

CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held at 4.30 p.m. on Monday, 27th February, 2017, in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Athy Road, Carlow.

Present: Cllr. Michael Doran (Chairperson)
Cllr. Ken Murnane
Cllr. John Murphy
Cllr. John Pender
Cllr. Anne Ahern
Cllr. Thomas Kinsella
Cllr. William Paton
Deputy Pat Deering
Chief Superintendent Dominic Hayes, An Garda Síochána
Superintendent Gerry Redmond, An Garda Síochána
Detective Inspector Ger Egan,
Inspector Audrey Dormer,
Inspector Anthony Farrell
Mr. Joe Butler, Graiguecullen Community Alert
Ms. Sinead Minchin, Ballinkillen Area Community Alert
Mr. Dan McInerney, Deputy Chief Executive, Carlow County Council
Ms. Bernie O'Brien, Director of Service, Carlow County Council

In Attendance: E. Brophy, Meetings Administrator

Apologies: Martin Tuite, Bagenalstown Community Alert
Cllr. Fintan Phelan
Senator J. Murnane O'Connor

The Chairman welcomed members and it was agreed to alter the taking of items on the agenda to allow the presentations to be made first.

He invited Marie Therese Ryan and Harry Ward, St. Michael's National School, Newtown, Borris, to address the meeting. Marie Therese Ryan gave a presentation to members on parking issues at the school. She requested the Joint Policing Committee to issue a letter to the Minister in support of the proposed works. The Chair thanked Marie Teresa for the presentation and she answered questions from members. Superintendent Redmond advised that the Gardaí supported the proposal.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Pender

Seconded by Cllr. Doran and following a show of hands it was resolved

“That a strong letter of support would issue to the Minister.”

The Chair invited Chris Purnell from the South East Region Drugs Task Force to deliver his presentation. Chris gave a presentation on the DATF (Drugs and Alcohol Task Force) and the work of the SERDTF and its structure on a county basis. The Chairman thanked Chris for his presentation and Chris answered questions from members on the presentation. He circulated a list of actions for the SERDTF. Chris requested the JPC to adopt its actions in the circulated report. C. Purnell to forward a report to the JPC on the actions prior to JPC recommending same to Council.

The Chair invited members of the Tullow CCTV Committee to address the meeting and they gave a presentation on the proposed CCTV and made a request to the JPC to issue a letter of support which is a requirement for their application to progress. The Chair thanked the representatives for the CCTV project.
Proposed by Cllr. W. Paton

Seconded by Cllr. J. Pender and following a show of hands it was resolved

“That a letter of support would issue and the matter would be put on a Council Agenda for further support.”

Policing Report

Detective Inspector Ger Egan delivered a presentation on crime and criminal statistics and answered questions from members. Inspector Anthony Farrell gave a presentation on Garda traffic and traffic crime statistics. He answered questions from members.

Superintendent Redmond briefed the meeting on Garda preparation and policing during recent Rag Week. This involved the regional drug unit which led to 19 personal use seizures and 4 seizures for supply.

Representation of Business Community on the Joint Policing Committee

The Chair briefed the meeting on the concerns of the business community in relation to not having a representative on the JPC and that it was possible to allow an additional member on the Committee.

Proposed by Cllr. W. Paton

Seconded by Cllr. A. Ahern and resolved following a show of hands

“That the Chamber of Commerce be invited to nominate a representative to the Joint Policing Committee.”

Approval of Minutes of 17th October, 2016 were

Proposed by Cllr. William Paton

Seconded by Cllr. Anne Ahern

Following a show of hands it was resolved:-

“That the Minutes of Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Athy Road, Carlow, on 17th October, 2016, having been circulated to each member, be taken as read, confirmed as to accuracy and accordingly signed.”

Correspondence

E. Brophy advised of correspondence.

Any Other Business

Cllr. Murphy enquired as to whether further Garda visits to the community were proposed and Chief Superintendent replied that this would be done in 2017 and that a programme was in place for the division starting in Kilkenny tomorrow.

Cllr. Murnane enquired in relation to progress on the CCTV extension for Carlow Town. Chief Superintendent Hayes advised that an application was made by the Gardaí but there is a funding issue at present and he would discuss same with the Council.

This concluded the business of the meeting.