



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL AREA JPC MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 30 APRIL 2018

- 1 **Minutes of Meeting held on 26th February 2018**
Order: Agreed

- 2 **Street Crime/Issues - Parks Security/Bye- Laws**
 - (i) Minutes of 17th April 2018 South Central Parks Health & Safety Meeting
 - (ii) Request for a member of the Garda Síochána from the Crumlin Division to attend future meetings.**Order: (i) Noted.**
(ii) Chief Superintendent Gralton agreed to provide a representative subject to Garda availability.

- 3 **Community Safety - Report on Restorative Justice**
Update Report on Restorative Practice April 2017
Order: Report noted.

- 4 **Dublin South Central Joint Policing Work Plan**
Order: Report noted. The members noted that there was no Garda Representation at the South Inner City Drugs & Alcohol Task Force Meetings for the last year and requested consideration is given to their attendance at future meetings, subject to Garda availability.

- 5 **Garda Matters**
Garda reports from: -
 - (i). DMR South Division for Crumlin District & Terenure Sub-District
 - (ii). DMR South Central Division for Kevin Street and Kilmainham Stations
 - (iii). DMR West Division for Ballyfermot Garda Station**Order: Reports noted. The following issues were raised and a response was given by members of An Garda Síochána present at the meeting: -**
 - **Lack of visibility of Gardaí on the ground particularly the Community Gardaí.**
 - **The issues around providing a Drugs Squad at the new Kevin Street Garda Station.**
 - **The upcoming concerts in the Kilmainham area.**
 - **The increase of 214% in “Robbery from the Establishment” in the Kevin Street and Kilmainham Garda District.**

- **Use of benzodiazepines and it's effect on anti social behaviour.**
- **The issue of the "lack of response" from the community/public on reporting serious issues in the Ballyfermot area.**

6 **Anti-social Behaviour**

Dublin City Council Estate Management Reports from:-

- (i). Ballyfermot Area Office
- (ii). Crumlin Area Office
- (iii). South West Inner City Area Office

Order: Reports noted. There was a discussion on the use of CCTV and the issues that might arise as a result of the GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation).

7 **Actions agreed at February 2018 Meeting**

Letters to the Minister for Health and the Minister for Justice & Equality in connection with the serious concerns of the members with regard to the proposed opening of the medically supervised centre at Merchant's Quay and how the Gardaí are to implement the legislation to deal with the possible antisocial measures around this issue. Also included is a request to the Minister for Justice & Equality to fill all existing vacancies in the Garda Síochána as a matter of urgency. (See attached copy of acknowledgement letter from the Minister dated 12th of March 2018).

Order: Noted. The Area Manager reported that the applicant will have to apply for a change of use and there will be an opportunity at that stage for any member to make a submission on the proposed change of use of the Merchant's Quay Centre as a Medically Supervised Injection Centre. He also reported that the Legal Framework will have to be updated over the coming months. The members requested that follow up letters be sent to the Minister for Health, the Minister for Justice & Equality, the Chief Executive of Merchant's Quay Ireland and the National Director of Community Operations in the Health Service seeking a response to a previous request for a meeting with them on the above issue.

8 **A.O.B.**

- (i). At the March South Central Area Committee meeting the Members requested the following items be included on the Agenda: -
 - (1) Issues at Weaver Park.
 - (2) Issues at Herberton.
 - (3) Response times to calls made to Garda Stations.
 - (4) The filling of vacancies especially at Sergeant level
 - (5) Lack of Community Gardaí in the area.
- (ii) See attached letter from the Acting Commissioner with regard to correspondence that he received as a result of the March Area Committee Meeting whereby the Committee members requested that the Acting Commissioner clarifies two specific issues: -
 - The filling of vacancies, especially at sergeant level and lack of Community Gardaí in the South Central area.
- (iii) Date of next meeting.

The date of next JPC meeting is **Monday 30th July 2018 @ 2.30pm**

- (iv) The Members welcomed Eddie Darcy, new Community Representative to The south Central JPC Meeting.
- (v) The Chairperson, Councillor Vincent Jackson vacated the chair at 15.06pm and the Vice Chairperson, Councillor Paul Hand took the chair in his place.

Order: (i) **Noted**
(ii) **Noted**
(iii) **Agreed**
(iv) **Noted**
(v) **Noted**

Councillor Vincent Jackson
Chairperson
1st May 2018

Attendance:

Apologies:

Aoife Carragher

Councillors:

Councillor Daithi Doolan, Councillor Pat Dunne, Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh, Councillor Paul Hand, Councillor Hazel de Nortúin, Councillor Vincent Jackson, Councillor Tina MacVeigh, Councillor Michael Mullooly

Gardaí:

Chief Superintendent Kevin Gralton, (Crumlin), DMR South.
Chief Superintendent Frank Clerkin (Kilmainham/Kevin St), DMR South Central;
Chief Superintendent Lorraine Wheatley (Ballyfermot) DMR West
Superintendent Patrick McMenamin, (Kilmainham/Kevin St), DMR South Central;
Superintendent Brendan Connolly, (Clondalkin/Ballyfermot/Blanchardstown), DMR West;

Community Representative:

Joe Donohoe, Joyce Reid, Lisa Reilly and Eddie Darcy.

Officials:

Bruce Phillips, Acting Area Manager, South Central Area;
John MacEville, Acting Senior Executive Officer, South Central Area;
Kay Noonan-Cork, Acting Senior Executive Officer, Ballyfermot Area Office;
Gerry O'Donoghue, Area Housing Manager, South West Inner City;
Tony Smithers, Acting Area Housing Manager, South Central Area Office;
Jenny Flynn, Project Estate Officer, Crumlin Area Office;
Rea Lavelle, South Central Local Policing Fora, & Network Support;
Karen Clarke, Staff Officer, South Central Office;
Cathriona Woulfe, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Office.