

Annual Report for Roscommon Joint Policing Committee for year 2016

ITEM 1:

Progress made in implementing the JPC's work programme during 2016

A draft document containing the objectives and strategies to be pursued by the JPC over the coming years was circulated to members. This document also contained the items from the Local Economic and Community Plan that have relevance to the JPC work plan and the high priority objectives that have been developed as a result of consultation with JPC members. Members discussion covered the following;

- Presence of Community Gardai very effective.
- Improvement in Frenchpark since assignment of additional resources.
- Community Alert Scheme very effective for elderly people living alone.
- Involvement of cycling clubs in any road safety initiatives.
- Text Alert System working very well in Roscommon.
- In relation to underage drinking 'Expect to be asked campaign' ongoing and successful.
- No Alcoholic Substance Allowed (NASA) campaign run by Comhairle na nOg working very well.

ITEM 2:

Three key achievements of the JPC during the year and why they are significant:

1. Ongoing development of Boyle as an Age Friendly Town. Continuing participation of key stakeholder members of the JPC, including An Garda Siochana, in this initiative is very important to the objective of developing Boyle as an Age Friendly Town.
2. Support of An Garda Siochana for the Town Team Initiative. Participation of members of An Garda Siochana on the Town Teams is significant as along with the participation of other key stakeholders it demonstrates a commitment to close involvement in the economic and community development of these six towns
3. An Garda Siochana met with stakeholders in the Ballaghderreen area regarding the installation of CCTV in the area. The Divisional Officer organised a public meeting with the local community. It was attended by elected representatives, Business people and Community representatives from the area. Personnel from the National Community Relations Office of An Garda Siochana were also present. A liaison Sergeant was identified to work directly with the local group and assist in the delivery of CCTV for the area.

ITEM 3:

Public meetings hosted by the JPC during the year.

Report from Public Meeting of County Roscommon Joint Policing Committee 2016

The 2016 public meeting of Co. Roscommon Joint Policing Committee (JPC) was held at 7.00pm on Thursday 8th December in the Athlone Springs hotel, Monksland, Co. Roscommon. The theme for the meeting was Community Safety in county Roscommon

A number of Gardaí gave very informative and insightful presentations as follows:

Chief Superintendent Pdraig Rattigan - Overview of community safety, crime levels, community initiatives and level of policing in Roscommon

Superintendent Fran Nicholson – Public Safety Roscommon District

Superintendent Seamus Boyle – Public safety Castlerea District

Garda Edel Toolan & Denise Cronin – Garda Victims Services Office

Linda Sice, Roscommon LEADER Partnership also gave a presentation on the Trusted Tradesman Initiative which is an action contained in the Local Economic and Community Plan and the JPC Work plan.

Three written questions were submitted to the JPC public meeting. The questions received related to specific complaints by the individual and may be related to an investigation or prosecution so may not be considered by the Joint Policing Committee.

The following items were also discussed:

Garda Vetting.

Road Safety and Mandatory Alcohol and Drug testing.

Garda Resources and Recruitment.

Role and importance of Community Gardaí.

Community Alert.

CCTV Scheme.

Rural Isolation.

Cycling Safety.

Councillor Paddy Kilduff, Chairperson of County Roscommon Joint Policing Committee then brought the meeting to a close by thanking the speakers and those in attendance for their contributions and their participation in the meeting.

ITEM 4:**Record of meetings held in 2016 and list of members.**Total number of JPC meetings held in the year: **4****Date of each meeting:**

29th April 2016	8th July 2016	2nd September 2016	8th December 2016
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Name of Chairperson: Councillor Paddy Kilduff

NAME OF MEMBER	ORGANISATION OF WHICH MEMBER	NO. OF JPC MEETINGS ATTENDED
Cllr Ivan Connaughton	Roscommon County Council	1
Cllr Domnick Connolly	Roscommon County Council	2
Cllr Michael Creaton	Roscommon County Council	3
Cllr Nigel Dineen	Roscommon County Council	0
Cllr Rachel Doherty	Roscommon County Council	1
Cllr Laurence Fallon	Roscommon County Council	4
Cllr Paschal Fitzmaurice	Roscommon County Council	1
Cllr Liam Callaghan	Roscommon County Council	1
Cllr Paddy Kilduff	Roscommon County Council	4
Cllr Joseph Murphy	Roscommon County Council	3
Cllr John Naughten	Roscommon County Council	4
Cllr Kathleen Shanagher	Roscommon County Council	4
Cllr Tony Ward	Roscommon County Council	2
Senator Terry Leyden	Seanad Éireann	1
Mr Brian Nerney	Business Community	4
Mr Bernard Kearney	Muintir na Tíre	1
Mr Conor Casey	Comhairle na nÓg	1
Mr John Macklin	Roscommon PPN	4
Ms Caroline Haran	Roscommon PPN	3
Mr Jim Ganly	Roscommon PPN	0
Chief Superintendent Padraig Rattigan	An Garda Síochána	4
Superintendent Fran Nicholson	An Garda Síochána	2
Superintendent Seamus Boyle	An Garda Síochána	2
Mr Martin Lydon	Director of Services RCC	1
Mr Pat Murtagh	Senior Executive Officer, RCC	4