

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Joint Policing Committee

Tuesday 20th November 2018 @ 6.00pm

Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan

Attendance:	
Cllr. Cormac Devlin	DLRCC
Cllr. Mary Hanafin (Chairperson)	DLRCC
Cllr. Michael Merrigan	DLRCC
Cllr. Barry Saul	DLRCC
Cllr. Chris Curran	DLRCC
Cllr. Ossian Smyth	DLRCC
Cllr. Deirdre Donnelly	DLRCC
Cllr. John Kennedy	DLRCC
Cllr. Peter O'Brien	DLRCC
Cllr. Shay Brennan	DLRCC
Dearbhla Lawson	DLRCC
Mary Ruane	DLRCC
Chief Superintendent Anne Marie Cagney	An Garda Síochána
Superintendent Martin Fitzgerald	An Garda Síochána
Superintendent Martin McGonnell	An Garda Síochána
Inspector Tom Condon	An Garda Síochána
Frank Cruise	Sandyford/Stepaside LPF
Richard Phillips	DLR Public Participation Network
Gay Wright	DLR Public Participation Network
Tony McCarthy	DLR Public Participation Network
Anne Harrington	DLR Public Participation Network
Barry Cullen	DLR Drugs and Alcohol Task Force
Inspector Pat Flynn	An Garda Síochána
Det. Inspector Creighton	An Garda Síochána
Eleanor Connolly (Observer)	Sandyford Local Policing Forum
Apologies:	
Cllr. Deirdre Kingston	DLRCC
Cllr. Lynsey McGovern	DLRCC
Deputy Catherine Martin	Member of the Oireachtas
Senator Gerry Horkan	Member of the Oireachtas
Cllr. Liam Dockery	DLRCC
Cllr. Barry Ward	DLRCC
Rev. Asa Bjork	Dún Laoghaire LPF
Cllr. Patricia Stewart	DLRCC

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed the members to the meeting. Apologies were noted.

2. Minutes from the JPC meeting on 14th June 2018

There were no amendments to the minutes from the JPC meeting on 14th June 2018. The minutes were proposed, seconded and approved unanimously.

3. Local Police Forum Reports

Dearbhla Lawson presented the headlines from the combined LPF report. The Chair invited members to consider the LPF reports circulated.

Dún Laoghaire LPF

Supt Fitzgerald responded to the following issues raised by Cllr Merigan & Cllr Devlin: Anti-social behaviour in the Dún Laoghaire and Mountown area is being addressed through a number of operations targeting locations, individuals and issues.

The Community Café provides a valuable service, but very serious concerns were raised regarding anti-social behaviour in the area. There will be on-going policing, both high visibility and plain clothes, around the district at peak times.

There was a successful operation targeting organised begging in the town centre over the past number of weeks, in co-operation with Garda National Immigration Bureau.

Tony McCarthy advised that 100 recovered and unclaimed bicycles were sent to Gambia for use by students there.

Sandyford LPF

Supt McGonnell responded to the following issues raised:

Traffic congestion and dangerous parking at Trinity School/Levmoss/Glencairn will be addressed through enhanced dialogue with all stakeholders, particularly in light of plans for a second school in the area.

Further correspondence was issued by Sandyford/Spetside LPF to Minister Ross and the forum is still awaiting a reply.

Gardaí and DLRCC were commended for operations targeting the removal of bonfire materials prior to Halloween.

Garda Pat Cullen's contribution to Sandyford LPF was acknowledged.

4. Nominations to Joint Policing Committee

There were no new nominations.

5. DLR JPC Annual Work Plan 2018 Updates

Mary Hanafin presented the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Joint Policing Committee Annual Work Plan for 2018. Discussions were noted under the three Goals set out in the JPC Strategic Plan 2016 – 2021 relating to the following items:

- 1.1 Supt Fitzgerald advised that success has been achieved in most areas and targeted operations are proving effective with serious incidents substantially reduced
- 1.2 Dearbhla Lawson advised that the Data Commissioner is doing an audit of Community CCTV Schemes regarding current arrangements and consideration of GDPR requirements.
- 2.5 The issue of loneliness was raised and reference made to PPN event on tackling loneliness and the need to identify contacts in support agencies.

- 3.2 Supt Fitzgerald advised that the Garda Accommodation Board is comprised of An Garda Síochána, the Department of Justice and the Office of Public Works
- 3.4 Cllr Devlin suggested a presentation by the Loughlinstown and Ballybrack (LAB) Project be given to the JPC in the future

6. Submitted Questions

Tony McCarthy submitted a question regarding the publication/sharing of JPC minutes. It was confirmed that minutes would be published and agreed that an 'agreed report' could be circulated in advance of the minutes being approved, for circulation among PPN linkage groups, etc.

Cllr Curran submitted a question regarding a role for the Harbour Police on the JPC. The Chair responded with reference to the Garda Síochána Act 2005, which prescribes the membership of the JPC.

Dearbhla Lawson stated that the Harbour transferred to council ownership in October 2018 and that there is currently a period of transition. Supt Fitzgerald added that crimes committed on Harbour grounds still falls under the jurisdiction of An Garda Síochána. The JPC is always willing to work with other agencies that can assist in achieving the objectives of the JPC workplan.

7. Proposed Dates of 2019 JPC Meetings

The proposed dates of the 2019 were initially agreed:

Wednesday 6th March – **Subsequently changed to Thursday April 4th 2019**

Thursday 13th June

Tuesday 19th November (Public Meeting)

8. AOB

Cllr Saul raised concern regarding parking and traffic violations in the area. It was noted that pictures of violations have been placed on social media outlets. Supt McGonnell advised that where hotspots/areas with higher incidences are identified An Garda Síochána and the Council could work together to target patrols. Chief Supt Cagney reiterated that Traffic Management is a priority role for all members including probationary Gardaí. Supt McGonnell advised that there were no fatal accidents in 2018 but that seat belt violations and mobile phone use had increased significantly and will require a targeted response.

Inspector Tom Condon outlined the responses to the issue of rough sleeping locally.

Cllr. Hanafin thanked the Committee and welcomed the Chief Superintendent's commitment to the work carried out in the DMR region