

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 22nd April 2013
at 2.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall**

- 1. Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 4th February 2013 (attached) and Minutes of Special JPC meeting held on 8th of April 2013 (attached).**
- 2. Matters arising.**
- 3. Presentation by Mr. Michael Donnellan, Director General of the Irish Prison Service.**
- 4. Report of Assistant City Manager.**
- 5. Report of Assistant Garda Commissioner.**
- 6. The use of motor Quad Bikes in local open space areas.**
- 7. Recent attacks on Dublin Fire Brigade, Fire Fighters/Paramedics.**
- 8. Minutes of Joint Policing Subcommittee meetings and City Business Policing Forum (copies attached).**
- 9. 2013 Work Plan for noting;**
 - Public meetings for J.P.C**
 - Safety awareness campaign**
 - Restorative Justice**
 - Prescription drugs**
 - Alcohol retail outlets and licence granting**
 - Juvenile Liaison Officers to report to local JPC's once a year**

10. **Annual Report of Joint Policing Committee.**
11. **Correspondence.**
12. **A.O.B**
13. **Schedule of meetings:**
 - Monday, 24th June 2013 - 2.30pm**
 - Monday, 2nd September 2013 - 2.30pm**
 - Monday, 4th November 2013 - 2.30pm**
 - Monday, 13th January 2014 - 2.30pm**
 - Monday, 3rd March 2014 - 2.30pm**

Special Meetings:

 - Monday 10th June 2013 - 10.30am, Public Disorder**
 - Monday 16th September 2013 - 10.30am, Night Time Economy**

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

Joint Policing Committee

Monday 22nd April 2013

Report of Assistant City Manager, Brendan Kenny

Review of JPC structures:

Mr. Martin McDonagh who is part of our community and social development department has been assigned to carry out a comprehensive review of structures relating to the Dublin City Joint Policing Committee which will involve the following:

- Clarify linkages between the City JPC, the local subcommittees and the local community safety fora and the city business policing committee.
- Examine areas where duplication appears to be arising.
- Examine role of the local JPC subcommittees and how they should complement the work of the city JPC.
- Examine role of the city JPC and how some of its work programme could be assigned to the local JPC subcommittees.
- How key issues being dealt with at local community safety forum level can be brought forward effectively to the City JPC.
- How each local JPC subcommittee should report into the City JPC and what issues should be referred up to the City JPC.
- Address issue of public meetings and how best to programme in such meetings and who should attend.
- Should Chairs of each local JPC be members of the City JPC.
- Address how best to deal with communications between the various structures.
- Consider how best to deal with the issue of media and promoting the work of the entire JPC structure in Dublin city.

We will report to the City JPC on all these issues later in the year and in the meantime we would appreciate feedback or suggestions from members.

Public Meetings:

The local JPC subcommittees are continuing to arrange public meetings on specific policing issues. The various local community safety fora usually have access for local community interests.

Safety awareness campaign:

The first initiative on “safety in the home” was launched at a special JPC meeting held on 19th November 2012. The second “prevention of mobile phone theft” was launched at a special JPC meeting held on 8th April 2013.

The other two proposed initiatives “public disorder” and “night time economy” will be launched later this year.

Membership of the City JPC

Archdeacon of Dublin David Pierpoint has notified Dublin City Council of his decision to resign from the City JPC. We are grateful for his participation on this committee and his support up to now. We will begin the process of selecting a new member to fill this vacancy. This representative will be sought from the community sector.

Tyres used during Halloween activities

Legislation

There are approximately 3 million tyres placed on the Irish Market each year. An estimated 35,000 tonnes of waste tyres are generated in Ireland each year though data on this waste stream is deficient; hence the need to put in place a system for tracking waste tyre flows. Waste tyres are not in themselves a hazardous waste, but have the potential to cause environmental pollution if disposed of incorrectly.

The Waste Management (Tyres and Waste Tyres) Regulations 2007 are designed to promote the environmentally sound management of waste tyres. They provide a regulatory framework for comparing quantities of waste tyres from the time they are discarded until they are either reused or processed for recycling and/or recovery. The Regulations came into effect on 1st January, 2008.

Obligations of the Regulations

The Regulations impose obligations on persons who supply tyres to the Irish market, whether as manufacturers, wholesalers, suppliers, traders or retailers and on the collectors of waste tyres. An exemption from these obligations is available to persons who participate in a voluntary compliance operated by an approved body.

Industry Compliance System

An exemption from these obligations is available to persons who participate in either of the following two compliance schemes which have been approved by the Minister following the making of the Regulations:

TRACS

Tyre Recovery Activity Compliance Scheme Ltd
Unit 24 Guinness Enterprise Centre,
Taylor's Lane,
Dublin 8
Tel: 01-4100 618 Fax: 01 4100996
Email: info@tracsireland.ie

TWM

Tyre Waste Management Ltd
Duane House
Islandduane
Mungret
County Limerick

Registration with Dublin City Council

If you supply tyres to the Irish Market, whether you are a manufacturer, wholesaler, supplier, trader or retailer or are an authorised collector of waste tyres operating in the functional area of Dublin City Council and have not registered with either of the aforementioned approved appliance schemes, then you are obliged to register and thereafter re-register annually with Dublin City Council.

Enforcement

Dublin City Council is responsible for enforcing the legislation within its functional area and must ensure that every business is in full compliance. It should be noted that Dublin City Council Enforcement Staff regularly visit tyre manufacturers, suppliers, retailers, fitters and collectors premises to ensure that the Regulations are being complied with. When disposing of waste tyres, you must always ensure you employ an authorised Waste Collection Permit holder and that they will bring the tyres to a licensed facility.

The City Council have carried out in excess of 64 Audits of tyre facilities over the last 15 months and have found that the majority of facilities are in compliance with the regulations. The majority of the Audits are scheduled for the period in the run up to Halloween as part of the Councils overall Halloween Action Plan. In addition to the scheduled audits the Council also deals with complaints received from the general public.

There have been no enforcement proceedings regarding breaches of the Tyre Regulations in 2012/2013.

<p>Lord Mayor Commission report on anti-social behaviour and the “Better City for All” report.</p>

Work is continuing on how best to integrate the various recommendations in both reports with a view to developing a single action plan.

This action plan would concentrate on those recommendations that are achievable under current legislation and systems.

Quad bikes and motorcycles being used on public parks and open space areas.

Currently the road traffic acts does not include public parks or open space areas in their definition of public place and therefore the role of the Gardai Síochána is limited on this issue.

Dublin City Council is strongly of the view that the legislation needs to be altered to clearly include Public Park and open spaces for the purpose of the road traffic acts. There is currently a bill- Misuse of Motor Vehicles (Public Spaces) bill 2012 which is part of the legislative process but it is unclear when it might reach implementation.

Dublin City Council is currently reviewing all issues relating to parks and open spaces in a proposed formulation of a new parks and open space strategy. (We will be reporting o this to the relevant Strategic Policy Committee later this year) and part of this review will consider existing Park Bye Laws and rules.

The issue of quads and motorcycles (the damage caused by this and safety issues arising) could be included in a set of new park and open space bye laws but the big issue will be enforcement because our park staff would not be in a position to carry out any reasonable level of such enforcement.

This important issue which causes severe problems at some locations in Dublin City is listed on the agenda of this committee meeting.

Annual Report

Under the legislation each Joint Policing Committee must prepare an annual report.

This draft report for 2012 is circulated with the committee documentation and if endorsed will be submitted to the next meeting of Dublin City Council members and subsequently to the Department of Justice.

Correspondence

There are two letters circulated with committee documentation.

1. Response from the Minister for Transport on the issue of bye-laws for cyclists.
2. Response from the Minister for Justice on the issue of charity fundraising on city streets.

Brendan Kenny
Assistant City Manager
22nd April 2013

Joint Policing Committee

Monday 22nd April 2013

Report of Assistant Commissioner John Twomey, Dublin Metropolitan Region.

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

- **Crime and Traffic statistics**
- **Review of Policing for first Quarter 2013**
- **Upcoming events**

During the months of January, February and March An Garda Síochána was responsible for the policing of a number of events such as EU Meetings at Dublin Castle; St. Patricks Festival, Protests and Sporting events. 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.

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 continue to show a reduction on the previous year. Robberies from the person are showing a stable trend. While property crime has decreased overall, Theft from the Person continues to be a challenge as outlined in my previous report this year. This crime category is in particular driven by theft of mobile phones a topic which I will outline further in this report. Crimes against the persons (assaults) also continue to show a downward trend.

Targeted intelligence-led policing and focused operations to target specific locations and individuals involved in this type of crime 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 five compared with two for 2012 for the same period. I am conscious that each of these deaths is a tragedy for families and the wider community. To counteract this trend Gardai have implemented the Casualty Reduction Strategy for 2013 designed to reduce fatal and serious injury collisions and increasing high visibility enforcement activity is in place. 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.

Review of Policing in first quarter 2013

1. Crime

A number of specific Operations were put in place during the 1st Quarter of 2013 to tackle various crime categories that were a cause of concern, including amongst other things the optimal the use of technology; crime analysis and crime mapping strategies.

In particular, I wish to highlight the ongoing activities to tackle the theft of Mobile Phones (Operation Aughrim) and the benefits derived from the Special J.P.C. meeting on mobile phones, which highlighted the value of knowing your IMEI number to assist in blocking the use of stolen mobile phones. This initiative forms part of a targeted campaign to evolve in 2013 to highlight issues regarding;

- Residential Burglaries
- Theft of Mobile Phones and IT devices
- Public Disorder
- Night Time Economy issues

This meeting provided significant awareness amongst the general public which it is believed will provide assistance to investigators and also reduce the number of thefts. Greater awareness will hopefully lead to greater prevention. We also continue to work with premises operating in the night time economy to further reduce the opportunity to commit crime. Arising from this meeting it is intended to liaise with schools, universities and student unions to provide awareness and crime prevention advice.

I look forward to working closely with Dublin City Council and the Joint Policing Committee in developing this targeted campaign

2. St. Patricks Day

As with previous years the policing arrangements for St. Patrick's Day were provided following consultation with our partners within Dublin City. I would like to thank all our partners in assisting to ensure the success of the policing operation in particular the Local Authorities for all assistance given and the Business Community for their continued support throughout the St. Patricks Festival.

3. Upcoming Events

The following events will take place during May and June 2013.

- **Rugby Heineken Cup Final**
Rugby Heineken Cup will take place in the Aviva Stadium on the 18th May 2013 which is expected to attract large numbers of people into Dublin City Centre.
- **Docklands Festival**
The Docklands Festival will take place on the 17th and 18th May.
- **Mini Marathon**
The Women's Mini Marathon will take place on the 3rd June.

Preparations are in place to cater for the policing of these events.

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 during the year.

Thank You

Dublin City Joint Policing Committee
Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 22nd of April 2013
at 2.30 p.m., Council Chamber, City Hall

Attendance: Committee Members

Councillor Gerry Breen (Chairperson)	Councillor Larry O'Toole (Vice-airperson)
Deputy Michael Conaghan	Councillor John Redmond
Councillor Bríd Smith	Councillor Anna Quigley
Councillor Mannix Flynn	Councillor Bríd Smith
Councillor Tom Brabazon	Councillor John Gallagher

Mr. Brendan Kenny, Assistant City Manager
John Twomey Assistant Garda Commissioner
Gerry Murphy, Garda Inspector
Mr. Peter O'Connor, Community Policing Forum (North East Inner City)
Mr. Zephyrin Ngaliema, The Integration Centre

Also Present:

Councillor Sheila Howes
Councillor Gerry Ashe
Thomas O'Brien, Health Service Executive

Apologies: Lord Mayor, Councillor Naoise O'Muiri, Deputy Maureen O'Sullivan T.D, Deputy Aengus Ó Snódaigh TD, Deputy Catherine Byrne TD, Cllr. Edie Wynne, Mr. Dick Brady, Assistant City Manager, Mr. Tom Coffey, Dublin City Business Association (D.C.B.A.)

Minutes: Ms. Alana Dunne.

The chair opened the meeting by welcoming the guest speaker Mr. Michael Donnellan from the Irish Prison Service.

1. Minutes of previous meeting held on 4th February 2013 and minutes of special meeting held on 8th of April 2013.
Order: Agreed.
2. Matters arising.
Order: Noted.
3. Presentation by Michael Donnellan, Director General of the Irish Prison Service.

Members thanked Mr. Donnellan for the welcomed presentation, a discussion took place and items raised included;

- Transition from prison to community – support services, drug treatment, homelessness.
- Weekend releases – effects on the family.
- Short custodial sentences for less serious and non violent offences – for which community based alternatives may be appropriate.
- Restorative Justice/Restorative practice.
- Recruitment ban and the effects on prison staff and services.

Action: PACE (Prisoners After Care Enterprise) to present at JPC sub-committees.

Members accepted Mr. Donnellan's invitation to hold a JPC committee meeting in Mountjoy prison later this year.

4. Report of Assistant City Manager.
Action: Further report from Waste Management Division regarding waste tyres at Halloween to be arranged for the next meeting.
Process of selecting a new committee member to replace David Pierpoint to commence.
5. Report of Assistant Garda Commissioner.
Order: Noted.
6. The use of motor quad bikes in local open space areas.
Order: Noted.
7. Recent attacks on Dublin Fire Brigade, Fire Fighters/Paramedics.
Action: Members requested a further report from DFB and An Garda Síochána.
8. Minutes of JPC sub-committee meetings and City Business Policing Forum.
Order: Noted.
9. 2013 Work Plan for noting.
Order: Noted.
10. Annual Report for Joint Policing Committee.
Draft report circulated for comment.
11. Correspondence.
Clarification sought from An Garda Síochána regarding cycling on footpaths being an offence. Assistant Commissioner confirmed that it was an offence.
12. A.O.B
Further report requested from Planning Department in relation to retail convenience stores selling alcohol and the granting of event licences for outdoor concerts e.g. Forbidden Fruit Festival in Kilmainham in June.

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