

## County Kildare Joint Policing Committee

Draft Minutes of County Kildare Joint Policing Committee  
Áras Chill Dara – Council Chamber  
Monday 10 September 2018

### Members Present:

Cllr. Aoife Breslin  
Chief Superintendent Brian Sutton  
Peter Carey  
Sonya Kavanagh  
Cllr. Pádraig McEvoy  
Cllr. Fintan Brett  
Cllr. Carmel Kelly  
Cllr. Anthony Larkin  
Cllr. Ivan Keatley  
Cllr. Mark Lynch  
Cllr. Michael Coleman  
Cllr. Suzanne Doyle  
Dep. Martin Heydon  
Sen. Anthony Lawlor  
Conor O' Leary  
Steven Joyce  
Emma Berney  
Monica Byrne  
Sean Darcy

Vice Chairperson  
An Garda Síochána  
Chief Executive, Kildare County Council  
Director of Services, Kildare County Council

Muintir Na Tíre  
SW Regional Drugs Task Force  
Tusla  
Kildare Older Persons Council  
Celbridge Community Council

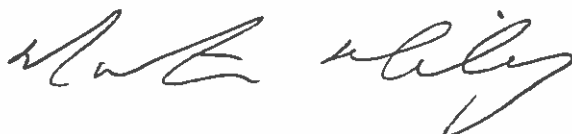
### In attendance:

Superintendent Martin Walker  
Superintendent Gerard Wall  
Inspector Mel Smyth  
Sergeant Gavin Dunphy  
Sergeant Eoin Phibbs  
Jacinta McPartlin  
Eileen Doyle

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### Apologies:

Cllr. Martin Miley  
Dep. James Lawless  
Dep. Catherine Murphy  
Dep. Fiona O' Loughlin



### Item 1 – Minutes of the JPC meeting dated 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018 were proposed by Councillor Doyle and seconded by Councillor Kelly.

## **Item 2 - Matters Arising**

Councillor Breslin took the Chair as Councillor Miley sent his apologies.

## **Item 3 – Policing Report**

Chief Superintendent Brian M. Sutton presented the Policing Report. The report focused amongst other issues on:

- Garda Resources
- Crime Statistics
- Property Offences
- Burglary Offences
- Drugs
- Road Traffic Offences
- Road Traffic Collisions
- Victims of Crime
- Community Schemes

Councillor McEvoy thanked Chief Superintendent Sutton for the presentation and proposed that correspondence issue to Minister Ross to ask that given the reported benefits from the Average Speed Enforcement System using Automated Number Plate Recognition operated in the Dublin Port Tunnel, does he intend to ask Transport Infrastructure Ireland to examine what benefits would arise from investing in a similar re-deployable system for use alongside motorway road works given the need to protect workers and drivers travelling in temporary speed limits. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Kelly.

Conor O'Leary thanked Chief Superintendent Sutton for the information on the Community Schemes and asked that this information be included as part of each Policing Report going forward. Conor also spoke about the role of community Gardaí and some possible confusion around identifying the community alert liaison Gardaí within the SAP's map. Chief Superintendent Sutton agreed that this needs to be managed and that the SAP system was in the process of update at the moment.

Councillor Doyle thanked Chief Superintendent Sutton for the presentation and spoke about the escalation of anti-social behaviour in and around council estates over the summer months. Councillor Doyle called for an interagency approach to be taken about this matter. Councillor Breslin stated that this matter would more correctly be dealt with by the Housing Strategic Policy Committee. Chief Superintendent Sutton agreed that this matter would benefit from a multi agency approach as An Garda Síochána alone cannot solve this matter.

Councillor Keatley supported Councillor Doyle and he wished to record his thanks to An Garda Síochána for their attendance a recent meeting about anti-social behaviour in Castledermot. There was some discussion on the role parental responsibility in the case of repeat young offenders and Inspector Mel Smyth outlined the legislation in regard to this.

Councillor McCabe outlined the serious problem of drug taking in and around Newbridge and stated that the problem seems to be getting worse. Chief Superintendent

The Chairperson thanked Chief Superintendent Sutton for the report.

#### **Item 4 – Update on Community Based CCTV Grant Scheme**

Sonya Kavanagh informed the meeting that an application had been received for approval for the Athy CCTV Scheme; this scheme is funded from an alternative source. Approval for this application was proposed by Council Keatley and seconded by Deputy Martin Heydon.

Ms Kavanagh updated the meeting on the CCTV Grant Scheme and stated that the LGMA would be meeting with the Department of Justice the following day but that a technical appointment has now been made in KCC to allow the Athy scheme progress. A General Data Protection Impact Assessment has to be done with each scheme.

Councillor Breslin thanked Ms. Kavanagh and Mr Carey and stated that Kildare is now on a path towards progression of the CCTV Scheme. Ms Kavanagh responded

to questions from members of the committee around the methodology of assessing the technical expertise and she also stated that she was aware that there were finances put aside in the Municipal Districts and if funding was required to procure consultation expertise she would advise the committee of same.

Mr Carey also advised the committee that he appreciated the frustration around the delays in the implementation of the scheme in Kildare but he assured the committee that whatever resources required would be found.

#### **Item 5 – Any Other Business**

The Chairperson informed the meeting that the proposal from An Garda Síochána to change the time of the meeting from 6.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. was considered by the JPC Steering Committee and it was agreed that a poll by email would be conducted to afford each member of the committee an opportunity to state their preferred option.

Councillor Kelly stated that she wished to congratulate An Garda Síochána and KCC Frontline Services on the wonderful Naas Community Festival event held during the summer.

#### **Item 6 - Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting in Castledermot on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018

The meeting concluded.