

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Joint Policing Committee

24th May 2022 at 6pm, Talbot Hotel Stillorgan

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. Kazi Ahmed	DLRCC
Cllr. Oisín O'Connor	DLRCC
Cllr Michael Clarke	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
Tony McCarthy	DLR Public Participation Network
Liz Roche	Sandyford/Stepaside LPF
David Bradshaw	DLRDATAF
Senator Barry Ward	Member of the Oireachtas
Deputy Jennifer Carroll MacNeill	Member of the Oireachtas
Minister Josepha Madigan	Member of the Oireachtas
Ian Smalley	DLRCC
Bernie King	DLRCC
Eoin Kelly	DLRCC
Gerry Flaherty (Guest)	DLRCC
Sean McGrath (Guest)	DLRCC
Maeve Ó Conaill	An Garda Síochána
Apologies	
Therese Langan	DLRCC
Deputy Cormac Devlin	Member of the Oireachtas
Eimear McAuliffe	DLR Public Participation Network
Georgina Potts	Ballybrack/Loughlinstown/Shankill LPF
Cllr Mary Hanafin	DLRCC
Cllr Lettie McCarthy	DLRCC
Reverend Asa Bjork	Central Dún Laoghaire LPF
Cllr Séafra O' Faoláin	DLRCC
Cllr John Kennedy	DLRCC
Bebhinn Murphy	DLR Public Participation Network
Cllr Lorraine Hall	DLRCC
Cllr. Frank McNamara	DLRCC
Cllr. Shay Brennan	DLRCC
Deputy Neale Richmond	Member of the Oireachtas

Welcome and Introductions

Cllr. Smyth welcomed everyone. Apologies were noted.

Minutes and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting held on the 15th February 2022 were proposed by Cllr Grainger, seconded by Cllr O' Connor 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 were 3 fatal collisions in recent months in the County and a summary of the fatal collisions was outlined. It was also noted that work has commenced on the preparation of a new Road Safety Plan 2022 to 2030 and the Council is seeking feedback from individuals, groups and key agencies on what actions should be contained in the Road Safety Plan.

Following the presentation, a brief discussion took place during which Gerry Flaherty responded to queries.

Local Policing Fora Reports

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

Following the presentation, a brief discussion was held, and queries were raised in relation to the issue of rogue traders, speeding in estates, cycling on footpaths, parking on footpaths, and double yellow lines, seizures of scrambler bikes in Kilbogget Park. Members acknowledged the work of An Garda Síochána in relation to Kilbogget/Coolevin and Ashlawn estates and in relation to the Operation at Shankill Dart Station.

DLR Joint Policing Committee Workplan Updates

Mary Ruane presented the JPC Workplan updates. Following the presentation, a query was raised about support for victims of crime. Chief Superintendent Nyland replied and advised that further details would be provided in the Presentation on Victim Support to the Public Meeting.

Presentation on by Chief Superintendent Nyland

Chief Superintendent Nyland gave a presentation which included the following areas:

- Outline of Garda Victim Support Service
- Outline of Divisional Protective Services Unit
- Operation Irene 2022
- DMR East Divisional Drugs statistics (1st January- 20th May 2022)
- Breakdown of Crime Statistics – April 2021/2022
- Breakdown of Roads Policing Statistics January – April 2020-2022 (comparison year on year)

Following the presentation, the Chair invited questions from the members. Queries/comments were raised by members and responded to including enforcement against cyclists, gender balance in the Division, statistics on drug seizures. Cllr Grainger asked if a copy of the presentations could be forwarded to the committee. Tony McCarthy congratulated An Garda Síochána on their centenary. Cllr Donnelly expressed concern over the way victims are treated in the justice system.

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.

Questions submitted

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

Items raised in the questions included:

- An update on the Domestic Violence Refuge planned for Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown
- Number of cyclists issued with fines under the Road Traffic Act and Road Traffic Regulations (1961-2019)
- Update on new cycle lanes April 2021-April 2022 and any amendments to traffic rules in last 6 months
- Type of fines given to Cyclists if they cycle on the main road when there is a designated cycle lane in place
- Report on anti-social behaviour within Sandyford
- Gender-based Violence and Sexual Assaults – Statistics for years: 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 (to date)
- Cases of spiking in bars, night clubs and other venues as outlined in S6, S8 and S12 and other sections of the Non-Fatal Offences against the Person Act, 1997 – Statistics for years: 2021, 2022 (to date)

AOB

None.

Date of the next meeting

The date of the next JPC meeting is to be confirmed.

Minutes agreed:

Signed: Cecilia Mynth
(Chairperson)

Date: 17TH NOVEMBER 2022