



Dublin City Council

Comhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath

**Meeting of the Dublin City Joint Policing Committee – held on Monday 24th
September 2007 at 4.00 p.m. Members Room, City Hall.**

Attendance: Committee Members

Councillor Paddy Bourke (Lord Mayor)

Joe Costello TD

Mr. Philip Maguire, Asst. City Manager

Councillor Paddy McCartan

Mr. Ciaran McNamara, Asst. City Manager

Aengus O Snodaigh TD

Tom Conway, Chief Superintendent.

Councillor Michael Conaghan (Chair)

Councillor Mary Freehill

Councillor Bronwen Maher

Asst. Commissioner Al Mc Hugh

Councillor Criona Ní Dhálaigh

Councillor Larry O'Toole

Also present: Mr. Brendan Hayden, SEO, Mr. Hugh Fitzpatrick, Administrative Officer

Apologies: Councillor Kevin Humphreys, Ruairi Quinn T.D. Ms. Maria Metcalfe Mr. John Tierney

1. City Manager's Report. Mr. Philip Maguire presented the City Manager's report to the Committee.
Order: Noted
2. Assistant Garda Commissioner's Report. Mr. Al Mc Hugh gave a verbal report on "Escalation of Violence/City Groups". to the Committee
Order: Report noted. It was agreed that a half-day (minimum) workshop should be held to see what DCC could contribute to tackling problems of Gangland Crime.
3. Working Group on Alcohol-Related Issues
Mr. Maguire informed the Committee that it was hoped to finalise a report within the next 5-6 weeks and it is then intended to make a submission in relation to the provisions of a new Bill on the Sale and Regulation of Alcohol.
Order: Noted
4. Working Group on Estate Management. Report presented by Mr. B. Hayden.
Order: Noted

- 5 Update on Belfast Visit – 11th July 2007 Mr. Maguire updated the Committee on visit.
Order: Noted
- 6 Motion proposed by Cllr. M. Conaghan and seconded by Cllr. B. Maher.
'This Committee agrees to the idea of putting in place a 'PARTNERSHIP PROJECT' for the Christmas period so that late-night safety, security and public order in the city centre streets are enhanced and responsibility shared. This 'PARTNERSHIP PROJECT' to consist of the following: An Garda Síochána, Dublin City Council, licensed premises, off-licenses, clubs, Dublin Bus, Taxi and other relevant partners/services'
Order: Motion adopted.
- 7 Motions from South Central Area Committee Meeting held on the 18th July 2007
(a) That this Area Committee calls on An Garda Síochána to set-up a special taskforce to tackle the ongoing feud between drugs gangs in the Crumlin and Drimnagh area in particular, which has left 9 dead, many injured and has recently escalated with gang members using grenades in an indiscriminate and reckless manner endangering innocent citizens.

(b) That this Area Committee agrees that the decision to downgrade Ballyfermot Garda station 4 years ago should be reversed. There are not enough guards to deal with the increase in population, traffic, anti-social behaviour, drug dealing and serious crime.
Order: Motions adopted.
- 8 Motion referred from the City Council meeting held on 3rd September 07
"That the Dublin City Council Intoxicating Liquor Bye-Laws made in 2000 under the Local Govt. Act 1994 be amended to correspond with section 8(b) of the corresponding Fingal County Council Bye Law which allows the Gardaí to seize intoxicating liquor, and that the current fixed payment (fine) of €25 be increased substantially to provide a safer environment in Dublin city public parks"
Proposed by the Lord Mayor Councillor Paddy Bourke and seconded by Cllr. Bronwen Maher.
Order: Motion adopted.
- 9 **Holding of Public Meeting**
Order: To be considered further at the next meeting. It was suggested that the subject of one or other of two Working Groups should be selected as the theme for the Public Meeting.

Michael Conaghan
Chairperson