

Dublin City Joint Policing Committee
Minutes of Meeting held on January 10th 2017
at 2.30 p.m., Council Chamber, City Hall, Dublin 2

Attendance: Committee Members

Councillors: Daithí De Róiste (Chair), Teresa Keegan, Ray McAdam, Kieran Binchy, Michael Mullooly, Dermot Lacey, Cieran Perry

Oireachtas Members: Deputy Aengus Ó Snódaigh

Business / Community Reps.: David Brennan, Tony Duffin, Joe Donohoe, Peter O'Connor, Richard Guiney

An Garda Síochána: Assistant Commissioner Jack Nolan, Inspector David Butler

Dublin City Council officials: Jim Beggan, A/Executive Manager

Ruth Treacy, Senior Staff Officer (Minutes)

Also in attendance: Ms. Rose Sweeney, Higher Executive Officer, An Garda Síochána

Apologies: Lord Mayor Brendan Carr, Deputy Maureen O'Sullivan, Councillor Criona Ní Dhálaigh, Larry O'Toole & Daithí Doolan, Declan Wallace & Céline Reilly (DCC), Gerry Byrne (Darndale Community Representative)

1. Minutes of meeting held on November 8th 2016

Agreed.

Members agreed to request from member, Zéphrin Ngaliema from the Integration Centre, to nominate a colleague to attend meetings on his behalf while he undertakes exams.

2. Presentation on the Teenagers and Gardaí (TAG) Programme

Presentation by Ms. Rose Sweeney noted and welcomed by the Committee. The programme runs over a six-week period and is designed to promote engagement between teenagers and members of An Garda Síochána (AGS) in a positive fashion. It is currently being piloted across the Dublin Metropolitan Region (DMR, in the Kevin Street, Finglas and Cabra areas) and AGS is committed to extending the programme citywide.

3. Report of Assistant Garda Commissioner

Report noted.

Action: Report on Quad Bike incident statistics, with particular reference to the Christmas period, to be provided to next meeting.

Minor assaults are one of the few crime categories that have seen a slight increase. As a significant number of such incidences take place at large gatherings, Cllr. Mullooly referred to a Mayo County Council initiative, whereby lollipops are distributed following events (such as concerts, festivals etc.) and asked about the possibility of something similar in Dublin, as they would appear to have a calming effect on revellers leaving venues.

Action: An Garda Síochána to look into Mayo County Council's initiative and report back to Committee.

4. **Report by Assistant Chief Executive (DCC)**

Order: Noted

Begging

Action: Begging Report to be circulated at next meeting.

Supervised Injection Facility: The Central Area Joint Policing Subcommittee has requested a meeting with Minister Catherine Byrne to discuss this proposal.

Action: Cllr. De Róiste, as Chair of the Dublin City JPC, to be invited to attend meeting when scheduled. Cllr. Cieran Perry's request to attend was also agreed.

5. **Correspondence from North West Area JPC**

Order: Noted

6. **Documentation from Area JPCs**

Order: Noted.

7. **2017 Meeting dates:**
- March 14th
 - May 9th
 - July 11th
 - September 12th
 - November 14th

Dates noted.

8. **A.O.B.**

- a) *Rickshaws:* Cllr. De Róiste was in contact with the Chair of the Transportation Strategic Policy Committee. An amendment to the Road Traffic Bill 2016 was passed by Seanád Éireann in December 2016, the effect of this being that the regulation of rickshaws is now a matter for the National Transportation Authority (NTA), who will now have responsibility for drafting regulations going forward.

Action: *Cllr. De Róiste to write to NTA and provide a further update for the next meeting.*

- b) *Agenda for March 14th meeting – items for inclusion*
- *Presentation from voluntary group "My Lovely Horse"*
 - *"Knife Crime"*

Action: *An Garda Síochána to provide report*

- c) *Purple Flag status:* Richard Guiney informed the group that Dublin 1 has just been awarded Purple Flag status. The purple flag is an international accreditation for excellence in managing the evening and night time economy. Dublin 1, the area from O'Connell Street to Capel Street, and Parnell Street to the Quays, is the second district in the city to be awarded the flag. The flag is awarded by the London based Association of Town and City Management (ATCM).

Councillor Daithí De Róiste
Chairperson