

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Joint Policing Committee

24th February, 2021 at 5.00pm, Virtual meeting on Teams

| In attendance | |
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| Cllr. Ann Colgan | DLRCC |
| Cllr. Carrie Smyth | DLRCC |
| Cllr. Denis O' Callaghan | DLRCC |
| Cllr. Elizabeth Eva Dowling | DLRCC |
| Cllr. Frank McNamara | DLRCC |
| Cllr. John Kennedy | DLRCC |
| Cllr. Kazi Ahmed | DLRCC |
| Cllr. Lettie McCarthy | DLRCC |
| Cllr. Lorraine Hall | DLRCC |
| Cllr. Mary Hanafin | DLRCC |
| Cllr. Michael Clarke | DLRCC |
| Cllr Oisin 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 |
| Det. Superintendent Martin Creighton | An Garda Síochána |
| Superintendent Paul Reidy | An Garda Síochána |
| Superintendent Ronan Barry | An Garda Síochána |
| Eimear McAuliffe | DLR Public Participation Network |
| Bebhinn Murphy | DLR Public Participation Network |
| Anne Harrington | DLR Public Participation Network |
| Tony McCarthy | DLR Public Participation Network |
| Georgina Potts | Loughlinstown/Ballybrack/Shankill LPF |
| Liz Roche | Sandyford/Stepaside LPF |
| Deputy Cormac Devlin | Member of the Oireachtas |
| Deputy Jennifer Carroll MacNeill | Member of the Oireachtas |
| Deputy Neale Richmond | Member of the Oireachtas |
| Senator Barry Ward | Member of the Oireachtas |
| Sergeant James Malone | An Garda Síochána |
| Sergeant Mark Clarke | An Garda Síochána |
| Terry Freir | Divisional Executive Officer, An Garda Síochána |
| Ian Smalley | DLRCC |
| Bernie King | DLRCC |
| Maria Kelly | DLRCC |
| Eoin Kelly | DLRCC |
| Michelle Carroll | DLRCC |
| Robert Burns | DLRCC |
| David Bradshaw | DLR LDATF and LPF |
| Apologies | |
| Cllr Anna Grainger | DLRCC |
| Minister Josepha Madigan | Member of the Oireachtas |
| Reverend Asa Bjork | DLR LPF |

Welcome and Introductions

Cllr. Mary Hanafin (The Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted online meeting protocols must be observed.

Apologies were noted by the Chair.

The Chair expressed sincere condolences from the DLR JPC to An Garda Síochána on the death of Garda Alan Lebligue.

Minutes from November 25th, 2020 JPC Committee Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 25th November 2020 were proposed by Cllr. Carrie Smyth, seconded by Cllr. Lettie McCarthy and agreed by the Committee.

Presentation on Current Policing Issues

Chief Superintendent Nyland presented a report to the JPC on the current policing issues in the County which included the following areas:

- Latest crime statistics,
- Policing matters during Covid 19 pandemic
- Antisocial behaviour
- Theft including bicycle theft
- Domestic Violence
- Community Policing

Following the presentation, The Chair invited questions from the members. The following issues were raised by members and responded to:

- Antisocial Behaviour in Kilbogget Park, Coolevin, Ashlawn, Wyattville, Shankill and Ballyogan
- Domestic Violence and the need for a Women's Refuge in the County
- Bicycle Theft
- Community Policing

The Chair acknowledged receipt of a letter from Assistant Commissioner Anne-Marie Cagney to the JPC supporting the need for a Domestic Violence Refuge in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown.

The Chair also noted a letter dated 3rd December, 2020 and subsequent email dated 16th February, 2021, issued to the Minister for Justice, Helen McEntee requesting support for a Domestic Violence Refuge in Dun Laoghaire. To date no reply has been received. This matter will be followed up prior to the next JPC Meeting.

DLR Joint Policing Committee Annual Report 2020

Bernie King presented highlights from the DLR Joint Policing Committee Annual Report for 2020.

The DLR JPC Annual Report, 2020 was proposed by Tony McCarthy, seconded by Cllr. Lettie McCarthy and agreed by the Committee

Action: JPC Annual Report 2020 to be forwarded to the following:

- Garda Commissioner
- Policing Authority
- Department of Justice and Equality

DLR JPC Workplan Priorities for 2021

Therese Langan gave an update on key points and actions proposed in the DLR JPC 2021 Work Plan. Therese briefly mentioned (a) €34m Stimulus Programme for DLR and (b) Terms of Reference issued for proposals for Needs Assessment for DV Refuge in DLR to report in September 2021.

The DLR JPC Workplan Priorities Report for 2021 was proposed by Cllr. Lettie McCarthy, seconded by Cllr. Michael Clarke and agreed by the Committee.

Following the presentation, The Chair invited questions from the members. The following issues were raised by members and responded to:

- The setting up of a new Local Policing Fora for Dundrum/Stillorgan
- Illegal Dumping in rural areas of DLR

Tony McCarthy noted DLR PPN may be in a position to help the Garda Diversity Group in holding meetings and workshops and this offer of assistance was accepted by Chief Superintendent Nyland.

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 and Sandyford/Stepaside LPF. Each report was circulated to the members prior to the meeting.

It was noted that LPF meetings were disrupted in 2020 due to Covid but have successfully recommenced online since Q1 2021.

It was noted that a briefing has been scheduled to discuss the need/establishment of a new Local Policing Fora Committee for the Dundrum/Stillorgan areas. An Garda Síochána, Chair of the JPC and DLRCC will be present. Public Representatives of the electoral areas will be issued with an invitation to attend.

Following the presentation, The Chair invited questions from the members. The following issues were raised by members and responded to:

- Anti-social behaviour
- Installation of CCTV
- Community Policing
- Covid Restrictions and Enforcement

Presentation from the Juvenile Liaison Officer, Sgt. Mark Clarke

Sgt. Mark Clarke presented a report on the Diversion Programme & Juvenile Liaison Office Programme.

Following the presentation, The Chair invited questions from the members. The following issues were raised by members and responded to:

- Consequences for serial re-offenders
- Community Policing and the need for early intervention with young offenders.

Presentation from the Crime Prevention Officer, Sgt. James Malone

Sgt. James Malone gave a presentation on Crime Prevention. Following the presentation Sgt. Malone advised that the slides would be circulated after the meeting.

Safety and Security for Cyclists

Robert Burns discussed safety and security issues for cyclists.

Following the discussion, The Chair invited questions from the members. The following issues were raised by members and responded to:

- Cycling on footpaths
- Attacks on Deliveroo cyclists

Sgt. Malone noted that, in conjunction with DLRCC, An Garda Síochána will be holding bike security days to enable people to engrave their bikes and learn how to secure them properly.

Questions submitted

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

AOB/Date of the next meeting

The next JPC Meeting will take place on the 26th May, 2021 at 5.00 p.m. via MS Teams