

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF GREYSTONES TOWN
COUNCIL JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE
CIVIC OFFICES GREYSTONES ON TUESDAY
28th JANUARY, 2014 AT 6.00 P.M.**

Present: Councillor T. Fortune, Chairman,
Councillors G. Jones, K. Kelleher, C. Maloney,
G. McLoughlin, D. Mitchell, J. O'Sullivan &
S. Stokes

Also Present: Ms. K. Coughlan, Greystones Town Council
Garda Superintendent P. Ward
Sergeant G. Browne, Greystones Gardai
Ms. L. Dillon, Residents Associations

Apologies from: Mr. J. Lane, Town Manager
Ms. M. Porter, Greystones Town Council
Councillor B. Norman
Deputies S. Harris & A. Ferris

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor K. Kelleher, seconded by Councillor G. Jones and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 29th October 2013, as circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

2. REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT PAT WARD

Superintendent P. Ward circulated crime figures for the area and gave a breakdown of same. He answered queries from the members in relation to the statistics.

Superintendent Ward advised the members that following a meeting last November with Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Co-ordinators, the Gardai now sent weekly emails to them to advise of crime statistics. He also pointed out that a Facebook page had been set up in the Bray Garda District and that one was currently being set up for the Greystones District which would include advice and notices.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Ms. K. Coughlan advised the members that the Winter 2013 edition of the Community Times eNewsletter for JPC's was available on the Garda website.

2. Ms. K. Coughlan advised the members that the Wicklow County Council Joint Policing Committee would hold a public meeting on Monday 10th February 2014 at 8.00 p.m. in Germaines of Baltinglass.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Superintendent P. Ward stated that the CCTV monitor in the Garda Station was not working at present and that the Gardai had no funds to have it restored. Following discussion it was agreed to write to the Council to seek to have the CCTV system repaired.

2. Councillor C. Maloney asked that the Gardai investigate regular 'stone throwing' incidents on the Newtown Road in Kilcoole.

3. Councillor C. Maloney suggested that the Government should look at the practice of concurrent sentencing for crimes as he said that many crimes were committed when people were on bail. Superintendent Ward stated that the local judge was very fair and supportive of the Gardai in relation to bail conditions.

4. Councillor K. Kelleher spoke about the benefits of the text alert system and expressed the hope that it would continue and grow.

5. Councillor G. McLoughlin paid tribute to the Gardai for their help and assistance with the Christmas Lights Switch on-in Greystones. She sought advice in relation to facilitating taxi drivers when closing a public road as this might be an issue for the Gourmet Greystones event in May. Superintendent Ward advised her to engage with the taxi drivers in advance of the event and identify an alternative location for them.

6. In response to a query from Councillor D. Mitchell, Superintendent Ward stated that he was not aware of any plans to have legislation enacted to enable fines to be deducted from Social Welfare payments.

7. Councillor T. Fortune advised the members that the next JPC meeting would be held on Tuesday 29th April 2014 at 6.00 p.m.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED: _____ CHAIRMAN

CERTIFIED: _____ A/TOWN CLERK

DATED THIS DAY OF 2014.