

**Dublin City Joint Policing Committee**  
**Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> of May 2012 at 3.30 p.m.,**  
**Council Chamber, City Hall**

**Attendance: Committee Members**

Councillor Gerry Breen (Chairperson)	Councillor Larry O'Toole (Vice-chairperson)
Deputy Maureen O'Sullivan	
Councillor John Gallagher	Councillor Tom Brabazon
Councillor Edie Wynne	Councillor Mannix Flynn
Councillor John Redmond	Councillor Bríd Smith
Councillor Cieran Perry	
Inspector Gerry Murphy	
Mr. Tom Coffey, Dublin City Business Association (D.C.B.A.)	
The Archdeacon of Dublin, the Venerable David Pierpoint	
Mr. Dick Brady, Assistant City Manager, Housing & Residential Services Dept.	
Mr. Philip Maguire, Deputy City Manager	
Ms. Ruth Treacy, Senior Staff Officer, City Manager's Department	

**Non-members:** Chief Superintendent Mick Sullivan (deputising for Assistant Commissioner Twomey), Detective Chief Superintendent Eugene Corcoran (CAB), Sergeant Andy Tuite (Juvenile Diversion Programme), Mr. Killian Forde (CEO) & Mr. Peter Szlovak (Head of Policy), Integration Centre

**Apologies:** Lord Mayor Andrew Montague, Assistant Commissioner John Twomey, Deputies Catherine Byrne & Aengus O Snódaigh, Councillor Anna Quigley, Peter O'Connor

**1. Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

Order: Agreed.

**2. Matters Arising**

None

**3. Manager's report**

Order: Noted.

**4. Smithfield Horse Fair**

Order: Noted.

**Issue of buying and selling of birds was raised by Cllr. Flynn, who is to forward details to Manager for follow up.**

**5. Report of Assistant Garda Commissioner**

Order: Noted.

**6. Presentation by Andy Tuite on Juvenile Diversionary Programme**

Order: Presentation welcomed and noted

**7. Presentation by Mr. Eugene Corcoran of the Criminal Assets Bureau (C.A.B.)**

Order: Presentation welcomed and noted

**8. Presentation from Mr. Killian Forde (CEO) & Mr. Peter Szlovak (Head of Policy) of the Integration Centre**

Order: Presentation welcomed and noted

**9. A.O.B.**

(i) Correspondence from RTÉ in response to Manager's letter regarding "Knuckle" Programme (broadcast February 19<sup>th</sup>) – attached

**Order: Noted.** Councillor Flynn expressed his dissatisfaction with RTE's response.

(ii) Report on Safer Internet Day – held February 7<sup>th</sup> 2012 (attached)

**Order: Noted**

(iii) Item referred from South Central Area JPC – Theft from Charity Clothing Banks (attached)

**Order: Noted**

(iv) Item referred from North West Area JPC – Draft Protocol on the Extinguishment of a Public Right of Way in the North West Area (correspondence & draft procedure attached)

**Order: Noted**

**10. Items for future meeting**

- (a) Report on Busking
- (b) CRA – Environmental Noise – Philip Maguire, ACM, to bring to either Arts SPC/future JPC meeting

11. Next meetings:
- 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2012
  - 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2012
  - 4<sup>th</sup> February 2013
  - 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013
  - 24<sup>th</sup> June 2013

All meetings are scheduled to take place at 3.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Dame Street, Dublin 2.

**Manager's Report to Dublin City Joint Policing Committee (J.P.C.)**  
**28/05/2012**

Lord Mayor's Commission on Antisocial Behaviour  
*Lord Mayor Andrew Montague 2011/2012*

A conference on the Lord Mayor's Commission on antisocial behaviour was held in Croke Park on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012. Speakers included:

- Dr. Graham Connon, Senior Clinical Psychologist, HSE
- Mary Keane, National Co-ordinator National Behaviour Support Service (NBBS)
- Dr. Alish Rogers, NBBS
- Eburn Akpoveta, Employment of People from Immigrant Communities (EPIC) Programme
- Mark Finnis, Hull Centre for Restorative Practice
- Karyn McCluskey, Co-Director of Violence Reduction Unit, Strathclyde Police, Glasgow

Roisín Shortall TD, Minister of State with responsibility for Primary Care, Department of Health gave the keynote address.

A draft report on findings from the Conference and meetings of the Commission has been prepared and circulated to all members of the Lord Mayor's Commission. A final meeting of the Commission is being held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May to finalise the Report. This report will then be brought to the June meeting of the City Council. Handover to Alan Shatter TD, Minister for Justice has been arranged for June.

Dublin City Local Business Policing Forum

The Dublin City Local Business Policing Forum was set up in September 2010. It is chaired by the Lord Mayor of Dublin and is attended by the Assistant Garda Commissioner for the Dublin Metropolitan Area and senior representatives of An Garda Síochána, Dublin City Council, Business and Tourism organisations in the City Centre.

The Forum examines issues which face Dublin from a business and a policing angle and was set up to provide a structured way of communication between all relevant stakeholders. Meetings are held monthly except for August.

Since the update in February 2012 the following issues have been raised:

- Management of Dublin Bus parking in Dublin city centre
- Antisocial behaviour in Middle Abbey Street
- Movement of the Housing Centre in Capel Street
- Feedback on March Smithfield Horse Fair
- Presentation on Injection Rooms by Tony Duffin of Ana Liffey Drug Project
- Ongoing updates on Events in the City Centre

Smithfield Horse Fair  
See item 4 on the agenda.

**Philip Maguire**  
**Deputy City Manager**

**Joint Policing Committee**  
**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

**Report of Assistant Commissioner John Twomey Dublin Metropolitan Region**

At this third meeting of the Joint Policing Committee for 2012 I intend to concentrate on the crime and traffic statistics since the last meeting in March 2012, and the policing arrangements for the Bavaria City Event. I will also comment on the recent burglary initiative in the Dublin Region (Operation Acer) which has seen a reduction in burglaries.

**Crime**

Since my last report overall Property Crime has decreased. This decrease is driven by a drop in Burglary in April, with the number of crimes reported down 27% on March levels.

The reduction in the number of burglaries can be attributed to a recent operation established (Operation Acer) which has a focussed, targeted and integrated approach to criminals involved in committing Burglaries in the Dublin Metropolitan Region. The Operation which commenced on the 15th of March 2012 provides both a preventative and detection element and focuses on geographical areas and specific targets. A key component of this operation involves the case management of recidivists / prolific offenders by appointing a member to co-ordinate all prosecutions and court appearances against an offender.

Theft and Robbery from the Person are trending upwards with Theft from Person reducing from March to April. This trend is being closely monitored with preventative strategies established in an attempt to counteract increasing trends. Crimes against the Person fell to its lowest monthly total in many years.

The initiatives across the city to target organised and armed crime are still in place. As alluded to previously these initiatives are intelligence driven and continue to be seen locally as having an effect on the activities of persons involved in organised crime. These initiatives will continue to be a priority for An Garda Síochána right across the city.

**Traffic**

At the time of writing this report the number of people killed on the roads of the Capital this year is four compared with four for the same period last year.

I am conscious that each of these deaths is a tragedy for families and the wider community. This is an area which I will continue to keep under review by my Regional Traffic Corp and local Traffic Units. It is also an area which is the subject of a Casualty Reduction Strategy throughout the Region managed by the Regional Traffic Division.

**Transport Police**

An Garda Síochána engages with the transport providers on a continual basis through Chief Superintendent D.M.R. Traffic and through local management. The policing of the Transport network is provided on a daily basis through high visibility policing and intelligence led operations where the need arises.

Issues that arise from the transport providers are either dealt with centrally by my Regional Traffic Department or at a local level where there are formal communication processes in place. The procedures in place are deemed sufficient to manage any particular problems encountered and at the present time there are no proposals to establish a specific transport police.

### **Bavaria City Racing**

At the time of writing this report plans are in place for the policing of the Bavaria City Racing event. These plans are in place to ensure that there are sufficient resources deployed in the city centre to cater for the event together with a traffic management plan throughout the Region to minimise the impact road closures will have on the City. In this regard the Regional Traffic Division is in liaison with each local authority to ensure a consolidated approach to the management of traffic flow on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2012.

### **Human Trafficking Issues**

I attach a briefing document prepared by the Garda National Immigration Bureau for your perusal. Should the Committee require further material a representative from the Garda National Immigration Bureau can provide a presentation at a future meeting.

### **CCTV Sheriff Street**

I am advised by local management that negotiations are ongoing between An Garda Síochána, Dublin City Council and the local business community on the introduction of CCTV in the Sheriff Street area. In this regard Dublin City Council have prepared schematic plans and associated financial costs. At this stage discussions are ongoing regarding the funding of this project.

At the last meeting a request was made for information on the Criminal Assets Bureau and the Garda Juvenile Diversionary programme and I am pleased to inform the committee that a representative from each section will provide a presentation at the next meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

**Thank You**