

NORTH WEST AREA JOINT POLICING SUB COMMITTEE

Monday 25th September at 3.00 p.m.

Draft MINUTES

Announcements: Apologies from Deputy Paul McAuliffe, Superintendent Darren McCarthy, John Redmond, Derek Healy.

New members introduction: Bruce Phillips – Executive Manager DCC, Chief Superintendent Peter Duff, Chief Superintendent Michael McNulty were welcomed by the members

Item		Action
1.	Minutes of meeting held on 26 th June 2023 and matters arising.	Agreed. Follow up's completed.
2.	Presentation on Garda JLO by Sergeant Fiona Savidge	Sergeant Savidge gave the members a very informative presentation on the Garda Youth Diversion Programme. The presentation gave an overview of the programme and the processes involved in the programme. The presentation was welcomed by the members
3.	Local Fora Updates	<p>Agreed.</p> <p>Members raised concerns over several areas where there are on-going issues with high levels of anti-social behaviour, drug dealing and drug taking and recently there has been a lot of fireworks across the NW area. In particular those with the fireworks have been throwing them at swans in Poppintree Park as well as targeting local residents in several areas in both Finglas and Ballymun</p> <p>Members raised the query over the calls made to AGS and how many were answered and the timeframe for answering these calls. AGS advised that all calls are answered and are triaged and dealt with on a highest priority basis. The new 999 phone system will make it easier to gather analytical information on calls and this info is gathered and used to plan AGS operations.</p> <p>AGS also advised that work carried out by the Drugs & Street Crime Units are ongoing and there are constant arrests and seizures being made in the NWA.</p>
4.	Garda Update.	Statistic reports noted.

5.	Strategic Questions.	<p>Replies received and agreed</p> <p>Concern was raised over proposed development in the Barry area of Finglas as this already has a high level of drug dealing and anti-social behaviour</p>
6.	<p>Motion in the name of Cllr Noeleen Reilly</p> <p>That the JPC calls for immediate action to deal with Criminal Activity at the Poppintree Shops. There is daily drug dealing, violent occurrences, and incidents with scramblers. Local Businesses and residents are being badly affected. People no longer want to use the shops and as a result business activity has decreased and hours for staff has been cut. The gangs are there from early in the morning until late at night without any sort of interaction from the Gardaí</p>	<p>This Motion was supported by the members and concerns were raised that drug dealing in this area continues to escalate</p> <p>AGS advised Cllr Reilly that Superintendent Darren McCarthy has previously led an operation in this area to target the ongoing issues.</p> <p>Inspector Lacey to discuss the matter in more detail with Cllr Reilly after the meeting with a view implementing a plan to tackle the serious concerns raised</p>
6.	Halloween 2023	<p>Pat Teehen gave details on this years planned event and as in previous years requested the support of AGS to help manage the preparation and lead up to the event and the event itself. Meetings will be set up in the coming weeks to devise a plan and to alleviate any potential issues leading up to the event such as stockpiling for bonfires.</p> <p>The committee members thanked AGS for their continuous support</p>
7.	A.O.B.	<p>Huge Greaves requested an update on the proposed funding for the Ballymum area from An Taoiseachs office. A meeting to discuss this has been arranged and Jackie will update members after the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Connolly expressed concern over the rise in individuals begging in Finglas Village and requested intervention/ support from DCC/AGS for any individual that may need it</p>
<p>The meeting concluded at 16.35pm Date of next meeting Monday 11th December 2023 @ 3pm</p>		

Attendance:

Councillors: Keith Connolly, Noeleen Reilly, Caroline Conroy, Anthony Connaghan, Mary Callaghan, Briege Mac Oscar.

TDs: Deputy Dessie Ellis

Officials: Bruce Phillips (Executive Manager), Pat Teehan (Area Manager – Finglas) Jackie O'Reilly (Area Manager-Ballymun), Margaret McGrane (Ballymun Area Housing Manager), Leona Harrison (Senior Staff Officer), Olive Warnock (Staff Officer)

Gardaí: Chief Superintendent Peter Duff, Chief Superintendent Michael McNulty, Superintendent Peter Burke, Inspector Luke Lacey, Inspector Alan Kelly, Sergeant Fiona Savidge, Sergeant Paul Mc Mahon

Community Reps: Tony Byrne, Theresa Lydon

Safety Fora Reps: Michelle McNally

Drugs Task Force: Hugh Greaves.

Others:

Apologies: Deputy Paul McAuliffe, Superintendent Darren McCarthy, Derek Healy, John Redmond

Keith Connolly

Chairperson