

## County Kildare Joint Policing Committee

### Minutes of County Kildare Joint Policing Committee Áras Chill Dara – Council Chamber Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2016

#### Present:

Cllr. Martin Miley,	Chairperson
Cllr. Aoife Breslin,	Vice Chairperson
Chief Superintendent Barry McPolin,	An Garda Síochána
Peter Carey,	Chief Executive, KCC
Peter Minnock ,	Director of Services
Cllr Carmel Kelly	
Cllr. Fintan Brett	
Cllr. Ivan Keatley	
Cllr. Anne Breen	
Cllr Padraig McEvoy	
Cllr. Ide Cussen	
Cllr. Anthony Larkin	
Cllr. Morgan McCabe	

Monica Byrne	Kildare Older Persons Council
Steven Joyce	SW Regional Drugs Task Force
Emma Berney	Kildare Children & Young People's Services Committee
Sean Darcy	Celbridge Community Council
Mike Farrell	Comhlaire na Nóg

#### Apologies:

Superintendent Declan McCarthy  
Superintendent Martin Walker

#### In attendance:

Superintendent Gerard Wall	An Garda Síochána
Inspector Patsy Glennon	An Garda Síochána
Sergeant Garry Madden	An Garda Síochána
Sergeant Pat Conway	An Garda Síochána
Mayor Brendan Weld	
JP Holligan	Community Section
Bernard Higgins	Community Section
Eileen Doyle	Community Section

### **Item 1 – Minutes of the JPC meeting dated 7 March 2016**

The Chairperson, Councillor Martin Miley welcomed everyone to the meeting. The minutes were formally adopted as proposed by Councillor Fintan Brett and seconded by Councillor Padraig McEvoy.

### **Item 2 - Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

### **Item 3 - Introduction of New Members to the JPC**

The Chairperson introduced the new members Councillors Kelly and Coleman who were co-opted onto the JPC.

### **Item 4 – Policing Report**

Chief Superintendent McPolin presented the Policing Report, (copy attached) and informed the committee that Superintendent Walker gave a presentation on animal welfare and poaching issues to 50 assembled members of the 3 registered coursing clubs in Kildare and that a joint exercise was carried out between their members and the Gardaí on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2016. An open day was held at Newbridge Garda Station on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2016 and the Minister for Justice Mrs Frances Fitzgerald also attended on the day.

Chief Superintendent McPolin then updated the members on the crime figures for the year to date and also informed them of the Kildare Divisional Garda Youth Achievement Awards which are due to be held in November 2016. The nominations will be sought through schools, sports clubs, voluntary organisations, self nominations and juvenile liaison officers/community policing and there will be five categories of nomination. Chief Superintendent McPolin then responded to questions from the committee.

The Chairperson thanked Chief Superintendent McPolin for the presentation.

### **Item 5 – Kildare JPC 6 Year Strategy 2016-2021**

Mr Minnock presented the draft Kildare JPC 6 Year Strategy 2016-2021.

Sergeant Pat Conway of the National JPC Monitoring Office commented on the plan and paid particular emphasis to the areas around wildlife protection, cruelty to animals and the topic of crime prevention through the use of environmental design.

Mr Minnock stated that there would be a ten day window to allow for submissions/comments from the committee and if it was the wish of the committee, then the Strategy could be adopted at this meeting subject to the ten day window as above.

Proposed by Councillor McEvoy and seconded by Councillor Cussen that the Kildare Joint Policing Committee 6 Year Strategy 2016-2021 be adopted

subject to the ten day window to allow for any submissions/comments from the committee.

#### **Item 6 - The Policing Authority – Preliminary Views on the Preparation of a Code of Ethics for the Garda Síochána**

The committee had been circulated with correspondence from the Police Authority who are seeking submissions in relation to their public consultation in relation to the establishment of a Garda Síochána Code of Ethics by 31 December 2016.

#### **Item 7 – Nomination of Representative to the Alcohol Sub Group for the Celbridge Area**

Mr Steven Joyce of the South Western Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force informed the meeting that an Alcohol Sub Group has been established in Celbridge in order to lead out a community action on the alcohol programme with the Celbridge area as the initial focus for developing a local area plan.

Councillor Cussen was nominated to the Celbridge Alcohol Sub Group as nominated by Councillor Keatley and seconded by Councillor McCabe.

#### **Item 8 – Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

#### **Item 9 - Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 2016.

**The meeting concluded.**