

**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 5<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018.**

**PRESENT:**

**MEMBERS OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**

COUNCILLORS VINCENT BLAKE, GAIL DUNNE, TOM FORTUNE, GERRY WALSH, IRENE WINTERS, STEVEN MATTHEWS, DAIRE NOLAN, MARY KAVANAGH, JOE BEHAN.

**OIREACHTAS MEMBERS**

**REPRESENTATIVES FROM COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY SECTOR**

MS. ANN HALPIN, MS. LIZ FERRIS AND MS. ALICE O'DONNELL

**GARDA REPRESENTATIVES**

CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT JOHN P. QUIRKE, SUPERINDENT PATRICK WARD, AND SUPERINTENDENT PAUL HOGAN.

**OFFICIALS WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**

MR. FRANK CURRAN, CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
MS. LORRAINE GALLAGHER, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**APOLOGIES**

COUNCILLORS EDWARD TIMMINS, JAMES RUTTLE, TOMMY ANNESLEY, SHAY CULLEN, GERRY O'NEILL, MARY MCDONALD, MICHAEL O'CONNOR.  
MR. BRENDAN GILROY

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In the absence of Cllr. J. Ruttle Chair and Cllr. I. Winters Vice Chair of the Committee, it was proposed by Cllr. G. Dunne, seconded by Cllr. D. Nolan and agreed that Cllr. G. Walsh would chair the meeting.

**1. Confirmation of minutes of Wicklow County Council Joint Policing Committee meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017.**

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Behan, seconded by Ms. A. O'Donnell and agreed to confirm minutes of Joint Policing Committee meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2017.

**2. Matters arising from the minutes/actions agreed**

There were no matters arising not included on the Agenda.

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### **Presentation received from Detective Chief Superintendent Patrick Clavin , Criminal Assets Bureau (CAB)**

Cllr. J. Walsh advised that CAB had requested to give a presentation to the JPC as to how CAB links with the local Gardai and the JPC and that Detective Chief Superintendent Patrick Clavin was present to give a presentation on the matter.

Detective Chief Superintendent P. Clavin gave a presentation covering the following areas:-

- What is CAB and how it is working to recover the proceeds of crime based in the community
- CABs statutory objectives
- How CAB officer work as a team
- Resources – trained Gardai as Asset Profilers
- How the community can assist to identify the assets which people accumulate from criminal conduct
- How CAB investigates
- Types of criminal conduct investigated by CAB
- Contact Details.

At the conclusion of the presentation DCS Clavin responded to the issues raised by committee members.

### **3. To receive presentation from Chief Superintendent John P. Quirke: Overview of policing achievements January – December, 2017**

Chief Superintendent John P. Quirke gave a power point presentation on the Wicklow Division 2017 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

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- Traffic – Divisional overview
- Other issues.

The Chair thanked the Chief Superintendent for the presentation and a discussion took place wherein a number of points were made and views expressed :

- Reference made to an incident that took place on the N11 approach to NTMK some 10 years ago which saw commuters trapped in their cars for some 4/5 hours. Volumes of traffic have increased since that time and clarity sought on whether there is a plan in place to manage such incidents should they arise in the future?
- Road hazards near junction 5 raised.
- Youth mediation services which comprise trained mediators mentioned and can be used for dispute mediation in housing estates. Request that a presentation be made to the JPC in this regard
- Increase in Garda numbers welcome.
- Parking issues at schools in Wicklow Town highlighted as an issue
- CCTV welcome for Arklow – Wicklow Town would welcome the opportunity of availing of CCTV scheme
- Burglary figures described as worrying, increase in seized vehicles welcomed
- Query as to the law on parking in cycle lanes, is it prohibited?
- Engraving bikes suggested as a means to deter crime of theft
- View expressed that community gardai are fundamental to the entire policing system
- Query as to the number of new gardai that will be posted to West Wicklow
- Thefts in Supermarkets, query as to whether these crimes are alcohol related
- Windgates in Greystones is a major problem in the morning with traffic
- Essential that co-operation is in place to make sure that there is real and substantial input from the community

The Chief Superintendent responded to all of the queries raised and gave this information to the committee. He advised that while he would like to see CCTV schemes up and running in other areas, there is a limited pot and that he envisaged that Blessington would be the next area to be included on the scheme. In relation to resources he advised that there will be a new Superintendent appointed to Baltinglass in the coming week

Mr. F. Curran, Chief Executive, advised that the Council would pass the query re N11/M11 to the TII. In relation to the provision of CCTV schemes, there is grant aid available and that the Council would be looking to the community to make a contribution also.

#### **4. To set date and location Public Meeting April 2018.**

The committee agreed that the next Public meeting would be held in Arklow on the 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018, commencing 8.00 p.m. in the new Arklow Library.

#### **5. To note the Regulation of Lobbying Act, 2015 –Transparency Code .**

L. Gallagher advised that the committee had been circulated with the Transparency Code received from DoPER prepared in accordance with Section 5 (7) of the Regulations of Lobbying Act, 2015. She drew the committee's attention the relevant

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provision of the Act regarding communications between a 'a relevant body' appointed by a Minister or a public service body to examine or evaluate public policy (task forces, working groups, consultative committees etc. ...) which are adhering to the Transparency Code. In brief if a body comprising of external stakeholders and at least one DPO (Designated Public Official) is discussing matters (for example the JPC) that might be considered lobbying for the purposes of the Act, the body may adhere to the Transparency code by publishing on the public body's website its terms of reference, membership agendas and minutes of meetings. If the transparency code is adhered to the external stakeholders do not have to register those communications as lobbying. It was noted by the committee that Wicklow County Council adheres to the Transparency code as set out as advised by the Designated official for the Lobbying Act, 2015, of Wicklow County Council Ms. Helen Purcell.

### **6. Any other business**

The Chairman advised that Ms. Dionne Dixon is the newly appointed District Administrator to the Baltinglass MD and would be taking over the role of administrator for the sub-committee on 'Tackling Crime in Rural Areas'.

### **7. Correspondence**

1. Email of the 4<sup>th</sup> of January, received from the Programme Officer of the Commission on the Future Policing Community, circulated to the committee on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January, giving information on a series of regional open evenings throughout January.
2. The annual Garda Youth Awards to be held in Arklow Bay Hotel, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7.00pm.

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting will be held on Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July, 2018 - with a focus on Cyber Bullying

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.**

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**COUNCILLOR JAMES RUTTLE**  
**CHAIR.**

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_