

County Kildare Joint Policing Committee

Minutes of County Kildare Joint Policing Committee Áras Chill Dara – Council Chamber Monday 24th October 2016

Members Present:

Cllr. Martin Miley Jnr.
Cllr. Aoife Breslin
Chief Superintendent Barry McPolin
Superintendent Declan McCarthy
Peter Carey
Peter Minnock
Mayor Ivan Keatley
Cllr. Pdraig McEvoy
Cllr. Fintan Brett
Cllr. Paul Ward
Cllr. Carmel Kelly
Cllr. Michael Coleman
Cllr. Tim Durkan
Cllr. Anne Breen
Cllr. Íde Cussen
Cllr. Anthony Larkin
Dep. Catherine Murphy
Dep. Martin Heydon
Dep. Bernard Durkan
Steven Joyce
Sean Darcy
Mike Farrell
Conor O'Leary

Chairperson
Vice Chairperson
An Garda Síochána
An Garda Síochána
Chief Executive, KCC
Director of Services

SW Regional Drugs Task Force
Celbridge Community Council
Comhairle Na nÓg
Muintir Na Tíre

In attendance:

Superintendent Martin Walker
Superintendent Gerard Wall
Detective Inspector Paul Dolan
Inspector David O'Sullivan
Inspector John Costello
Inspector Mel Smyth
Sergeant Garry Madden
Sergeant Pat Conway
Sergeant Eoin Phibbs
Celina Barrett
Cllr. Joe Neville
Cllr. Reáda Cronnin
Niall Morrissey

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Chief Fire Officer

Director of Service, Roads, Transportation
& Public Safety
Director of Service, Housing
Community Section
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Tadhg McDonnell
JP Holligan
Eileen Doyle
Ciara Gallagher

Mark McLoughlin

Housing Section

Apologies:

Emma Berney

Kildare Children & Young People's
Service Committee

Item 1 – Minutes of the JPC meeting dated 14th June 2016.

The Chairperson, Councillor Martin Miley Jnr. welcomed everyone to the meeting. The minutes were formally adopted as proposed by Councillor Pdraig McEvoy and seconded by Mayor Ivan Keatley.

Item 2 - Matters Arising

Councillor Martin Miley Jnr. thanked Monica Byrne for her membership of the JPC. The Kildare Older Persons Council is currently being reconfigured to fully represent the Municipal Districts and various stakeholders working with older persons and as such is not a functioning group at present.

Item 3 - Policing Report

Chief Superintendent Barry McPolin presented the Policing Report, (report attached). Chief Superintendent McPolin updated the members on the crime figures for the year to date and also informed them of the Garda resources in Kildare Division and recruitment. Ongoing serious investigations were discussed along with the topic of Community Engagement, noting that a competition is presently being run to select one Sergeant and three Gardaí to set up a dedicated Community Policing Unit in Kildare.

Chief Superintendent McPolin then responded to questions from the committee.

The Chairperson thanked Chief Superintendent McPolin for the presentation.

Item 4 – Report on the Emergency Call-Out Arrangements Between Kildare County Council and An Garda Síochána

Director of Service, Roads, Transportation and Public Safety, Niall Morrissey discussed the Call-Out arrangements, with particular focus on “Ad Hoc” Out of Hours responses. Mr. Morrissey noted that the health and safety of staff is the first priority, therefore staff are under instruction to not attend any incidents outside of daylight hours unless they are accompanied by An Garda Síochána who are then in a position to safeguard staff using their “blue lights” while KCC staff attend to the incident. A protocol for this was developed with Inspector Mel Smyth last year. Staff are not paid an “on call” allowance so when an out of hours call is received attendance is dependent on whether staff are available, rarely has it been the case where a responder was not

available. KCC is in negotiations with the unions with the objective of agreeing an "on call" allowance. Staff have requested that they be allowed carry out more detailed work and investment is being made in "kitting out" the KCC vehicles with materials to assist in making the site location a safer place to work.

Item 5 – Report on the Major Emergency Plan

Chief Fire Officer Celina Barrett presented a comprehensive report on Major Emergency Management (report attached). Chief Officer Barrett informed the meeting that the Principal Response Agencies (PRA) are as follows; An Garda Síochána, the Local Authority and the Health Services Executive. Each PRA has a Major Emergency Plan with a common approach through co-ordination, training, exercises and major emergency planning.

The Chairperson thanked Chief Officer Barrett for the presentation.

Item 6 – County Kildare JPC 6 Year Strategy – Priority Actions to be Identified through the MD Informal Meetings

Mr. Minnock advised the committee that in accordance with the County Kildare JPC 6 Year Strategy; actions can be discussed and prioritised within the setting of the informal MD (Municipal District) meetings. He added that Superintendents Wall, Walker and McCarthy attend these meetings and it has proven to be a good way to deal with local issues. Members can feed through any issues from MD level to the JPC which need to be embedded into the action plan for 2017. Mr. Minnock reminded the committee about the public meeting, which is being held in the Glenroyal Hotel on the 5th December 2016.

Item 7 – Any Other Business

Cllr. Joe Neville on behalf of the Leixlip Councillors expressed his good wishes to Detective inspector Paul Dolan in his new role in Naas Garda Station and thanked him for his work during his time in Leixlip.

The Chairperson stated that he wished to be associated with these sentiments.

Item 8 - Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday 5th December at 2016.

The meeting concluded.