Annual Report of Donegal Joint Policing Committee 2017

Introduction

Donegal Joint Policing Committee is a partnership between Government (as represented by Council members and executives, and Oireachtas members) our local communities (represented through Donegal PPN) and An Garda Siochana.

The objective of the JPC is to attempt to allow the three pillars of the partnership to achieve more working together than they would working individually for the communities of our county.

The five themes that we have selected represent the major social and community safety issues that communities face in this county.

Attempting to address common issues along with communities that we share a border with is a logical thing to do and hopefully we can continue to work with Councils across the border to develop projects similar to the cross border drink driving campaign that was launched in the run up to Christmas.

The five themes of the Donegal JPC Strategic Plan are:

- Rural Isolation & Community Policing
- Public Order & Anti Social Behaviour
- Drugs
- Road Safety
- Cross Border Crime Prevention Initiatives

ITEM 1 – Summary of progress in implementing the JPC's work programme.

	Strategic Objectives (please list in the same order as on JPC Annual Work Plan)	Summaries the actions taken and the progress achieved during the year and any significant difficulties which were encountered	Summarise the advice given by the local authority/ Gardaí – identify specific recommendations made	Results of advice / recommendations – identify the feedback received from the local authority / Gardaí
	High Priority Objectives			
1	Road Safety	Cross Border Road Safety campaign launched	Project delivered in partnership with An Garda Siochana and	

			PSNI	
2	Public Order and Anti Social Behaviour	Sub Group established to study issues further and make recommendations to JPC	Full involvement of An Garda Siochana in the sub group	
3	Rural isolation & Community Policing	Network of community alert groups established and workshops held in 2017	Full involvement of An Garda Siochana in the sub group	
4	Cross Border Crime	Meeting held with Derry PCSP to investigate potential collaborative initiatives	Full involvement of An Garda Siochana	
5	Drugs	Sub Group established to study issues further and make recommendations to JPC	Full involvement of An Garda Siochana in the sub group	

<u>ITEM 2 -</u> Please highlight three key achievements of the JPC during the year and give reasons why these are considered to be significant?

Achievement 1 Further development of Donegal Community Alert Group				
Network – important to highlight to groups that they don't operate in isolation and				
the network offers an opportunity to investigate potential collaborations				
Achievement 2				
Delivery of the "Lets Rally Together" public relations campaign in the lead up				
and during Donegal Rally 2017				
Achievement 3				
Launch of Cross Border Safe Driving campaign				
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ITEM 3

Public meetings hosted by the JPC during the year.

*Please provide details of the public meeting that the JPC hosted during the year concerning matters affecting the policing of the local authority's administrative area.

Donegal Joint Policing Committee, in conjunction with Donegal PPN, held a public workshop, aimed at community alert and neighbourhood watch groups, during Social Inclusion Week in October 2017. The event allowed volunteer activists an opportunity to hear about recent developments in community safety, and to learn from and network with, other similar groups in the County.

<u>ITEM 4 – Record of members and meetings held during the year.</u>

Please enter the total number of JPC meetings held in the Year **2017**

*Date of each meeting

16/01/17	03/04/17	23/10/17	

The JPC Steering Group comprises of the Chairperson, the Chief Executive of the local authority (or representative) and Senior Garda representative*

NAME OF MEMBERS (AND TITLE)	ORGANISATION	NO OF MEETINGS
(REPRESENTED	ATTENDED
Steering Group*		
Chairperson Cllr Gerry	Local Authority	3
McMonagle*	_	
Vice Chairperson Cllr Niamh	Local Authority	2
Kennedy		
Chief Superintendent Terry	An Garda Síochána	3 (2 attended by
McGinn*		her representative)
Chief Executive Seamus Neely*	Local Authority	3
Director of Service Liam Ward	Local Authority	2
Other Members		
Cllr Bernard McGuinness	Local Authority	3
Cllr Nicholas Crossan	Local Authority	3
Cllr Albert Doherty	Local Authority	3
Cllr Jack Murray	Local Authority	2
Cllr Gerry Crawford	Local Authority	3
Cllr James Pat McDaid	Local Authority	
Clir John O'Donnell	Local Authority	
Cllr Liam Doherty	Local Authority	3
Cllr Martin Farren	Local Authority	1
Cllr Seamus O Domhnaill	Local Authority	1
Cllr Martin McDermott	Local Authority	1
Cllr Jimmy Kavanagh	Local Authority	

Clir John Campbell	Local Authority	3
Mr James Trearty	PPN Representative	2
Mr Joe Boland	PPN Representative	2
Mr Lawrence McManus	PPN Representative	2
Ms Lorraine Thompson	PPN Representative	2
Ms Deirdriú Murray	PPN Representative	2
Mr Gary Doggett	PPN Representative	
Ms Carmel Mulhern	PPN Representative	
Senator Brian O'Donnell	Oireachtas	
Deputy Pearse Doherty TD	Oireachtas	
Deputy Padraig MacLochlainn TD	Oireachtas	1
Deputy Thomas Pringle TD	Oireachtas	
Deputy Charlie McConalogue TD	Oireachtas	
Deputy Joe McHugh TD	Oireachtas	
Deputy Pat the Cope Gallagher	Oireachtas	
Deputy Tony McLaughlin	Oireachtas	
Deputy Marc McSharry	Oireachtas	