

**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, 20th
January, 2022, AT 2.30 P.M.**

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor Martin Ryan, An Cathaoirleach.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Carey, Donegan, Egan, Mitchell, and Teefy.

Apologies: Councillor E. Ryan.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Director, Transportation and Infrastructure (Mr. B. Kennedy), Meetings Administrator (Ms. D. O'Brien), Senior Executive Engineer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mr. T. McKechnie), Clerical Officer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Ms. H. O'Neill).

Also in attendance: Superintendent An Garda Siochana, Mr Paul Reidy (Bruff) and Superintendent An Garda Siochana, Mr Dermot O'Connor (Roxboro).

The Cathaoirleach, M. Ryan welcomed all to the meeting. An Cathaoirleach also thanked the Gardai for the work undertaken under difficult circumstances over the Christmas period.

1. Adoption of Minutes

(i) Circulated copy of draft Minutes of October Meeting of the Joint Policing Committee of Cappamore Kilmallock held on 18th October, 2021.

Proposed by: Councillor Mitchell

Seconded by: Councillor Donegan

And Resolved:

“That the draft Minutes, as circulated, be taken as read and adopted and signed.”

Matters Arising

Councillor Donegan wished to highlight that the issue of Bullying in schools had been brought to the fore again recently with the recent tragic death of Cavan teenager Eden Heaslip.

Councillor Mitchell requested an update on incidents of Phishing in the area.

2. Update Community Alert

The Elected Members were advised by the Meetings Administrator that Diarmuid Cronin, Muintir na Tire, would be available to attend the February Municipal District Meeting to give a brief outline of the work of the Community Alert programme, to be followed up at another date by a more indepth workshop. This was agreed by the Elected Members.

3. Policing Issues in the District

Bruff Division

Superintendent Reidy noted that there has been an increase in all types of crime across the region and proceeded with the statistics for the Bruff Division, providing a comparison between Q4 2021 and Q3 2021:

Type of crime	Q4 2021	Q3 2021
Burglaries	20	34
Thefts	21	10
Thefts from MPVs	21	17
Thefts from shops	7	10
Section 3 assaults	7	1
Section 3 Drugs offences (possession)	10	14
Section 15 drugs offences (sale or supply_)	3	2
Searches carried out	18	18
Drunk Driving	9	6
Drug driving	3	2
Fraud (including Phishing)	41	13
Checkpoints	132	161
Threats to kill	1	0

It was noted that the thefts from the MPVs related in the vast majority to one individual. Subsequently there has been a significant increase in the number of patrols in the area, and the suspect has been identified but not located. No incidents have occurred since the suspect was identified, and there is sufficient evidence to arrest the suspect once located.

In relation to the increase in Section 3 assaults, this can be attributed to the reopening of hospitality including public houses.

The increase in Drug offences can be attributed to the work of the District Drugs unit increase in operations.

The threat to kill took place as part of a court hearing, which resulted in the immediate arrest of the culprit.

Superintendent Reidy also highlighted that there is ongoing work to increase Community engagement, including the operation of the Community Bus scheme.

There has also been an increase in the numbers of patrols in the district as follows:

Area	Q4	Q3
Bruff	219	174
Hospital	162	151
Kilmallock	358	272
Bruree	75	95
Ballylanders	197	77

Cappamore	116	140
Pallasgreen	121	157
Murroe	50	75
Oola	24	41

It was noted that money had been stolen from a church in Oola. A suspect has been identified.

Further to a burglary in Ballylanders, the culprit is currently before the courts.

An individual has also been charged relating to a burglary in Cappamore.

Roxboro Division

Superintendent O'Connor outlined a report from the Roxboro division as follows:
4 incidents of fraud have been reported in Caherconlish area.

Garda Barry Morken has been allocated to the Caherconlish Garda Station from January 2022.

Provisional figures covering the Roxboro district area of the Municipal district are as follows (full year 2021 compared to full year 2020):

Type of crime	2021	2020
Property Crime	36	39
Crimes against the person	15	12
Public order incidents	7	
Drink driving	13	
Drug driving	6	
Collisions	57 (51 resulted in material damage only)	36

Questions

Councillor Donegan wished to offer condolences to the family of Ashling Murphy and thank the Mayor for organising a book of condolences.

Fines for parking on footpaths and in 30kmh speed limit in urban areas were welcomed.

A question was raised as to whether E Scooters were allowed on the road

Disappointment was expressed in relation to the decision regarding Limerick City and County Council CCTV, and would the Elected Members agree that a question would be submitted as a Municipal District to the next full Council meeting regarding monitoring, maintenance and GDPR in relation to CCTV.

Councillor Egan requested clarification on the increase in antisocial behaviour, in particular in Bruree and Ballylanders, and requested that the Drugs officer speak with 5th and 6th years in Secondary school regarding the dangers of substance use and misuse.

Superintendent Reidy confirmed that Garda Mark O'Mahoney has visited all schools in the District to discuss substance use with students.

The Elected Members wished to compliment Garda John Ryan in Murroe, and noted that this role needs to be filled.

Superintendent Reidy confirmed that Expressions of interest had been sought to fill this position.

Councillor Teefy requested that the equipment relating to the Community Bus be marked.

Councillor Mitchell welcomed the additional patrols in the area.

Any Other Business

The Elected Members requested that the length of the meeting be increased to 1 hour.

All members thanked the Gardai for all their efforts and work throughout the pandemic to date.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Date: _____