

Comhairle Chontae Chill Mhantáin

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE
WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS, WICKLOW ON
MONDAY 3rd February, 2020.**

PRESENT:

MEMBERS OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNCILLORS IRENE WINTERS, VINCENT BLAKE, AVRIL CRONIN, DERMOT O'BRIEN, TOMMY ANNESLEY, GERRY WALSH (CHAIR), MAGS CREAN, SHAY CULLEN, AND PEIR LEONARD.

OIREACHTAS MEMBERS

DEPUTY STEPHEN DONNELLY AND DEPUTY JOHN BRADY.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY SECTOR

MS. ANNE HALPIN, MS. LIZ FERRIS, MR. BRENDAN GILROY, MR. GODFREY O'BYRNE, MR. STEPHEN KEARON. CONOR O LEARY

GARDA REPRESENTATIVES

CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT DENIS FERRY, SUPERINTENDENT PAURIC POWELL
SUPERINTENDENT KAREN MALONEY AND SUPERINTENDENT DECLAN MCCARTHY.

OFFICIALS WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MR. FRANK CURRAN, CHIEF EXECUTIVE
MS. LORRAINE GALLAGHER, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER
MS. GILLIAN LANG, ASSISTANT STAFF OFFICER

APOLOGIES

COUNCILLORS STEVEN MATTHEWS, PAUL O'BRIEN SYLVESTER BOURKE, JOE BEHAN AND GERRY O'NEILL.

At the outset of the meeting The Chair extended a welcome to the new Chief Superintendent, Chief Superintendent Denis Ferry.

1. Confirmation of minutes of JPC meeting held on Monday 2nd September, 2019

It was proposed by Cllr. D. O'Brien, seconded by Cllr. P. Leonard and agreed to sign and adopt the minutes of JPC meeting held on Monday 2nd September, 2019.

Minutes to be amended to reflect the attendance of Mr. Brendan Gilroy.

2. Matters arising from the minutes/actions agreed.

There were no matters arising.

3. To receive a presentation from Chief Superintendent Denis Ferry: Overview of Policing Achievements year ended 31st December, 2019).

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Chief Superintendent Denis Ferry gave a power point presentation on the Wicklow Division 2019 YTD figures (difference and % change) covering the following areas:

- Property Crime – Divisional Overview
- Robbery of an Establishment/Institution
- Robbery from a person
- Aggravated Burglary
- Burglary (not aggravated)
- Theft from a person
- Theft from Vehicle
- Theft of other property
- Theft/Unauthorised taking of vehicle
- Theft/Unauthorised taking of pedal cycle
- Theft from shop
- Crimes against the person – divisional overview
- Rape of a male or female
- Assault causing harm
- Minor assault
- Criminal damage
- Public order and other social code offences
- Possession of drugs for personal use
- Possession of drugs for sale or supply
- Cultivation or manufacture of drugs
- Traffic – Divisional overview
- Other issues.

Following the presentation the Committee expressed views and raised queries which were responded to by the Chief Superintendent.

4. To receive a presentation from Sgt. Brendan Daly, Crime Prevention (Theft from cars).

Sgt. Brendan Daly presented to the meeting covering the following areas:

- Theft from Vehicles
- Vehicular Security
- Proposal

Theft from Vehicle in County Wicklow

2017	597
2018	402
2019	521

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2019 Nationality breakdown

- Irish 66%
- American 5%
- German 4%
- British 3%
- Polish 3%
- French 2%
- Various (non Irish) 17%

Prevention

- Increase public awareness of this type of crime.
- Instil on the public of the need to secure vehicle.
- Public Vigilance and reporting of suspicious activity
- Operation Uplands.

Sgt Daly outlined a proposal to highlight to the general public an initiative to encourage members of the public to stop leaving valuable items on view in their cars which would come in the form of an air freshener with an information message on it, a visual reminder to the car user not to leave valuables in their vehicles. Sgt Daly advised that these could be purchased quite cheaply, 50c per unit or 10,000 @ €3,800. There was a brief discussion on the proposal in relation to funding for the project, and the JPC expressed support for same.

5. Update from public meeting in Baltinglass held on 21st November, 2019.

Ms. Lorraine Gallagher advised the meeting that a public meeting was held in Baltinglass on 21st November, 2019 and was well attended.

Some matters discussed included:

- Tidy Towns
- Visibility
- Town patrols
- Issues with drugs
- Anti social behavior and vacant buildings
- CCTV
- Road safety
- Speeding
- Public lighting
- Juvenile cyclists, dressed in dark clothing

6. Update Policing Plan Committees.

Ms. Lorraine Gallagher advised the meeting that the Municipal District had facilitated the inaugural meetings of the Policing Plan committees in accordance with the terms of reference put in place. The chair of the MD committee is the MD Cathaoirleach and the Policing Plan Committees will report into the JPC.

7. To agree location and date of next JPC meeting.

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It was proposed by Cllr. S. Cullen, seconded by Cllr. I. Winters and agreed to hold the next public meeting in Newtownmountkennedy in April.

8. Set date and time of next ordinary meeting.

It was agreed that the next meeting would be scheduled for September, 2020.

9. Any other business.

It was noted that the Commissioner, Drew Harris had been invited to attend a meeting.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED: _____
COUNCILLOR GERRY WALSH
CHAIR.

DATE: _____