

County Clare Joint Policing Committee

Annual Report 2020

Tuarascáil Bhliantúil 2020



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

There are 31 JPC Members. New Oireachtas members joined after the General Election 2020

| | January to June 2020 | July to December 2020 |
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| Chairperson | Cllr. John Crowe | Cllr. John Crowe |
| Vice Chairperson | Cllr. Alan O Callaghan | Cllr. Alan O Callaghan |
| Councillors | 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 | 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 | Cathal Crowe TD Joe Carey TD Michael McNamara TD Violet-Anne Wynne TD Senator Róisín Garvey Senator Timmy Dooley |
| Gardaí | Chief Superintendent Sean Colleran Superintendent Brendan McDonagh Superintendent John Galvin | Chief Superintendent Sean Colleran Superintendent Brendan McDonagh Superintendent John Galvin |
| Community & Voluntary Representatives | Clare Older Peoples Council Mary Mather Leahy | Clare Older Peoples Council Mary Mather 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 | Disability Interests Dermot Hayes |
| | Irish Farmers Association Adrian Brooks | Irish Farmers Association Adrian Brooks |
| | Lahinch Development Bill Slattery | Lahinch Development Bill Slattery |
| 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

Due to the COVID19 pandemic two JPC meetings were held in 2020, instead of the usual four. The first was held in February 2020 in Áras Contae an Chláir, Ennis. The second was held in October 2020 in Glór, Causeway Link, Ennis, Co. Clare. The following matters were discussed and attended to at these meetings.

| Date and meeting venue | Items discussed at meetings |
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| 17th February, 2020 Áras Contae an Chláir Ennis | Update on crime figures by An Garda Síochána Presentation on Property Marking Scheme Enhanced Garda visibility Illegal encampments Alcohol and drug related road offences Garda engagement with community Drug related behaviour and impact of drugs on society Reporting of sexual offences Reported of domestic violence crimes Youth services Go Safe Road Code Garda check points |
| 12th October, 2020 Glor Co. Clare | Update on crime figures by An Garda Síochána Presentation from Age Friendly initiatives around safety and security for older people and benefits of community schemes and digital connections. Presentation on Protective Services Unit, location, resources, the referral process and supports available to victims Update on CCTV and litter prevention - permission from the Garda Commissioner to remotely operate CCTV. Drugs and Drink driving detection rates Reporting of sexual offences Reported of domestic violence crimes Opening hours of Garda stations Mental health supports Thefts from graveyards Racism Road safety - Uninsured drivers Community engagement with Gardai Agreement of schedule of meetings for 2021 |

2. Plan adopted during the year 2020

Due to COVID19, Clare Joint Policing Committee adopted a two year JPC Work Plan for the period 2020/2021 which can be viewed [here](#).

Signed by:


Chairperson of JPC

Date: 8th Feb 2021