



# County Kildare Joint Policing Committee Annual Report 2009



## **Introduction**

The following is a report on the work of the County Kildare Joint Policing Committee (JPC) for 2009. There are five Joint Policing Committees in Kildare made up of the County JPC and Four Town Council JPC's. One of the key functions of the County JPC is to ensure co-ordination between the County and Town JPC's to ensure collaboration on joint actions and resources. The County JPC is monitored and supported by a steering group whose membership consists of Chief Superintendent Michael Byrnes, Director of Service Peter Minnock, Kildare County Council and Chair of the JPC Cllr Darren Scully.

## **Area covered by JPC**

The County JPC covers all of Kildare except Leixlip town, Newbridge town, Naas town and Athy town (already set up in the pilot stage in 2006) Map in Appendix 1

Kildare has experienced significant population growth from 134,881 in 1996 to 186,338 in 2006 representing a growth of 38%. This equates to more than double the national population increase of 17% over the same period. This has brought pressures on the delivery of public services to both individual and communities in Kildare. The JPC's are one mechanism to help improve communication with people and improve co-ordination and efficiency of our services.

## **When was it established?**

Kildare Joint Policing Committee held their first meeting in September 2009. However this process started in October 2008 when Kildare County Council members were given a briefing on the Joint Policing Committee for Kildare. In January 2009 the council elected their 13 representatives plus the Mayor. Oireachtas members were invited on to the JPC. Due to a change in Director of Service in Community and Enterprise and then the Local Elections the first meeting was not held till September 29<sup>th</sup> 2009. A lot of ground work by the steering group had been done in the meantime – election of community representatives, nominations from the new council and briefing sessions with town's councils.

## Membership of Kildare JPC

There are twenty six members of the County Joint Policing Committee. Fourteen local authority members including the Mayor. Five members of the Oireachtas, the County Manager and Director of Service – Housing, Community and Culture, three Community Representatives and two Garda representatives. List of members in Appendix 2



## **Nomination process**

The nomination process for the filling of the three community seats on the County JPC was decided by the Steering group. After some discussion it was agreed, to ensure maximum participation by the community sector in Kildare that the seats would be filled by inviting nominations from:

- Wider public community
- 1 seat from Muintir na Tir Community Alert scheme
- 1 seat from Kildare Community and Voluntary Forum

An advert was placed in the local papers requesting submissions from the community sector. . A submission was received from The Kildare Social Inclusion Platform which was set up through an action by the County Development Board. It is a forum for people who work in the area of community development and social inclusion. Its primary function is networking and information sharing. It also acts as a representative body for social inclusion issues. Examples of groups represented in this forum are carers, youth and travellers.

A letter of inviting nominations was sent to the Regional Development Officer for Muintir Na Tir – Noel McCarthy. Muintir Na Tir nominated a representative from a successful Community Alert scheme in Kildare.

The final community representative position was filled by the Kildare Community & Voluntary Forum which are funded by the Department of Environment and have nearly six hundred groups affiliated to them.

The community representatives were met by staff from the Garda and Housing, Community and Culture department who gave them a briefing on the purpose of the Joint Policing Committee and the role of the community representatives.

### **County JPC meetings held in 2009**

There were two meetings held in 2009. The first was on 29<sup>th</sup> September and the second on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2009. The main focus of these meetings was to ensure people were clear about the role of the Joint Policing Committee and the structures established to ensure it carried out its work effectively and efficiently. A calendar for meetings for 2010 was developed. Standing orders for the meetings was devised. The development of the work plan was also a key priority. A work plan subgroup was established to develop a plan with submissions invited from the committee.

## **Work plan 2009/2010**

The subgroup established to develop work plan for 2009/2010 consisted of the Chair Darren Scully, Vice chair Padraig McEvoy, Peter Minnock – Director of Service, Chief Superintendent Michael Byrnes, Sergeant Tim Burke and Anne Marie Conneely, Kildare County Council. It was agreed to examine the key goals from the policing plan for Kildare and use that as the foundation for the Joint Policing Work plan. There were six goals and objectives identified:

1. Structures: To embed the structures of the JPC's
2. Promotion: To promote the concept of the JPC's
3. Crime, Drugs & Public order: To Monitor and review serious crime, drug supply and public order in Co Kildare.
4. Community Engagement: To provide equal protection and appropriate services, while nurturing mutual respect and trust.
5. Traffic: To reduce the incidence of fatal and serious injuries and improve road safety in Kildare.
6. Resources: To seek equality of treatment in the allocation of Garda personnel and resources to Kildare division.

To ensure implementation of the work plan it was agreed that three subgroups would be established to monitor and implementation any actions identified under objective 3, 4 & 5 –

- Crime, Drugs, & Public Order subgroup
- Community Engagement
- Traffic

The JPC steering group are responsible for Objective 1, 2 & 6. It was agreed by the County JPC that the subcommittees would have:

- A maximum of 6/7 people per subcommittee
- Membership will consist of:
  - Chair (Cllr)
  - Community Rep
  - Garda Rep
  - Two other members of the board
  - Two seats vacant for people to be co-opted.

The chairs of the subcommittee will report to the County JPC at each meeting. It was also agreed as part of our co-ordinating process with the town council JPC's that we would encourage their subcommittees to link with the county and if possible implement joint actions.

## **Website:**

On of the key actions under objective 2 – Promotion it was agreed that a website would be developed for the Kildare Joint Policing Committees. The purpose of the website was two fold:

- (1) It was to promote and raise awareness of the JPC's in Kildare and to offer easy access for people to submit queries and

- (2) To encourage more efficient ways of disseminating information to the members of the JPC's.

A special members area was developed and from there members can access the agenda, minutes or reports needed for each meeting. It has greatly reduced the administration work needed to service the committees. The website address is [www.kildarejointpolicing.ie](http://www.kildarejointpolicing.ie)

## **Coordination of the Town Council JPC's**

It was agreed by the steering group that it was essential that there would be an efficient and coordinated process to establish and run the County and Town JPC's. This process was to be developed by holding meetings with:

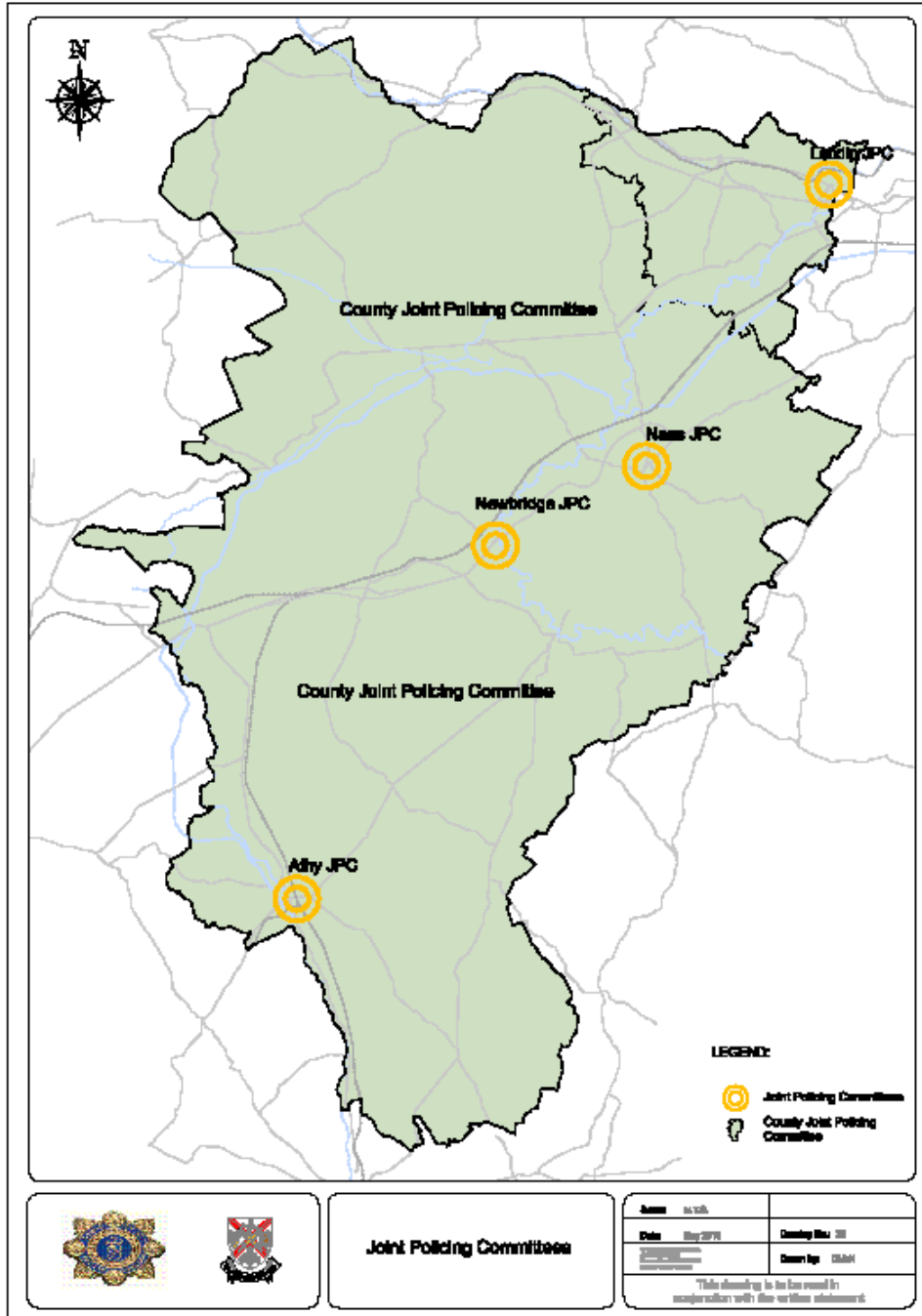
- Town managers of each Town Council JPC
- Town clerks in each town council
- Presentation to elected members in the town JPC's
- A plenary session with steering groups of all JPC's to be held in 2010.
- Templates to be devised to ensure consistency in reporting etc

## **Conclusion:**

The main work completed in 2009 by Kildare Joint Policing Committee has been –

- (1) Two County JPC meetings held, it has also developed its work plan for 2009/2010.
- (2) Three subgroups were created to deliver on the actions in the plan.
- (3) A process to ensure co-ordination among all JPC's in Kildare to encourage efficient use of resources and overlap of work.
- (4) The website [www.kildarejointpolicing.ie](http://www.kildarejointpolicing.ie) was developed to encourage and optimise participation from the citizens of Kildare.

# Appendix 1



## Appendix 2

### Kildare Joint Policing Committee 2009

13 Elected Members plus Mayor (Ex Officio)		Contact Details
	Cllr Colm Purcell ( Mayor)	087 2539493/ cpurcelllabour@eircom.net
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	Cllr Tony O Donnell	087 9081649/ tony.odonnell@gmail.com
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	Deputy Bernard Durkin	01 6183000/ Bernard.durkin@oireachtas.ie
	Deputy Emmet Stagg	01 6183000/ emmet.stag@oireachtas.ie
	Deputy Jack Wall	01 6183000/087 2570275 / jack.wall@oireachtas.ie
<b>2 Council Representatives</b>	County Manager – Michael Malone	
	Director of Service – Peter Minnock	045 980856/ pminnock@kildarecoco.ie
<b>2 Garda Representatives</b>	Chief Superintendent- Michael Byrnes	045 884300/ timothy.f.burke@garda.ie
	Superintendent Patrick Mangan	
<b>3 Persons representing C &amp; V sector</b>	John Hayden – Community & Voluntary Forum Representative	086 3895636
	Anne Flynn – The Carers Association – Kildare Social Inclusion Platform Representative (KSIP)	045 444012/0860400423 carersnaas@carersireland.com
	John Fullam – Munitir Na Tir - Community Alert Representative	045 524312

Appendix 3

**County Kildare Work plan 2009/2010**

<b>County Kildare Joint Policing Committee Action Plan 2009/2010</b>					
Goal	Objectives	Key Action	Partners	Sub Committee Responsible	Timescale
Structures	<b>1.</b> To embed the Structures of the JPC's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Agree Standing orders</li> <li>- Developing links and joint pieces of work with Town JPC's.</li> <li>- Ensuring JPC's reports are listed on CDB, Full Council meetings etc</li> <li>- Reporting system to be established.</li> </ul>	Council Gardai Community Sector Town JPC's	JPC Steering Group	6 mths
Promotion	<b>2.</b> Promoting the concept of the JPC's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Developing website for JPC's</li> <li>- Promoting JPC's through the Media eg Press releases, radio interviews.</li> <li>- Supporting the Community Representatives in promoting the work of the JPC</li> </ul>	Council Gardai Community Reps	JPC Steering group	Ongoing

**County Kildare Joint Policing Committee Action Plan 2009/2010**

Goal	Objectives	Key Action	Partners	Sub Committee Responsible	Timescale
Crime, Drugs & Public Order	<b>3.</b> To monitor and review serious crime, drug supply and public order in Co. Kildare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identify Resources available</li> <li>- Review Statistics available</li> <li>- Re-active Community Alert</li> <li>- Identify areas in need of Policing Fóra</li> </ul>	Council Gardai Community Sector	Crime, Drugs & Public Order Committee	Annually
Community Engagement	<b>4.</b> To provide equal protection and appropriate services, while nurturing mutual respect and trust.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Devise a strategy on how to engage key stakeholders or target groups with the JPC's</li> </ul>	KNIT Housing, Community & Cultural Services Garda Community Sector	Community Engagement Committee	Annually
Traffic	<b>5.</b> To reduce the incidence of fatal and serious injuries and improve road safety in Co. Kildare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identify Resources available</li> <li>- Review Statistics available</li> <li>- Promote road safety awareness</li> </ul>	Road Safety Officer/Council Garda Community Sector	Traffic Committee	Annually
Resources	To seek equality of treatment in the allocation of garda personnel and resources to Kildare Division.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lobbying Minister for Justice for adequate resources</li> </ul>	County JPC	County Steering group	On going

## Appendix 4 - Front page of website



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### Legislation for the Establishment of Joint Policing Committees

Under Section 36 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005, Joint Policing Committees have been established to provide a forum where Local Authority and senior Garda Officers responsible for the policing of that area, with the participation of Oireachtas members and community interests, can consult, discuss and make recommendations on matters affecting policing of that area. Kildare has five Joint Policing Committees (JPC)



- County Joint Policing Committee (JPC)
- Leixlip Town Council JPC
- Naas Town Council JPC
- Newbridge Town Council JPC
- Athy Town Council JPC (Already established as a pilot in 2007)

### Guidelines

[Download the Guidelines for Joint Policing Committees](#)

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### Membership of the County JPC

The committee has 26 members comprising:

- 13 Elected members with at least two from each electoral area. The Mayor will be an ex-officio member.

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### Joint Policing Committees

- [County Kildare JPC](#)
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- [Leixlip Town Council](#)
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