

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT JOINT POLICING SUB COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD AT THE DEEBERT HOUSE HOTEL, KILMALLOCK, CO. LIMERICK ON THURSDAY, 10th DECEMBER, 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 (Ms. D. O'Brien), Executive Engineer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mr. D. Sheehy), Executive Engineer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mr. D. Corcoran), Clerical Officer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Ms. H. O'Neill).

Also in attendance via Video Link (Microsoft Teams): Superintendent An Garda Siochana, Mr John Ryan (Bruff) and Superintendent An Garda Siochana, Mr Dermot O'Connor (Roxboro).

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 17th September, 2020.

Proposed by; Councillor Donegan

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 Superintendents Ryan and O'Connor to the meeting and they presented information on their respective areas.

Superintendent Ryan noted that there were a similar number of incidents in the area covered by Bruff Garda Station in 2020 to 2019 including:

- 72 Burglaries
- A reduction in Assaults from 49 in 2019 to 32 in 2020
- A reduction in Drink Driving
- An increase in serious injury traffic accidents.

In relation to crime in the district, the Drugs Unit has noted an increase in drug detection. There are two new members of the Drugs Unit stationed in Bruff Garda Station, with a main focus on drug related issues in the Bruff region.

Drug detections increased from 7 in 2019 to 29 in 2020.

Superintendent Dermot O'Connor noted that the area within the Municipal District covered by Roxboro Garda Station had proved to be relatively quiet in 2020.

An overview of statistics for the Ballyneety area from 1st January 2020 to 10th December 2020 outlined that

- Property crime had reduced from 34 incidents in 2019 to 15 in 2020
- Crimes against the person had reduced from 5 to 4

In Caherconlish

- Property theft had reduced from 40 incidents in 2019 to 20 in 2020.

Additional checkpoints had been set up in this area during Level 5 restrictions. A reduction in traffic on the roads was noted, yet there were 27 traffic collisions in 2019 compared to 25 in 2020.

Local issues including the speed detection van in Kilmallock, suspected "sulky racing", the new operating model, CCTV cameras, property marking, Gardai lone working and Burglaries were discussed.

An agreement was reached that the speed van in Kilmallock would only be based there at night.

It was acknowledged that although the CCTV in Kilmallock does not cover the whole town, the coverage currently available has proved useful, and An Garda Síochána would be fully supportive if extra coverage was provided. A tenfold increase in behaviour warnings issued has been noted (10 in 2020 compared to 1 in 2019).

Recent "Sulky races" which were interrupted are now the subject of criminal investigation.

It was clarified that Gardai work together and back up is available from Roxboro Garda station if required.

Clarification was provided that there was no pattern to burglaries, and in 2020 there were very few burglaries as households were occupied more often. In relation to the detection rate, it was noted that of 72 burglaries, 13 were marked as detected.

The Elected Members wished to acknowledge the work of An Garda Síochána including Garda Taghnan in relation to their support for James' Journey

Further clarification on the operating model and property marking will be sought at the next JPC meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach

Date:
