

County Clare Joint Policing Committee

## Annual Report 2016

### Tuarascáil Bhliantúil 2016



Comhairle Contae an Chláir  
Clare County Council



## **1. Introduction.**

The Clare Joint Policing Committee (JPC) was established in 2009 under the Garda Síochána Act 2005. The overall aim of the JPC is to serve as a forum for consultations, discussions and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of Clare County Council's administrative area. The JPC also review levels and patterns of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour and the factors contributing to such crime.

## **2. Membership of Committee.**

In 2016 the members of the JPC were as follows. It should be noted that changes in membership occurred during 2016 due to the Dáil and Seanad elections and the retirement of Tom Coughlan as Chief Executive of Clare County Council.

**Chairperson** Councillor P J Ryan

**Vice Chairperson** Councillor John Crowe

**Councillors** Michael Begley  
Pat Burke  
Pat Daly  
Gerry Flynn  
Michael Hillery  
Mary Howard  
Ian Lynch  
Pat McMahan  
Paul Murphy  
Ann Norton  
Alan O Callaghan  
Bill Slattery

**Oireachtas Members** Pat Breen TD  
Joe Carey TD  
Timmy Dooley TD  
Michael Harty TD  
Senator Martin Conway  
Michael McNamara TD (for part of year)  
Senator Tony Mulcahy (for part of year)

**Gardaí** John Kerin Chief Superintendent  
Brendan McDonagh Superintendent  
Martin McGonnell Superintendent

**Community &  
Voluntary  
Representatives**

Alphonse Basogomba, Clare Intercultural Network  
Rosaleen O Reilly, Irish Farmers Association  
Dermot Hayes, Clare Older Peoples Council  
Tom Barry, Community Alert  
Ger O Halloran, Community/Voluntary Sector  
Tom Keane, Disability Federation of Ireland  
Brian McManus, Clare Youth Service

**Officials**

Anne Haugh, Director of Service (for part of year)  
Tom Coughlan, Chief Executive (for part of year)  
Geraldine Corbett, Senior Staff Officer

**3. Meetings held.**

During 2016 the Clare JPC held four meetings; three in Áras Contae on Chláir and one in Kilkishen. The following matters were discussed and attended to at these meetings.

<b>Date and meeting venue</b>	<b>Items discussed at meetings</b>
22.3.2016 Aras Contae an Chlair Ennis	Update by Clare County Council - Environment Update on crime figures – Gardaí Review of nomination for post of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson Annual Report 2015 Garda resources Implications of drug debt
9.5.2016 Aras Contae an Chlair Ennis	Update on crime figures – Gardaí Boy racers Drink driving Pulse system Seizure of cars by Gardaí Illegal encampments Garda resources
11.7.2016 Aras Contae an Chlair Ennis	Update by Water Safety Officer of Clare County Council Update on crime figures – Gardaí Fleadh na hEireann Evictions and role of Gardaí Seizure of vehicles by Gardaí Election of JPC Chairperson and Vice Chairperson Approval of JPC Six Year Strategic Plan and Annual Plan

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27.9.2016 Cultural Centre, Kilkishen County Clare	Update by An Garda Síochána on crime figures and related matters Garda resources ASBOs and implementation of same Business and private house alarms Off licences and excessive drinking Theft from unlocked vehicles Advance identification of needs in a social housing mix Funding for text alert systems Update by Clare County Council's Senior Executive Engineer on high speed through Kilkishen Lack of public lighting leading to crime Garda winter initiative on use of trailers and legal requirements for same Prevention of farm accidents Search and rescue and the role of the public and voluntary agencies

#### 4. Plans adopted during the year 2016

During 2016, two plans were adopted by the JPC

- Six year Strategic Plan for 2016 – 2021
- Annual Plan for 2016.

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson of JPC