

## Kilkenny County Council – Joint Policing Committee

### Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 at 3.00 p.m. in Council Chamber, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny

**PRESENT:** Cllr. Patrick McKee, Chairman, Cllr. Tomás Breathnach, Cllr. Pat Dunphy, Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick, Cllr. Melissa O’Neill, Cllr. Maurice Shortall, Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, Cllr. Seán Tyrrell, Mary Mescal, Ossory Youth.

Chief Superintendent Dominic Hayes, Kilkenny Garda Station  
Superintendent Padraig Dunne, Kilkenny Garda Station  
Derek Hughes, Detective Inspector, Kilkenny Garda Station

Maria Melia, Director of Services, Kilkenny County Council  
Brian Tyrrell, Senior Executive Officer, Kilkenny County Council  
Catherine Cooney, Staff Officer, Kilkenny County Council  
Mr. Frank Stafford, Senior Executive Engineer, Kilkenny County Council  
Mr. Declan Murphy, A/Executive Engineer, Kilkenny County Council

**Apologies:** Cllr. Fidelis Doherty, Cllr. David Kennedy, Cllr. David Fitzgerald, Cllr. David Fitzgerald, Cllr. Patrick O’Neill, Cllr. Michael McCarthy, Cllr. Joe Malone, Deputy John McGuinness, T.D.

Cllr. Patrick McKee, Chairman - opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance.

#### **Item No. 1: Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2015.**

It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Melissa O’Neill  
Seconded by: Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick  
And Resolved:

“That the minutes as presented to the meeting are hereby adopted.”

#### Matters Arising

Cllr. Melissa O’Neill requested that the Council’s Anti-Social Behaviour Policy be placed on the Agenda for discussion by the Joint Policing Committee. Cllr. Patrick McKee advised that following discussion by the Joint Policing Committee Steering Group it was agreed that the Housing SPC is the forum for discussion on this Policy. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Melissa O’Neill  
Seconded by: Cllr. Seán Tyrrell

“that Mr. Tom King, Kilkenny County Council’s Tenant Liaison Officer, be requested to make a presentation at the next Joint Policing Committee Meeting.”

This motion was put to a vote, by a show of hands, and was passed by four votes to two in favour of the motion.

**Item No. 2: Report by JPC Chairman on JPC Steering Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2016.**

Cllr. Patrick McKee outlined to the meeting the membership of the JPC Steering Committee and advised that a meeting of the Committee takes place prior to each JPC Meeting to agree an Agenda. Such a meeting took place on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 at which the Agenda as circulated was agreed.

**Item No. 3: Co-Ordination of Plans.**

Mr. Brian Tyrrell reminded Members of the full complement of the Joint Policing Committee as outlined in the JPC Guidelines, six members to come from the Community Sector. A formal request to be submitted to PPN for representation on the Joint Policing Committee.

Mr. Tyrrell then outlined the hierarchy of Plans that the JPC must feed into and suggested that the Committee form a sub group to draft a JPC Six Year Plan and JPC Annual Work Plan with consideration given to the objectives of the Policing Plan and Local Economic and Community Plan. This group could be assisted by a member of staff in the Community Development Section of the Council and a member of An Garda Síochána.

Following a discussion the following Members were nominated to the aforementioned subgroup:

Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, Cllr. Tomás Breathnach, Cllr. David Kennedy, Cllr. Patrick McKee and Mary Mescal.

**Item No. 4: Road Safety Strategy**

Mr. Frank Stafford circulated the Council's Road Safety Plan to all those present at the meeting and gave a briefing on the Plan. Members commented and raised queries on the following issues:

- 30 km Speed Zones.
- Road Safety Signage in Housing Estates.
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland Road Markings.
- Request a representative from TII to attend and address the next JPC Meeting.
- Review of Traffic Signs Manual.

Ms. Maria Melia and Mr. Frank Stafford responded to queries raised in relation to the above.

**Item No. 5: County Speed Limit Update**

Mr. Declan Murphy gave an update on the review process currently being carried out over the last number of months, progress to date and time lines going forward.

Members thanked Mr. Murphy for the update and complimented the works carried out to date. Mr. Murphy responded to further queries raised.

**Item No. 6: The Policing Authority – Submission for Draft Strategy Statement.**

Cllr. McKee informed the meeting that all Chairs of the Joint Policing Committees across the country have been invited by the Policing Authority to attend a meeting on the Authority's Draft Strategy Statement and he will be attending and report back to the Committee on the outcome.

The Chairman also informed the meeting that he received a request from Age Friendly County Group expressing interest in a representative joining the Joint Policing Committee to which he advised the group to make their application through the Public Participation Network.

**Item No. 7: Any Other Business**

Detective Inspector Derek Hughes gave a presentation to the meeting on Crime Reduction which included details regarding the following:

- Kilkenny Divisional Crime Priorities 2016.
- Burglary levels in Kilkenny and Control Measures implemented.
- Reasons why there is a reduction in burglary figures.
- Core Pillars – Project Storm.
- Social Media Engagement.
- Victim Support.
- Roads Security Checkpoints.
- Partnership with N.R.A.

All members welcomed the presentation and complimented the work being carried out by An Garda Síochána. It was requested that a copy of the presentation would be circulated to all Members.

In addition, Members commented and raised issues in relation to the following items:

- Access for Residents in the vicinity of the Rod Stewart Concert being held in Nowlan Park.
- Noise issues during set up and taking down of stage structure for the Concert.
- Sulky Racing Bye Laws.
- Anti-Social Behaviour in Kieran Street, Kilkenny.

Chief Superintendent Dominic Hayes, Superintendent Pdraig Dunne and Brian Tyrrell responded to queries raised regarding the above.

The meeting then concluded.