

MINUTES OF MEETING OF JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE HELD "IN COMMITTEE" IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MERCHANTS QUAY, LIMERICK ON FRIDAY, 24TH MARCH, 2017 AT 3.00 P.M.

PRESENT IN THE Chair: Councillor Seán Lynch

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Daly, Galvin, Keary, Keller, Lynch, Mitchell, Ó Ceallaigh, Ó Brien, Ryan, Sheahan (J), Sheahan (K).

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE: Director, Regional Services (Ms. C. Curley), Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services (Mr. C. O'Connor), Research Assistant, Social Development (Dr. E. Humphreys) and Staff Officer, Corporate Services (Ms. H. Keays).

GARDA NOMINATIONS PRESENT: Chief Superintendent D. Sheahan and Sergeant M. O'Donoghue.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Anglesboro Tidy Towns (Mr. T. O'Dwyer).

APOLOGIES: Councillors O'Donoghue (R), McMahon (C), Senator Kieran O'Donnell, Mr. P. McElligott GOSHH and Ms. M. McElvaney, Adapt Services.

Members congratulated Chief Superintendent David Sheahan on the recent announcement of his promotion to Assistant Commissioner. The Chief Superintendent was commended for his work and proactive approach to front line policing, pointing that he was well deserving of this promotion and it was hoped that he would be based within the Region. Members wished him well in this new endeavour.

1. Confirmation of minutes of Joint Policing Committee held on 20th September, 2016.

Circulated, Copy of minutes of Joint Policing Committee meeting held on 20th September, 2016.

On the proposal of Councillor Daly, seconded by Councillor Mitchell, the minutes of Joint Policing Committee held on the 20th September, 2016, were confirmed.

It was requested that Dr. James Ring, Chairman of Limerick Chamber of Commerce be invited to a future Joint Policing Committee Meeting in order to give a presentation with regard policing requirements in Limerick City Centre.

It was also requested that the 6 monthly report on crime statistics and additional crime statistics to cover issues such as breach of barring orders, drink driving, drug searches and domestic violence be presented at that meeting.

Concerns were expressed at the parking of a Go-Safe van on a very regular basis at Grange Stone Circle, Lough Gur. While the deterrent factor of the van in relation to speeding was welcomed parking was limited at this popular tourist attraction.

2. To consider initial Draft of Joint Policing Committee Six Year Strategy, prepared following Adare Workshop on 10th January, 2017.

Circulated, Draft JPC Strategic Plan 2016 – 2021, dated February, 2017.

Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services presented an overview of the draft JPC Strategic Plan 2016 – 2021 to the meeting with the aid of a power point presentation which included the following;

- **Functions of the Joint Policing Committee.**
- **JPC Strategic Plan and Annual Work Plans.**
- **Limerick City and County Administrative Area JPC.**
- **Membership of the JPC.**
- **Meetings of the JPC and Public Meetings .**

The Senior Executive Officer further explained how preparation of the draft strategy for the Limerick JPC had the following themes:

- **Enhancing Governance and Communication supported by information and effective use of data.**
- **Enhancing the role of local communities in crime prevention and response.**
- **Working with communities to improve cohesion, social inclusion and reduce anti-social behaviour.**
- **Improving traffic flows and road safety.**

The Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services highlighted to members that this plan was in draft format and will be edited further prior to submission to the Full Council for approval.

Members welcomed the plan and congratulated the staff involved in its development. A number of queries were raised in relation to various aspects of the plan and these were responded to by the Senior Executive Officer. It was noted that the final document would be more concise and would be brought back to a further meeting of the JPC for formal approval.

A number of issues were raised by the members in relation to illegal parking, dog control, sulky racing and the night-time economy in the city area and road safety and these were responded to by the Chief Superintendent.

The timeframe for the roll out of the CCTV was discussed and it was suggested that the Head of Digital Strategy, (Mr. M. Bilauca) be invited to a future meeting of the Joint Policing Committee meeting to brief members on the proposals under the Limerick Hinterland Report for a distributed “Smart CCTV System” comprising of 50 - 70 Smart CCTV Cameras being deployed in a pilot project across the County.

Following a short discussion it was agreed that notices of motion items 3 & 4 would be deferred to the next meeting of the Joint Policing Committee.

3. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

“ 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.”

4. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor R. O’ Donoghue

“ 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.”

5. Schedule of Meetings for 2017

It was agreed that Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services is to compile a schedule of suitable meeting dates, times and a location for JPC meetings in 2017.

The Chairman, Councillor Sean Lynch acknowledged the great work of Mr. Pól Baynham’s Emergency Med Tech Pilot Scheme in which Mr. Baynham and a colleague when they are not dealing with police matters take 999 emergency calls. Since October 2016 they have saved ten lives and the Councillor asked for the Chief Superintendent to pass on words of appreciation and recognition to both gentlemen.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed _____

Chairman

Date _____

