of dealing with such complaints.

The Elected Members thanked the Superintendent for her presentation, and welcomed the reduction in crime in certain categories and noted the increase of incidences of burglaries and drug driving in particular. They agreed that it was essential that people remained vigilant in relation to any possible crime in the community, and to be vigilant about suspicious cars or unusual activity in an area.

The Elected Members also expressed concern at the proposed changes to the Garda policing structures and the proposal that the Bruff District would not have a full time Superintendent. They highlighted the size of the District and the importance of increased resources, such as additional Gardaí and vehicles, being provided into the District to support the work being done currently by An Garda Síochána. They also stressed the importance of Garda Stations in rural areas being staffed and that resources should not be taken from the District to support Garda activities in another District.

The Elected Members also highlighted the ongoing need for increased awareness and education in schools and elsewhere on the dangers of illegal drug taking which was widespread across the whole community.

Finally, it was agreed to circulate contact details of the Elected Members, and the representatives from an Garda Síochána and Limerick City and County Council who were at the Meeting and the Meetings Administrator agreed to circulate same.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach

Date:
