

**MINUTES OF SOUTH CENTRAL AREA JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE
HELD ON 25th FEBRUARY 2019
MIONTUAIRISCÍ CHOMHCHOISTE POILÍNEACHTA CHEANTAR AN LÁRDHEISCIRT
A BHÍ AR SIÚL 25ú FEAGRÚ, 2019**

1. Minutes of Meeting held on 26th November 2018

Order: Agreed

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

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

Order: Noted.

The following comment was made by a member present:

- Situation at Brickfield Park, Drimnagh, has not improved overall since physical improvements had been made by DCC. Sufficient policing levels need to be maintained.

3. Garda Matters

Garda reports from: -

1. DMR South Division for Crumlin District & Terenure Sub-District
2. DMR South Central Division for Kevin Street and Kilmainham Stations
3. 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: -

- Continuous high levels of ASB in the Thomas Street area
- The effectiveness of barring orders was discussed
- Unavailability of Gardaí to remove a psychotic person from business premises, long wait for Garda response (until 2 am) when a number of cars had been broken into at a school, and lack of visible Garda presence were noted
- Residents in the SWIC area don't feel safe going to local churches with aggressive begging and ASB taking place outside
- Expansive CCTV coverage is provided by Dublin City Council; making this footage available directly to the new Kevin Street Garda Station was discussed
- What is being done about the issue of unlicensed carriage horses, danger caused by horses being manoeuvred on streets by children or irresponsible adults, horse welfare in general?
- Large groups of youths had organised fights on social media between the Dublin 12 and 10 areas recently; could this kind of activity be monitored by An Garda Síochána online? Groups of youths on bikes and loitering around shops/lanes, crossing Garda districts and engaged in ASB
- Garda checkpoints do not seem to be happening as frequently any more and resource issues were discussed
- The 725% increase in the 'No Offence Disclosed Domestic Violence Incidents' at one of the districts was commented on. Members were noted that an independent organisation records domestic violence incidents for AGS
- More visible Garda presence requested for Le Fanu Park during the week when up to 200 people might be training and playing matches there, and ASB/ intimidation had taken place around changing rooms etc.

- Inspector Karen Barker, who has recently been promoted to other duties, was thanked for her work with the South West Inner City Local Policing Forum.

4. Anti-social Behaviour

Dublin City Council Estate Management Reports from: -

1. Ballyfermot Area Office
2. Crumlin Area Office
3. South West Inner City Area Office

Order: Report noted.

The following issues were raised and a response was given by Dublin City Council Officials: -

- Had the evictions noted in statistics needed a court order, and had there been an update to the Section 20 Evictions? Members were noted that the evictions in question had been 'Technical Evictions', meaning that move-on accommodation had been found for the evictees in some cases. New tenants are required to take part in tenant training, which includes appropriate waste disposal.
- Training had been requested for the Councillors on Evictions/ASB Procedures, but so far only DCC staff have received this training
- What is being done about dangerous breed dogs, and unlicensed ponies, kept as pets by DCC tenants?
- What expectations are put on new DCC tenants regarding waste disposal?

5. A. O. B.

(i). Councillor Greg Kelly noted a recently completed research report that had been commissioned by Canals Local Policing Forum, and carried out by Justin O'Brien. It concerns a large group of vulnerable children and families in the Inchicore area who have been involved in ASB/criminal activity since at least 2015. It was agreed that a copy of this report be forwarded to all members by the LPF Coordinator Rea Lavelle. A copy will be also be forwarded to TUSLA, and a multi-agency response to this issue needs to be discussed.

(ii). A Community Impact Study had recently been completed in the Rialto area, and it is hoped that these will also roll out to other areas as they are a valuable way of consulting with the community about the effects of crime and ASB.

(iii). A phone box in the SWIC area has been a venue for illegal dumping and drug-activity for many years; it was requested that its removal be fast-tracked.

(iv). **The date of next JPC meeting to be decided after Local Elections.**

(v). **The current members were thanked for their contribution.**

Councillor Vincent Jackson

Chairperson

17th April 2019

ATTENDANCE: -

Apologies:

Deputy Joan Collins, Councillor Daithí Doolan, Councillor Paul Hand, Eddie Darcy

Deputies:

Deputy Aengus Ó Snodaigh

Councillors:

Councillor Pat Dunne, Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh, Councillor Vincent Jackson, Councillor Greg Kelly, Councillor Daithí De Róiste,

Councillor Mannix Flynn also attended.

Gardaí:

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

Chief Superintendent Lorraine Wheatley (Kevin Street and Kilmainham) DMR South Central

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

Superintendent John Gordon (Kevin Street and Kilmainham) DMR South Central

Community Representative:

Joe Donohoe, Joyce Reid, Aoife Carragher

Officials:

Mary Taylor, Area Manager, South Central Area;

Bruce Phillips, 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;

Paul White, Project Estate Officer, South Central Area

Rea Lavelle, Administrative Officer, South Central Area.