

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL / AN GARDA SÍOCHÁNA

Drogheda Local Policing Forum

Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd November, 2016 at 6.00 pm in the Westcourt Hotel, West Street, Drogheda.

Present:

LOCAL AUTHORITY

Elected Members:

Cllr Kenneth Flood, Cllr Alan Cassidy, Cllr Richie Culhane,
Cllr Frank Godfrey, Cllr Joanna Byrne, Cllr Pio Smith, Cllr Oliver Tully

Officials: Joe McGuinness, Director of Services
Mary G Reilly, Acting Administrative Officer

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Chief Superintendent Sean Ward
Superintendent Andrew Watters

Also in Attendance: Flora Okobi
Tony Mullins

Apologies: Cllr Paul Bell
Imelda Munster TD

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 26th July 2016 were proposed by Cllr Frank Godfrey and seconded by Cllr Joanne Byrne. The minutes of the meeting of the 26th July, 2016 were adopted.

Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting on 21st March 2016 to be corrected to include Cllr Frank Godfrey in attendance.

Manner of the Public Meeting

It was noted that the Public Meeting of this committee would follow immediately after the normal committee meeting and it was agreed that all presentations would be given at the Public meeting.

Other Matters Discussed:

- Drug Paraphernalia and disposal of same
- Clean-up of West Street and alleyways of it where drug Paraphernalia is disposed of.
- Burglaries 2016
- Cash for Gold monitoring of merchandise.
- ASB in Besswexwell lane
- CCTV in rapid areas.
- Begging and drinking on the streets
- Case management of criminals
- Supervision of Bonfires
- Increased dumping of rubbish

Commencement of Public Meeting

The Public Meeting proceeded on the following order of business:

- The Louth Divisional Policing Plan Presentation given by the Chief Superintendent Sean Ward.
- Drogheda District Garda District 2016 Statistics given by Superintendent Andrew Watters. Cllr Oliver Tully and
- Cllr Kenneth Flood thanked The Gardaí for the work they had done in 2016 and looked forward to working with them in 2017

The following matters were discussed:

- Antisocial Behaviour in Moneymore
- Lighting in Moneymore
- Anti-social Behaviour in Orchard Villas Termonfeckin
- Teenage drinking in Marian Park adjoining meadow/problem with lighting in the area- quality of life issues/ residents are afraid to leave their houses
- Parking issues in front of St Peters. Disabled parking/ Bus Stop and loading bay causing loss of revenue, also Bus stops causing traffic jams
- Enormous potential for tourism but if Buses can't stop town will lose out.
- Fireworks - It was noted that there was more than previous years. It was decided to meet as a group in August 2017 to put plans in place for November 2017.

Local Authority Report:

J. McGuinness gave a presentation in relation to the Louth joint Policing Committee Community Safety Strategy.

Confirmed at Meeting held on:

24 April 2017

Chairman:

Kenneth Hood

Meetings Administrator:

Mary G. Reilly

