

County Clare Joint Policing Committee

## Annual Report 2017

### Tuarascáil Bhliantúil 2017



Comhairle Contae an Chláir  
Clare County Council



## **1. Introduction.**

The Clare Joint Policing Committee (JPC) was established in 2009 under the Garda Siochána 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 2017 the members of the JPC were as follows.

**Chairperson**            Councillor Mary Howard

**Vice Chairperson**    Councillor Pat McMahon

**Councillors**            Michael Begley  
Pat Burke  
Pat Daly  
Gerry Flynn  
Michael Hillery  
PJ Ryan  
Ian Lynch  
John Crowe  
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

**Gardaí**                    John Kerin Chief Superintendent  
Brendan McDonagh Superintendent  
John Galvin, 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**

Niall Barrett, Head of Finance & Support Services  
Pat Dowling, Chief Executive  
Carmel Greene, Senior Executive Officer

**3. Meetings held.**

During 2017 the Clare JPC held five meetings; four in Áras Contae on Chláir and one in Kilrush. The following matters were discussed and attended to at these meetings.

<b>Date and meeting venue</b>	<b>Items discussed at meetings</b>
13 <sup>th</sup> February, 2017 Áras Contae an Chláir Ennis	Update by Clare County Council Civil Defence Officer Update on crime figures by Chief Superintendent Adoption of Annual Report 2016 Allocation of Council houses and engagement with An Garda Síochana Statistics on drug and alcohol misuse Evictions from Residential Properties Drug/drink driving Homelessness Traffic management Cyber bullying Agreement of schedule of meetings for 2017
8 <sup>th</sup> May, 2017 Áras Contae an Chláir, Ennis	This meeting was adjourned due to the recent passing of Betty Devanny, Administrative Officer, Rural Development Directorate of Clare County Council
12 <sup>th</sup> June, 2017 Áras Contae an Chláir Ennis	Update on crime figures by Chief Superintendent Presentation from Victim Management Office established under EU Victims Directorate (2012) Approval of Annual Work Plan for 2017 Speeding offences and enforcement of same Attendance by Gardaí at meeting of Shannon Municipal District Meeting Drink driving statistics Policing Authority Report 2016 was noted
11 <sup>th</sup> September, 2017	Update by Road Safety Officer of Clare County Council

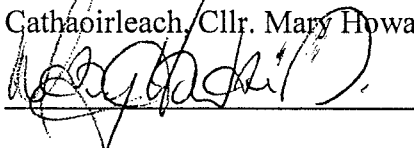
Áras Contae an Chláir Ennis	on current trends and the Road Safety Strategy 2014-2020 Approval of Community CCTV Scheme for Newmarket on Fergus Update on crime figures by the Chief Superintendent Policing Plan 2018 – Consultation process. Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann New Community Garda in Shannon
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13 <sup>th</sup> November, 2017 Vandeleur Walled Gardens,, Kilrush, County Clare	Update by An Garda Síochána on crime figures and related matters Social Housing Supports were outlined arising from an item of correspondence Gardaí checkpoints and recent Gardaí campaign Crime in Kilrush town and environs Garda resources Victims of anti-social behavior Community alert Readiness for threats of terrorism particularly regarding Shannon Airport

#### 4. Plan adopted during the year 2017

During 2017, Clare Joint Policing Committee adopted the 2017 Annual Work Plan. This can be viewed on 2017 Annual Work Plan.

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Mary Howard



13<sup>th</sup> February, 2018.