

Kildare Joint Policing Committee Minutes of Meeting
7.00 p.m. Monday 3rd December 2018
Coláiste Lorcáin, Castledermot

Members in Attendance:

Name:	Representing:
Cllr. Martin Miley (Chairperson)	Elected Member
Cllr. Aoife Breslin (Vice Chairperson)	Elected Member
Cllr. Pádraig McEvoy	Elected Member
Cllr. Ivan Keatley	Elected Member
Cllr. Morgan McCabe	Elected Member
Cllr. Anne Breen	Elected Member
Cllr. Anthony Larkin	Elected Member
Dept. Fiona O'Loughlin	Oireachtas Member
Dept. Martin Heydon	Oireachtas Member
Peter Carey (Chief Executive)	Kildare County Council
Sonya Kavanagh (Director of Services)	Kildare County Council
Chief Supt. Brian Sutton	An Garda Síochána
Monica Byrne	Kildare Older Persons Council
Conor O'Leary	Muintir na Tíre
Steven Joyce	Southwest Regional Drugs & Alcohol Task Force
Sean D'Arcy	Celbridge Community Council

Apologies:	
Cllr. Tim Durkan	Elected Member
Cllr. Mark Lynch	Elected Member
Cllr. Carmel Kelly	Elected Member
Dept. Bernard Durkan	Oireachtas Member
Supt. Declan McCarthy	An Garda Síochána
Patrick Balfe	Public Participation Network

Also in attendance: Ms. Helen Hall, Policing Authority

Meeting Coordinator: John Shannon / Meeting Administrator: Ciara Gallagher

Cllr. Miley introduced Tracy Keogh from Kildare County Council. Ms. Keogh advised all in attendance in relation to photographs being taken on the night and their future use and that they would be used and stored in accordance with GDPR guidelines.

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Minutes / Matters Arising:

The minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 10th September were adopted on proposal of Cllr. Ivan Keatley, seconded by Dept. Fiona O'Loughlin.

The results of the email vote to change start time of future quarterly meetings to 3.00 p.m. were noted by the committee. The vote passed with 16 for and 7 against.

Policing Report:

Chief Superintendent Brian Sutton presented the final policing report for 2018. He discussed Garda resources, overall crime statistics, road traffic incidents and offenses, proactive policing, victims of crime and antisocial behaviour. The Chief Superintendent also thanked Kildare County Council and Civil Defence for their co-operation in assisting the Gardaí during adverse weather conditions earlier in the year.

The report was ratified on the proposal of Cllr. Ivan Keatley seconded by Cllr. Anne Breen.

Questions were asked in relation to Athy CCTV, domestic assault against females, street begging, antisocial behaviour, speed cameras at M7 road works and industrial littering. Chief Superintendent Sutton, Inspector Oliver Henry and Superintendent Walker addressed all issues raised.

Note: Policing report available upon request.

Correspondence:

Correspondence as listed below was noted by the committee.

1. Letter dated 13th September 2018 to Minister Ross in relation to 'Average Speed Limit' and his response dated 6th November 2018.
2. Letter dated 25th September 2018 to Commissioner Harris in relation to staffing resources and his response dated 5th October 2018.

Note: Copies of correspondence available upon request.

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Meeting Dates:

The chair highlighted a change from the original email correspondence which stated that the June meeting would take place on Monday 3rd this meeting will take place on Monday 10th June. It was noted that these dates were subject to the finalisation of the Kildare County Council meetings calendar.

Proposed dates for meetings in 2019 were agreed by the committee on the proposal Cllr. Ivan Keatley, seconded by Cllr. Morgan McCabe.

Guest Speaker: Mr. John Lonergan

Mr. John Lonergan former Governor of Mountjoy Prison gave a speech aimed at families about topics such as antisocial behaviour, drug debt, drug, alcohol and sexual misuse/abuse. He highlighted the importance of creating open dialogue within the family unit and not placing a taboo on any subject. Mr. Lonergan stressed the significance of personal responsibility and accountability.

Questions & Answers:

There were a number of questions from the floor which were answered by Chief Superintendent Sutton.

Cllr. Miley concluded the meeting by thanking An Garda Síochána, Kildare County Council, John Lonergan, the public who attended and made a special note of thanks to Eileen Doyle on behalf of the committee for her work with the JPC.

Next meeting: Monday 4th March 2019 at 3 p.m. in Council Chambers, Áras Chill Dara.