

MINUTES OF MEETING OF JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE EXHIBITION AREA, GROUND FLOOR, MERCHANT'S QUAY, LIMERICK ON FRIDAY, 23RD JUNE, 2017 AT 10.00 A.M.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR :	Councillor Seán Lynch
MEMBERS PRESENT :	Councillors Keller, Ó Ceallaigh, Daly and Mitchell
OFFICIALS PRESENT:	Chief Executive (Mr. C. Murray), Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services (Mr. C. O'Connor), Research Assistant, Social Development (Dr. E. Humphreys) and Staff Officer, Corporate Services (Ms. L. Creamer).
GARDA NOMINATIONS PRESENT:	Chief Superintendent D. Sheahan, Superintendent D. Smart, Inspector P. Byrne and Sergeant M. O'Donoghue
OIREACTAS MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mr. Niall Collins, T.D, Mr. Maurice Quinlivan, T.D. and Senator Kieran O'Donnell
COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT :	Ms. M. McElvaney, Adapt Services, Mr. P. McElligot GOSHH and Mr. T. O'Dwyer, Anglesboro Tidy Towns
APOLOGIES :	Councillors McMahon, Keary, O'Donoghue and Ryan

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Joint Policing Committee Meeting held on 24th March, 2017

Circulated, copy of minutes of Joint Policing Committee Meeting held on 24th March, 2017.

On the proposal of Councillor Daly, seconded by Councillor Ó Ceallaigh, the minutes of Joint Policing Committee Meeting held on 24th March, 2017, were confirmed.

2. Draft Joint Policing Committee Strategic Plan 2016 – 2021

Dr. Humphreys gave presentation on the Draft Joint Policing Committee Strategic Plan 2016 – 2021. The Draft Plan as presented took into account the various issues raised at the workshop earlier in the year and the subsequent meeting held "in committee" in March.

Following some discussion in relation to the various issues: it was proposed by Councillor Daly, seconded by Councillor Mitchell and unanimously agreed to approve Draft Joint Policing Committee Strategic Plan 2016 – 2021.

Concern was expressed at horses and sulkies on Childers Road, the condition of the horses, and that horses were roaming around green areas in housing estates. Bye-Laws needed to be introduced with the Council and An Garda Síochána working together to address these issues.

The Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services said he would include this matter in background Briefing Document and the Strategic Plan approved and the issues would be referred to the appropriate Council Directorate for consideration in consultation with AGS.

Concern was expressed in relation to illegal parking in the city centre with cars and trucks parking on double yellow lines and double parking and it was requested that an updated Traffic Management Plan be put in place.

In reply to Members request to have controlled family friendly Council run bonfires in Limerick, similar to those held in Cork, the Chief Superintendent voiced his concern about the legality and safety of these bonfires but agreed that the position in other cities could be examined. .

It was requested that the issue of domestic abuse be included in the garda statistics and in the development of an awareness campaign on the matter and that this matter be considered in conjunction with the roll out of the Strategic Plan.

3. Annual Work Programme for 2017

It was proposed by Councillor Daly, seconded by Councillor Mitchell and unanimously agreed to approve Annual Work Programme for 2017.

The Senior Executive Officer (Corporate Services) informed Members that a Working Group of the JPC would be established to meet on a quarterly basis before or after the Metropolitan District Meetings to monitor implementation of the JPC Strategy and Annual Work Plans.

4. Update on Crime Statistics from An Garda Síochána

The Chief Superintendent gave a presentation on crime statistics for Limerick City and County Council. He confirmed statistics on domestic violence and number of ASBO's issued would be included in presentation for next JPC Meeting. He informed Members that ASBO's cannot be issued to persons under 12 years of age, as such offenders are referred to Tusla.

The Members requested An Garda Síochána to do everything possible to improve the safety and quality of life for the communities in the Bruff District in light of recent serious crime in that general area.

The Chief Superintendent informed Members that an additional detective and a plain clothes garda had been allocated to the Bruff District in the last few weeks.

In reply to Members, the Chief Superintendent gave an overview on the rollout of CCTV in the city and county and future plans for same and said he would organise a joint presentation between Limerick City and County Council and An Garda Síochána for the next JPC Meeting.

The Chief Superintendent confirmed that the new public order vehicle for Newcastle West would be available by the end of the year.

Members asked if An Garda Síochána would increase patrols on the Cratloe Road and Shannonvale in an effort to address anti social behaviour by gangs of youths.

5. Dates for JPC Meetings for Period September to December 2017

The following dates were agreed :

10.00 a.m., Friday, 15th September, 2017

10.00 a.m., Friday, 8th December, 2017

6. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor L. Galvin (deferred from JPC Meeting held on 24th March, 2017):

'I will move at the next meeting that this Council calls on the Minister for Justice and the Minister for Transport to look for a full review of the Go-Safe vans in Limerick'.

It was agreed to defer this Notice of Motion to the next Meeting.

7. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor R. O'Donoghue (deferred from JPC Meeting held on 24th March, 2017) :

'I will move at the next meeting that the digital cctv system that is under the control of Limerick City and County Council is rolled out to strategic locations around County Limerick to assist the under staffed Garda Force, in light of the increase in rural crime'.

It was agreed to defer this Notice of Motion to the next Meeting.

8. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor F. Daly

'I will move at the next meeting that this Council establishes how 'Safe is our city from potential terrorist attack in light of recent events'. In addition, subsequent to findings, write to the Minister for Justice to provide for identified resources and associated needs for Limerick'.

The Chief Superintendent pointed out that plans were in place at national level to deal with the various threats arising both at national and regional level. He outlined the various initiatives at local level to deal with such issues.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed _____

Date _____

