

## **Annual Report for Roscommon Joint Policing Committee for year 2018**

### **ITEM 1:**

#### **Progress made in implementing the JPC's work programme during 2018**

- Chief Superintendent Padraig Rattigan retired and was replaced by Chief Superintendent Tom Curley.
- JPC gave consent to Ballaghaderreen Town Team to apply for the CCTV grant
- Gardai in Roscommon and Castlerea districts to be more proactive in the drug area as drug related incidents are on the increase. Roadside drug testing is being carried out and more staff members are undergoing training in this area.
- More check points to be take place across the district, especially during the day, due to a worrying rise in the level of drink driving convictions.
- Gardai have a call back system in place to deal with domestic incidents which closely monitors the pulse system for calls coming from the same alleged victim.
- Gardai proposed to start work on setting up a register for the elderly

### **ITEM 2:**

#### **Key achievements of the JPC during the year and why they are significant:**

##### **Three key achievements**

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 demonstrated a commitment to close involvement in the economic and community development of these six towns.
3. The Annual Harvest Gathering event took place in Kilbride Community Centre in October 2018. This event, which was organized by the community policing units in Roscommon, Castlerea, Boyle and Ballaghaderreen, was aimed at older people in County Roscommon and promoted and highlighted the community elements of the work of An Garda Siochana and the Joint Policing Committee.

### **ITEM 3:**

#### **Public meeting hosted by the JPC on 12<sup>th</sup> of December 2018.**

The 2018 public meeting of Co. Roscommon Joint Policing Committee (JPC) was held at 7.00pm on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> of December 2018 in The Abbey Hotel, Roscommon. Cllr Paddy Kilduff, Chairperson of Co. Roscommon JPC, welcomed everyone to the public meeting and highlighted the

JPC as a “positive and proactive” initiative. Cllr Kilduff welcomed the increasing visibility of Community Gardaí and the increased links between Roscommon County Council and An Garda Síochána. Cllr Kilduff appealed to people to make special efforts to call in on elderly people in their locality during the winter months to make them feel safer and more secure in their homes and he encouraged communities and individuals to make contact with their local Gardaí if they have any concerns regarding their local area.

Chief Superintendent Tony Healy commented on the important role that the Joint Policing Committee plays in policing across Co. Roscommon. Chief Superintendent Tony Healy also noted that while Co. Roscommon is fortunate that our crime levels are relatively low, when incidents do arise the local community plays a pivotal role in solving crimes. Chief Superintendent Tony Healy was very proactive in his address to the public and stated that the role of a guard should be out in the local communities and not stuck behind a desk.

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

- Inspector Pauric Jones – Roads Policing and Community Engagement for 2018 in the Roscommon District.
- Superintendent Seamus Boyle – Roads Policing and Community Engagement for 2018 in the Castlerea District.

One written query was submitted to the JPC public meeting but due to the details contained in the question we were unable to give an answer in public as it may lead to revealing details relating to operational matters.

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

### **ITEM 3:**

#### **Record of meetings held in 2018 and list of members.**

Please enter the total number of JPC meetings held in the year: 3

#### **Date of each meeting:**

<b>23rd March 2018</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> July 2018</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> December 2018 (Public Meeting)</b>
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**Name of Chairperson:** Councillor Paddy Kilduff

<b>NAME OF MEMBER</b>	<b>ORGANISATION OF WHICH MEMBER</b>	<b>NO. OF JPC MEETINGS ATTENDED</b>
Cllr Ivan Connaughton	Roscommon County Council	2
Cllr Domnick Connolly	Roscommon County Council	1
Cllr Michael Creaton	Roscommon County Council	3
Cllr Nigel Dineen	Roscommon County Council	0
Cllr Rachel Doherty	Roscommon County Council	2
Cllr Laurence Fallon	Roscommon County Council	2
Cllr Pascal Fitzmaurice	Roscommon County Council	1
Cllr Liam Callaghan	Roscommon County Council	1
Cllr Paddy Kilduff	Roscommon County Council	3
Cllr Joe Murphy	Roscommon County Council	2
Cllr John Naughten	Roscommon County Council	1
Cllr Kathleen Shanagher	Roscommon County Council	2
Cllr Tony Ward	Roscommon County Council	1
Senator Terry Leyden	Seanad Éireann	1
Senator Maura Hopkins	Seanad Éireann	1
Deputy Eugene Murphy	Dáil Éireann	0
Mr Brian Nerney	Business Community	2
Mr Bernie Kearney	Muintir na Tíre	3
Remy Ryan	Comhairle na nÓg	1
Caroline Haran	Frenchpark Development Cttee (PPN)	0
Jim Ganly	Roscommon Historical & Archaeological Society (PPN)	1
John Macklin	Knockcroghery Community Alert (PPN)	2
Chief Superintendent Tony Healy	An Garda Síochána	2
Chief Superintendent Tom Curley	An Garda Síochána	1
Superintendent Seamus Boyle	An Garda Síochána	2
Superintendent Fran Nicholson	An Garda Síochána	0
Detective Inspector Pat Finlay	An Garda Síochána	1
Patrick M. Conway	An Garda Síochána	0
Mr Eugene Cummins, Chief Executive	Chief Executive, RCC	0
Ms. Majella Hunt, Director of Services	Director of Services, RCC	0
Nollaig Whyte	A/Senior Executive Officer	1
Pat Murtagh	Senior Executive Officer	2