

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 4th February 2013 at 2.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall

- 1. Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 3rd December 2012 (attached) and Minutes of Special JPC meeting held on 19th of November 2012 (attached).**
- 2. Matters arising.**
- 3. Presentation by Mr. Zephyrin Ngaliema, The Integration Centre.**
- 4. Report of Assistant City Manager.**
- 5. Report of Assistant Garda Commissioner.**
- 6. Review of Joint Policing Committees – Discussion document from Department of Justice and Equality (attached).**
- 6. Special JPC meetings.**
- 7. Minutes of Joint Policing Subcommittee meetings and City Business Policing Forum (copies attached).**
- 8. 2013 Work Plan for nothing;**
 - 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**

9. A.O.B

10. Schedule of meetings:

Monday, 22nd April 2013 - 2.30pm
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, 8th April 2013 - 10.30am, Mobile Phone Theft
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.

Dublin City Joint Policing Committee
Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 4th of February 2013
at 2.30 p.m., Council Chamber, City Hall

Attendance: Committee Members

Councillor Gerry Breen (Chairperson)
Deputy Catherine Byrne TD
Deputy Aengus Ó Snódaigh TD
Councillor Mannix Flynn
Councillor Cieran Perry

Councillor Larry O'Toole (Vice-chairperson)
Councillor Brid Smith
Councillor Anna Quigley
Councillor Edie Wynne

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. Tom Coffey, Dublin City Business Association (D.C.B.A.)
Mr. Zephyrin Ngaliema, The Integration Centre
Mr. Dick Brady, Assistant City Manager

Also Present:

Councillor Lucy McRoberts
Katie Chan, United Chinese Federation Ireland
Gerald Torres, French citizen, from Fast Languages Lessons
Robert Amar, Algerian/French citizen, from Algerian Community
Sura Alotaibi, Jordanian citizen, from Palestinian community
Zohra Zergoun, Algerian citizen, from Dun Laoghaire Women
Alpha Gassama, Guinea-Conackry citizen, from Clondal CLEAN
Abdullah Wassie, Afghan/Irish citizen, from Immigration Advisors.ie
John Yongola, Tanzanian citizen, from Tanzanian Community
[REDACTED], Irish citizen, from Western Sahara
Ken Mc Cue, Irish citizen, from Sport Against Racism

Apologies: Lord Mayor, Councillor Naoise O'Muiri, Cllr. Tom Brabazon, Mr. Thomas O'Brien and The Venerable David Pierpoint.

Minutes: Ms. Alana Dunne.

The Chair extended his condolences on his own behalf and on behalf of the Committee to An Garda Síochána on the recent death of their colleague Detective Adrian Donohoe, who was killed in the line of duty. All stood for a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

~~**1. Minutes of previous meeting held on 3rd December 2012 and minutes of special meeting held on 19th of November 2012**~~

Amendment on attendance – Cllr. Anna Quigley attended meeting on December 3rd 2012 and apologies received for special meeting on November 2012.

~~**2. Matters Arising**~~

Order: Noted.

~~**3. Presentation by Mr. Zephyrin Ngaliema, The Integration Centre**~~

Discussion took place and points included;

How the Integration Centre is funded - The centre is funded by Atlantic Philanthropies.

Has the closure of the National Consultative Committee on Racism in Ireland had an increased demand on services in the Integration Centre - This has not helped and the weekly clinic in the Citizens Information Centre is soon to close also.

Assistant Commissioner John Twomey informed the group on the ongoing role of An Garda Síochána to promote confidence in Ethnic Minority Groups. The Community Policing Fora in each of the areas have a streamlined approach in tackling problems. A recent seminar in a mosque on the South Circular Road led to a noticeable increase of incidents reported and recorded in the area.

Members thanked Mr. Ngaliema for the presentation.

The Chair concluded the discussion by stating that the membership of Mr. Ngaliema on the Joint Policing Committee was hugely important to promote and support the Integration Centre and ethnic minorities in the City.

Action: Mr. Ngaliema to provide a breakdown of figures on migrants in Dublin City 2011.

4. Report of Assistant City Manager.

Order: Report noted and welcomed.

Action: Manager to invite planning officials to a meeting of the JPC to discuss the planning process for off licences.

Manager to arrange presentation by the Housing Department on issues relating to the enforcement of Legislation around anti- social behaviour in Local Authority Estates

5. Report of Assistant Garda Commissioner

Order: Report noted.

6. Review of Joint Policing Committees

Action: Comments/recommendations to be sent to Brendan Kenny.

7. Minutes of Joint Policing Subcommittee meetings and City Business Policing Forum.

Order Noted.

8. 2013 Work Plan.

Order: Noted.

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Chairperson
Councillor Gerry Breen

Joint Policing Committee
Monday 4th February 2013

Report of Assistant City Manager, Brendan Kenny.

Public Meetings:

A public meeting of the North Central Area J.P.C was held on 4th October 2012. A public meeting of the Central Area J.P.C is scheduled to be held on 7th February at 7p.m in Ballybough.

Community Policing Foras:

Community Policing Foras continue to operate in the following areas;

Central Area – Cabra and North East Inner City

North West – Ballymun and Finglas

North Central – Darndale/Moatview, Belmayne/Clongriffin and Edenmore/Donaghmede

South Central – South West Inner City, Crumlin and Ballyfermot.

South East – Charlemont/Whitefriar Street

Chuggers in the City Centre Area

We have written to the Minister for Justice and Equality, to Concern and Trócaire on this issue. In response to my letter I had a positive meeting last Friday with a senior representative from Concern. They understand the issue raised and would be very supportive of full implementation of the Charities Act. They would be happy to sit down with us together with the other major charities and with the fundraising companies with a view to developing a set of protocols around fundraising activity in Dublin City. We will arrange such a meeting as soon as possible.

Bye-Laws for Cyclists

We have written to the Minister for Transport in Relation to enforcement for cyclists who ignore the basic rules and principles of road behaviour.

Request for presentation from the Irish Prison Services

We have written to the Director of the Irish Prison Service and invited him to attend at the JPC scheduled meeting on 22nd April.

Safety Awareness Campaign

The first special meeting on this issue (Safety in the Home) was held on 19th November 2012 and the next scheduled special meeting is on Monday 8th April (Theft of Mobile Devices).

Off-Licences and the planning system

The establishment of off-licences is largely dealt with under the planning system in the same way as other retail outlets. All applications are considered on planning legislative grounds and issues such as alcohol related anti-social behaviour and underage purchasing etc. are outside the planning remit.

The following are the relevant provision in the current City Development Plan in chapter 10 (page 149) Item RD10;

“It is policy of Dublin City Council to prohibit the further expansion of off-licences or part off-licences except in areas where a compelling case can be made. Any planning application for an off-licence should include a map of all off-licences located within a 1km radius of the proposed development”.

In considering planning applications for off-licences premises or extensions to existing off-licences premises the following criteria will be applied; (page 285 17.29)

- The number and frequency of such facilities in the locality.
- The context and character of the street where the aim is to maintain and improve the vitality of the shopping experience by encouraging a range of convenience and/or comparison retail shops
- The range of uses at ground floor an area where the aim is to strengthen the retail character and ensure the proposal will not result in a proliferation of similar retail service outlets such as, internet cafes, call centres, bookmakers, takeaways, amusement arcades and car retails resulting in a predominance of similar non-stop frontages.
- The size of the proposed off-licence in the context of the size of other premises in the area.

In considering planning applications for a part off-licence in a shop, the following criteria will be applied;

- The number and frequency of such facilities in the locality
- The amenities of properties in the vicinity in residential areas
- The floor area used for the display of alcohol products is subsidiary to the main use of the shop and that area should be no more than 10% of the total floor area.
- The location of the display area of alcohol products shall be in an unobtrusive position, not near the entrance or windows of the shop and preferably to the rear of the premises
- The area for the display of alcohol products should be detailed on the floor plans and the display of alcohol products shall be limited to this area only
- The area for the display of alcohol products should be secure and monitored

In the case where a grant of planning permission is considered, the provision will be strictly regulated, and regard shall be given to the need to impose the following conditions:

- Limiting the display area of alcohol products to that area of the shop only as detailed on the plans

- No advertising of the sale of alcohol products on the façade/frontage of the premises
- No display of the alcohol products or advertising of the sale of alcohol products on or near both the entrance and the windows

Review of Joint Policing Committee

The Department of Justice and Equality is currently carrying out a review of JPC's nationally. A discussion document has been prepared from the feedback received from questionnaires issued to all JPC members and from a consultation process carried out in relation to the development of a white paper on crime. This discussion document has now been distributed throughout the Country and we circulated it to members at the December 2012 meeting.

The Department has asked that it be formally considered at a full JPC meeting and that any proposals arising from such consideration be furnished to them. I will arrange for a management response to be submitted to the Department. The discussion document has been re-circulated to members.

Lord Mayors Commission Report on Anti-Social Behaviour and the "Better City for All" report.

We are examining a proposal to integrate these two important reports with a view to developing a single action plan/strategy on public disorder and safety. We will report further on the issue in the near future.

Invitation to Future J.P.C meetings:

In line with an agreed proposal from the Chairperson at the last meeting that we will invite some individuals to attend and observe future meetings. The focus will be on groups etc that would have a relevance to particular items on the agenda of the meeting.

Brendan Kenny

Assistant City Manager

Date: 4th February 2013

Joint Policing Committee

Monday 4th February 2013

Report of Assistant Commissioner John Twomey Dublin Metropolitan Region.

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

- Crime and Traffic statistics
- Review of Policing in 2012
- Policing Plan for 2013.

During the months of December and January An Garda Síochána was responsible for the policing of a number of events such as OSCE Meeting at Dublin Castle; NYE Concert in the City Centre and the commencement of Irelands Presidency of the EU. 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 which was below seasonal averages when compared to previous years. Burglary finished the year with a slight decrease on the previous year. Robberies from the person are showing a decreasing trend. While property crime has decreased overall, Theft from the Person continues to be a challenge as previously outlined. This crime category is in particular driven by theft of mobile phones and we are currently engaged with service providers to identify opportunities to make mobile phone theft less lucrative. This work is ongoing in conjunction with the development of a Public Awareness campaign, and the use of recording I.M.E.I numbers on mobile phones to enable better tracing of stolen phones

In addition, targeted intelligence-led policing and focused operations to target specific locations and individuals involved in this type of crime remain in place.

Traffic

At the end of 2012 the number of people killed on the roads of the Capital is eleven compared with eleven for 2011. I am conscious that each of these deaths is a tragedy for families and the wider community. At time of writing for 2013 there have been three people killed on the roads in the Capital compared to none for the same period in 2012. To counteract this trend Gardai will implement the Casualty Reduction Strategy for 2013 designed to reduce fatal and serious injury collisions and increasing high visibility enforcement activity is in place. A number of High-Profile traffic operations to address the key lifesaver offences of Drink-Driving, Speeding the use of Mobile Phones while driving and seatbelts have also taken place with further operations planned throughout the year to ensure Dublin's record on Road Safety within Europe remains.

Review of Policing in 2012

1. Crime

A number of specific Operations were put in place following the 1st Quarter of 2012 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.

2. Partnership

Partnerships formed a very important part of our policing strategy in 2012, through a variety of community initiatives. Of particular success last year were the Garda 'TAG' Programme and Late Night Football Leagues with the FAI and the Local Authorities. Gardai identified a number of issues, including Anti-social behaviour and public disorder in the night time economy, and begging, which are currently being addressed utilising Problem Oriented Policing. These partnerships and alliances will continue through 2013.

As presented at a previous meeting, a High Visibility Policing Plan is in place for the Dublin Region to ensure dedicated high visibility patrols in key commercial/ public thoroughfares at critical times dictated by crime trends and footfall for the areas in question. These beats will be reviewed to ensure they address existing demands and the needs of the community.

Policing Plan for 2013

The Annual Policing Plan 2013 for the Dublin Metropolitan Region has been finalised. The goals reflect specific requirements for the Dublin Region and those which are outlined in the National Policing Plan. A copy of the Dublin Regional Annual Policing Plan is attached for each member of the group.

In 2013 we will strive to achieve our mission and vision by forging stronger links with the community through initiatives such as Partnership Approach to Community Engagement (PACE) and Partnership Approach to Public Safety (PAPS).

Through these initiatives, in collaboration with all our key stakeholders from the community, the business fora and local authorities, public disorder, anti social behaviour and other community issues will be addressed. Community Policing Units and Juvenile Liaison Officers throughout the Region will continue to engage the young people of Dublin through various initiatives incorporating sport, schools, and Youth Diversion Programmes. These initiatives will continue to be delivered through the use of Problem Oriented Policing techniques.

The 2013 plan details the ways in which we will maintain our focus and commitment to our core activities which are the prevention and detection of crime and the protection of life and property.

Conclusion

I have outlined above the current position in respect of crime looking back at 2012 and our plans for 2013. 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 fora during the year.

Thank You