



**TIPPERARY COUNTY JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE
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Introduction

Section 35 of An Garda Síochána Act 2005 provides for the establishment of Joint Policing Committees (JPC).

The Tipperary Joint Policing Committee was established in 2014 following the merger of North and South Tipperary County Councils and the abolition of North Tipperary JPC and South Tipperary JPC.

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 on the 4th of March 2016 the Tipperary Joint Policing Committee Strategic Plan 2015-2021 was formally adopted.

Meetings 2018

Meetings are held on rotation across the five Municipal Districts within County Tipperary. There were 4 meetings of Tipperary JPC held in 2018, as follows:

- 26th January Council Chamber, Cashel Tipperary MD, Tipperary Town
- 22nd June Council Chamber, Templemore-Thurles MD, Thurles
- 21st September Council Chamber, Templemore-Thurles MD
- 7th December Council Chamber, Carrick-on-Suir MD Carrick-on-Suir.
(first official meeting at new civic offices-photo above)

Presentations to the JPC 2018

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

Presentation	Presented by	Meeting
Review levels & patterns of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in the county:	Chief Superintendent Catherine Kehoe	26 th January/ 22nd June/21st September/7th December
Criminal Assets Bureau functions and powers	Mr. Patrick Clavin	22nd June
Restorative Justice Practices	Ms.Lindsay Malone–Carlow IT	21st September
Suir Community Based Drugs Initiative and substance misuse supports in Carrick-on-Suir	Ms. Maureen Walsh	7th December
Mr. Dave Paisley of the Policing Authority attended the January meeting of the JPC		



Membership of County Tipperary Joint Policing Committee

Section 16.3 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005 sets out as below the membership components for the County Tipperary Joint Policing Committee.

Local Authority area types	Local authority elected members	Oireachtas elected members	Local authority official	An Garda Síochána	Community
Counties with 32 or more elected members)	15	5	2	2	7
Membership of County Tipperary Joint Policing Committee					
An Garda Síochána (2)	Chief Superintendent Catherine Keogh Plus 1 other	Oireachtas (5)	VACANT Deputy Mattie McGrath Deputy Jackie Cahill Deputy Michael Lowry Deputy Seamus Healy		
LA Elected Member (15)	Cllr Roger Kennedy (CHAIR) Cllr Martin Lonergan Cllr Andy Moloney Cllr Catherine Carey Cllr Phyll Bugler Cllr Fiona Bonfield Cllr Hughie McGrath Cllr John Crosse Cllr Denis Leahy Cllr David Dunne Cllr Kieran Bourke Cllr Imelda Goldsboro Cllr Sean Ryan Cllr David Doran Cllr Michael Smith	PPN/Community (7)	Billy Collins (Farming Pillar) Joe Leahy (Business Pillar) Carmel O'Neill (PPN Tipp/Cashel MD) Catherine Guest (PPN Thurles MD) Margaret Sheehy (PPN Nenagh MD) Anne Richardson (PPN Carrick-on-Suir MD) VACANT (PPN Clonmel MD)		
Local Authority Official (2)	Pat Slattery Director of Services Margo Hayes, Administrative Officer				

(The JPC members from An Garda Síochána and Tipperary County Council may be accompanied to meetings by other Garda officers and other Council officials as deemed appropriate)



Key Achievements of Tipperary JPC in 2018

- Clarity was sought in relation to the role of the Local Authority as Data Controllers in relation to CCTV systems this has now been provided.
- A recommendation by the Joint Policing Committee that a Property Marking Telesis Machine would be purchased for use by Community groups within Co Tipperary is to be progressed.
- Municipal District Safety Committees meetings took place in each of the MD areas. These allowed for discussion in relation to operational safety issues in camera while general feedback/progress from the meetings fed into the JPC on a quarterly basis.
- Presentations in relation to the review of levels and patterns of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in Co Tipperary were provided at all the JPC meetings and clarity in relation to key Garda Operations and policies were provided across a range of areas.
- Information was provided in relation to the E-Drivers - ERASMUS+-This project is looked at road safety and driver behaviour. The objective of the project was to develop an education and training programme to alter the fundamental attitudes that exacerbate risk, focusing on self awareness and understanding the circumstances that lead to safer driving
- Patrick Clavin- Chief Bureau Officer of CAB presented on the role of CAB to provide information about the Criminal Assets Bureau and appeal for information concerning local activity and likely targets.
- The lack of Rural Transport (Taxi) provision came up as an issue and the National Transport Authority provided information on the taxi licensing processes (to be progressed in 2019).
- Community Policing Participation was a key component in the social infrastructure of Co Tipperary. Examples of effective community policing was the participation by Gardaí in the consultation process on the new RAPID Plans for Teams in Tipperary, Carrick-on-Suir and Clonmel. Community Police continue to participate and lead action on the Community Action Partnerships in Roscrea and Littleton. Community Garda also participate at PPN plenary level and have engaged in the Healthy Tipperary and Age Friendly actions of Tipperary County Council.
- To progress action 7.1 of the JPC strategic Plan (promote restorative justice), a presentation on Restorative Justice practices was provided by Lindsay Malone of Carlow IT. Subsequently JOC members were provided with details of a course being run in Limerick covering the principles of restorative practices.



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Community Gardaí in Nenagh participated in the recent Age Friendly Health and Well Being Event at the Racket Hall Roscrea on the 10.10.2018 which involved over 70 exhibitors/stands



Drugs seized by an Gardaí as part of Operation Overwatch



Comhairle na nOg support the 'no hatespeech' Campaign



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Community Policing Gardaí at Clonmel assisted in the annual Clonmel Zombie Walk which is held on Halloween night. This event funded by Tipperary County Council through their RAPID budget.