

**MINUTES OF SOUTH CENTRAL AREA JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE
HELD ON 30th JANUARY 2015
MIONTUAIRISCÍ CHOMHCHOISTE POILÍNEACHTA CHEANTAR AN LÁRDHEISCIRT
A BHÍ AR SIÚL 30 Eanáir 2015**

1. **Minutes of Meeting held on 14th November 2014.**
Order: Agreed.
2. **Matters Arising.**
Order: Noted.
3. **Ratification of six Community/Business Representatives to the Dublin South Central Joint Policing Committee.**
Order: The Members ratified the following list of Community/Business Representatives as members of the Dublin South Central JPC:-
 - Aoife Carragher, Liberties Business Forum
 - Antoinette Curley, Dublin 12 Local Employment Services, and Chairperson of Dublin 12 Local Business Watch
 - Joe Donohoe, Fatima Groups United
 - Bláitnaid Dunne, Ballyfermot Local Drugs Task Force/Lower Ballyfermot Residents Association.
 - Vincent Hibbert, Inchicore Environmental Group
 - Joyce Reid, Residents of St. Catherine's Street

Joe Donohoe, Bláitnaid Dunne and Joyce Reid joined the meeting and were welcomed by the Members. Aoife Carragher, Antoinette Curley and Vincent Hibbert sent their apologies.

4. **South Central Area Joint Policing Subcommittee Work Plan 2014.**
Order: Report noted. List of Objectives for 2015 will be circulated at the next meeting.
5. **Presentation on the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014, (Termination of Local Authority Tenancies).**
Order: Noted. Presentation given by Ron Farrell, Inspector and Mick Clarke, Area Housing Manager, Anti-Social Policy Unit.
6. **Garda Reports.**
Order: Report noted.
The following issues were discussed and a verbal response was given: -
 - An update on the use of Quad Bikes in Cherry Orchard. The Members requested DCC and the Gardaí agree a protocol to allow the Gardaí patrol DCC parks after hours as a measure to curb the use of quad bikes. The Gardaí use the Road Traffic Act to deal with quad bikes on public roads, however, parks and open spaces fall under the remit of DCC Byelaws. A review of Parks Byelaws to allow the Gardaí powers to deal with the use of motor vehicles in parks and open spaces shall be considered by DCC. The Members requested a letter to the Minister for

Justice and Equality to request the second reading of the Misuse of Motor Vehicles (Public Spaces) Bill 2012.

- **Community Garda in the South Central Area.**
- **Joy-riding culture.**
- **Text Alert Scheme.**
- **Mental Health issues.**
- **Regulations on owning a horses and horse drawn carriages. Bye-laws to be circulated.**

7. DCC Estate Management Reports.

Order: Report noted.

The following issues were discussed and a verbal response was given: -

- **Dumping by the public into the large DCC communal wheelie bins in DCC flat complexes. The Members suggested erecting “No Dumping” signs.**
- **The low take up of the Mediation Service for anti social behaviour in the Area.**

8. A. O. B.

- **Councillor Paul Hand and Councillor Greg Kelly registered their interest in the Canal Communities Local Policing Forum Management Committee.**
- **Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh registered her interest in the South West Inner City Local Policing Forum Management Committee.**
- **Councillor Ray McHugh registered his interest in the Dublin 12 Local Policing Forum Management Committee.**
- **Councillor Daithí Doolan registered his interest in the Ballyfermot/Chapelizod Local Policing Forum Management Committee.**

Order: All 5 names noted.

Councillor Vincent Jackson

Chairperson

3rd February 2015

Attendance: -

Councillors:

Councillor Catherine Ardagh, Councillor Daithí Doolan, Councillor Pat Dunne, Councillor Paul Hand, Councillor Vincent Jackson, Councillor Greg Kelly, Councillor Tina MacVeigh, Councillor Rebecca Moynihan, Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh, Councillor Daithí De Róiste and Councillor Brid Smith.

Deputies:

Deputy Eric Byrne, Deputy Joan Collins and Deputy Aengus O’Snodaigh.

Gardaí

Superintendent Dan Flavin, (Crumlin), Superintendent Brendan Connolly, (Ballyfermot). and Inspector Paul Cleary, (Kilmainham/Kevin Street).

Community Representative

Joe Donohoe, Bláitnaid Dunne and Joyce Reid.

Apologies

Chief Superintendent Orla McPartlin, (Crumlin), Chief Superintendent Michael O'Sullivan, (Kilmainham/Kevin St.), Aoife Carragher, Antoinette Curley and Vincent Hibbert

Officials:

Anthony Flynn, Area Manager, South Central Area;
Bruce Phillips, Assistant Area Manager, Liberties & Kilmainham Area Office;
Stephen Shiels, Project Manager St. Teresa's Gardens & Herberton;
Declan Ronan, Area Housing Manager, Crumlin Area Officer;
Cathriona Woulfe, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Office.

BALLYFERMOT/CHAPELIZOD

POLICING FORUM

REPORT – 2014

Ballyfermot/Chapelizod Policing Forum **Annual Report – 2014**

The Ballyfermot/Chapelizod Policing Forum was established in 2008 and held its first public meeting on 10th April, 2008. The Management Committee convened the first meeting on 17th January, 2011.

Aims and Objectives

The general functions of local policing fora are set out in Section 36 (2) of the Garda Síochána Act 2005.

In performing these functions, the LPF endeavour to: -

- improve communication and relationships between the Gardaí, local authorities, other relevant stakeholders and the local community.
- share and exchange relevant and appropriate information, including crime data on local areas
- identify issues of concern in relation to policing, anti-social behaviour and estate management
- work together to find solutions to the issues raised
- provide feedback on progress and hold agencies accountable
- improve the sense of safety and security for local residents and to bring about real improvements in their quality of life
- develop guidelines and supports around how to manage the tensions and divisions that arise within communities as a result of the anti-social impact of alcohol-related problems, drug-dealing and drug use
- assist agencies to work together in a more coordinated manner in response to local problems

- identify and provide for the training needs of all stakeholders to participate in the LPF structure and process
- facilitate the capacity building of local residents
- organise local lectures and seminars on topics relevant to the issues being addressed

There are structures in place to enable these challenges to be addressed.

Joint Policing Committee (JPC) (Regional)

The JPC exists at a formal level covering South Garda area of the City. The representation constitutes DCC, An Garda Síochána, political representatives and community participation. There was community representation at this level from the Ballyfermot/Chapelizod area. The Community Representation was a member of the Joint Policing Committee covering their area. The Joint Policing Committees (JPC's) are key to the forum where the LPF can bring issues that cannot be addressed effectively at local level. The LPF should identify broader policy issues or any other matters that arise from its work that cannot be dealt with at LPF level and report these issues to the JPC at its next available meeting.

The Management Committee met 4 times in 2014. In attendance at the meetings were representatives from An Garda Síochána, Dublin City Council, Local Drugs Task Force, 3 local residents, 1 Dublin City Councillor.

There are four core areas covered:

- Lower Ballyfermot
- Upper Ballyfermot
- Cherry Orchard
- Chapelizod

There were 4 Policing Forum public meetings held in 2014 in Ballyfermot Community Civic Centre, and a total of 24 meetings have been held up to December 2014. Administrative assistance was provided to the Gardaí by Ballyfermot Area Office Staff. Approximately 320 letters of notification of the meetings with copy of minutes of previous meetings attached, were distributed and posters displayed in advance of each meeting. A good attendance was recorded and there was a high level of participation in relation to current issues impacting on local residents.

Presentations at each meeting:

- **Intimidation due to drugs** – new initiative under the National Drugs Strategy 2009 – 2016. Information on the 'Family Support Network' which has been established to assist families where intimidation etc is involved.
- **Pieta House in Ballyfermot** - The services available to people affected by suicide or deliberate self-harm were outlined. An intensive, solution focused, and entirely free programme of therapy by trained and accredited therapists is available.
- **Homelessness in Dublin** – Information was given on services available, from Dublin City Council's Assessment, Placement and Allocation Service, to people who find themselves homeless in the Dublin area, the service provides: information and advice, initial assessment, housing assessment and placement.

- **S.A.R.A. – Community Orientated Problem Solving**
Scanning – Identify neighbourhood crime and disorder problems.
Analysis - Understand conditions that cause problems to occur.
Response – Develop and implement solutions.
Assessment – Determine the impact.
 Training for Community Gardaí, Council Staff and Community Representatives is currently being rolled out.

Issues for the Gardaí

At each meeting the Garda Superintendent for the area presented the most recent crime statistics. The main topics discussed at the meetings relating to the Gardaí were:

- Burglaries
- Bogus callers
- Anti-social behaviour:
 - ❖ Croftwood/Cherry Orchard Area– public order unit deployed and additional patrols in place and undercover Gardaí
 - ❖ Le Fanu Park – additional patrols and high visibility mountain bike Garda patrols and numerous searches carried out
- Quads and Scramblers
- Traffic lights – dangerous driving and speeding
- Underage drinking and drinking in public places
- Shooting incident and subsequent intimidation
- Request for additional CCTV cameras in Chapelizod/Ballyfermot
- Request for Community Text Service
- Enforcement of 3 tonne limit in Chapelizod/Ballyfermot

All items were responded to by the Superintendent.

Issues for Dublin City Council

Parks:

- Staffing/maintenance/footpath repairs/cleansing; mobile security; litter bins for dog dirt and enforcement of fines for owners not cleaning up after their dogs & dog owners allowing dogs off their leads and affecting other dog walkers.

Road Markings:

- Enhancement of road markings for access ramps on pavement at Claddagh Green shops.
- Repainting of road markings at junction of Raheen Park and Le Fanu Road.

Pedestrian lights and traffic lights in Chapelizod and on Ballyfermot Road

Halloween – removal of bonfire material and clean up after bonfires

Re-opening of Ballyfermot Leisure Centre

Work on Canon Troy House – Pieta House back in residence and providing their service

Proposals for refurbishment of Canon Troy Court

Speeding on Sarsfield Road – chicanes in place at present, this is part of a regional route and it is not the policy of the Roads & Traffic Department to provide physical traffic calming

on roads of this nature.

Condition of roads in Lower and Upper Ballyfermot – repairs to be carried out when a crew becomes available.

All issues raised were responded to by a representative of Dublin City Council.

Leaflets/information
available at meetings on the following topics:

- Access Matters – booklet produced of frequently asked questions for access improvements for Ballyfermot, Cherry Orchard and Chapelizod.
- Stay Safe, Beware Bogus Callers – Community Safety Notice for older/vulnerable persons in Dublin 10 & 20.
- Garda Síochána Home Security Literature and also Home Security Check list.
- Fire Safety – dangers of bonfires and also contact details for reporting bonfire material
- Information and contact details for Pieta House – Services available to people affected by Suicide

Anti-Social Behaviour Statistics 2014/ 2015 Ballyfermot

		1 st January – 31 st March 2015	1 st October – 31 st December 2014	1st July – 30th September 2014	1st April – 30th June 2014
* (*) refers to document defining Anti Social behaviour					
Ballyfermot 2014		1st Quarter	4th Quarter	3rd Quarter	2nd 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) *		19	15	19	11
No. other complaints (nuisance)		20	5	14	8
	Total	39	20	33	19
No. Anti-social interviews per 1997 Act		25	13	29	14
No. Other interviews		48	48	48	43
No. Requests for Mediation (3) *		0	0	0	
No. complaints referred to Central Unit.		2	3	4	1
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 January- 31st March 2015	1 st October – 31 st December 2014	1st July – 30th September 2014	1st April - 30th June 2014
* (*) refers to document defining Anti Social behaviour					
Crumlin 2014		1st Quarter	4th Quarter	3rd Quarter	2nd Quarter
No. Anti-social complaints per 1997 Act - drug related (1)*		0	4	5	1
No. Anti-social complaints per 1997 Act - not drug related (2) *		10	10	11	2
No. other complaints (nuisance)		16	10	19	27
	Total	26	24	35	30
No. Anti-social interviews per 1997 Act		3	2	1	5
No. Other interviews		13	14	16	26
No. Requests for Mediation (3) *		0	0	0	0
No. complaints referred to Central Unit.		0	3	1	0
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

		1 st January – 31 st March 2015	1 st October – 31 st December 2014	1st July – 30th September 2014	1st April – 30th June 2014
* (*) refers to document defining Anti Social behaviour					
South West Inner City 2014		1st Quarter	4th Quarter	3rd Quarter	2nd Quarter
No. Anti-social complaints per 1997 Act - drug related (1)*		14	44	30	15
No. Anti-social complaints per 1997 Act - not drug related (2) *		58	131	60	60
No. other complaints (nuisance)		56	86	63	43
	Total	128	261	153	118
No. Anti-social interviews per 1997 Act		39	73	36	16
No. Other interviews		53	49	43	23
No. Requests for Mediation (3) *		3	1	2	0
No. complaints referred to Central Unit.		3	8	8	2
No. Section 20 Evictions (4)*		0	1	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	3	1	2
No. Court Orders (Warrants) Granted		0	0	0	0
No. Appeals/Judicial Reviews/Challenges		0	0	0	0
No. Warrants Executed (Evictions)		0	0	1	0