

COUNTY MAYO
JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE (JPC)

ANNUAL REPORT
2017



Message from the Chairman

As Chairperson of the County Mayo Joint Policing committee, I welcome the publication of the 2017 Annual report. The Report details the key actions of the Committee in delivering on the objectives of the Strategic Plan 2016-2021 and is an important means of communicating the role and work of the Committee.

The Joint Policing Committee aims to develop greater consultation and co-operation on policing and crime issues between the Gardaí, the local authority, community representatives and elected public representatives. During 2017, the JPC continued to take a strategic approach to its work while also addressing local issues.

The JPC held three meetings during 2017 and a list of the key actions achieved is set out in the Annual Report. A meeting scheduled for 15th December was postponed until January 2018 due to unforeseen hazardous weather conditions.

On behalf of the Committee I would like to thank the Garda Síochána team led by Chief Superintendent Patrick Diskin and Mayo County Council team led by Chief Executive Mr Peter Hynes for their valued contributions to the work of the Committee. I also wish to place on record the excellent level of participation by the elected and community representatives on the Committee. I'd also like to acknowledge the contribution to the work of the committee of the following - Cluid Housing Association, the Policing Commission, the Road Safety Office of Mayo County Council, Revenue & Customs at Ireland West Airport Knock and for his work on raising awareness of Farm Safety Committee member Mr Willie Nolan.

I would like to welcome our new member Adrienne Walker to the Committee and look forward to working with her.



Cllr. Al McDonnell
Chairperson
County Mayo Joint Policing Committee

Introduction

The Annual report 2017 sets out how the County Mayo Joint Policing Committee carried out its functions for this period in accordance with Section 36(2) of the Garda Síochána Act 2005 and in accordance with the revised Joint Policing Committee Guidelines 2014.

Role of the Joint Policing Committee

The legislative framework for the establishment of Joint Policing Committees is set out in Section 36(2) of the Garda Síochána Act 2005.

Section 36(2) provides that the Joint Policing Committee is to serve as a forum for consultations, discussions and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the local authority's administrative area. The Act refers specifically to the following matters:

- Keep under review
 - (a) the levels and patterns of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour (including the patterns and levels of misuse of alcohol and drugs) and
 - (b) the underlying factors that contribute to these issues.
- Advise the local authority and the Garda Síochána on how they might best perform their functions and do everything feasibly possible to improve the safety and quality of life, to prevent crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour.
- Arrange and host public meetings concerning matters affecting the policing of the local authorities' administrative area.
- Establish in consultation with the local Garda Superintendent and specific neighbourhoods, local policing fora to discuss and make recommendations to the JPC.
- Co-ordinate the activities of local policing fora.

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Item 1: Summary of progress in implementing the JPC's work Programme.

The strategic plan for 2016-2021 was adopted at the October Meeting in 2016:

Strategic Objectives		Summary of action taken and progress made during the year.	Summary of advice given by the JPC to the Local Authority and the Gardaí.	Results of advice. Identify the feedback received for the LA and the Gardaí.
	High Priority Objectives			
1	Promoting the concept of the JPC's.	Representatives from the Policing Authority gave a presentation on the role of the Policing Authority and its interaction with the JPC.	Overarching job of the JPC is to promote public awareness of policing matters.	The JPC works closely with local media to promote the work of the Committee.
2	To monitor and review serious crime, drug supply and public order in Co Mayo.	A key action is to provide security for vital installations, such as Knock Airport.	Revenue & Customs staff from Knock Airport met with the JPC to outline their role in protecting Mayo and its surrounding areas.	Community vigilance is imperative to the work of R & C especially in the Coast Watch initiative.
3	To encourage collective community initiatives which nurture a sense of community and promote the role for the Gardaí in the community.	Representatives from Cluid Housing spoke to members in regards to challenges it faces.	Co-operation between the various tenancy providers needed to deal with problems that arise between Cluid tenancies and non Cluid tenancies.	Ongoing collaboration.

4	To reduce the incidence of fatal and serious injuries from road collisions and to improve road safety in Co Mayo.	In relation to potholes, water tables and overgrown hedges, it was agreed to bring it to the attention of the Roads & Transportation SPC.	A collaborative approach between the JPC and the SPC will help to ensure safer roads in Mayo.	Ongoing collaboration.
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Item 2: Please highlight three key achievements of the JPC during the year and give reasons why they are significant.

Achievement 1

Promotion of Justice Policy

The Policing Authority participated in a meeting to outline their role in policing. As a result Margaret Tumelty, Head of Policing Strategy and Performance, with Fiona Larthwell attended the October meeting and gave a presentation on the role of the Policing Authority and its interaction with JPC's. This presentation outlined the role and functions of the Authority.

As a result of this meeting, the JPC have a very clear view of their role in the promotion of public awareness on policing matters at a local level and an agreement to work collaboratively and this was covered extensively in the local media, raising awareness amongst the wider public of their work to promote Justice policy.

Achievement 2

Road Safety

The JPC is a vehicle which is used to promote road safety in Mayo. By highlighting various issues and campaigns at the meetings, it gives further focus on the important collaborative initiatives to promote road safety including:

- Education Programmes being rolled out from Pre-School age through to third level
- AXA Roadshow

- Video with entrepreneur and funeral director David McGowan to highlight the importance of road safety
- Video footage of how unaware drivers are of distance when overtaking a cyclist - it should be 1.5m, which is the width of a standard car

Noel Gibbons, Road Safety Officer with Mayo County Council gave a presentation to the JPC Committee at the February 2017 meeting in which he highlighted that road safety is a combined programme with Mayo County Council, HSE, Gardaí, RSA and TII working together to improve road safety for all road users.

This is a working relationship that the JPC will continue to foster each year.

Achievement 3

Estate Management

A presentation by Clúid Housing was given by Marcella Flanagan and Ben Williams. They highlighted the difficulties that arose when a Clúid tenant makes a complaint about another non-Clúid tenant in an area as Clúid do not have any remit to talk to this other tenant.

Mayo County Council, the Gardai and Clúid resolved work more closely to address nuisance and anti-social behaviour to the benefit of our residents in mixed tenure estates and communities. It was agreed to take a collaborative approach to the implementation of tenancy agreements protect the victims of crime in housing states and in the wider communities.

Item 3: Record of Members and Meetings held during the year.

Please enter the total number of meetings held during the year.... three.

Enter the dates of the meetings: -

17 th February 2017	19 th May 2017	20 th October 2017
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Name of Member	Organisation Represented	No of meetings attended
Cllr. Al McDonnell	MCC Elected Member	3
Chief Superintendent Pat Diskin,	An Garda Síochána	2
Superintendent Joe McKenna,	An Garda Síochána	3
Peter Hynes, Chief Executive	Local Authority official	1
Cllr. Teresa Whelan	MCC Elected Member	1
Cllr. Neil Cruise	MCC Elected Member	2
Cllr. Christy Hyland	MCC Elected Member	3
Cllr. Gerry Ginty	MCC Elected Member	1
Cllr. Michael Kilcoyne	MCC Elected Member	2
Cllr. Michael Holmes	MCC Elected Member	1
Cllr. Blackie K. Gavin	MCC Elected Member	3
Cllr. Brendan Mulroy	MCC Elected Member	0
Cllr. Michael Loftus	MCC Elected Member	2
Cllr. Damien Ryan	MCC Elected Member	3
Cllr. John O'Hara	MCC Elected Member	1
Cllr. Patsy O'Brien	MCC Elected Member	1
Cllr. Gerry Coyle	MCC Elected Member	1
Lisa Chambers T.D.	Oireachtas members	
Senator Rose-Conway Walsh	Oireachtas members	1
Senator Michelle Mulhern	Oireachtas members	1
Enda Kenny T.D.	Oireachtas members	
Senator Keith Swanick	Oireachtas members	
Michael Ring T.D.	Oireachtas members	
Dara Calleary T.D.	Oireachtas members	1
Senator Paddy Burke	Oireachtas members	
Mary G Duffy	Community	3
Edith Geraghty	Community	2
David Tuomey	Community	3
Willie Nolan	Community	3
Bernard Burke	Community	0
Adrienne Walker	Community	1