

DUBLIN CITY JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE



Comhairle Cathrach
Bhaile Átha Cliath
Dublin City Council

AGENDA

**Meeting of Dublin City Joint Policing Committee to be held on Monday 24th June 2013
at 2.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall**

- 1. Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 22nd April 2013 (attached).**
- 2. Matters arising.**
- 3. Presentation by Mr. Dick Brady, Assistant City Manager;
“Estate Management/Anti-social Behaviour”.**
- 4. Report of Assistant City Manager (Brendan Kenny).**
- 5. Report of Assistant Garda Commissioner (John Twomey).**
- 6. Minutes of Joint Policing Subcommittee meetings and City Business Policing
Forum (copies attached).**
- 7. 2013 Work Plan for noting;**
 - Public meetings for J.P.C**
 - Safety awareness campaigns**
 - Restorative Justice**
 - Prescription drugs**
 - Alcohol retail outlets and licence granting**
 - Juvenile Liaison Officers to report to local JPC’s once a year**
- 8. A.O.B**

- 9. Schedule of meetings:**
Monday, 2nd September 2013 - 2.30pm
Monday, 4th November 2013 - 2.30pm
Monday, 13th January 2014 - 2.30pm
Monday, 3rd March 2014 - 2.30pm

All meetings are scheduled to take place in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Dame Street, Dublin 2.

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Membership of City Joint Policing Committee

Following the resignation of Archdeacon of Dublin David Pierpoint a process to select a replacement will begin shortly.

Safety Awareness Campaign

The first part of the initiative on safety in the home was launched in November 2012. This was followed by prevention of mobile phone theft in April 2013. The third issue of public disorder will be the subject of this JPC meeting (24th June 2013) and the related issue of the night time economy will be the theme of the meeting in September.

Review of JPC Structures

The work is ongoing and we will report on same to the September meeting.

Public Meetings

The local JPC sub-committees are continuing to arrange meetings on specific policing issues.

Ongoing Issues

We will be reporting further to the City JPC committee on the following issues;

- Tyres used during Halloween.
- Integration of “Better City for All” and Lord Mayors Commission on Anti-social Behaviour.
- Quad bikes and motorcycles on public open spaces.
- Charity fundraising in Dublin City.
- Attacks on Paramedics.
- Licensing of off-licences in the city.
- Byelaws for cyclists.

Brendan Kenny

Assistant City Manager

21st June 2013

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Report of Assistant Commissioner John Twomey, Dublin Metropolitan Region.

At this third meeting of the Joint Policing Committee for 2013 I intend to concentrate on the following topics,

- **Crime and Traffic statistics**
- **Policing Initiatives conducted during 2nd Quarter 2013**

During the months of April, May and June, An Garda Síochána was responsible for the policing of a number of events such as EU Meetings at Dublin Castle (EU / US Trade Summit); VIP visits, Protests, Women's Mini Marathon, Sporting events and concerts. There were no serious incidents and each of the events passed off peacefully. The policing of the EU Presidency, which involves a number of high level meetings in Dublin Castle is ongoing and will be finalised at the end of June 2013.

Crime

Since my last report the majority of crime categories experienced a downward trend and are below seasonal averages when compared to previous years. Burglary incidents which historically increase in May have decreased and continue to show a reduction on the previous year. Robberies from the person also reduced in May. In my previous report I indicated that Theft from the Person continues to be a challenge. I am glad to report that incidents of Theft from the Person showed a decrease in May and efforts are continuing to maintain this trend. Crimes against the persons (assaults) have reduced compared with 2012 and continue the long term downward trend.

Targeted intelligence-led policing and focused operations to target specific locations and individuals involved in all crime types continue to remain in place.

Traffic

At the time of writing this report the number of people killed on the roads of the Capital is seven compared with six for 2012 for the same period. The Casualty Reduction Strategy for 2013 is ongoing. Targeted High-Profile traffic operations to address the key lifesaver offences of Drink-Driving, Speeding the use of Mobile Phones while driving and seatbelts continue to be implemented with further operations planned throughout the year to ensure Dublin's record on Road Safety within Europe remains. A series of highly visible regional initiatives have been completed to ensure the importance of Road Safety is maintained.

Policing Initiatives conducted during 2nd quarter 2013

1. Operation Irene

Each year, with the advent of milder weather, longer evenings and school holidays, there is the risk that anti-social behaviour associated with alcohol consumption in public parks, laneways and other open spaces frequently but not exclusively by young people can increase.

In order to mitigate against this risk, a Regional Operational Plan (Operation Irene) has been implemented incorporating a range of common actions to be implemented in respect of locally identified “hot-spots”.

Operation Irene is a targeted operation to combat under-age alcohol consumption and consumption of alcohol in public spaces throughout the Dublin Metropolitan Region through the enforcement of legislation regulating the sale, supply and consumption of alcohol as well as relevant public order legislation. The Operation commenced on the 1st June, 2013 and continues until the 31st August, 2013.

The key objectives are to:-

- Combat underage alcohol consumption;
- Combat alcohol consumption in public spaces;
- Reduce public disorder / anti-social behaviour associated with underage alcohol consumption and alcohol consumption in public spaces;
- Reduce alcohol related harm;
- Enhance community safety and confidence;

2. Late Night Leagues

On Friday the 10th May 2013 An Gardaí Siochana/ FAI / Local Authority / ‘Late Night Leagues’ Regional Finals were held in the Irishtown Sports Complex, courtesy of the Dublin City Council. As outlined in previous reports the Late Night League is aimed at youths aged between 13-21 years of age, offering football during prime ‘anti social’ hours on Friday or Saturday nights. Forty seven (47) Teams participated in the finals, representing 14 centres throughout the Dublin Metropolitan Region. Those participating were presented with trophies and medals and appreciation was expressed to the young people for their commitment during the Late Night Leagues. I wish to acknowledge Dublin Bus among other groups for providing Finals Night transportation across the Region.

3. Teenagers and Gardaí

The Teenagers & Gardaí programme was piloted in selected schools in DMR West (Finglas and Ballyfermot area). The programme was developed to promote positive engagement between Gardaí and Young people. The programmes aims engage with young people to create a safe space for facilitating dialogue between Students and Gardaí; discuss issues that have arisen in relation to Garda engagement with Students and visa- versa.

Prior to the start of the programme, young people from the selected schools forward a list of topics they want to discuss during the programme. The programme is run over six individual sessions as follows: The sessions include the opportunity to discuss topics selected by the young people, a visit to one of the following; the local Garda Station; Air Support Unit; Mountain Unit; or an other Unit as requested. The programme concludes with a school presentation where the Garda Band is in attendance.

The TAG Logo was developed by a student in Coláiste Eoin, Finglas which was the first school to get involved in the programme. The programme has since been delivered with great success in Kylemore College, Lower Ballyfermot and Life Centre in Cherryorchard. It is intended to deliver this initiative to other schools for the remainder of 2013



Conclusion

I have outlined above the current position in respect of crime for 2013 and current initiatives. These initiatives are primarily focused on addressing policing issues in a collaborative manner involving our strategic partners and I look forward to developing these initiatives through this forum for the remainder of 2013.

Thank You

**Dublin City Joint Policing Committee
Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 24th of June 2013
at 2.30 p.m., Council Chamber, City Hall.**

Attendance: Committee Members

Councillor Gerry Breen (Chairperson) Deputy Maureen O’Sullivan
Councillor John Redmond Councillor Cieran Perry
Councillor Edie Wynne
Mr. Brendan Kenny, Assistant City Manager
Mr. Dick Brady, Assistant City Manager
John Twomey, Assistant Garda Commissioner
Gerry Murphy, Garda Inspector
Mr. Zephyrin Ngaliema, The Integration Centre

Also Present:

Mr. Tony Flynn, Area Manager, South Central Area
Mr. Ron Farrell, Inspector, Housing Maintenance - Anti-Social Policy Unit
Ms. Bernie Doherty, Senior Executive Officer, Social and Community Development
Mr. Martin McDonagh, Administrative Officer, Social and Community Development

Apologies: Lord Mayor, Councillor Naoise O’Muirí, Deputy Catherine Byrne TD, Councillor Larry O’Toole, Councillor Anna Quigley, Councillor Tom Brabazon, Mr. Tom Coffey, Dublin City Business Association (D.C.B.A.)

Minutes: Ms. Alana Dunne.

1. Minutes of previous meeting held on 22nd April 2013.
Order: Agreed.
2. Matters arising.
Order: Noted.

The theme of the meeting was Public Disorder in the City.

3. Presentation by Mr. Dick Brady, Assistant City Manager, Housing Department on the issue of “Anti-Social Behaviour” in Local Authority Housing Estates.

The following points were raised in the subsequent discussion:

- Statistics show very few ultimate evictions for Anti-Social Behaviour.
- Intimidation – people afraid to report incidents of Anti Social Behaviour.
- New legislation currently being drafted by Government.
- Problems not only prevalent in Council Estates.
- Legal constraints in taking ultimate sanctions.

Action: Short term sub-group from the JPC to formulate a submission to the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government regarding necessary amendments to

legislation on Anti-Social Behaviour/Estate Management. The matter of private Housing Estates and other Housing Tenures will be considered for the submission

4. Report of Assistant City Manager.

Action: Review by Mr. Martin McDonagh of JPC structures in Dublin City to be prepared for September's meeting.

5. Report of Assistant Garda Commissioner.
Order: Noted.

6. Minutes of JPC sub-committee meetings and City Business Policing Forum.
Order: Noted.

7. 2013 JPC Work Plan for.
Order: Noted.

8. A.O.B

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 2nd September 2013

All meetings are scheduled to take place at 2.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Dame Street, Dublin 2.

Chairperson
Councillor Gerry Breen
Date