



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL AREA JPC MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2018

- 1 **Minutes of Meeting held on 30th April 2018.**
Order: Agreed

- 2 **Street Crime/Issues - Parks Security/Bye- Laws**
Minutes of 24th June 2018 South Central Parks Health & Safety Meeting
Order: Noted.

- 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: -**
 - **Increase in Anti-Social Behaviour in the Crumlin and Drimnagh Area – most notably parks.**
 - **The issues around providing a Drugs Squad at the new Kevin Street Garda Station.**
 - **As the preparation for Halloween had started early this year it was agreed that An Garda Síochána and Dublin City Council should adopt a joint approach in the collection of bonfire material.**
 - **The removal of four extra Gardaí at Luas stops and the surrounding area in Inchicore.**
 - **A request that the contact number for the Public Order Unit be made available in the South Central Area.**

- **The provision of more Juvenile Liaison Officers in the South Central Area to deal with young offenders.**
- **Increase in racially motivated anti-social behaviour in the Inchicore area.**
- **Concern expressed over Garda numbers in all Divisions of the South Central Area.**
- **Large number of youths causing antisocial behaviour around the shops in Ballyfermot.**
- **The roll of Gardaí in terms of evictions was discussed.**

6 South Central Matters

Letter from Peter Dorman Chair of the Dublin South Central Four Forums Network
Order: Noted.

7 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. Questions raised over the number of exclusion orders in the area. Members informed Mick Clarke of the Eviction Office would be giving a presentation at the next JPC meeting in November.

8 Actions agreed at April 2018 Meeting

Letters sent to the Minister for Health, the Minister for Justice & Equality, the Chief Executive of Merchants Quay Ireland and the National Director of the of Community Operations in the Health Service seeking a response to a previous request for a meeting with them on the above issue.

Order: Noted.

9 A.O.B.

(i). Two submissions from Cllr. Ray McHugh

- a. Crumlin anti-social behaviour and Gardaí numbers in the area
- b. Arson attack on playground and burning of tyres at Willie Pearse Park.

Order: Noted – Discussed under Garda matters – It was noted that a particular youth group are causing serious issues in the area: Chief Superintendent Gralton endeavoured to deal with this issue subject to staff availability.

(ii). Two submissions referred from the September South Central Area Committee Meeting

a. Councillor Vincent Jackson (Question No. 38 from the September South Central Area Committee Meeting)

To ask the Area Manager can DCC, Water-Ways Ireland and An Garda Síochana look at the serious anti-social behaviour problems currently been experienced by users of the walk-way / cycle path on the banks of the Grand Canal. The problem is particularly difficult at the 6th Lough. Ropes are now being used to restrict users of this great facility. Can an effort be made to confront these serious problems before a serious injury occurs? In the past few

weeks 3 people have contacted me. Is the monitoring of CCTV effective at this location and indeed along the full stretch of the grand canal?

Order: Noted – The members discussed the serious anti-social issues around the Tow Path and animal welfare issues at the 6th Lough and illegal activity at this location. They also discussed animal welfare issues at Molyneaux Yard, Labra Park and Ring Terrace. The members agreed to set up a sub group of a short term duration, 3 months initially, to discuss and progress this issue. The members also requested a report from the Monitoring Service at Grange Castle, Clondalkin, to see if these serious incidents are being recorded on CCTV and passed onto An Garda Síochana.

Councillor Greg Kelly (Motion No. 644 referred from the September South Central Area Committee Meeting)

That this Area Committee calls on the Minister of Justice to commit to increasing the number of Garda in the Kilmainham Garda Station, Sundrive Garda Station and Crumlin Garda Station. This should include the increase in the community Garda to at least 6 in each station, the reintroduction of the Drugs Team to its full capacity and an increase across all departments in the station. The crime and antisocial behaviour in Inchicore, Bluebell and Drimnagh is now getting out of control. The communities are now at breaking point and this needs to be addressed. The Minister for Housing has committed to funding housing in the area it is time the minister for justice and other ministers followed suit. We need to see Garda on patrol all the time and to have this we need an increase in Garda numbers.

Order: Noted – Approved

(iii). One submission from Community Representative Joyce Reid

- a. Drug use and aggressive begging Meath Street

Order: Noted - It was stated that this could become a particular issue around cold weather. A report on The Cold Weather Initiative is to be requested for the next meeting in November.

(iv) Date of next meeting.

The date of next JPC meeting is **Monday 26th November 2018 @ 2.30pm**

- (v) The Members welcomed John Gordon new Superintendent for Kevin Street Garda Station.

**Councillor Vincent Jackson
Chairperson
Monday 24 September 2018**

Attendance:

Councillors

Daithi De Roiste
Criona Ni Dhalaigh
Tina McVeigh

Michael Mullooly
Vincent Jackson
Ray McHugh

Pat Dunne
Greg Kelly

Community Representatives

Aoife Carragher, Eddie Darcy, Joyce Reid, Joe Donoghue

Garda Representatives

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

Deputies

Deputy Aengus O' Snodaigh, Deputy Joan Collins

Officers

Bruce Phillips, Acting Area Manager, South Central Area;
John MacEvilly, Acting Senior Executive Officer, South Central Area;
Kay Noonan-Cork, Acting Senior Executive Officer, Ballyfermot Area Office;
Tony Smithers, Acting Area Housing Manager, South Central Area Office;
Chris Butler, Area Housing Manager, Crumlin Area Office
John Paul McCabe, Acting Administrative Officer, South Central Area Office
Cathriona Woulfe, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Area Office.
Ruth Dixon, Staff Officer, South Central Area Office