

**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, 17<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2020, AT 3.00 P.M.**

**PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:**

Councillor John Egan, An Cathaoirleach.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillors Carey, Donegan, 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), Administrative Officer, Community Support Services (Mr. S. Hayes), Community Sustainment Officer, Community Support Services (Ms. A. McDonald), Clerical Officer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Ms. H. O'Neill).

Also in attendance: Superintendent, An Garda Síochána, Bruff, Mr. John Ryan, and Superintendent, An Garda Síochána, Roxboro, Mr. Dermot O'Connor.

**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 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.

Proposed by Councillor E. Ryan;

Seconded by Councillor Carey;

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 Superintendent O'Connor to the meeting. The Cathaoirleach noted that it was Superintendent O'Connor's first appearance at the JPC Sub Committee's meetings and he thanked him for attending.

Superintendent Ryan gave an update on current policing issues within the Bruff Garda District. He confirmed that while there had been a reduction in certain crime categories, including burglaries, public order offences and minor assaults, that domestic incidents and drug

possessions in particular had seen an increase from the previous figures. These increases were being attributed to the Covid outbreak and subsequent lockdown from March, which entailed increased patrols and Garda checkpoints across the Municipal District.

Superintendent O'Connor thanked the Members for inviting him to the JPC Sub-Committee Meeting. He confirmed that the Roxboro District of an Garda Síochána covered the areas of Ballyneety and Caherconlish in the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District.

He proceeded to give an overview of the Garda operational set up for Ballyneety and Caherconlish. He confirmed that there had been a reduction in most crime categories in recent months, and that crime levels overall were generally low in Ballyneety and Caherconlish. He also confirmed that Gardaí from the Roxboro Garda Station also provided backup to the Gardaí covering Ballyneety and Caherconlish as required.

The Superintendents also confirmed that the rollout of the new Operating Model by An Garda Síochána had been delayed due to the Covid outbreak but that the intention was that this Operating Model would be rolled out in 2021.

The Elected Members thanked the Superintendents for their respective presentations and, in particular, they praised the work done by An Garda Síochána during Covid 19 and subsequent lockdown during the year so far. They referred to the high visibility of Gardaí at checkpoints across the Municipal District and highlighted the importance of everyone adhering to government guidelines in order to ensure that Covid levels were kept under control.

The Elected Members also welcomed the reduction in crime in certain categories and expressed concern at the increase in domestic incidents in particular, which were likely a symptom of increased lockdown measures with more people required to remain at home during Covid.

The Elected Members also noted that horse control issues had improved in recent months in the Municipal District and thanked the Gardaí for their efforts in this area. They also stressed the importance of continued activity by An Garda Síochána in tackling drug dealing and supply which are an ongoing problem across the Municipal District.

Finally, the Elected Members expressed their condolences to An Garda Síochána in relation to Garda Colm Horgan who was tragically killed in the line of duty in Castlerea, Co. Roscommon on the 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

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**Cathaoirleach**

Date:

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