

**MINUTES OF SOUTH CENTRAL AREA JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE
HELD ON 26th November 2018
MIONTUAIRISCÍ CHOMHCHOISTE POILÍNEACHTA CHEANTAR AN LÁRDHEISCIRT
A BHÍ AR SIÚL 26 Samhain 2018**

1. Minutes of Meeting held on 24th September 2018

Order: Agreed

2. Street Crime/Issues - Parks Security/Bye- Laws.

Minutes of 3rd October 2018 South Central Parks Health & Safety Meeting

Order: Noted.

3. Presentation from Mick Clarke, Evictions Office

The following points of interest were discussed and comment given by the members present.

- New legislation in regards to evictions and exclusion orders for Local Authority Housing came into effect in 2014.
- Successful training programme carried out.
- Current tenancy agreement under review.
- Policy and Procedures surrounding the execution of both evictions and exclusion orders.
- The number of tenancy warnings, evictions and exclusion orders carried out by Dublin City Council in the last 12 months.
- The time scale involved with bringing cases of anti-social behaviour from investigation stage through to completion in the courts.
- Policy and procedure in relation to the reporting of Anti- social complaints and the protection of the people making the complaint.
- The difficulties faced by Dublin City Council when engaging in the court process.

4. Dublin South Central Joint Policing Work Plan

Order: Report noted.

5. Garda Matters

Garda reports from: -

DMR South Division for Crumlin District & Terenure Sub-District

DMR South Central Division for Kevin Street and Kilmainham Stations

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: -

- The need for a dedicated drug squad for the South Central Area.
- The proposed Supervised Injection Centre at Merchants Quay.
- The increase in certain drugs such as Crack Cocaine in the South Central Area.
- Increase in Anti-Social Behaviour in the Drimnagh Area specifically around the Benbulbin Road area.

- A newly opened Hemp shop on Windmill Road in Crumlin.
- The large increase in particular crime statistics.
- The issues surrounding construction traffic from the hospital site. Particularly at core school times when construction trucks have been seen speeding.
- Parking enforcement in the South Central Area.

6. South Central Matters –

- Report on Halloween period in South Central Area.
Order: Noted.
- Report on Cold Weather Strategy
Order: Noted
- Report on CCTV Grand Canal
Order: Noted

7. Anti-social Behaviour

Dublin City Council Estate Management Reports from: -
Ballyfermot Area Office
Crumlin Area Office
South West Inner City Area Office

Order: Noted – It was explained that an amendment was needed on the statistics for the South West Inner City Area – agreed and will be amended.

8. Actions agreed at September 2018 Meeting.

Order: Noted

9. There was no Actions agreed for this meeting.

10. A. O. B.

(i) Motions referred from the November South Central Area Committee Meeting

657 Cllr. Vincent Jackson

In view of the serious ongoing anti-social behaviour of a small group in the Drimnagh Area and their capacity to destroy the quality of life for thousands of good people, that this Area Committee requests the Minister for Justice, the Garda Commissioner and DCC to work together to address the issues with estate management, high visibility policing and serious sanctions for those responsible. In addition, we need the powers to be to set up a task force which could be resourced and mobile to deter this type of behaviour.

Order: Noted

658 Cllr. Daithí Doolan

This Area Committee notes with deep concern the high level of anti-social behaviour in and around Brickfield Park during Halloween. This Committee

calls on Dublin City Council, Gardaí, resident's associations, local youth services and political representatives to work together on a plan to reduce the anti-social behaviour in this area. This work will be coordinated by a local task force that will report back to the SCAC on a monthly basis. The task force will cease to exist at the earliest opportunity.

Order: Noted

659 Cllr. Paul Hand

This Area Committee notes with concern the recent spate of anti-social behaviour in the Drimnagh area. In order to improve the situation now and into the future we request that an interdepartmental working group/task force be established with staff from DCC, the Gardaí, local schools, local projects, TUSLA and others with a view to improving the situation, whether it be a policing solution and or increased investment in social services.

Order: Noted

660 Cllr. Greg Kelly

This Area Committee expresses its concern with the ongoing anti-social Behaviour in Drimnagh. We recognise the need for a joint approach in tackling this with DCC, The Gardaí, Youth Workers, Community Groups, politicians and most importantly the residents. We call on the funding to be made available from the relevant state bodies to help tackle this issue for the people of Drimnagh.

Order: Noted.

Emergency Motion from Councillor Daithí De Róiste referred from the November Area Committee Meeting

That this Area Committee deplores the anti-social behaviour visited upon residents in Cedarbrook, Cherry Orchard at the weekend which follows on from a recent escalation of thuggish activity and calls on DCC Management to liaise with local Gardaí for an update on the incident, and to arrange a meeting where plans will be presented to prevent such instances occurring in the future.

Order: Noted.

The members discussed the serious anti-social behaviour in the Cedarbrook area, in particular the incidents over the preceding weekend. It was proposed that Dublin City Council examine the residents request that some of the access routes to the Cedarbrook Estate could be blocked to stop car racing and joyriding. Superintendent Brendan Connolly committed to a full investigation of the incident and endeavoured to work with the local community regarding these issues.

(i) Two submissions from Cllr. Criona Ni Dhalaigh

- a. Anti-Social Behaviour around the environs of the 40 Steps James St/Ceannt Fort.

Order: Noted.

- b. St. Catherine's Grave Yard (provision of a Crime Prevention Officer)
Order: Noted
Inspector Karen Barker explained that a community Garda does patrol the area however, they would look at increasing the patrol.
- (iii). **One submission from Cllr. Ray McHugh**
a. Antisocial issues at the Bike Stand at the Benbulbin shops in Drimnagh
Order: Noted
- (iv). **One submission from Cllr. Vincent Jackson**
a. Infringement of the 3 tonne ban on heavy vehicles using Ballyfermot Road / Sarsfield Road.
Order: Noted.
- (v) **Late submission from**
The Dublin South Central JPC subcommittee supports the establishment of a task force, as agreed at the recent South Central Area Committee, to tackle the causes and consequences of anti-social behaviour in Drimnagh. The JPC encourages the Chief Superintendent to fully engage with other stakeholders in the process.
Order: Noted
- (vi) **The date of next JPC meeting is Monday 25th February 2019 @ 2.30pm**
- (vii) **Anti-social behaviour in Bluebell.**
Members discussed the serious anti-social incident which occurred on Sunday night in the Bluebell area and the following issues were discussed.
- **The great loss to the community**
 - **The need for 24-hour security manned security.**
 - **Extra Garda presence in the area**

Councillor Vincent Jackson
Chairperson
5th December 2018

Attendance: -

Apologies:

Councillor Hazel de Nortúin, Councillor Daithí Doolan, Superintendent John P. Gordon, Councillor Ray McHugh, Joyce Reid, Aoife Carragher, John MacEville, Acting Senior Executive Officer, South Central Area;

Councillors:

Councillor Pat Dunne, Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh, Councillor Vincent Jackson, Councillor Michael Mullooly, Councillor Greg Kelly, Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

Gardaí:

Chief Superintendent Kevin Gralton, (Crumlin), DMR South.

Chief Superintendent Lorraine Wheatley (Ballyfermot) DMR West

Superintendent Brendan Connolly, (Clondalkin/Ballyfermot/Blanchardstown), DMR West.

Inspector Karen Barker (Kevin Street and Kilmainham) DMR South Central

Community Representative:

Joe Donohoe, Eddie Darcy.

Officials:

Bruce Phillips, Acting Area Manager, 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

Ruth Dixon, Staff Officer, South Central Area Office.