

Kilkenny County Council – Joint Policing Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday, 12th April, 2017 at 5.30 p.m. in Friary Hall Complex, Callan Co. Kilkenny

PRESENT: Cllr. Patrick McKee, Chairman, Cllr. Fidelis Doherty, Cllr. Matt Doran, Cllr. Pat Dunphy, Cllr. David Fitzgerald, Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick, Cllr. David Kennedy, Cllr. Patrick O’Neill, Cllr. Maurice Shortall, Mary Mescal.

Chief Superintendent Dominic Hayes, Kilkenny Garda Station
Superintendent Padraig Dunne, Kilkenny Garda Station
Superintendent Derek Hughes, Thomastown Garda Station
Detective Sergeant Ger Egan, Kilkenny Garda Station
Sergeant Peter McConnon, Crime Prevention Officer, Kilkenny Garda Station
Sergeant Adrian Tobin, Callan Garda Station.

Colette Byrne, Chief Executive, Kilkenny County Council
Tim Butler, Director of Services, Kilkenny County Council
Catherine Cooney, Staff Officer, Kilkenny County Council

Apologies: Deputy John McGuinness, T.D., Deputy Bobby Aylward, T.D., Cllr. Tomás Breathnach.

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

Item No. 1: Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 20th January, 2017.

It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick
Seconded by: Cllr. Maurice Shortall
And Resolved:

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

Item No. 2: Election of Chair

Cllr. Patrick McKee acknowledged the work carried out by the Committee during his term as Chairperson and thanked the Members for their help and support.

It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. David Fitzgerald
Seconded by: Cllr. Patrick O’Neill
And Resolved:

“That Cllr. Fidelis Doherty be hereby elected Chairperson of Kilkenny County Council Joint Policing Committee in succession to Cllr. Patrick McKee.”

Cllr. Patrick McKee stepped down and Cllr. Fidelis Doherty took over as Chairperson.

All Members of the Committee thanked Cllr. Patrick McKee for his contribution during his term as Chairperson and congratulated and extended their best wishes to Cllr. Fidelis Doherty.

Item No. 3: Policing Plan – Collaborative Approach.

Chief Superintendent Dominic Hayes explained that in adopting a collaborative approach to the Policing Plan, it is proposed to include Local Joint Policing Partnerships in the six year plan for the County. In doing so, it is intended to pilot the initiative in the Castlecomer Municipal District and the Superintendent requested the views of the Public Representatives in regard to the structure and Membership of the Partnership.

During a discussion, Members welcomed the initiative and it was agreed that the Area Engineer and one other person would represent the Council on the Partnership. It was also suggested that there should be a representative from the Age Action Group and meetings would take place prior to the monthly Municipal District Meeting.

Item No. 4: Review submissions received for Public Meeting.

Mr. Tim Butler advised that no submissions were received during the period advertised for the Public Meeting.

Item No. 5: Any Other Business

Chief Superintendent Dominic Hayes, Superintendent Padraig Dunne and Superintendent Derek Hughes responded to queries from Members in relation to:

- Roadside Drug Testing Scheme.
- Match Day Traffic Measures.
- New Garda Recruits for rural Garda Stations.
- Lamping – Animal Welfare issues.

Agree Date for Public Meeting

It was agreed to hold the next Meeting of the Joint Policing Committee on Wednesday, 13th September, 2017, at 3.00 p.m. in Council Chamber, County Hall, Kilkenny.

The meeting then concluded.