

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Joint Policing Committee

23rd November 2021 at 5pm, Online meeting

| In attendance | |
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| Cllr. Anna Grainger | DLRCC |
| Cllr. Lettie McCarthy | DLRCC |
| Cllr. Carrie Smyth | DLRCC |
| Cllr. Denis O' Callaghan | DLRCC |
| Cllr. Elizabeth Eva Dowling | DLRCC |
| Cllr. Séafra Ó Faoláin | DLRCC |
| Cllr. Shay Brennan | DLRCC |
| Cllr. Frank McNamara | DLRCC |
| Cllr. John Kennedy | DLRCC |
| Cllr. Kazi Ahmed | DLRCC |
| Cllr. Mary Hanafin | DLRCC |
| Cllr. Michael Clarke | DLRCC |
| Cllr. Oisín O'Connor | DLRCC |
| Cllr Lorraine Hall | DLRCC |
| Mary Ruane | DLRCC |
| Chief Superintendent Matthew Nyland | An Garda Síochána |
| Superintendent Gordon Woulfe | An Garda Síochána |
| Superintendent Brian O' Keefe | An Garda Síochána |
| Inspector Vivian Rock | An Garda Síochána |
| Inspector John Burke | An Garda Síochána |
| Eimear McAuliffe | DLR Public Participation Network |
| Bebhinn Murphy | DLR Public Participation Network |
| Tony McCarthy | DLR Public Participation Network |
| Liz Roche | Sandyford/Stepaside LPF |
| 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 |
| Reverend Asa Bjork | DLR LPF |
| David Bradshaw | DLR DATF |
| Ian Smalley | DLRCC |
| Bernie King | DLRCC |
| Paul O'Dwyer | DLRCC |
| Barbara Henry | DLRCC |
| Michelle Carroll | DLRCC |
| Assistant Principal John Gallagher (Guest) | An Garda Síochána |
| Karen Shelly (Guest) | Policing Authority |
| Gerry Flaherty (Guest) | DLRCC |
| Apologies | |
| Minister Josepha Madigan | Member of the Oireachtas |
| Anne Harrington | DLR Public Participation Network |
| Therese Langan | DLRCC |
| Detective Superintendent Martin Creighton | An Garda Síochána |

Welcome and Introductions

Cllr. Hanafin (The Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were noted by the Chair.

Minutes and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd September 2021 were proposed by Tony McCarthy, seconded by Cllr O' Callaghan and agreed by the Committee.

Cllr Hanafin noted that a date has not been set yet for the JPC public meeting which was postponed.

The following item was noted:

Draft revised JPC guidelines

The draft revised JPC guidelines were circulated to members in October. Submissions from individual members of the JPC were sent to the Policing Authority.

Cllr Hanafin noted the submissions came from individual members of the JPC and not the JPC as a collective submission.

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 presentation on the new LA16 Collision reporting procedure.

Following the presentation the following queries were raised by members:

- What was the position in relation to liability in the event that the engineering of a road was found to be the cause of a collision
- Will fatal collision sites be included in the new Road Safety Plan
- Will serious injury collisions be included as part of the new reporting procedure
- What are the key differences between the old and the new system

Gerry Flaherty responded to the members' queries and asked if the Gardai could notify the Council of any fatal collisions and the report was noted.

Presentation on Current Policing Issues

Chief Superintendent Nyland introduced the new Superintendent for the Dun Laoghaire District, Brian O' Keefe and advised that he has replaced Superintendent Karen Duffy.

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

- Top 10 types of calls received and the frequency of calls to the DMR East in October 2021
- Operation Tombola 2021
- Policing in the Glencullen area
- Update on DMR East Divisional Drug seizures
- Overview of crime statistics with a breakdown comparison for January to October 2020/2021
- Overview of roads policing statistics with a breakdown comparison for January to October 2019-2021.

An Update on operating model for DMR East Division was provided by John Gallagher.

Following the presentation, The Chair welcomed the new elements in the report and invited questions from the members. Queries/comments were raised by members and responded to including:

- Query on number of false alarms
- Acknowledgement of the work done for Operation Tombola by An Garda Siochana and the Council
- Parking on footpaths
- Query on whether domestic violence statistics include both sexes
- Linking in with commercial tyre business for the new year to try and curtail stockpiling of tyres for Halloween

Following a discussion, the committee thanked Chief Superintendent Nyland for the report and for the work of An Garda Siochána in the county.

DLR Joint Policing Committee Annual Workplan Updates

Mary Ruane presented the JPC Annual Workplan updates. The report was noted by members.

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, Sandyford/Stepaside LPF and Dundrum/Stillorgan LPF (1st meeting of the LPF). Each report was circulated to the members prior to the meeting.

A query was raised in relation to the lift at Dundrum Luas Station. Ian Smalley advised that the issue with the lift is a technical one. It was noted that there had been ongoing problems with the lift and repairs were slow to happen. It was agreed by the committee that a letter be issued to the Luas Operator in relation to this.

Cllr O' Callaghan thanked Inspector Kelly for acknowledging the work done by Joe Everard, Iarnrod Eireann, who recently retired and asked the committee to consider writing to Joe to wish him well in his retirement. This was agreed by the committee.

The reports were noted.

Action: Write to Luas Operator regarding the lift issue at Dundrum Luas Station

Action: Letter to be sent to Joe to wish him well on his retirement

Study Commissioned by DLRCC into Assessment of Need for Provision of Domestic Violence Refuge in the DLR Area - update

Cllr Hanafin provided an update on this work. An assessment was carried out in 2011. The data is out of date and it is a priority that we work towards a refuge for the County. In the 2021 Council budget the elected members agreed to allocate €15,000 towards the need's analysis study. Update presentations were provided to the JPC twice. The report was launched the previous week by An Cathaoirleach with Cllr Hanafin. Cllr Hanafin outlined the roles of the relevant departments and agencies in relation to DV services and the steps involved in making an application for the refuge. A meeting has been arranged with the CE of Túsla, Chair of dlr JPC, Interim Chief Executive and Council officials to progress the refuge.

Following the update members thanked Cllr Hanafin and DLRCC officials for their work to date and for driving it forward.

Questions submitted

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

Items raised in the questions included:

- What measures are in place to counter anti-social behaviour on Dundrum Main Street
- No of knives seizures in area for 2020/2021 to date
- No of civilians working in AGS in the division
- No of bikes have been stolen in 2020/2021
- No of public order offences were handed out in 2020/2021
- What action Gardai and the Council are taking to address theft from cars in carparks in local parks
- What action Gardai are taking to respond to the high volume of scam calls and text messages that people are receiving
- Request for An Garda Siochana's operational/organisation chart for the areas covered by dlr Joint Policing Committee
- To report on pro-active approach to tackle the problem of anti-social behaviour/illegal bonfires in Kilbogget Park and surrounding areas on Halloween day/night
- Update on the installation of the CCTV to tackle the problem of anti-social behaviour in Kilbogget Park and surrounding areas

- Review preventing anti-social behaviour and the usage of fireworks in the locality this winter
- What joint action do the Gardai and the Council take when they are notified of reports of homeless encampments in areas where there is substantial undergrowth cover
- Update on policing plans for Cherrywood

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None

Date of the next meeting

The next JPC meeting is scheduled to take place on 15th February 2022 at 5pm.