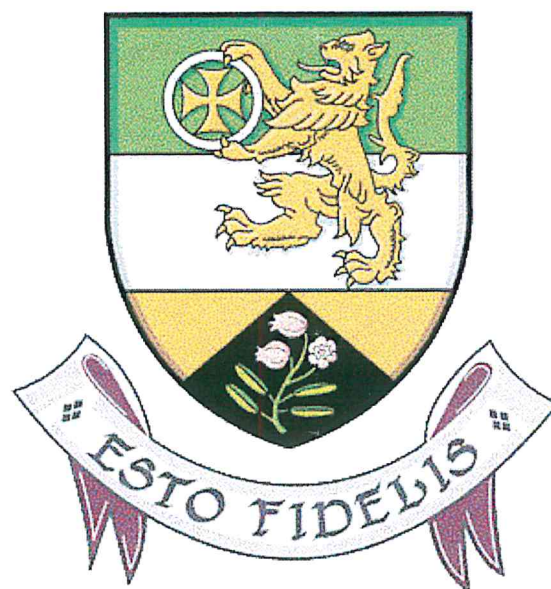


# OFFALY JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE

## *ANNUAL REPORT 2016*



## **Mission Statement**

*“To foster safe and secure communities in the county.”*

### **Strategic Goals:**

- **Communications**
- **Community Policing & Rural Isolation**
- **Crime Prevention**
- **Road Safety**
- **Public Safety**

### **Core Values:**

- **Work in genuine partnership to deliver for the people of Offaly**
- **Honesty & Integrity**
- **Public Interest**
- **Accountability**
- **Active participation**
- **Respect**

## RECORD OF MEETINGS HELD IN 2016 AND LIST OF MEMBERS

1. 3 JPC meetings were held in 2016 on:
  - i. 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016;
  - ii. 30<sup>th</sup> May 2016; and
  - iii. 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016
2. Name of Chairperson: Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick
3. Meetings are held In Committee with the press invited to attend the public meeting.
4. A public meeting was held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016 in the Court Hotel, Tullamore.
5. Safer Community Seminar held in October 2016 was widely reported in the local press. Presentations were provided by Sergeant Graham Kavanagh; Colin Connolly, IFA Theft Stop; Kenneth P Hill, Durrow Community Alert; Sarah O'Connell, Road Safety Authority; Michael Hogan, Offaly County Council Fire Service

Public stands were set up by Offaly County Council Fire Service; Offaly County Council Roads Department; Road Safety Authority, Offaly Gardaí / Crime Prevention Unit / Community Alert; Laois TRIP South & West Offaly Home Fix; Tullamore Social Services; North Offaly Care and Repair Service; Ballycommon Friendly Call Service; Citizens Information; IFA Theft Stop; Drugs Taskforce; Age Friendly Ireland and Muintir na Tire

6. Attendance Record 2016:

NAME OF MEMBER	ORGANISATION OF WHICH MEMBER	TITLE	NO OF JPC MEETINGS ATTENDED
Noel Bourke	Offaly County Council	Co. Councillor	3
John Carroll	Offaly County Council	Co. Councillor	3
John Clendennen	Offaly County Council	Co. Councillor	3
Noel Cribbin	Offaly County Council	Co. Councillor	2
Sinead Dooley	Offaly County Council	Co. Councillor	1
Eddie Fitzpatrick	Offaly County Council	Co. Councillor	2
John Foley	Offaly County Council	Co. Councillor	2
Declan Harvey	Offaly County Council	Co. Councillor	2
Brendan Killeavy	Offaly County Council	Co. Councillor	0
John Leahy	Offaly County Council	Co. Councillor	3
Sean Maher	Offaly County Council	Co. Councillor	1 of 2 meetings
Frank Moran	Offaly County Council	Co. Councillor	1
Peter Ormond	Offaly County Council	Co. Councillor	1
Marcella Corcoran-Kennedy	Oireachtas Member	T.D.	1
Barry Cowen	Oireachtas Member	T.D.	1
Carol Nolan	Oireachtas Member	T.D.	0
Anna Marie Delaney	Offaly County Council	Chief Executive	3
Declan Kirrane	Offaly County Council	Director of Services	1
Monica Cleary	Offaly County Council	S.E.O. Corporate Services	3
John Scanlon	An Garda Siochana	Chief Superintendent	2
Martin Cashen	An Garda Siochana	Superintendent	1
John Maloney	An Garda Siochana	Superintendent	2
Michael Brennan	Community Representative		2
Vincent Bermingham	Community Representative		2
Mary Delaney	Community Representative		3
Gerard Galvin	Community Representative		1
Adrian Haines	Community Representative		1
Mary Margaret Martin	Community Representative		3

*Inspector Kieran Keyes deputised for Superintendent Martin Cashen at the February and October meetings, and Superintendent John Maloney at the May meeting.*

## *JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE WORK PLAN 2015 – 2020*

### **Progress Report considered at the JPC Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

<b>Objectives</b>	<b>By Whom</b>	<b>Time Frame</b>
<b>OBJECTIVE 1: COMMUNICATION</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adopt, publish and launch the Strategic Work Plan</li> </ul>	JPC / OCC	Completed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Host a public Joint Policing Committee meeting</li> </ul>	JPC	Held in October 2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote school education programme</li> </ul>	OCC / Garda Síochána	Local and Community Development staff member supports Comhairle na nÓg.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a Communication Strategy to inform the general public and the community sector about the Joint Policing Committee e.g. newspapers, local radio campaign, PPN newsletter, and www.offaly.ie website</li> </ul>	Sub Group – Garda Síochána / PPN / OCC	Minutes to be included on Council agenda for noting.  Safer Community Seminar held in October 2016 was widely reported in the local press.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrange appropriate training for the all JPC Members</li> </ul>	OCC / JPC	On-going
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure meeting's Agenda include a report from the Gardai and Offaly County Council</li> </ul>	OCC / Garda Síochána	Reports from An Garda Síochána and Council were provided at each meeting.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitate JPC input to policy submissions as appropriate</li> </ul>	JPC / OCC	Submissions forwarded in August 2016 on the formulation of An Garda Síochána Policing Plan, 2017.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organise a Safer Communities Seminar</li> </ul>	Sub Group – Garda Síochána / PPN / OCC	Safer Communities Seminar held in October 2016.

## OBJECTIVE 2: COMMUNITY POLICING and RURAL ISOLATION

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote the establishment of Community Alert Groups throughout the county</li> </ul>	Garda Síochána / PPN	On-going, quarterly Community Watch network meeting held in Áras an Chontae
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore the co-ordination of Community Alert areas</li> </ul>	Garda Síochána / PPN / OCC	On-going through the work of the Community Watch network meetings.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote the use of Community Text Alerts</li> </ul>	JPC	On-going through the Community Watch Network. Currently in the region 73 groups in the scheme at present.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support the retention of a Garda presence in rural areas</li> </ul>	JPC	Regular updates on this issue are sought at JPC meetings.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participation of Offaly County Council and Garda representatives in the Community Development structures and initiatives emanating from the SICAP and RAPID Programmes in disadvantaged areas.</li> </ul>	Garda Síochána / PPN	Participation in these initiatives continued during 2016.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy 2015</li> </ul>	OCC in conjunction with JPC	Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy adopted by Offaly County Council 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan. 2016.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Examine adopted Estate Management strategies and initiatives with a view to developing a co-ordinated approach between Offaly County Council, Garda Síochána and HSE</li> </ul>	OCC / Garda Síochána / HSE	Updated Estate Management Policy adopted by Offaly County Council on 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2017.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support Estate Management Committees / Resident Associations</li> </ul>	OCC / Garda Síochána	<p>The County Council and Municipal Districts, in conjunction with An Garda Síochána, continue to support the work of Residents Associations and Management Committees.</p> <p>Offaly County Council staff worked with local voluntary groups in Tullamore in the</p>

		Entente Florale Competition.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Develop a programme in conjunction with Comhairle na nÓg, local schools and youth groups to assist young people in dealing with issues such as crimes against children, bullying (incl. Cyber bullying), alcohol and substance abuse.</li></ul>	OCC/ PPN / JPC	On-going liaison with Garda Community Policing unit, with Garda representatives attending the Comhairle AGM.

### OBJECTIVE 3: CRIME PREVENTION

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement measures to combat serious crime</li> </ul>	Garda Síochána	On-going
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support public awareness campaign about crime prevention initiatives</li> </ul>	All	On-going
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of existing CCTV systems in the County</li> </ul>	All	The Gardai continue to review and develop the existing and new CCTV systems in the County.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify any areas where additional street lighting is required.</li> </ul>	OCC / Garda Síochána	In 2016 Offaly County Council commenced a programme of upgrading street lighting with LED units.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of licensing, night time closing hours of entertainment and fast food outlets in the context of late night street disorder</li> </ul>	All	On-going
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Active engagement of community policing with local community groups including briefing of PPN on Crime Prevention initiatives.</li> </ul>	Garda Síochána / OCC	The PPN network met regularly during 2016.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement initiatives to address re-offending particularly young people.</li> </ul>	Garda Síochána	On-going
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Liaise with the Midland Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force (MRDAFT)</li> </ul>	JPC	The Council is represented on the MRDAFT and they had an information stand at the Safer Communities Seminar.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide comprehensive support for victims of crime including victims of domestic and sexual violence.</li> </ul>	Garda Síochána	On-going



### OBJECTIVE 4: ROAD SAFETY

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implementation of Road Traffic legislation and enforcement</li> </ul>	Garda Síochána	On-going
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Road Safety Committee to make regular reports to J.P.C.</li> </ul>	Garda Síochána / OCC	Reports were made to the JPC during the year.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure traffic management issues are reported in the local media etc.</li> </ul>	Garda Síochána / OCC	Notice of road closures and diversions are advertised in the local media.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to support Road Safety Education and Awareness initiatives</li> </ul>	Garda Síochána / OCC	An Garda Síochána / OCC worked in close conjunction with the RSA to deliver Awareness initiatives in 2016. The RSA provided a presentation at the Safer Communities Seminar.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to support Road Safety Education programmes in schools and youth communities</li> </ul>	Garda Síochána / OCC	An Garda Síochána / OCC worked in close conjunction with the RSA to deliver Awareness initiatives in 2016.  Continued support to School Warden Programme.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct a review of speed limits across the county with a particular emphasis on housing estates.</li> </ul>	OCC	New Speed limits introduced in Housing Estates across the County in 2016. Road speed limits currently under review.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish a Working Group to examine the Public Lighting networks across the County in respect of Road Safety.</li> </ul>	All	Working Group to be established in 2017 and report back in Q4, 2017.

## OBJECTIVE 5: PUBLIC SAFETY

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop protocols in respect of Public Events between the Gardai and Offaly County Council</li> </ul>	Garda Síochána / OCC	<p>On-going liaison between An Garda Síochána and O.C.C. for major public events. A working group, with members of the Gardaí and Council, was formed to ensure that traffic management was organised and communicated to the public in advance of the National Ploughing Championships. The Traffic Management Plan worked extremely well and no significant issues arose before, during or after the event. The ploughing championship will be held in Offaly in 2017.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Examine the Public Lighting Network with a view to improving public safety</li> </ul>	OCC	<p>In 2016 Offaly County Council commenced a programme of upgrading street lighting with LED units.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop protocols for addressing anti-social activity in public open space areas and parks.</li> </ul>	OCC	<p>The Council and An Garda Síochána continue to work together to develop protocols to deal with this issues as they arise.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of existing Offaly County Council Bye-Laws</li> </ul>	OCC	On-going