

Public meeting

The JPC hosted a very well attended public meeting on 5th November, 2018 in Ballymahon Community Library. Cllr. Luie Mc Entire, Cathaoirleach of Longford Co. Council welcomed the members of the public and advised that the theme of the meeting would be "Crime Prevention". There was an excellent panel of speakers including the special guests Ms. Josephine Feehily, Chairperson of the Policing Authority and Garda Commissioner Drew Harris. Other speakers included Mr. Conor O'Leary who was representing Muintir na Tíre in relation to the Community Text Alert Programme , Ms. Kitty Hughes, Chairperson of Longford Older Persons Council and Crime Prevention Ambassador and Ms. Martina Dunne from the Midlands Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force.

An Garda Síochána was also represented by a number of other contributors including Chief Supt. Tony Healy, Supt. Jim Delaney, Insp. Blaithin Moran, Sgt. Lionel Mullally and Sgt. Paul Mc Dermott, Crime Prevention Officer. The final part of the meeting involved a question and answer session with members of the public in relation to crime prevention and different aspects of policing in Longford.

Best wishes and tributes were also extended to Supt. Brian Mohan from the Granard District on his impending retirement.

At the conclusion of the meeting Mr. Paddy Mahon, Chief Executive of Longford County Council referred to the importance of the community, the Council and the Gardai working together for the benefit of all and he thanked the speakers and the members of the public for their valuable input.