

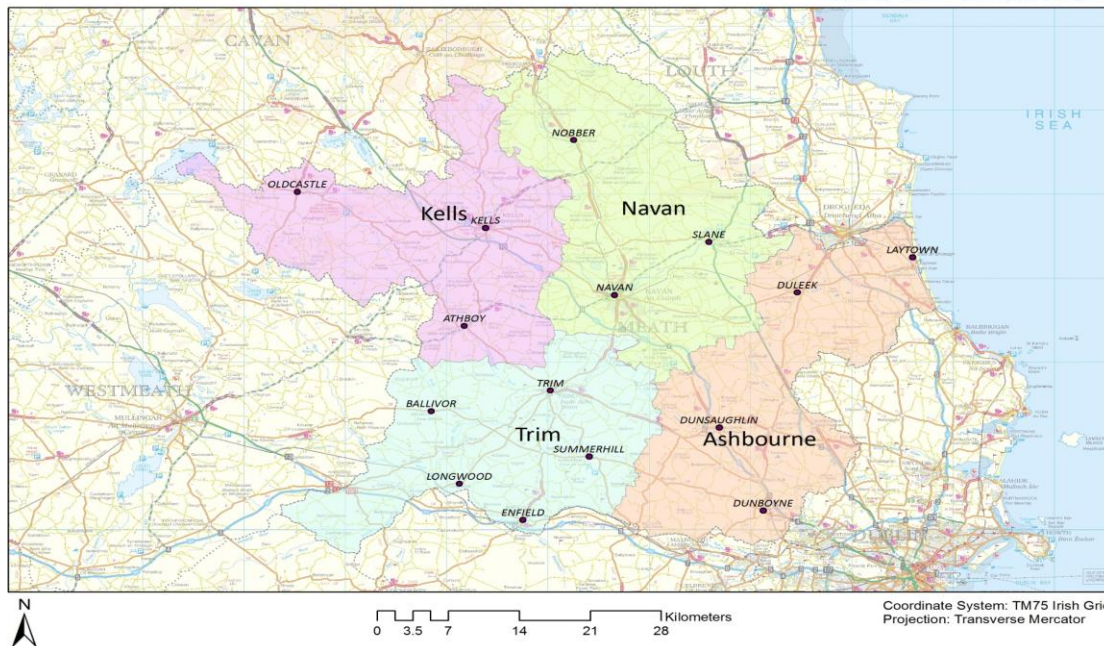


Meath County Joint Policing Committee Annual Report for the year 2018



JPC Study trip to Wexford June 2018

MEATH DIVISION





1. Introduction

Section 35 of An Garda Síochána Act 2005 provides for the establishment of Joint Policing Committees (JPC). The Meath Joint Policing Committee was established in 2015 following the introduction of new JPC Guidelines by the Minister for Justice in August 2014.

The Joint Policing Committee's function is to serve as a forum for consultations, discussions and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the Local Authorities administrative area.

At a meeting held on the 4th of February 2016 the Meath Joint Policing Committee Strategic Plan 2016-2020 was formally adopted.

2. JPC Meetings 2018

Meetings were held in Buvinda House Navan with 4 meetings held as follows:

- 26th February 2018
- 28th May 2018
- 24th September 2018
- 10th December 2018

3. Presentations

In addition to strategy development work, the JPC also received presentations on and considered other relevant policing matters, such as:

Presentation	Presented By	Meeting
County Crime Statistics: Levels and patterns of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in Co Meath.	Chief Supt Fergus Healy	February 2018 May 2018 September 2018 December 2018
County Meath Policing Plan 2018		May 2018
JPC Annual Report 2017	Fiona Fallon SEO	February 2018



JPC Sub-Committee Quarterly Report to JPC	E Farrelly SSO	February 2018 May 2018 September 2018 December 2018
Presentation on Make Way Day Campaign	E Farrelly SSO	September 2018
Criminal Assets Bureau Operations	Chief Superintendent Pat Clavin	May 2018
JPC members Study Trip to Wexford Divisional HQ	12 Members in attendance	June 2018
Presentation from Meath Community Drug & alcohol Response: MCDAR	Cathy Whelan Coordinator	September 2018
Presentation from AGS on Property Marking	Sgt Ken Coughlan	December 2018

4. Membership of County Meath Joint Policing Committee

An Garda Síochana (2)	Chief Superintendent Fergus Healy Superintendent Michael Devine (Retired from Sept 2018)	Oireachtas Members (all)	Minister D English Minister Helen McEntee Minister Regina Doherty Thomas Byrne TD Shane Cassells TD Peadar Tobin TD Ray Butler Senator
MCC Elected Members (15)	Chair :Cllr Trevor Golden Vice Chair: Cllr Alan Tobin Cllr Gillian Toole Cllr Francis Deane Cllr Sharon Tolan	PPN/Community & Voluntary Sector (7)	Jim Matthews (Later Life Network replaced by John Tobin from Sept) Carol O' Flaherty (Vincent de Paul) Bernard Kenny (Core Navan) Ronnie Owens North Meath Development Association



	<p>Clr Dr Claire O'Driscoll</p> <p>Clr Eimear Ferguson</p> <p>Clr Wayne Harding</p> <p>Clr Sinead Burke</p> <p>Clr Enda Flynn</p> <p>Clr Padraig Fitzsimons</p> <p>Clr Damien O Reilly (replaced by Clr Stephen McKee from May)</p> <p>Clr Maria Murphy</p> <p>Clr David Gilroy</p> <p>Clr Joe Reilly RIP</p>		<p>Conor O'Leary (Muintir na Tire)</p> <p>Angela Murphy (replaced by Bill Commerford from May)</p> <p>Patrycja Skuza and Salome Maher (Comhairle na Nog)</p>
<p>Meath Co Co Officials (2)</p>	<p>Barry Lynch Director of Services</p> <p>Fiona Fallon Senior Executive Officer(replaced by Aine Bird from May)</p>		

(The JPC members from An Garda Síochána and Meath Co Co may be accompanied to meetings by other Garda officers and personnel as appropriate)



5. Summary of progress in implementing the JPC's work programme

The JPC strategic plan provides a structured and integrated approach to achieving social, economic and environmental wellbeing of all those that work, live and visit Co. Meath.

In this strategy three strands inform the work of the JPC, namely educational/awareness work, prevention and enforcement. The strategy outlines general aims, so that the JPC can be flexible to adapt to changing priorities and good practice over the term of the Plan.

The priority issues for the Co. Meath JPC have been identified as the following and these are consistent with the Local Economic and Community Plan 2016-2021 and the Age Friendly Strategy 2017-2020 that have been adopted by the Council.

- Crime Prevention – to reduce the levels of crime in Co. Meath
- Community/Personal Safety– to increase people's sense of security in their communities and ensure that they can undertake their daily activities in a safe manner
- Promoting Public Order – to reduce the incidents of anti social behaviour and public disorder in Co. Meath
- Road Safety – to reduce road accidents and fatalities

Meath Garda Crime Statistics 2014-2018

Category	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2017/18.%Change
Property Crime	2,673	3,025	2,228	2,956	3,400	-12%
Burglary (not aggravated)	603	789	578	858	919	-24%
Robbery from establishment/Institution	14	21	14	24	25	-33%
Crime against the Person	570	512	472	505	428	+14%
Robbery from the Person	13	15	15	26	26	-14%
Theft from the Person	27	24	21	54	59	+12%
Theft from Vehicle	402	534	431	564	679	-25%
Theft/U/T of vehicle	172	150	137	222	292	+14%
Theft from Shop –	708	641	461	508	512	+10%
Theft of other property -	627	692	466	568	720	-10%
Road User Fatalities	7	9	12	8	5	-23%



6. Reports from the JPC Sub Committees 2018

At the February 2016 JPC meeting the committee approved the 5 year Strategic Plan and agreed that an annual review of the plan should occur thereafter. It was also agreed to set up working groups to deliver on the objectives of the strategy .The following 3 sub- committees were set-up under each priority issue identified in the strategy and chaired by a Councillor of the JPC.

- **Community Safety and Crime Prevention – Chaired by Cllr E Ferguson**
- **Road Safety and Improved Driver Behaviour – Chaired by Cllr D Gilroy**
- **Public Order and Anti Social Behaviour – Chaired by Cllr M Murphy**

Public Order and Anti-Social Behaviour Sub Committee

Chair: Cllr Maria Murphy

Members: Inspector Declan Power, Cllr Gillian Toole, Cllr Frances Deane, Bernard Kenny, Bill Commerford.

The PO & ASB Sub Committee met 4 times over the course of 2018 and considered the following Actions under the Strategic Plan:

Strategic Objectives	Summary of strategy to be pursued	Anticipated outcomes	Outcomes at 31/12/2018
SCO 1.5: To Increase Perceptions and Experience of Community Safety	<p>1 Ensure that proper attention and seriousness is given to rural Anti Social Behaviour.</p> <p>2 Revision of MCC's Anti Social Behaviour Policy, and</p>	Rural communities feel more supported to tackle this problem.	<p>Mapping of existing Text-Alert Groups from AGS to examine gaps.Q1-Q4</p> <p>Review and update of the JPC Website in line with the Councils full web-site review underway.Q3/Q4</p> <p>Review of MCCs ASB Policy in Council estates carried out Q2</p>



	<p>preventative measures to be explored</p> <p>3 Review of existing Bye Laws in operation in the County .</p> <p>4 To support and coordinate the activities of Community/Text Alert groups within the County</p>	<p>Reduction in anti social behaviour activity</p> <p>Effective and efficient operation of appropriate Laws in the pursuit of Public Order</p> <p>A strengthened, well supported Community/Text Alert infrastructure</p>	<p>Review of MCCs Parks/Foreshore/Abandoned Cars/Litter Bye-laws Q1 and enforcement procedures implemented by MCC/AGS .Prosecution levels to be reviewed annually.</p> <p>AGS have arranged to hold District Text Alert Meetings with TE Groups from 2018.</p> <p>Submissions made to Dept of Justice regarding increased level of crime in rural communities</p>
<p>SCO 3.3: To Address the Specific Needs of Particular Groups</p>	<p>5 Work in partnership to divert children and young people from anti social behaviour, including assessment of current Garda youth related services</p> <p>6 Work in partnership to ensure that young people engage positively with the justice system</p>	<p>Reduction in levels of anti social behaviour</p> <p>Reduction in levels of anti social behaviour</p>	<p>Reports received on the levels of ASB encountered in Meath Public Housing examined in Q2 for annual review.Sub-Committee received a briefing from MCDAR on the engagement with youth and moralised groups combating drug ,substance and alcohol abuse.</p> <p>Updates on the Navan District NYPD and Ashbourne District LAR Project discussed in Q3 with presentations received from AGS</p>



Community Safety and Crime Prevention Sub Committee

Chair: Cllr Eimear Fergusson

Members: Inspector Martina Noonan, Sgt Dean Kearns, Cllr Joe Reilly, Conor O’Leary, Jim Matthews, Carol O’Flaherty ,Patrycja Skuza

The CS & CP Sub Committee met 4 times over the course of 2018 and considered the following Actions under the Strategic Plan:

Strategic Objectives	Summary of strategy to be pursued	Anticipated outcomes	Outcomes at 31/12/2018
<p>SCO 1.5: To Increase Perceptions and Experience of Community Safety</p>	<p>Develop a means to identify priority locations for targeted intervention based on evidence of need</p> <p>Extend the ‘Crime Ambassador’ programme that supports older people to develop crime prevention strategies</p> <p>Develop and support joint programmes/activities between older people and the</p>	<p>Pilot targeted initiatives activated, with resulting reduced levels of crime/anti social behaviour in ‘hot spot’ areas</p> <p>Increased coverage of community/personal safety programmes</p> <p>Reduction in levels of mistrust between the younger and older</p>	<p>Draft County CCTV Scheme under discussion at Q4 and CCTV Scheme installed and operational in Duleek/Donore . Outcome of County CCTV Scheme Policy dependent on outcomes of MCC data protection/GDPR impact assessments</p> <p>Crime Ambassador Programme not extended to include Co Meath –Age Well Programme underway out of Age Friendly strategy proving very successful in reaching-out to vulnerable elderly people.</p> <p>Chair Yoga programme promoted by Later Life Network in Q1.IT Skills Programme with Eureka Transition Yr & Elderly</p>



<p>SCO 3.3: To Address the Specific Needs of Particular Groups</p>	<p>younger population to encourage cross generational support and trust including the extension of 'The Way We Were' programme</p> <p>Increase awareness and implementation of crime prevention measures</p> <p>Analysis of crime figures pertaining to older persons to address the perception of crime versus reality in order to reduce fear level</p> <p>Support an environment where older people's sense of security is enhanced through befriending and other initiatives .Initiate a series of preventative programmes enhancing older people's safety</p> <p>Build a peaceful, safe, inclusive and cohesive society that is tolerant and respectful of diversity</p>	<p>populations.</p> <p>Increased coverage of crime prevention measures</p> <p>Fear of crime among older persons reduced</p> <p>Fear of crime reduced among older persons</p> <p>Fear of crime reduced among older persons</p>	<p>underway Q1 promoted by AGS, which won an award in the Age Friendly Recognition awards. Similar courses underway in Nobber and Ashbourne and Kells</p> <p>Crime prevention Officer did targeted advise clinics in Q3/Q4 - business/Farmers. Community Open Days Ashbourne Garda Station, Property Recovery, Facebook Alerts, Missing person alerts, crime call piece on RTE etc.</p> <p>There was no analysis of incidences of elderly crime figures forthcoming from AGS during 2018</p> <p>LLN are targeting the 6 main active retirement groups in the County, one in each MD and address issues that came up last year such as vulnerability to fraud or scams; - there is a new HSE safeguarding system. Bring MABS on board to explain about managing money and budgeting.</p> <p>Advices provided by Muintir na Tire on the text alert scheme to encourage more participation.</p>
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	Take appropriate measures to reduce racist crime and discrimination	Reduction in levels of racist crime and discrimination	Migrant Strategy across Meath Louth taking place in 2019 which input will be invited from the committee
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Road Safety and Improved Driver Behaviour Sub Committee

Chair: Cllr David Gilroy

Members: Sgt Pat Dowd, Michael Finnegan Road Safety Officer, Cllr Alan Tobin, Cllr Enda Flynn, Cllr Sharon Tolan, Cllr Stephen McKee, Ronnie Owens ,

The RS & IDB Sub Committee met 4 times over the course of 2018 and considered the following Actions under the Strategic Plan:

Strategic Objectives	Summary of strategy to be pursued	Anticipated outcomes	Outcomes at 31/12/2018
SCO 1.5: To Increase Perceptions and Experience of Community Safety	Promote the Road Safety message, including awareness of the dangers, and address careless behaviour	A reduction in road accidents and fatalities	AGS and RSO promoting road safety message around primary and secondary schools in the County Q2/Q3/Q4. Road Deaths down from 9 in 2017 to 7 in 2018.
SCO 3.3: To Address the Specific Needs of Particular Groups	Promote a clean local environment to cultivate pride of place and community ownership Work to improve the perception of community safety among local communities via increased civic participation	Improvement in image and confidence of communities Communities supported and equipped to promote and advance the Community Safety agenda	PPN Network Forum used to disseminate information on Road Safety and also Public Adverts at Holiday time. Leaflets advising communities of new 30KPH Speed limits under MCC Speed limit Bye laws in estates in each Municipal District circulated via the PPN network in Q1 . The cycle safety programme is co-ordinated by Meath Sports Partnership and rolled out with the support of the Road Safety Authority to promote safe cycling for



	<p>Develop Estate Management Initiatives and supports to Tenant/Resident Associations</p>	<p>Implement safety estate management plans/Creation of safer residential environments</p>	<p>primary school classes in Meath. This programme provides safe cycle training for classes from 3rd through to 6th class and continues to be very popular.</p> <p>Review of Estate Management Policy issues to arise via the Housing and Community SPC during 2019 which hope to have input in.</p>
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7. Public Meeting 2018

A public meeting was held on the 17th October 2018 in Navan

Questions were submitted on the evening and responded to by the Chief Superintendent and revolved around community policing, levels of crime, road traffic issues. The event was well attended by the public on the night.

The public in attendance were invited to raise issues and the following were discussed:

- More gardai on the beat in Johnstown Navan
- Unanswered phone calls in Navan Station
- Improved funding to Meath Division
- Garda Station for Johnstown and regular Car patrols in Navan
- Rural Policing around Lismullen School
- Channel of Comms between MCC and AGS for consultation on alleyways, alcohol, traffic calming ,etc
- CCTV Update and Text Alert Scheme
- PPN Laytown/Bettystown Muno -Derelict Sites are contributing to ASB particularly at Bettystown Beach.
- What is being done about ASB at Bailis Johnstown around the former Jackie Skelly Gym
- Anti-Social Behaviour and intimidation of certain residents in Athboy- garda response time from Kells GS
- Johnstown issues :garda numbers ,community guards, what number for the



- new call center and will they answer
- How many ASBOS issued in Navan District and Meath Division-arrest rate for burglaries ,how many offences committed by persons out on bail

The committee and sub-groups will continue to meet and progress the actions in the strategy plan and issues of public concern as they arise in 2019.

8. County Meath JPC Work Plan 2019

Obj No	Objective	Description	Sub Committee/JPC
1	Develop and adopt a CCTV Policy for Co Meath	Bring a Policy paper for adoption by the JPC in 2019. This will be subject to the outcome of the MCC data protection impact assessments.	CS &CP/JPC
2	Pursue the introduction of the Crime Ambassador programme in Co Meath	Arrange distribution of the Age Well Programme being promoted by 3 rd Age for Older Persons -Leaflet via the PPN	CS &CP/JPC
3	Develop and support joint programmes/activities between older people and the younger population to encourage cross generational support and trust including the extension of 'The Way We Were' programme	Promote engagement between Comhairle na nÓg and Later Life Network to encourage participation in activity programmes involving MSP/LMETB during 2019	CS &CP/JPC
4	Increase awareness and implementation of crime prevention measures	Initiate Programme of Crime Prevention advisory clinics by AGS with targeted groups across the County	CS &CP/JPC
5	Initiate a series of preventative programmes enhancing older people's safety	Expand the number of and coverage of Text Alert Groups in the County Launch the Seniors Alert Scheme via the Age Friendly Alliance/LLN	CS & CP/JPC



6	Ensure that proper attention and seriousness is given to Anti Social Behaviour.	Update sought on Text Alert Groups to examine gaps. Quantify the number of AGS meetings with TE Groups in the County during 2019 and identify any gaps in same	PO &ASB/JPC
7	Monitor MCC's Anti Social Behaviour Policy, and preventative measures to be explored	Quantify the number of School visits/YTS engagements by AGS/MCC in 2019 and identify any gaps in delivery of the programmes across the County.	PO &ASB/JPC
8	Work in partnership to divert children and young people from anti social behaviour, including assessment of current Garda youth related services	Seek presentation from AGS and MCC on the incidence of ASB and assist in identifying preventative measures that may be employed to reduce ASB	PO &ASB/JPC
9	Work in partnership to ensure that young people engage positively with the justice system	Research the value of the Youth Diversion programme in the County	PO &ASB/JPC
10	Promote the Road Safety message, including awareness of the dangers, and address careless behaviour	Identify ways to improve public awareness of traffic dangers at bank holidays via RSO and advertising campaigns	RS &IDB/JPC
11	Work to improve the perception of community safety among local communities via increased civic participation	Foster a positive road safety attitude across local communities – receive presentations on Control of Horses/Dogs Littering offences/Traffic violations from	RS &IDB/JPC



		MCC /AGS	
12	Develop Estate Management Initiatives and supports to Tenant/Resident Associations	Encourage Residents Associations to join with local Text Alert Groups to increase coverage across the County. Tie in with PPN Secretariat in joint promotion programme	RS & IDB/JPC