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**Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Central Area Joint Policing  
Sub-committee  
held on the 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2008**

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**1. Minutes of last meeting (matters arising):**

- Agreed.
- The number of community representatives per committee is currently under review as part of the overall review of the JPCs being conducted by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

**2. Antisocial behaviour in private rented accommodation:**

- Representatives of the Dublin City Council Rental Accommodation Scheme and Private Rented Tenancies Board made presentations on their roles and functions. A question and answer session followed.

**3. Intoxicating Liquor Bye-Laws:**

Licensing trends in the Dublin region.

- Report noted.

Dublin City Council alcohol & public order working group.

- Report noted.

Fines issued for breach of public drinking bye-laws.

- Report noted.

A discussion on the issues relating to the above took place. The issues discussed included the need to reduce the availability of alcohol: the proliferation of off licences, the hours off licences can trade for and the need for a set limit on the amount of alcohol that can be purchased. An increase in the fine for public drinking was proposed along with an escalation in the amount, if the fine remains unpaid. Separate accident and emergency treatment facilities for those under the influence of alcohol, where those seeking treatment would be liable to pay the full treatment cost, was also proposed.

Chief Supt. Feehan pointed out that the gardaí object to new off licences in most instances.

**4. Crime Report Update:**

Foley Street and area:

- Report noted. Operation in place from beginning of last quarter of 2007, community policing, divisional drugs unit and divisional crime task force being utilised.

Drug dealing in North Inner City, CAB:

- Report noted. The committee welcomed news that two gardaí in each of three districts have been trained as CAB officers.

Vandalism to cars at Oxmantown:

- Report noted. Operation to combat criminal damage in place since October '07, resulting in reduction from 26 offences being reported between October –31<sup>st</sup> December, to 3 offences being reported between 1<sup>st</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> January.
- In relation to extinguishment of public rights of way to restrict access to the area, the decision to extinguish a public right of way will be made by the council members.
- The matter of scramblers using pitches on Alfie Byrne Road is being addressed. Gardaí are treating the area as a 'hotspot'.

**5. A.O.B:**

Meeting dates for 2008: April 28<sup>th</sup>, September 1<sup>st</sup>, December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Attendance:**

**Councillors:** Christy Burke, Maurice Ahern, Tom Stafford, Emer Costello, Mary Fitzpatrick.

**Deputies:** Joe Costello.

**Senators:** Paschal Donohoe.

**Gardaí:** Chief Supt. Mick Feehan, Chief Supt. John Twomey, Supt. John Harnett, Insp. Eamon Murphy.

**Officials:** Mr. Charlie Lowe, Mr. Hugh Mc Kenna, Ms. Bláthnaid Casey.

**Community Representatives:** Mr. Aodhan Perry, Mr. Donal Barron.

**Other:** Ms. Rosalind Carroll (DCC Rental Accommodation Scheme), Ms. Margaret Taheny-Moore and Ms. Carmel Diskin (Private Rented Tenancies Board).

**Apologies:** Dep. Tony Gregory, Dep. Cyprian Brady, Senator David Norris, Cllr. Mick Rafferty, Cllr. Mary O'Shea, Cllr. Seámas McGrattan, Lord Mayor Cllr. Paddy Bourke, Cllr. Brendan Carr, Cllr. Aodhán O'Riordáin, Mr. John Tierney.

**Next meeting:  
Monday April 28<sup>th</sup>, 9.00am, City Hall.**