

# Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Joint Policing Committee

15<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 5pm, Online meeting

In attendance	
Cllr. Anna Grainger	DLRCC
Cllr. Carrie Smyth	DLRCC
Cllr. Deirdre Donnelly	DLRCC
Cllr. Denis O' Callaghan	DLRCC
Cllr. Elizabeth Eva Dowling	DLRCC
Cllr. John Kennedy	DLRCC
Cllr. Kazi Ahmed	DLRCC
Cllr Lettie McCarthy	DLRCC
Cllr Lorraine Hall	DLRCC
Cllr. Mary Hanafin	DLRCC
Cllr. Oisín O'Connor	DLRCC
Cllr. Séafra Ó Faoláin	DLRCC
Cllr. Shay Brennan	DLRCC
Therese Langan	DLRCC
Mary Ruane	DLRCC
Chief Superintendent Matthew Nyland	An Garda Síochána
Superintendent Gordon Woulfe	An Garda Síochána
Superintendent Brian O' Keefe	An Garda Síochána
Anne Harrington	DLR Public Participation Network
Eimear McAuliffe	DLR Public Participation Network
Tony McCarthy	DLR Public Participation Network
Georgina Potts	Ballybrack/Loughlinstown/Shankill LPF
Liz Roche	Sandyford/Stepaside LPF
David Bradshaw	DLRDATAF
Deputy Cormac Devlin	Member of the Oireachtas
Senator Barry Ward	Member of the Oireachtas
Deputy Neale Richmond	Member of the Oireachtas
Deputy Jennifer Carroll MacNeill	Member of the Oireachtas
Ian Smalley	DLRCC
Bernie King	DLRCC
Eoin Kelly	DLRCC
Gerry Flaherty (Guest)	DLRCC
Apologies	
Minister Josepha Madigan	Member of the Oireachtas
Cllr. Frank McNamara	DLRCC
Reverend Asa Bjork	Central Dun Laoghaire LPF
Cllr. Michael Clarke	DLRCC
Bebhinn Murphy	DLR Public Participation Network

## Welcome and Introductions

Cllr. Hanafin welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted her thanks as Chair to Chief Superintendent Nyland and the three previous Chief Superintendents who have served

during her time as Chair. She also thanked DLRC staff for their support and for the huge amount of work which they put into this committee.

### **Election of new Chair**

Cllr Hanafin nominated Cllr Smyth to succeed her as Chair. This was seconded by Cllr McCarthy and the election of the new Chair was agreed. Cllr Smyth then proceeded to preside as Chair and acknowledged all the work undertaken by Cllr Hanafin during her term as Chair of the JPC and for her work in relation to progressing the Domestic Violence refuge needed for the dlr area. Members of the committee expressed thanks to Cllr Hanafin for all her work over the years as Chair of the JPC.

### **Minutes and matters arising**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd of November 2021 were proposed by Cllr McCarthy, seconded by Deputy Devlin, and agreed by the Committee.

### **Ministerial/Departmental/Other Correspondence**

It was noted that there was no business to discuss under this heading.

### **LA16 Collision Reporting**

Gerry Flaherty, Senior Executive Engineer, Traffic and Road Safety Section, gave a brief presentation on road collision data from the RSA. It was noted that there was 1 fatal collision in 2021 on the data reported from the RSA but that some data is provisional pending further clarification.

Following the presentation, Ian Smalley noted that the report would be circulated to members after the meeting.

### **DLR Joint Policing Committee Annual Report 2021**

Therese Langan presented the main highlights of the JPC Annual Report 2021. Following this the report was agreed.

### **DLR Joint Policing Committee Workplan Priorities 2022**

Therese Langan presented the JPC Workplan Priorities for 2022 and noted the range of initiatives under the main goals. This was followed by queries in relation to the active travel scheme regarding personal safety, support for victims of crime and public safety. Following a discussion, the chair noted that Fingal County Council launched a public consultation on public safety and suggested it might be something for DLR to consider progressing in the new Strategy. The report was noted by members.

## **Development of a new JPC Strategic Plan**

Therese Langan outlined the approach to the development of the new DLR JPC Strategic Plan. It would involve a broad consultative process including the setting up of a steering group in consultation with the Chair and Chief Superintendent Nyland. It would also involve a workshop with JPC members to consider matters of importance.

## **Presentation on Current Policing Issues**

Chief Superintendent Nyland gave a presentation on current policing issues which included the following areas:

- New Garda Operational Uniform
- Scrambler Bike Operations 2022
- DART and LUAS Operation 2022
- Outline of proposed Initiative - An Garda Síochána and Pieta House Suicide Bereavement Liaison Officer
- DMR East Divisional Drugs statistics
- Breakdown of Crime Statistics - January 2021/2022
- Roads Policing Statistics 2020/2021

Following the presentation, The Chair invited questions from the members. Queries/comments were raised by members and responded to including acknowledgement from members in relation to the work done on the scrambler operations and regarding the LUAS and DART operation. A query was raised regarding the decrease in speeding offences in 2021 compared to 2020. A discussion was held regarding illegal parking and also in relation to cycling on footpaths. David Bradshaw requested a copy of the slide on drugs seizure statistics.

Following a discussion, Chief Superintendent Nyland responded to the queries raised and the committee thanked him for the report and for the work of An Garda Síochána.

## **Local Policing Fora Reports**

Ian Smalley presented the main points of the Local Policing Fora reports for Central Dun Laoghaire LPF, Shankill/Ballybrack/Loughlinstown LPF, Sandycove/Stepaside LPF and Dundrum/Stillorgan LPF. Each report was circulated to the members prior to the meeting.

The reports were noted.

## **Presentation on DLR'S Pilot High Security Lock Scheme**



Ian Smalley presented an overview of dlr's High Security Lock Scheme delivered in 2021. It was noted that a fund of €25,000 had been available and 581 applications had been received.

Following the presentation members thanked Ian for the presentation.

### Questions submitted

Questions received from JPC members and replies were circulated prior to the meeting and were noted.

Items raised in the questions included:

- Prevalence and issues around cyclists mounting footpaths
- Street lighting in the interest of preventing violent crime and to create a sense of personal security for those out on the streets during non-daylight hours
- Update on the installation of CCTV and improved lighting at Kilbogget Park and surrounding areas at Ashlawn Park and Wyattville Estate
- Measures being taken to tackle the scrambling bicycles at Kilbogget Park
- How AGS are responding to the Criminal Damage to Public Access Defibrillators
- Review of preventing anti-social behaviour and the usage of scramblers in local parks, specifically Kilbogget Park, this spring and on an ongoing basis
- Collective efforts being made to tackle the extremely dangerous use of scrambler bikes in Kilbogget, Loughlinstown and Clonkeen Parks
- Number of Garda bicycles available for use within District F
- Report on the future policing needs of our County
- How have we communicated to our community/schools/church's the requirement for longer notice to be given to Gardai when applying for a licence for a local raffle
- Have Additional staff/resources been allocated to Stepside Garda Station to help cope with the population growth in surrounding areas including Clay Farm
- Progress to tackle ongoing complaints of parking on footpaths, especially within the vicinity of the Dundrum Garda Station
- Number of Community Guards to cover the Ballyogan area

### AOB

Cllr Hanafin provided an update on the progress in relation to the Domestic Violence Refuge for DLR. She noted that the next steps are to seek a suitable site or premises to allow immediate progress. The meeting concluded at 7pm.

### Date of the next meeting

The next JPC meeting is scheduled to take place on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and to include a public meeting.

Minutes agreed:

Signed: 

(Chairperson)

Date: 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022

