

Dublin City Joint Policing Committee
Minutes of Meeting held on January 12th 2016
at 2.30 p.m., Council Chamber, City Hall, Dublin 2

Attendance: Committee Members

Councillor Daithí De Róiste (Chairperson)
Councillor Daithí Doolan (Vice Chairperson)
Councillors: Dermot Lacey, Ray McAdam, Larry O'Toole, Paul McAuliffe, Teresa Keegan
Deputies Aengus Ó Snódaigh, Eric Byrne
Brendan Kenny, Assistant Chief Executive, Dublin City Council
Assistant Commissioner Jack Nolan, An Garda Síochána
Inspector David Butler, An Garda Síochána
David Brennan, Dublin City Business Association
Richard Guiney, Dublin Town
Gerry Byrne, Darndale Community Representative
Tony Duffin, Ana Liffey Drug Project
Peter O'Connor, North East Inner City Partnership
Ruth Treacy, Senior Staff Officer (Minutes)

Also in Attendance: Gavin Collins & Tom Ayres, Iarnród Éireann, Brian Hanney (Waste Management Division) & Michael Clarke (Housing Maintenance Section), Dublin City Council

Apologies: An tArdmhéara, Críona Ní Dhálaigh, Deputies Maureen O'Sullivan & Catherine Byrne, Zéphyrin Ngaliema

1. Minutes of meeting held on 17th November 2015.
Agreed.

2. Presentation by Mr. Gavin Collins, Iarnród Éireann
Presentation welcomed and noted.
The discussion that followed focused largely on the subject of graffiti, which was highlighted as a major problem on trains and within stations and surrounds, both from an aesthetic viewpoint as well as the significant cost of removal. A suggestion was made that a programme be rolled out in Schools to highlight awareness among youngsters of both the true extent of the problem and the associated costs of removing it. Deterrents need to be introduced as it is felt that graffiti is not taken seriously enough in terms of a criminal offence.
An Garda Síochána (AGS) say that, while it constitutes criminal damage (figures down 5% in 2015 nationwide), it is essentially an educational issue and there is potential to incorporate graffiti into the extensive programme they already run at both national and secondary school level and fund an anti-graffiti programme. AGS is happy to work in conjunction with the relevant agencies on this and report back to a future meeting.

The work of AGS was acknowledged in apprehending a group recently caught in the act of daubing graffiti in the Nassau / Pearse Street area.

3. Report on Halloween 2015 by Mr. Brian Hanney, Waste Management Report welcomed and noted.

The work of both An Garda Síochána and Dublin City Council in the lead-up, during and in the aftermath of this event was acknowledged.

Members feel that preparations for the Halloween Event should commence in March/April annually going forward and Brian gave a commitment that Waste Management will take this suggestion on board.

4. Report of Assistant Garda Commissioner Report noted.

Quad/Scrambler Bikes to remain on the agenda and members requested that a plan be put in place to deal with issues around scrambler bikes. An Garda Síochána confirmed that their 2016 Plan will incorporate this.

Members requested a breakdown of drugs seizures per area going forward.

Action

An additional column to be included in the Crime Category figures indicating conviction rates.

5. Report by Assistant Chief Executive (DCC)

- Community Courts:

David Brennan provided an update. Dublin City Business Association (DCBA) has been pursuing this issue since 2004 and, while it welcomes the establishment by the Department of the working group on this, it has yet to be invited to participate in meetings of this group.

Action: Chairperson to request update from Minister for Justice and a representative from the Department to attend a future meeting of this Committee.

Item to be placed higher on agenda for next meeting.

- Street Crime / Street Issues:

Noted.

- Drugs Misuse:

Noted.

- New Housing Act (Estate Management elements):

Mick Clarke (Housing Department) updated the Committee on the implications the new Housing Act 2014 has in terms of estate management, dealing with antisocial behaviour, securing evictions in The Courts etc.

Actions

Councillor Lacey requested that a similar report on the estate management implications of the Act be provided to each Area Committee.

Mick Clarke to provide a progress report to the May 10th meeting of the Dublin City Joint Policing Committee.

6. Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015 Report noted.

7. Webcasting of future meetings

Majority decision was taken not to webcast meetings at this point in item; however the issue will be revisited at a later date.

8. 2016 Future Meeting dates

May 10th

July 12th

September 13th

November 8th

Dates noted.

9. Documentation from Area JPC's

Noted.

10. A.O.B.

N/A

Councillor Daithí De Róiste
Chairperson