

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL / AN GARDA SÍOCHÁNA

Drogheda Local Policing Forum

Minutes of meeting held on 29^h January 2018 at 6pm in the Governors House, Millmount, Drogheda

Present:

Members:

Cllr Kenneth Flood (Chairman)
Cllr Richie Culhane
Cllr David Saurin
Cllr Joanna Byrne
Cllr Tommy Byrne
Cllr Paul Bell
Cllr Frank Godfrey
Imelda Munster TD
Tony Mullins PPN
Flora Okobi PPN

Officials:

Joe McGuinness Director Of Services
Catherine Duff, Acting Director of Service
Mary G Reilly, Acting Administrative Officer

Chief Superintendent Christy Mangan
Superintendent Andrew Watters

Apologies:

Declan Breathnach TD
Fergus O Dowd TD
Senator Gerald Nash

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 10th July 2017 were proposed by Tony Mullins and seconded by Cllr Kenneth Flood

Public Meeting Notes

Notes of the Public meeting held on Monday 9th October 2017, were circulated.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

Local Authority Report

Joe McGuinness Director of Services outlined details of Local Authority activity which is based on the adopted Joint Policing Strategy or otherwise known as the Community Safety Strategy.

Matters included in report

- Improved CCTV
- Removal of Vacant/ Derelict Houses
- Establishment of Louth Drugs & Alcohol Forum
- Bye Laws in preparation

- Co-operation and Support for the establishment of a Drugs Court
- The Governments Migrant Integration Strategy foresees actions applicable to local authorities and recognising this number of existing and new initiatives will be undertaken by Louth County Council throughout 2018.
- The Louth Library Service will continue to offer free of charge to all new communities information to migrants in language appropriate formats, opportunities to participate in English language classes, access to e-resources and computer classes.
- A new Integration Strategy will be published by Q4 2018 and the PPN will provide the structure for hosting the Migrant Integration Forum. The Council will continue with its practice of the immediate removal of racist graffiti.

Discussions arose as a result of the report as follows:

- Abandoned units at West Street.
- Drug paraphernalia and disposal of same

Garda Report

Superintendent Andrew Watters gave a presentation on the Garda Report outlining crime Statistics in the Drogheda area from July 2017 to January 2018-06-14 Arising from the report the following matters were discussed

- Dumping in Rathmullan
- CCTV- Joint approach with the LA and the Gardai./ upgrade cameras in the area of Ballsgrove and Rathmullan
- Rathmullan Park
- Contact email address for Gardai
- Arrangements for Fleadh Cheoil
- Tolls charges for Fleadh Cheoil
- Drug intimidation in families

Responsible alcohol sales

Councillor Flood raised the matter again of responsible alcohol sale and it was agreed to be reviewed at the next meeting.

Confirmed at Meeting held on:

Chairman:

Kenneth Hood

Meetings Administrator:

Mary J. Reilly