
Minutes of the meeting of the Central Area Joint Policing Sub-committee

Date: 12th December 2016

1) Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

2) Progress on actions agreed at last meeting

A summary of progress on actions agreed at the last meeting was circulated and noted. Noted that statistics in relation to hate crime are not yet available.

3) Presentation by An Garda Síochána

Chief Supt. Leahy presented crime statistics for the year to date and commented on the increase/decrease in figures compared to the same period last year.

Chief Supt. Leahy also reported on the current challenges associated with recent criminal activity and that from later this week the Division will have its own armed response unit operating in the city centre.

Members of the JPC expressed their gratitude to Chief Supt. Leahy and his staff for all the hard work undertaken this year.

4) Community Policing Forum Report & Drugs Task Force Report

a) Community Policing Forum Report:

A written report was circulated in advance of the meeting. The report was noted. Members agreed to invite relevant agency to next meeting to give a presentation on the Community Impact Statement.

b) Drugs Task Force Report:

A written report was circulated in advance of the meeting. The report was noted. Mel MacGiobuin to provide report on the 100K funding to projects. Members expressed concern that the Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Act 2016 has not yet commenced.

c) Community Report:

Richard Guiney gave a verbal report. Launch of the Dublin One brand was noted and the employment opportunities for local people (5,000 in the North Inner City over the next 5 years) with particular emphasis on opportunities for young people in the area.

Irene Bent provided a written report to the Chair. The issues raised will be logged with the relevant Departments to address.

5) Annual Work Plan updates

Report noted.

6) Halloween

Report noted. Email with link to drone footage to be forwarded to members.

Members of the Committee expressed their gratitude to Eileen Gleeson for her work in the Central Area and wished her well in her new post.

7) Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 27th March 2017 @ 9.30am.

Note: This meeting has now been brought forward to Monday, 27th February 2017

8) A.O.B.

- Chief Supt. Leahy to meet with Area Management to discuss quad bikes issue and the 2016 Christmas Policing Plan in relation to them.
- Update report to be brought to next meeting on policing in the canal / Phibsborough area.
- An update on the Safer Cities Report was requested.
- Councillors wished to express their gratitude to Homeless Services staff including Fran Devereux and Julie Mason on their hard work and commitment in dealing with people presenting to Homeless Services.

9) Actions agreed:

- i. Dates of 2017 meetings of this Committee to be forwarded to members.
- ii. Statistics in relation to hate crime to be brought to the next meeting.
- iii. Presentation for Committee members regarding the capture of information to be arranged in Store Street Garda station.
- iv. Report on policing plan for the canal / Phibsborough area to be included in Garda report for March meeting.
- v. Members agreed to invite relevant agency to next meeting to give a presentation on the Community Impact Statement.
- vi. Letter to be forwarded to Minister Byrne regarding a meeting in relation to the National Drugs strategy and when it is expected that the Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Act 2016 will be commenced.
- vii. Recovery Academy of Ireland to be invited to make a presentation at the June 2017 meeting of this Committee.
- viii. Report on actions that have been taken since the Safer Cities Report to be included on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Attendance:

Councillors: Ray McAdam (Chairperson), Christy Burke, Eilis Ryan, Nial Ring, Gary Gannon, Gaye Fagan

Gardaí: Chief Supt. Pat Leahy, Supt. Daniel Flavin, Supt. Ann Markey, Supt. Gerard Murphy

Deputies: Maureen O'Sullivan T.D.

Community and business: Mary Reilly, Irene Bent, Richard Guiney

Others: Peter O'Connor, Mel MacGiobúin

Officials: Rose Kenny, Eileen Gleeson, Sandra Walley, Cathy Cassidy

Apologies: Deputy Paschal Donohoe T.D., Deputy Mary Lou McDonald T.D., Cllr Gaye Fagan, Cllr Ciaran Cuffe

Next meeting:

Monday, 27th February 2017 @ 9.30 am