

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Joint Policing Committee

26th May, 2021 at 5.00pm, Virtual meeting on Teams

| In attendance | |
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| Cllr. Ann Colgan | DLRCC |
| Cllr Anna Grainger | 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 |
| Superintendent Paul Reidy | An Garda Síochána |
| Acting Superintendent John Dowling | An Garda Síochána |
| Eimear McAuliffe | DLR Public Participation Network |
| Bebhinn Murphy | 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 |
| Ian Smalley | DLRCC |
| Bernie King | DLRCC |
| Eoin Kelly | DLRCC |
| Michelle Carroll | DLRCC |
| Fiona Neary (Guest) | Neary & Associates |
| Jade Connor (Guest) | Neary & Associates |
| Apologies | |
| David Bradshaw | DLRDATAF |
| Minister Josepha Madigan | Member of the Oireachtas |
| Reverend Asa Bjork | DLR LPF |
| Anne Harrington | DLR Public Participation Network |

Welcome and Introductions

Cllr. Mary Hanafin (The Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were noted by the Chair.

Minutes from November 25th, 2020 JPC Committee Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 24th February 2021 were proposed by Cllr. Carrie Smyth, seconded by Cllr. Kazi Ahmed and agreed by the Committee. Deputy Cormac Devlin raised one issue in relation to the questions submitted in advance of the meeting. He requested that the topic in items raised in questions be included in future minutes under questions submitted for noting.

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:

- Report on current crime statistics
 - Various types of scams used by hackers
 - Community engagement and patrols,
 - Message to beware of scams
 - Report on roads policing statistics
- Following the presentation, The Chair invited questions from the members. The following issues were raised by members and responded to:
 - Request for more community policing presence in troubled areas impacted by incidents of anti social behaviour
 - Anti social behaviour
 - Garda resourcing in general
 - Speeding of vehicles at crossroads on Kill Lane
 - Request for figures on aggravated burglaries
 - Illegal parking
 - The Councils Intoxicating Liquor Byelaws and the challenges in relation to outdoor dining
 - Bicycle theft

Following a discussion, the committee thanked Chief Superintendent Nyland for the report and for the work of An Garda Síochána in the county and it was agreed that a letter would be issued to the Garda Commissioner and the Minister for Justice requesting additional resources for the DMR East division particularly in relation to the Cherrywood development.

Action: Letter to be sent to the Garda Commissioner and the Minister for Justice

DLR Joint Policing Committee Annual Workplan Updates

Therese Langan presented the highlights from the DLR Joint Policing Committee Annual Workplan Updates.

Following the presentation a query was raised in relation to the pedestrianisation of Georges Street Lower. Therese Langan advised that the consultation is currently open for submissions and any feedback on the consultation should be submitted to the Council.

Proposed Dundrum/Stillorgan Local Policing Forum

Mary Ruane presented a report on the Proposed Dundrum Stillorgan LPF which was previously circulated to the committee. She outlined in the report that the JPC's approval was sought for the establishment of the new LPF. Following the presentation it was agreed that the setting up of a Local Policing Forum for the Dundrum Stillorgan area was approved. It was proposed by Cllr Lettie McCarthy and seconded by Cllr Michael Clarke.

Cllr Lettie McCarthy noted that Inspector John O' Driscoll (Chair of Sandyford Stepside LPF) was retiring this month and acknowledged the excellent work done by him for the Sandyford/Stepaside LPF. She requested that a letter of thanks be sent to him on behalf of the Joint Policing Committee and it was agreed by the members.

Action: Letter of thanks to be sent to Inspector John O' Driscoll to wish him well on his retirement.

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.

Following the presentation the reports were noted.

Presentation on the Study Commissioned by DLRCC into the Assessment of Need for Provision of Domestic Violence Refuge in the DLR Area.

Therese Langan introduced Fiona Neary the Consultant engaged by Community Department; Fiona Neary gave an update presentation on the study commissioned by DLRCC into the assessment of need for the provision of domestic violence refuge in the DLR area.

Following the presentation, The Chair thanked Fiona Neary for her presentation and invited questions and comments from the members. The following issues/queries were raised by members and responded to:

- It was noted that there was not much progress made in the last few years in relation to progressing a refuge for the DLR area.
- Terms of reference for the study

The Chair noted that an acknowledgement letter was received from the Minister for Justice in relation to the provision of a domestic violence refuge for DLR and that responsibility for the provision of a refuge comes under the remit of Minister O' Gorman, the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration & Youth. Subsequently a letter was sent to Minister O'Gorman requesting support for the provision of a domestic violence refuge. An acknowledgment letter was received from Minister O' Gorman but a full reply was still awaited. This matter will be followed up prior to the next JPC Meeting.

Questions submitted

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

Items raised in the questions included:

- Reports of rogue traders
- Speeding vehicles, Orwell Road
- Road traffic offences by cyclists
- Request to increase level of patrolling at Badgers Glen
- Update on the installation of CCTV and lighting at Kilbogget Park
- Measures undertaken to tackle the illegal/inconsiderate parking particularly at weekends
- What is being done to tackle bicycle theft
- Report on the role and numbers of Community Garda and include vacant positions in all Garda Stations in the DLR area
- Plans for policing in Cherrywood
- Policing in Cabinteely Park
- Stepside Garda Station phone diverted
- Request for speed checks in Kiltiernan
- Community Guards serving the Sandyford Stepside area
- Cyclists adhering to speed limits
- Query on level of public order policing that will be available for the summer months
- Traffic lanes at Deansgrange cross roads
- No of domestic violence cases reported in the division for 2020 compared to 2018 and 2019
- No of drugs seizures taking place in F division
- Steps taken to train AGS in relation to implementing legislation re SI 2019/495
- Safety plans in relation to the junction of Rock Road and Merrion Avenue in the morning rush hour

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None

Date of the next meeting

The next JPC Meeting will take place on the 22nd September, 2021 at 5.00 p.m. Location to be confirmed.