

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Joint Policing Committee

21st November 2019 @ 6.00pm
Talbot Hotel Stillorgan

In Attendance	
Cllr. Ann Colgan	DLRCC
Cllr. Anna Grainger	DLRCC
Cllr. Barry Ward	DLRCC
Cllr. Denis O'Callaghan	DLRCC
Cllr. Elizabeth Eva Dowling	DLRCC
Cllr. John Kennedy	DLRCC
Cllr. Lorraine Hall	DLRCC
Cllr. Mary Hanafin	DLRCC
Cllr. Michael Clarke	DLRCC
Cllr. Séafra Ó Faoláin	DLRCC
Cllr. Shay Brennan	DLRCC
Chief Superintendent Anne Marie Cagney	An Garda Síochána
Superintendent Martin McGonnell	An Garda Síochána
Superintendent Martin Creighton	An Garda Síochána
Detective Superintendent Patrick Conlon	An Garda Síochána
Minister Josepha Madigan T.D. (Stephen O Shea)	Member of the Oireachtas
Catherine Martin T.D.	Member of the Oireachtas
Bébhinn Murphy	DLR Public Participation Network
Tony McCarthy	DLR Public Participation Network
David Bradshaw	DLR LDATF and LPF
Rev Asa Bjork	DLR LPF
Frank Cruise	Sandyford / Stepside LPF
Georgina Potts	Loughlinstown/Ballybrack/Shankill LPF
Dearbhla Lawson	DLRCC
Apologies	
Cllr. Carrie Smyth	DLRCC
Cllr. Deirdre Ní Fhloinn	DLRCC
Cllr. Jennifer Carroll MacNeill	DLRCC
Cllr. Lettie McCarthy	DLRCC
Anne Harrington	DLR Public Participation Network
Mary Ruane	DLRCC
Eimear McAuliffe	DLR Public Participation Network

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chairperson Mary Hanafin welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced David Bradshaw who is now taking over from Barry Cullen in the DLR Drugs and Alcohol Task Force and Georgina Potts from the LBS LPF.

Chief Superintendent Anne Marie Cagney welcomed Chief Administrator Joseph Nugent, Superintendent Martin McGonnell, Superintendent Martin Creighton and Detective Superintendent Patrick Conlon from An Garda Siochana.

Apologies were noted.

It was noted that a representative for Minister Josepha Madigan T.D. was in attendance on her behalf.

2. Minutes from September 04th 2019 JPC Committee Meeting

The minutes were proposed by Cllr. Denis O'Callaghan seconded by Cllr. Ann Colgan.

3. Presentation

LPF report.

Ian Smalley presented the headlines from the combined LPF report.

Chief Superintendent Cagney responded to questions in relation to the need for extra Community Gardai, competition and strategic consultation going on for employment of staff.

Chief Superintendent Cagney responded to questions about Shankill Dart Station, and confirmed that there are proactive patrols in the Shankill Dart Station area and that she would follow up on the query raised. D. Lawson responded also to confirm that DLRCC had written to Iarnroid Eireann regarding the safety audits that had been undertaken, and IE had confirmed in the summer that security on the DART had been expanded and the CCTV system was upgraded. DL confirmed DLRCCC would seek a further update on the current context and measures to mitigate antisocial behaviour.

A query was raised regarding the Garda Band and whether this was being disbanded. Chief Superintendent Cagney responded to reassure that in the short term there was going to be no disbandment and it is too early to give any indications of the band in the long term.

It was noted that Chairperson Mary Hanafin and Dearbhla Lawson attended a national meeting of JPC's with the Policing Authority where an invitation was extended by the Chair to the Garda Commissioner to attend a future JPC meeting. It was agreed by the JPC Members that the Commissioner would be invited to the next JPC Meeting.

The Chair responded to a query regarding Media attendance and whether media had been invited to JPC meetings. The Chair confirmed that the public meetings are open to the public and publicly advertised and media can attend. Dates for future JPC meetings can be circulated to raise awareness for 2020.

Actions:

- Chief Superintendent Cagney to follow up on patrols at Shankill Dart Station.
- DLRCC to write to Irish Rail and request an update on antisocial behaviour in Shankill Dart Station.
- Letter to Garda Commissioner to invite to attend the next JPC meeting.
- Dates for future JPC meetings to be advertised/ circulated

Progress Updates on JPC Annual Workplan

Dearbhla Lawson gave an overview of progress on the JPC's Annual Workplan, and thanked Chief Superintendent Cagney for the opportunity to input to the Annual Policing Plan and the PPN members for their feedback regarding the Annual Policing Plan Policy.

Chief Superintendent Cagney welcomed Chief Administrator Officer Joseph Nugent A.G.S, who introduced himself to the members.

4. Questions from the Members

Chief Superintendent Cagney responded to Cllr. John Kennedy question regarding burglaries in Foxrock village, and confirmed that An Garda Síochána are working to address this, and extra funding has been sought for resources to combat this, Gardai are working hard to tackle this spike of burglaries.

Chief Superintendent Cagney responded to Cllr. Séafra Ó Faoláin regarding Operation Thor and how it has been communicated, and confirmed safety tips and information regarding safety is posted on social media. Sergeant Malone engages with community groups and is available to support and provide information.

Tony Mc Carthy raised the importance of alarm pendants for people over the age of 65, and noted that information regarding the pendants was provided at the Age Well Expo in June and An Garda Síochána will continue to promote the pendants.

Chief Superintendent Cagney responded to Cllr. Denis O'Callaghan question on the continuation of the Diversity Programme, and confirmed An Garda Síochána will deliver an Integration Strategy. Also in response to a query regarding Victim of Crime Support, Chief Superintendent Cagney confirmed

there is Victim of Crime support within the District, it is tailored to be a safe place for victims to approach for help.

Chief Superintendent Cagney acknowledged requests for an LPF in the Dundrum area and noted that this was being looked at and discussions will take place with Superintendent McGonnell.

Chief Superintendent Cagney responded to Tony McCarthy's question on the privacy issues at hatches in Garda Stations, applications have been made and some Garda Stations have been updated.

The Chair requested confirmation that no Gardai would be deployed from Cabinteely to Stepside Garda Station. Chief Superintendent Cagney confirmed Stepside Garda Station will be operated by Gardai from the DMR division but no decisions have been made yet.

5. Questioned submitted

Cllr. Lorraine Hall thanked the Committee for the answers to the questions she submitted.

6. Proposed date of next meeting

The Chair advised that a discussion will be had to set dates for 2020 meeting. The Chair advised that going forward to 2020 the LPF's and JPC Public meetings will take place at different times in the year which will provide opportunities for community engagement at different times with local areas.

Action: 2020 JPC dates to be confirmed

7. AOB

Chief Superintendent Cagney responded to Cllr. Ann Colgan regarding the UN global Project on safe Public Spaces and suggested this could be discussed at a future meeting.