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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Central Area Joint Policing  
Sub-committee  
held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2009**

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Cllr. Burke opened the meeting by welcoming the new Councillors as members.

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

- Agreed.
- Correspondence from Cabra CPF noted. Cabra CPF Co-ordinator to make submission to Dublin City Council seeking funding to commission an independent review of that CPF.

**2. Progress on actions agreed at last meeting:**

- Banner advertising off-license on Mountjoy Street has been removed.
- Maps of garda sectors with the names and contact details for each Inspector in charge and lists of all Sergeants and Gardaí attached to each sector have been circulated.

**3. Community Representation.**

Changes to electoral area boundaries, which will affect this process, are imminent. It was agreed therefore to defer this item to the next meeting.

**4. Standing items:**

Issues relating to: -control/regulation/sale of alcohol in pubs/off licences  
-licensing issues in relation to pubs/off licences (re: public disorder/nuisance)  
-Estate management issues/parks and playgrounds issues (re:public order/anti-social behaviour/nuisance issues).

- Garda report noted. Issues/incidents in relation to Broadstone Park, Dorset Street Flats, Ashington Green, and the wasteland to the rear of St. Attracta Road/Mount Bernard Park, Stoney Road and Portland Place were raised. A report on a number of these issues was made by Supt. Séan Ward.
- Cllr. Perry requested statistics on the success of objections made to grant of Liquor licenses.
- Chief Supt Leahy reported that 7 establishments in the area have been closed, some permanently.
- Senator Norris raised the issue of the parking of buses on Mountjoy Square; Charlie Lowe reported that a meeting with senior Gardaí, Dublin Bus, Dublin City Council and local residents is scheduled for this week.

**5. Begging in Dublin city centre.**

- Correspondence noted. Chief Supt. Leahy pointed out that passive begging is no longer a crime but it is an offence to be accompanied by a child while begging.
- Oireachtas members to obtain details of any Bill being explored currently relating to this issue, details to be forwarded to administrator for circulation to members. This is with a view to discussing at the next meeting and making a submission to the government.

**6. Garda Report.**

- Report noted.
- The customer relationship management office has been renamed the Divisional Community Policing Office. Members commended the work of this office.
- Deputy Costello asked if the number arrested for sale/supply of drugs and the percentage of these refused bail could be reported on in future, along with separate figures for burglaries.
- Cllr Burke asked the Gardaí to concentrate on youths congregating in certain areas and drug dealing in licensed premises.

**7. Other Policing Matters.**

Report noted.

**8. An Garda Síochána Corporate Strategy 2010-2012 – Central Area JPC submission.**

Submission noted.

**9. The new Housing Bill 2008.**

Noted – no further progress.

**10. Actions Agreed.**

- Oireachtas members to obtain details of Bill relating to begging, details to be forwarded to administrator for circulation to members.
- Members to review the proposed City Wide Community Safety Strategy and to submit any comments.

**11. Date of next meeting.**

Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am in City Hall. Chairperson and vice-chairperson to be elected at this meeting.

**12. A.O.B.**

A Citywide Community Safety Strategy proposed by the Dublin City Joint Policing Committee has been circulated to the five area sub-committees for comment. Members were asked to review the proposed strategy and they were invited to submit comments.

Attendance:

Councillors: Christy Burke, Séamas Mc Grattan, Cieran Perry, Ray McAdam, Lord Mayor Emer Costello.

Deputies: Joe Costello, Maureen O'Sullivan, Cyprian Brady.

Senators: David Norris, Paschal Donohoe.

Gardaí: Chief Supt. Pat Leahy, Supt. Séan Ward, Supt. Ray Barry.

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

Community Representatives: Mr. Donal Barron.

Apologies: Cllr. Mary Fitzpatrick, Cllr. Claire O'Regan, Cllr. Mary O'Shea, Cllr. Nial Ring, Cllr. Áine Clancy, Chief Supt. Declan Coburn.

**Next meeting:**

Monday, October 5th @ 9.30am in City Hall.