

**Louth County Council/ An Garda Siochana
Dundalk Local Policing Forum**

Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd November 2016 in Dundalk Town Hall at 6.00 pm.

**Present:
Local Authority**

Elected Members

Cllr Antoin Watters, Cllr Edel Corrigan, Cllr Maria Doyle, Cllr Conor Keelan, Cllr John McGahon, Cllr Maeve Yore.

Officials

Joe McGuinness, Director of Services
Mary G Reilly, Acting Administrative Officer Estate Management

An Garda Siochana

Chief Superintendent Sean Ward
Superintendent Gerard Curley
Sergeant Brendan Keane

Also in attendance Pat McVeigh

Apologies Peter Fitzpatrick TD
Cllr Kevin Meenan

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 27th July 2016 were proposed by Cllr Maeve Yore and seconded by Pat McVeigh.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

Format of the Public Meeting

It was noted that the public meeting of this committee would commence immediately after the normal committee meeting and it was agreed that all presentations would be given at the public meeting

Other matters discussed

- Woodlands Halting site – CCTV on the site / Rapid Estates
- Lack of representation by the Community Groups at at the PPN Meetings.
- Attendance at Public Meetings with low turnout could be due to timing issue. Consider having two meetings a year.
- Selling of drugs in the Omeath area

- Attempts by individuals shining very large light to gain access to vehicles in Kilcurry
- Speeding on the inner relief road at at Ballymascanlon.
- Aggressive begging in town area around entrance to Post office.
- Prosecution of Northern Reg Vehicles
- Drugs unit to be put in place in 2017. Serious issue in Dundalk and surrounding area.
- It was noted that there was an increase in Garda presence on the streets.
- Moneylenders

Commencement of the Public meeting

The public meeting proceeded on the following order of business:

- The Louth Divisional Policing Plan Presentation given by Supt Sean Ward.
- Dundalk Garda District 2016 Statistics given by Supt Gerard Curley

Matters Discussed

- Faughart Community Alert- regular meeting to commence early 2017
- Speeding in Millstreet and Kingswood Crescent
- Neighbourhood watch – issue of calls to Gardai not answered to be dealt with internally
- ASB in Seatown area particularly around School
- Talks to Secondary School children re drink and drugs.
- Gardaí to be increased in Omeath area and ensure station opens at designated times.

Local Authority Report.

Joe McGuinness Director of Services gave a presentation in relation to the Louth Joint Policing Committee Community Safety Strategy.

Confirmed at meeting held on 25 April 17
 Chairman John McGowan
 Meetings Administrator Mary G. Reilly