

DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL / AN GARDA SÍOCHÁNA

Dundalk Local Policing Forum

Minutes of meeting held by Zoom Conference Call on 2nd March 2022 at 4.00pm

Present:

LOCAL AUTHORITY

Elected Members:

Cllr Sean Kelly (Chairperson)

Cllr Meave Yore

Cllr Antoin Watters

Cllr Marianne Butler

Cllr Liam Reilly

Cllr Kevin Meenan

Cllr Maria Doyle

Cllr Andrea McKevitt

Cllr Edel Corrigan

Cllr Conor Keelan

Cllr John Reilly

Cllr Emma Coffey

Cllr Tomas Sharkey

PPN Members:

Pat McVeigh PPN

John Temple PPN

Sean Farrell PPN

Declan Mills PPN

Oireachtas Members

Ruairi O Mhurchu

Erin McGreehan

John McGahon

Officials:

Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services

Sinead McVerry, Administrative Officer

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Chief Superintendent Christy Mangan

Superintendent Charlie Armstrong

Sgt Kevin O Rourke

Apologies:

Cllr Andrea McKevitt

Cllr Kevin Meenan

Cllr Marianne Butler

Peter Fitzpatrick TD

be completed by end of September 2022. The new extension will provide added space for activities that will engage the local community members.

- The **Road Safety Officer** assists with implementing the actions of the Co Louth Road Safety Plan. The new National Road Safety strategy covering the period 2021 to 2030 was launched in December 2021 and will be delivered in three phases. Phase 1 of the plan runs from 2021 to 2024 and consists of 50 high-impact actions and 136 support actions. It was agreed Road Safety Officer would be invited to make a presentation to the JPC members in 2022 when a draft Plan has been prepared.
- Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, announce €4.5 million to support community groups impacted by COVID-19. The 2021 Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) provided small grants designed to assist in the re-opening of facilities such as community centers, men's and women's sheds, parish halls and youth centers. Department of Rural and Community Development have allocated €145,542 to the Louth CEP
- School Wardens **School Warden Service** is currently provided at 25 locations throughout the county to ensure that unaccompanied children can travel to and from school.

Garda Report

Superintendent Armstrong gave a presentation on the Garda Report outlining crime Statistics in the Dundalk Sub District Area.

Arising from the report the following matters were discussed:

- Noted increase in some statistics are a reflection of the economy especially the night time economy opening up again after Covid and extra high visibility Garda patrols have been put in place around town centre especially at weekends.
- Issue of male violence and domestic violence. AGS informed the members all new AGS probationary classes are involved in a project/engagement with Women's Aid to increase awareness and greater understanding around these issues.
- Teenage Disco in Rosewood in Sportsman Hall, issues with safety and licensing concerns. AGS spoke with Chief Fire Officer regarding these concerns and licensing is being looked at.
- Ongoing speeding on M1 - AGS confirmed weekly resources deployed to address this matter.
- Issue of car's illegally parking at Ballymascanlon Roundabout, some not using Park & Ride facilities provided . AGS will liaise with LCC in relation to this matter.
- Discussion around the issue of Garda Youth Diversion Projects and how they benefit all communities and how the initiative could be expanded into other areas.