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13th May 2020

Ms. Helen Hall
Chief Executive
The Policing Authority
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90 King Street North
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Re: County Clare Joint Policing Committee Annual Report 2019

Dear Ms Hall,

As per Section 36(5) (b) of the Garda Síochána Act 2005, please find attached 2019 Annual Report for County Clare Joint Policing Committee.

The dates set for JPC meetings for 2020 are as follows. However, the April and July meetings have been cancelled due to COVID19 pandemic.

17th February 2020
20th April 2020 - cancelled
13th July 2020 - cancelled
12th October 2020

The meetings take place in the Council Chamber, Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis and commence at 11.15 a.m.

Please contact me if you require further information.

Yours sincerely,

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County Clare Joint Policing Committee

Annual Report 2019

Tuarascáil Bhliantúil 2019



Comhairle Contae an Chláir
Clare County Council



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.

1. Membership of Committee

A new JPC was formed after local elections in May 2019. The members of the JPC are as follows.

	January to April 2019		May to December 2019	
Chairperson	Cllr. Mary Howard		Cllr. John Crowe	
Vice Chairperson	Cllr. Pat McMahon		Cllr. Alan O Callaghan	
Councillors	Michael Begley Pat Burke John Crowe Pat Daly Gerry Flynn Michael Hillery Ian Lynch Paul Murphy Ann Norton Alan O Callaghan P.J. Ryan Bill Slattery		Michael Begley Pat Burke Pat Daly Ian Lynch Paul Murphy Ann Norton P.J. Ryan Mary Howard Pat McMahon Joe Killeen Gabriel Keating Bill Chambers	
Oireachtas Members	Pat Breen TD Joe Carey TD Timmy Dooley TD Michael Harty TD Senator Martin Conway		Pat Breen TD Joe Carey TD Timmy Dooley TD Michael Harty TD Senator Martin Conway	
Gardaí	Chief Superintendent Michael Gubbins Superintendent Brendan McDonagh Superintendent John Galvin		Chief Superintendent Sean Colleran Superintendent Brendan McDonagh Superintendent John Galvin	
Community & Voluntary Representatives	Clare Intercultural Network	Alphonse Basogomba	Clare Older Peoples Council	Mary Mather Leahy
	Clare Older Peoples Council	Mary Maher Leahy	Clare Public Participation Network	Madeline McAleer
	Clare Public Participation Network	Madeline McAleer	Clare Youth Services	Brian McManus
	Clare Youth Services	Brian McManus	Disability Interests	Dermot Hayes
	Community Alert	Tom Barry	Irish Farmers Association	Adrian Brooks
	Disability Federation of Ireland	T. Keane	Lahinch Development	Bill Slattery
	Irish Farmers Association	Adrian Brooks		
Officials	Leonard Cleary, Director of Rural Development & West Clare Municipal District, Annette Donnellan, IS Project Leader		Leonard Cleary, Director of Rural Development & West Clare Municipal District, Annette Donnellan, IS Project Leader	

1. Meetings held


During 2019 the Clare JPC held four meetings; three in Áras Contae an Chláir and one in Burren College of Art, Ballyvaughan, Co. Clare. The following matters were discussed and attended to at these meetings.

Date and meeting venue	Items discussed at meetings
11th February, 2019 Áras Contae an Chláir Ennis	Update on crime figures by An Garda Síochána Enhanced Garda visibility Domestic violence legislation and policy Blueprint for Safety - Justice System methodologies to identify/ close gaps in interagency processing of domestic abuse crimes Drink driving and breathalysers for self testing Road deaths due to drink driving Transport options in rural areas Drug related behaviour and impact of drugs on society Garda drug unit resources Anti social behaviour
8th April, 2019 Áras Contae an Chláir Ennis	Update on crime figures by An Garda Síochána Clare Garda Youth awards and National awards Blueprint for Safety presentation Domestic violence crimes – Garda policy and procedures Visibility - Gardai on the beat Work by Garda drugs unit Begging on the street Traffic Management- Dubai Free Irish Open – Lahinch ‘Ask for Angela’ stickers for local premises to display
8th July, 2019 Áras Contae an Chláir Ennis	Update on crime figures by An Garda Síochána Vandalism at cemeteries Drug detection rates Burglary statistics Community Text Alerts Positive effects of Gardai and community engagement Mental health supports by Gardai and HSE United States Presidential visit and Dubai Duty Free Irish Open Theft from unlocked parked cars Illegal encampments

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14th October, 2019 Burren College of Art, Ballyvaughan, Co. Clare	Update on crime figures by An Garda Síochána Presentation from IFA on rural crime Rural Text Alert schemes Drugs and Drink driving detection rates Reporting of sexual offences Anti-social behaviour Garda resources Road safety management, (pull-in areas, over taking) Community engagement with Gardai Youth projects and the Gardai Garda schools programme Garda responses to hate crime in Clare Traffic management systems in Ennis town Agreement of schedule of meetings for 2020

2. Plan adopted during the year 2019

During 2019, Clare Joint Policing Committee adopted the 2019 Annual Work Plan. This can be viewed on [JPC Annual Work Plan 2019](#).

Signed by:  Date: 17-2-2020
 Chairperson of JPC