



Tipperary County Joint Policing Committee

Annual Report for the year 2021



Figure 1 September 2021 Community Groups participating in a Community Safety and property marking training event in Cappawhite Co . Tipperary.



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.

Meetings 2021

There were 4 meetings of Tipperary JPC held in 2021 all by Zoom on the following dates:

- 12th February 2021 Zoom
- 14th May 2021 Zoom
- 10th September 2021 Zoom
- 17th December 2021 Zoom.

Presentations to the JPC 2021

In addition to strategy development work, the JPC also received presentations and considered other relevant policing matters.

At each meeting Chief Superintendent Derek Smart provides the committee with an update on the levels and patterns of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in the county.

At the February meeting (11/2/2021) Fiona Crotty gave a presentation on Tipperary Age Friendly Digital Connections which is aimed at promoting digital technology and engagement among older people in Tipperary with pilot sites across the County.



At the May meeting (14/5/2021) Anne Bradshaw HSE gave a presentation on the 'Inside Out' booklet. The aim of the booklet is to make society a safer place for all.

Inside Out came about as a result of increasing concern amongst people with disabilities and older people in the community who have been victims of crimes or are fearful of becoming crime victims in their local community. The aim was to create a project that would highlight the issues but also provide a solution or project that would bring about a change in society. Long term impact of crime on people with disabilities and older people is sometimes underestimated. In November of 2021 the project was honoured in the 2021 Garda Síochána Youth Awards.

Table 1 lists some of the presentations to the JPC in 2021.

Presentation	Presented by	Meeting
Review levels & patterns of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in the county:	Chief Superintendent Derek Smart	12 th February, 14 th of May, 10 th September and the 17 th December
Tipperary Age Friendly Digital Connections.	Fiona Crotty Tipperary Age Friendly Programme Manager	12 th of February 2021
Inside Out Crime and Disability Awareness Project	Anne Bradshaw, Disability Services, Gold Star Universal Access Project,	14 th May 2021

Table 1 List of Presentations made to the JPC in 2021

Membership of County Tipperary Joint Policing Committee

The membership of the Tipperary Joint Policing Committee is based on the Joint Policing Committees Guidelines – Amended August 2014. Tipperary County Council has 40 elected members. It is recommended that the JPC consist of:

- 2 An Garda Síochána,
- 15 Local Authority Elected Members,



- 5 Oireachtas Elected Members,
- 9 Community
- 2 Local Authority Officials

At the July 3rd 2020 meeting Tipperary JPC agreed to add an extra member to the Committee to represent migrant community. This was proposed by Cllr Pat English and seconded by Cllr Marie Murphy. On the 20th of December 2021 Tipperary PPN elected Sabelo Mavuso as the Migrant Rep to Tipperary JPC. This increases the membership of the PPN from 32 to 33.

Table 2 below lists the current Tipperary JPC members as of January 2022.

Tipperary Joint Policing Committee – Membership at February 2021		
Gardaí	Chief Superintendent Derek Smart Plus 1 other Superintendent	2
Oireachtas	Deputy Mattie McGrath Deputy Jackie Cahill Deputy Michael Lowry Deputy Martin Browne Deputy Alan Kelly	5
LA Elected Member	Cllr. Shane Lee Cllr. David Dunne Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald Cllr. Noel Coonan Cllr. Ger Darcy Cllr Hughie Mc Grath Cllr Fiona Bonfield Cllr. John Crosse Cllr. Marie Murphy Cllr. Tony Black Cllr. Annemarie Ryan Cllr. Pat English Cllr Siobhan Ambrose Cllr Richie Molloy Cllr Jim Ryan	15
PPN/Community	Imelda Walsh (Farming Pillar) NT* Pat Carroll (Farming Pillar) ST* Michelle Aylward (Business Pillar) Carmel O’Neill (PPN Tipp/Cashel MD)	9



	Margaret Sheehy (PPN Nenagh MD) Vacant (PPN Clonmel/Cahir MD) Anne Williamson (PPN Carrick-on-Suir) Gerard Fogarty (PPN Thurles) Sabelo Mavuso (PPN Migrant)	
LA Official	Pat Slattery Eddie Meegan	2
Total		33

Table 2 Membership of Tipperary JPC Jan 2022.

(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 2021

- Four meetings held in 2021 all using zoom due to Covid 19 restrictions.
- 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.
- Two external presentations one on digital poverty and the second on crime and disability
- Tipperary PPN elected Sabelo Mavuso to Tipperary JPC as a migrant representative
- A number of Tipperary JPC members attended Drug Intimidation Reporting Programme Training on 25th February 2021.
- Tipperary JPC funded and organised property marking events in Cappawhite, Drangan and Nenagh (X2) for community groups. There is one more being held in Newcastle on Jan 2022. Full list of groups who attended are in Appendix 1.
- Tipperary JPC took possession of the property marking machine from Property Marking Ireland.
- Tipperary JPC, received a Joint Data Controller Document which must now be completed by Tipperary County Council for all CCTV Scheme applications for Garda Commissioners Authorisation under Section 38(3)(c) of the Garda Síochána Act 2005.
- Tipperary JPC began the application process for Garda Commissioners Authorisation under Section 38(3)(c) of the Garda Síochána Act 2005 for the following Community CCTV Schemes
 - Burgees/Birdhill/Cooleens:
 - Littleton
 - Fethard
 - Borrisokane
- At the December meeting (17/12/2021) Tipperary JPC gave its support to the following Community CCTV Schemes
 - Burgees/Birdhill/Cooleens:
 - Littleton
 - Fethard
 - Borrisokane
 - Roscrea



- Tipperary JPC sought and received comment from Tipperary County Council Planning Section in relation to CCTV developments in Borrisokane and Roscrea
- Tipperary JPC supported the development of the migrant integration strategy and the survey link was sent to all the Garda District. A Garda was nominated to the Migrant Interagency group. Actions that the Gardai are interested in progressing include recruitment of non-Irish nationals to the force, tackling domestic violence and coercion in the non-Irish Community and communicating the ethos of Irish Policing to those from other cultures.
- Tipperary JPC funded Data Protection Impact Assessments for the following Community CCTV Schemes
 - Burgees/Birdhill/Cooleens:
 - Littleton
 - Fethard
 - Borrisokane
- Tipperary JPC sought advice from Tipperary County Council Data Protection Officer in relation to Joint Data controller Document and the DPIAs
- Tipperary Agri Co-ops and An Garda Síochána distributed Resilient Packs to older adult farmers who traditional would not be involved in older adult community groups and who may not typically engage online to get their information groups.



Appendix 1 List of Community Groups who participated in Property Marking events

1. Aherlow Kilross Comm Council
2. Annacarty Comm Text Alert
3. Ardcroney
4. Burgess
5. Burnchurch Burial Ground
6. Cappawhite Community Alert
7. Cashel Tidy Towns
8. CBS Secondary School Nenagh
9. Cloneen Text Alert
10. Donohill Comm Text Alert
11. Drangan Community Development
12. Drangan Text Alert
13. Fethard Community Alert
14. Glen of Aherlow Fáilte Society
15. Hollyford Comm Text Alert
16. Killavalla Community Group
17. Kilruane community alert
18. Knockalton Community Group
19. Marlbog Scout Centre Ltd.
20. Mullinahone Community alert
21. Nenagh Eire Og hurling club
22. Nenagh GAA
23. Nenagh Mens Sheds
24. North tipperary wheelers
25. Powerstown Lisronagh Community Alert
26. Terryglass, Coolbaun, Ballinderry Community Alert
27. Tipperary Tidy Towns
28. Toomevara Community alert