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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Central Area Joint Policing Sub-committee

Date: May 10<sup>th</sup> 2010

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Cllr. Fitzpatrick opened the meeting by welcoming the new community representatives, Mr. Gerry Fay and Mr. Francis Murphy.

**1) Minutes of last meeting (Matters arising):**

- Agreed.

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

- Hugh McKenna made a report on the activities of the community fora operated by Dublin City Council in the Central Area. Report noted.

**3) Garda Reports:**

- Chief Supt. Leahy's garda report relating to the North Inner City noted.
- Chief Supt. Coburn's garda report relating to Cabra/Glasnevin noted.
- Chief Supt. Leahy reported a 64% reduction in recidivism amongst juveniles – this has been attributed to the introduction of the case management system. Garda case management systems are in place for juveniles, adults and sex offenders.
- Measures to improve service quality at the public counter in Store Street garda station are being implemented.
- The public order unit stationed on Fassagh Avenue, Cabra was commended by a number of members. Chief Supt. Coburn confirmed that this unit will remain there for the foreseeable future, so long as no unexpected circumstances come about.
- The numbers of personnel trained in case management in Cabra is increasing from four to ten.
- In relation to public parks, Chief Supt. Coburn confirmed that gardaí will have operations in place patrolling parks in the summertime to counter antisocial behaviour, and they will liaise with Dublin City Council in this regard.
- Numbers of reported burglaries in Cabra are down on last year, despite a general perception in the community that burglaries are on the increase.
- Noted that the steering group are to meet with Mr. Gerry Fay to examine the proposal for a multi-agency taskforce to address antisocial behaviour in the North Wall area. Report back to next meeting.

**4) Policing Forum Reports:**

a) North Inner City

- Noted that written reports will be submitted for future meetings. Cllr. Metcalfe informed the group that their next meeting in Store Street Garda station will be held on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

b) Cabra

- Mr. Niall Coughlan made a report. He said that the usual issues are being reported at public meetings: antisocial behaviour, burglaries, underage drinking and vandalism. The local community gardaí are continuing to provide help with ongoing issues. He said that the last few meetings have been very positive due to good local community support and an increase in interaction with community gardaí. He requested that the garda process of vetting workers be completed in a shorter period than currently and suggested that a pilot scheme be run to deal with distraction crimes being committed by callers to people's homes.
- Chief Supt. Coburn said that a leaflet drop is being arranged for Cabra to alert people to this type of crime and that delays in vetting are due to the major demands on that office.

**5) Drugs Task Force Reports:**

a) Cabra/Finglas

- Mr. John Bennett made the report on behalf of the Finglas/Cabra Local Drugs Task Force. He reported that a new panel of trained addiction counsellors operate at the Cabra Resource

Centre on Dowth Avenue and asked members to promote the centre. He suggested that the gardaí could encourage people to avail of the services provided there through their case management system. Supt. Dowling said the gardaí will liaise with John in this regard.

**6) Strategic Policy issues:**

- No business arose.

**7) Date of next meeting:**

- The next meeting will be held in September, date to be confirmed.

**8) AOB:**

- a) White Paper on Crime No. 2 submission – members reminded regarding workshop on May 28<sup>th</sup>.
- b) Residents for Realignment/ Drumcondra Community Forum – Neighbourhood Watch pilot project proposal: Chief Supt. Leahy has agreed to support this proposal.
- c) CPF for Navan Road area update – Charlie Lowe said the inaugural meeting will be held when the current industrial dispute has been resolved.
- d) Public meeting - 'Information meeting for JPC participants'. As above: this meeting will be held when the current industrial dispute has been resolved.

**9) Standing items:**

- 'Garda case management' and 'headshops' to be put on the agenda for the next meeting. Chief Supt. Leahy to make a short presentation on case management. He reported that a file on 'headshops' has been sent to the DPP and five of the sixteen shops in the area have been closed.

**10) Actions agreed:**

- The steering group to meet with Mr. Gerry Fay to examine the proposal for a multi-agency taskforce to address antisocial behaviour in the North Wall area.

Attendance:

Councillors: Mary Fitzpatrick, Séamas McGrattan, Christy Burke, Claire O'Regan, Áine Clancy, Marie Metcalfe, Cieran Perry, Mary O'Shea.

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

Senators: David Norris.

Gardaí: Chief Supt. Declan Coburn, Supt. David Dowling, Supt. Francis Clerkin, Chief Supt. Pat Leahy.

Community Representatives: Mr. Francis Murphy, Mr. Gerry Fay.

Officials: Mr. Charlie Lowe, Mr. Hugh McKenna, Ms. Bláthnaid Casey.

Others: Mr. Niall Coughlan (Cabra Community Policing Forum), Mr. John Bennett (Finglas-Cabra Local Drugs Task Force).

Apologies: Lord Mayor Cllr. Emer Costello, Senator Paschal Donohoe, Cllr. Ray McAdam, Cllr. Nial Ring, Mr. Mel MacGiobúin (North Inner City Drugs Task Force).

**Next meeting:**

September 2010 - date to be confirmed.