

Dublin City Joint Policing Committee
Minutes of Meeting held on March 14th 2017
at 2.30 p.m., Council Chamber, City Hall, Dublin 2

Attendance: Committee Members

Councillors: Daithí De Róiste (Chair), Teresa Keegan, Críona Ní Dhálaigh, Ray McAdam, Dermot Lacey, Cieran Perry
Lord Mayor Brendan Carr
Oireachtas Members: Deputy Aengus Ó Snódaigh
Business / Community Reps.: Tony Duffin, Joe Donohoe, Peter O'Connor, Richard Guiney, Tosin Omiyale (Integration Centre)
An Garda Síochána: Chief Superintendent Frank Clerkin, Inspector David Butler
Dublin City Council officials: Declan Wallace, Assistant Chief Executive & Céline Reilly, Executive Manager (Housing & Residential Services)
Ruth Treacy, Senior Staff Officer (Minutes)

Also in attendance

Philip Jennings & Philip Keegan (Safer Blanchardstown), Tiffany Quinn, Maria McGrath & Martina Kenny (My Lovely Horse Rescue)

Apologies: Assistant Commissioner Jack Nolan, Deputy Maureen O'Sullivan, Councillors Daithí Doolan, Larry O'Toole & Michael Mullooly

1. Minutes of meeting held on January 10th 2017

Agreed.

Members paid tribute to Assistant Commissioner Jack Nolan on the occasion of his upcoming retirement. They thanked him for his contribution to the Dublin City Joint Policing Committee over the last two years.

2. Presentation by "My Lovely Horse Rescue"

Presentation noted.

Members should note that "My Lovely Horse Rescue" have confirmed that there was an error in the original presentation. On page 3 the source for the statistics regarding horses seized was recorded as Dublin City Council. This should have read Department of Agriculture, Food and The Marine (DAFM). The figures can be found on the Department's website via the link below. In addition a breakdown of the different administrative areas is provided to demonstrate how these figures were calculated.

https://www.agriculture.gov.ie/search?q=cache:wqaxo8XLfUJ:www.agriculture.gov.ie/media/migration/animalhealthwelfare/animalwelfare/controlofhorses/COH0815incl220416.xls+total+horses+seized+2014&client=agriculture_frontend&output=xml_no_dtd&proxystylesheet=agriculture_frontend&ie=UTF-8&site=agriculture_collection&access=p&oe=ISO-8859-1

Group feel that tough sanctions need to be introduced and prosecutions brought to address the treatment of horses.

Action: *Chief Superintendent Frank Clerkin will liaise with local Garda Stations in this regard as they deal with these issues on a daily basis as have access to the information referenced in the presentation in addition to authorised officers.*

3. **“Think before you buy” campaign – Mr. Philip Jennings & Mr. Philip Keegan, Safer Blanchardstown**
Presentation noted.

Action: *Letter of Support to be provided by the Joint Policing Committee.*

4. **Knife Crime initiatives – An Garda Síochána**
Presentation postponed to future meeting

5. **Report of Assistant Garda Commissioner**
Report delivered by Chief Superintendent Frank Clerkin noted. St. Patrick’s Day arrangements discussed. Significant resources will be deployed with a special Garda operation in place for the entire weekend. Discussions have taken place with Off-licence operators with regard to agreed times for sale of alcohol.

6. **Report by Assistant Chief Executive (DCC)**
Report noted.
Declan pointed out that the numbers of horses recorded as being seized in the presentation given by My Lovely Horse Rescue Group related to the Greater Dublin Area, not solely Dublin City Council.
Action: *Minister Catherine Byrne has been invited by Chairperson to attend next meeting to provide an update on the proposed Supervised Injection Facility (SIF).*

7. **Begging Study “Time for Change”**
Discussion on report deferred to next meeting.

8. **Documentation from Area JPCs**
Noted.

9. **2017 Meeting dates:**
May 9th
July 11th
September 12th
November 14th

10. **A.O.B.**
i. Modern Gov: Handout noted
Handout noted. Any queries on this to be directed to Chairperson or Ruth.

Councillor Daithí De Róiste
Chairperson