



**MINUTES OF SOUTH CENTRAL AREA JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE
HELD ON 31st JULY 2015
MIONTUAIRISCÍ CHOMHCHOISTE POILÍNEACHTA CHEANTAR AN LÁRDHEISCIRT
A BHÍ AR SÚIL 31 Iúil 2015**

17. **Minutes of Meeting held on 24th April 2015.**
Order: Agreed.
18. **Dublin South Central Joint Policing Work Plan January to June 2015.**
Order: Report noted.
19. **Garda Reports.**
Order: Reports noted.
The following issues were discussed and a verbal response was given: -
- **On going operation at Crumlin Parks**
 - **Crime prevention for business people**
 - **The Crime Prevention Office**
 - **Five new Garda recruits confirmed for the Crumlin District**
 - **Actively seeking new Garda recruits for the Ballyfermot District after the passing out/graduation in September**
20. **Community Safety - Restorative Justice.**
Order: Report noted. Agreed to bring a report on the outcomes of the Restorative Justice Initiative in Ballyfermot to the Committee Members at the November 2015 JPC Meeting.
21. **Anti-social Behaviour - DCC Estate Management Reports.**
Order: Reports noted. The Area Manager gave a verbal update on the enactment of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014.
22. **Street Crime/Issues - Parks Security/Bye- Laws**
- (i) Response from the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government in relation to the misuse of Motor Vehicles (public spaces) Bill 2012.
 - (ii) Copy of the Parks and Open Spaces Bye Laws 2002.
- Order: Noted. A steering Group will be set up to discuss this issue.**
Cllr. Dunne reported graffiti writing on the wall in Pearse Park and requested that it be removed.
23. **Actions agreed at January Meeting:-**
- a) List of Community Safety Committees included on the flow chart.
 - b) List of key DCC personnel included on the Work Plan.
- Order: Noted.**

24. **Date of next meeting.**
The members agreed Friday the 20th of November 2015 as the date for the next meeting.
25. **A. O. B.**
- (i). **Motion 201 from Councillor Pat Dunne referred from the June Area Committee Meeting.**
This Area Committee supports the installation of CCTV cameras at the entrance of Tyrconnell Park, Ring Terrace and Jamestown Avenue. The Area has been hit badly by a spate of break ins and the residents are requesting the CCTV camera's to link in with a text alert system they wish to initiate.
A report will issue to the Councillor.
- (ii). **E-mail from Deputy Joan Collins received 23rd of July with 4 issues:-**
1. I have been alerted that the Guards Counter Terrorism division has launched an operation of new & Irish Muslims and if they are been influenced by ISIS. Will the Guards bring a report to the meeting of this operation; a local man in my area of Inchicore has been contacted by the counter terrorism division and the questions he was asked were very intrusive?
The Deputy was informed that a complaint can be made to the Superintendent but the issue was not for comment at the Meeting.
 2. I want a report of the issues around Bluebell flats and Old Folk area into drug dealing and criminal behaviour. Is there a joint operation from the Council and the Guards in dealing with this serious issue and a report on how the CCTV operates in the flats? How they are monitored, who monitors them, are they checked as incidents are reported and how the CCTV are been utilised with any operation from the Guards?
A verbal report was given by Superintendent McMenamin and Gerry O'Donoghue, Area Housing Manager. It was agreed that the Gardaí and Council Staff will meet the residents in the Community Room before the end of August to discuss their concerns.
 3. Will the Guards and DCC present a report into the ongoing anti social and criminal activity (that has been reported to me and I presume other Reps) in the Croftwood Gardens area of Ballyfermot and if a specific operation is been launched to deal with this ongoing issue?
A meeting was organised on the 29th of July and these issues were discussed at that meeting.
 4. Is it standard procedure that all local stations have defibrillators on their premises?
The Members were informed this initiative is being actively considered at Garda Headquarters.
- (iii) Letter from the Liberties Club (SICCIA) in connection with Youth Justice "Camp Diversion" whereby a group of young people, mainly from the

Oliver Bond flat complex attended the project, through SICCCA's Liberties Club.

Letter Noted.

A number of other issues were raised at the meeting: -

- **Basket balls being bounced in the Vicar Street area at 2.00am**
The Area Manager agreed to discuss this issue with the Area Housing Manger.
- **Reopening of Public Toilets**

Councillor Vincent Jackson

Chairperson

9th August 2015

Attendance: -

Councillors:

Councillors Daithí Doolan, Councillor Pat Dunne, Councillor Paul Hand, Councillor Vincent Jackson, Councillor Greg Kelly, Councillor Rebecca Moynihan, and Councillor Daithí De Róiste.

Deputies:

Deputy Eric Byrne and Deputy Joan Collins.

Gardaí:

Chief Superintendent Patrick Clavin, (Ballyfermot/Blanchardstown), DMR West;
Superintendent Patrick McMenamin, (Kilmainham/Kevin St) DMR South Central;
Superintendent Liam Carolan, (Crumlin), DMR South;
Inspector Paul Costello, (Ballyfermot);
Inspector Paul Cleary, (Kilmainham/Kevin Street).

Community Representative:

Aoife Carragher and Joyce Reid.

Apologies:

Lord Mayor/An tArdmhéara Críona Ní Dhálaigh, Councillor Ray McHugh, Deputy Catherine Byrne, Chief Superintendent Orla McPartlin, (Crumlin) and Chief Superintendent Frank Clerkin (Kilmainham/Kevin St), DMR South Central

Officials:

Anthony Flynn, Area Manager, South Central Area;
Stephen Shiels, Project Manager St. Teresa's Gardens & Herberton;
Gerry O'Donoghue, Area Housing Manager, South West Inner City Area Officer;
Donna O'Reilly, Assistant Staff Officer, South Central Office;
Cathriona Woulfe, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Office.

**The Chairperson and Members
South Central Area Committee**

REPORT TO SOUTH WEST AREA JPC (SEPTEMBER 2013 TO NOVEMBER 2015)

The SWIC LPF attended the South West Area JPC meeting in August 2013. This report covers the period September 2013 to November 2015. A new management committee for the SWICLPF was established in November 2013 so the report covers the period of office of the 2013 committee. The chairperson of the Forum is Jack Roche and the secretary is Michael King. The City Council representative is the Lord Mayor Cllr. Críona Ó Dálaigh.

- The Forum held 5 **Public Meetings**, 3 in 2014 (February, May, October) and 2 in 2015 (March, October)
- Attendance at public meetings varied but when those attending in an official capacity are excluded attendances by the general public were in the order of 20-30.
- Venues: Island Street (Mendicity Institute), Meath Street (Little Flower), Thomas Street (St. Catherine's Church, NCAD).
- Issues raised at Public Meetings are summarised on a separate page.
- **Management Committee:** 16 members were nominated to the Committee in 2013 representing: community and residents groups (7), business (1), projects and services (5) and the LPF lead bodies (An Garda Síochána, DCC, LDTF). 3 further nominations were received since 2013 making 19 nominations in all. Of the 5 projects represented in 2013, 3 are no longer active due to staff movements and commitments; of the 7 community representatives 2 have not been active on LPF in 2014 or 2015.
- The Committee met 9 times - 2013 (x2 times), 2014 (x4) and 2015 (x3).
- The average attendance at Committee meetings was 8. All sectors participated but the strongest participation was by Garda/DCC/LDTF reps; participation by representatives from community and residents groups was smaller in relation to the numbers nominated.
- **Administration:** DCC manages the Management Committee nomination process. Other administration is undertaken by Committee members.
- **Publicity:** Meetings are advertised by members of the Committee using a flyer. An email contact list is maintained with approx 85 members. Promotional emails are forwarded to other relevant lists by list members.
- **Observations:** The SWIC Local Policing was set up in May 2011 and continues to be effective, at the operational level outlined above. There has been no monitoring or evaluation of the Forum since 2011, as was envisaged in the 2011 Guideline. SWICLPF has not been linked to the JPC or to other Local Policing Forums. We do not know what percentage of residents are aware of a Local Policing Forum, or what level of knowledge those who are aware of it may have. The relatively small attendance at Forum meetings suggests that there is a lot of scope for development.
- Within the inner city, area-wide bodies such as SWICLPF tend to grow weaker with time rather than thrive. Community activists focus mainly on small neighbourhoods and on those

people on the ground - Community Gardaí and DCC managers - who can address immediate issues. A Local Policing Forum capable of fulfilling the wider role envisaged in 2011 will not emerge unless the framework within which LPFs function is strengthened and supported and participants in the Forum are encouraged to work towards a realisable agreed vision for the community level bodies.

- The LPF has been successful in bringing together representatives of communities across the South West Inner City and in providing a forum for people to engage as a wider community with senior Gardaí and DCC managers.

Jack Roche
Chairperson,

Michael King
Secretary.

Summary of matters raised at South West Inner City Local Policing Forum Public Meetings in the period 2014 and 2015

<i>Concern about . . .</i>	<i>Issues raised . . .</i>	<i>Locations of repeated concern</i>
Alcohol, Illegal Drugs	Off-licence sales - number and location of outlets, sales to young people, persistent sale for consumption in a public place close to an outlet. Drinking alcohol and using drugs in public places - laneways, parks etc. Alcohol use by groups of young people.	Thomas Street. Environs of St. Audoens's Park.
Waste, litter etc.	Domestic waste disposed of on the street, and not removed Dog fouling on pavements and failure to remove same Graffiti	
Anti-social behaviour	Noise related to organised social events Aggressive begging	Vicar Street, Thomas Street
Halloween events	Danger of fire, vulnerability of young people attending fires, conflict between groups related to collection of wood, need for creative and safe projects for young people and communities related to Halloween	
Burglary and theft	Numerous reports; vulnerable people targeted	
Horses	Poor condition of licenced stables and the impact of same on the community. Reckless driving of horse-drawn vehicles, inc. in crowded places Fouling of street (dung catchers not used). Vehicles not carrying licence numbers, disregard for Highway Code and etiquette by vehicles not carrying visible licence plates.	
Parking	Non-enforcement of regulations in residential permit areas, resulting in the absence of parking spaces for permit holders.	
Public toilets	A large number of people who sleep in hostels are placed on the streets all day without access to toilets, compelling them to go to the toilet in public places.	
Street trading/pavement access	Street traders encroaching on the pavement to an excessive degree	Meath Street
Community Facilities	Bridgefoot Street Greening project (consultation sought); plea to retain Boys Brigade Football pitch on SCR as a sole (all-sport) playing pitch for the area	

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**The Chairperson and Members
Dublin South Central JPC**

Halloween Report 2015

Collection of Halloween bonfire materials started in September in South Central Area. For the main part this was accomplished through crews and plant supplied by Waste Services, with the option of using contractor's vehicles and labouring crews if the occasion demanded. Tonnages of materials collected by the main Departments are still being collated and a report by the corporate Halloween Working Group will follow.

As stated above, the Public Domain Unit use contractors to bolster DCC's own resources over the Halloween period. There were 78.2 tonnes of material collected by contractors engaged by Public Domain Unit. Out of a total of 78.2 tonnes, slightly over 40 tonnes were collected on 31st October (including approx 1000 tyres).

The security arrangements with An Garda Síochana worked very well and allowed plant & crews to operate between 6am and 5pm on Halloween without incident. These security arrangements were also adequate to cover part of South East Area.

The cost of the additional plant and crews arranged by Public Domain Unit over the four weeks prior to Halloween and on the 31st of October was €18,800.

Paul Rainsford
Public Domain Officer,
South Central Area.

Anti-Social Behaviour Statistics 2014/ 2015 Ballyfermot

		1st July – 30th September 2015	1 st April – 30 th June 2015	1 st January – 31 st March 2015	1 st October – 31 st December 2014
* (*) refers to document defining Anti Social behaviour					
Ballyfermot 2015		3rd Quarter	2nd Quarter	1st Quarter	4th Quarter
No. Anti-social complaints per 1997 Act - drug related (1)*		0	0	0	0
No. Anti-social complaints per 1997 Act - not drug related (2) *		27	15	19	15
No. other complaints (nuisance)		39	43	20	5
	Total	66	58	39	20
No. Anti-social interviews per 1997 Act		24	18	25	13
No. Other interviews		8	37	48	48
No. Requests for Mediation (3) *		1	0	0	0
No. complaints referred to Central Unit.		0	0	2	3
No. Section 20 Evictions (4)*		0	0	0	0
No. Excluding orders in force (5)*		0	0	0	0
No. Excluding orders granted in court (this period)		0	0	0	0
No. Excluding orders refused/failed in court (this period)		0	0	0	0
Breaches of Exclusion orders before the courts (this period)		0	0	0	0
No. of N.Q.'s served		0	0	0	0
No. Court Orders (Warrants) Granted		0	0	0	0
No. Appeals/Judicial Reviews/Challenges		0	0	0	0
No. Warrants Executed (Evictions)		0	0	0	0

Anti-Social Behaviour Statistics 2014/ 2015 Crumlin

		1st July – 30th September 2015	1st April - 30th June 2015	1st January- 31st March 2015	1 st October – 31 st December 2014
* (*) refers to document defining Anti Social behaviour					
Crumlin 2015		3rd Quarter	2nd Quarter	1st Quarter	4th Quarter
No. Anti-social complaints per 1997 Act - drug related (1)*		0	0	0	4
No. Anti-social complaints per 1997 Act - not drug related (2) *		11	14	14	10
No. other complaints (nuisance)		13	12	12	10
	Total	24	26	26	24
No. Anti-social interviews per 1997 Act		0	0	0	2
No. Other interviews		10	14	14	14
No. Requests for Mediation (3) *		0	0	0	0
No. complaints referred to Central Unit.		0	0	0	3
No. Section 20 Evictions (4)*		0	0	0	0
No. Excluding orders in force (5)*		0	0	0	0
No. Excluding orders granted in court (this period)		0	0	0	0
No. Excluding orders refused/failed in court (this period)		0	0	0	0
Breaches of Exclusion orders before the courts (this period)		0	0	0	0
No. of N.Q.'s served		0	0	0	0
No. Court Orders (Warrants) Granted		0	0	0	0
No. Appeals/Judicial Reviews/Challenges		0	0	0	0

Anti-Social Behaviour Statistics 2014/ 2015 South West Inner City

		1st July – 30th September 2015	1st April – 30th June 2015	1 st January – 31 st March 2015	1 st October – 31 st December 2014
* (*) refers to document defining Anti Social behaviour					
South West Inner City 2015		3rd Quarter	2nd Quarter	1st Quarter	4th Quarter
No. Anti-social complaints per 1997 Act - drug related (1)*		7	12	14	44
No. Anti-social complaints per 1997 Act - not drug related (2) *		65	54	58	131
No. other complaints (nuisance)		68	90	56	86
	Total	130	156	128	261
No. Anti-social interviews per 1997 Act		42	56	39	73
No. Other interviews		49	36	53	49
No. Requests for Mediation (3) *		5	4	3	1
No. complaints referred to Central Unit.		14	2	3	8
No. Section 20 Evictions (4)*		0	0	0	1
No. Excluding orders in force (5)*		0	0	0	0
No. Excluding orders granted in court (this period)		0	0	0	0
No. Excluding orders refused/failed in court (this period)		0	0	0	0
Breaches of Exclusion orders before the courts (this period)		0	0	0	0
No. of N.Q.'s served		0	0	0	3
No. Court Orders (Warrants) Granted		0	0	0	0
No. Appeals/Judicial Reviews/Challenges		0	0	0	0
No. Warrants Executed (Evictions)		0	0	0	0

Dublin12 Local Policing Forum



South Central Joint Policing Committee
c/o Cathriona Woulfe
Secretary
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29/09/2015

Dear Cathriona

It has come to the attention of the Dublin 12 Local Policing Forum that a high number of people and families in Dublin 12, are impacted by drug debt-related intimidation (DDI) but are not coming forward to Gardai or Dublin City Council to report their situation. An anonymised audit of Drug Debt-related Intimidation is currently being carried out by Citywide and Health Research Board. Early indicators from Dublin 12 services participating in the Audit, show that over 60 case reports have been submitted to the researchers since Sept 2014.

As the Policing Forum, and participating services, are unclear how to address this serious matter, we are escalating it to you for guidance & instruction. Could you please raise this matter with the representatives of the Dublin South Central Joint Policing Committee, at your next meeting, please?

We await your reply.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ray Mc Hugh'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Cllr Ray Mc Hugh
Chairperson
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