

Kilkenny County Council – Joint Policing Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday - 14th March 2022 at 2.00 p.m. Via MS Teams

PRESENT: Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick Chairperson, Cllr. Martin Brett, Cllr. Pat Dunphy, Cllr. Tomás Breathnach, Cllr. Deirdre Cullen, Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, Cllr. Joe Malone, Cllr. John Coonan, Cllr. Fidelis Doherty, Cllr. Michael Doyle, Cllr Michael Delaney.

Chief Superintendent Pdraig Dunne.
Superintendent Derek Hughes, Kilkenny Garda Station.
Superintendent Colin Furlong, Thomastown Garda Station.
Detective Inspector Séan O 'Meara, Kilkenny Garda Station.
Marion Acreman, Kilkenny Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Colette Byrne, Chief Executive, Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services, Director of Services, Ms Anne Maria Walsh, Senior Executive Officer, Andrew Wall, A/Staff Officer.

Apologies: Cllr. Michael McCarthy.

Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick, Chairperson, opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

Item No. 1: Minutes of Kilkenny JPC meeting held on 12th December 2022.

Minutes of Kilkenny County Council Joint Policing Committee meeting held on the 12th December 2022:

Proposed by: Cllr. Deidre Cullen
Seconded by: Cllr. Martin Brett
And Agreed:

“That the minutes as presented to the meeting are hereby approved as accurate.”

Item No. 2: Annual Report 2021.

Ms. Anne Maria Walsh advised that the Annual Report previously circulated was drafted in accordance with the guideline for Joint Policing Committees. Covid prevented some of the actions from being initiated in 2021. Ms. Walsh advised the committee that the 2021 Horizon Irish Open took place at Mount Juliet Estate and the traffic management event will be added to the traffic and road safety actions of the 2021 Annual Report.

Proposed by: Cllr. Martin Brett
Seconded by: Cllr. Tomás Breathnach
And Agreed:

“That the Annual Report 2021 be approved.”

Item No. 3: Draft Work Programme 2022

Ms. Anne Maria Walsh advised that the draft work programme for 2022 is similar to that of 2021. Ms. Walsh outlined the issues and actions of the programme. In item number 2 the traffic management for the 2022 Horizon Irish Open at Mount Juliet Estate will be included in the work programme.

Proposed by: Cllr. Deirdre Cullen
Seconded by: Cllr. Michael Delaney
And Agreed:

“That the Draft Work Programme with the addition of Mount Juliet Estate traffic management for 2022 be adopted.”

Item No.4: Road Safety Strategy 2021 – 2030

Tim Butler, Director of Services provided the committee with a presentation on Kilkenny County Councils Road Safety Strategy 2021 – 2030 under the following headings:

- Background
- Key Information
- Our Journey towards Vision Zero
 - 7 safe Systems priority interventions
- Phased Approach
 - Phase 1 2021 – 2024
 - Phase 2 2025 – 2027
 - Phase 3 2028 – 2030
 - Phase 1 Action Plan 2021 – 2024
 - High – impact actions (50)
 - Support actions (136)
- Examples Key Action’s 2021 – 2024
 - Safe Road & Roadsides
 - Safe Speeds
 - Safe Vehicles
 - Safe Road Use
 - Post – Crash Response
 - Safe & Healthy Modes of Transport
 - Safe Work – Related Road Use

The Committee thanked Mr. Tim Butler for the presentation and contributions were raised by Cllr. Pat Dunphy, Cllr. Deidre Cullen, Cllr. Martin Brett, Cllr. Tomás Breathnach and Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick.

Mr. Tim Butler and Chief Superintendent Padraig Dunne responded to the contributions raised by the Members.

Item No.5: Update from An Garda Síochána on Crime Statistics (Presentation)

Detective Inspector Séan O 'Meara provided the committee with a presentation on Kilkenny/Thomastown Districts Crime Statistics under the following headings:

- Policing Demand
- Arrests and Searches
- Crime Patrolling and Checkpoints
- Driving/In charge of vehicles under the influence
- Drugs Summary
- Public Order Offences
- Public Order Yearly figures
- Community Engagement
- Community Engagement
- Property Crime Kilkenny County January & February
- Burglary Not Aggravated January & February
- Burglary
- Theft from Shop
- Theft from MPV
- Theft Other
- Robbery Summary
- Assaults
- Domestic Related Incidents
- Fraud/Economic Crime Incidents
- Traffic Collisions

The Committee thanked Detective Inspector Séan O 'Meara for the presentation and contributions were received from Cllr Pat Dunphy, Cllr. Fidelis Doherty, Cllr. Deidre Cullen, Cllr. Tomás Breathnach, Cllr. Martin Brett, Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick, Cllr. Joe Malone and Cllr. John Coonan.

Superintendent Derek Hughes, Superintendent Colin Furlong, Detective Inspector Séan O 'Meara and Chief Superintendent Pádraig Dunne responded to the issues raised by the Members.

Item No.6: Any Other Business.

The Members of the Joint Policing Committee extended their sincere condolences to Chief Executive Colette Byrne on the recent death of her brother Larry Whelan.

Date of the next meeting: 13th June, 2022 – 2pm.

Meeting then concluded.