



Tipperary County Joint Policing Committee
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Figure 1: November 2022 Garda Anthony Owens from Tipperary Garda Station engraving the property owner's Eircode onto the trailer.



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 2022

There were 4 meetings of Tipperary JPC held in 2022 on the following dates:

- 25th February 2022 Thurles and Zoom
- 29th July 2022 Zoom
- 14th October 2022 Thurles and Zoom
- 16th December 2022 Thurles and Zoom

Presentations to the JPC 2022

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

At each meeting, the Chief Superintendent provides the committee with an update on the levels and patterns of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in the county. At the October meeting, Chief Superintendent Derek Smart stood down from his role on Tipperary JPC and was replaced by Chief Superintendent Colm O'Sullivan. Chief Superintendent Derek Smart updated the meetings in February, July and October. Chief Superintendent Colm O'Sullivan provided the updates at the December meeting.

At the October meeting (14/10/2022) Bernadette Dunne, Area Representative Task, Task Community Care gave a presentation on



CareLink personal security alarms which are monitored 24 hours a day 365 days a year for anyone at any age who feels vulnerable or at risk.

Carol Creighton District Administrator presented the proposed Clonmel Community CCTV Scheme to the Committee for approval at the October meeting.

Table 1 lists some of the presentations to the JPC in 2022.

Presentation	Presented by	Meeting
Review levels & patterns of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in the county:	Chief Superintendent Derek Smart	25 th February, 29 th July and 14 th October
Review levels & patterns of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in the county:	Chief Superintendent Colm O’Sullivan	16 th December
CareLink	Bernadette Dunne, Area Representative, Community Care Task	14 th October 2022
Clonmel Borough District	Carol Creighton, District Administrator, Clonmel Borough District	14 th October 2022

Table 1: List of Presentations made to the JPC in 2022

Membership of County Tipperary Joint Policing Committee

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

- 2 Members of An Garda Síochána,
- 15 Local Authority Elected Members,
- 5 Oireachtas Elected Members,
- *7 Community
- 2 Local Authority Officials



*In 2022 Tipperary JPC increased its Community membership from 7 to 8.

Pat Slattery Director of Services with Tipperary County Council stepped down from Tipperary JPC at the July meeting (29/07/2022). At that interim Anthony Fitzgerald of Tipperary County Council attended the October meeting (14/10/2022). Brian Beck, A/Director of Services with Tipperary County Council replaced Pat Slattery on a permanent basis at the December meeting(16/12/2022).

Imelda Walsh (IFA) stood down from Tipperary JPC at the February meeting (25/02/2022) and was replaced by Pat Carol (IFA). Dean McGrath PPN representative of Clonmel Borough District, Cathal O’hÉanna PPN representative of Tipperary Cahir and Cashel and Sabelo Mavuso PPN migrant representatives were ratified by Tipperary County Council as JPC members at the September Council meeting (14/09/2023). At the October meeting Tipperary JPC meeting (14/10/2023) Dean McGrath resigned.

Table 2 below lists the current Tipperary JPC members as of January 2023.

Tipperary Joint Policing Committee – Membership		
Gardaí	Chief Superintendent Colm O’Sullivan Plus 1 other Superintendent	2
Oireachtas	Deputy Mattie McGrath Deputy Jackie Cahill Deputy Michael Lowry Deputy Martin Browne Deputy Alan Kelly	5
Elected Members	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	Pat Carroll (Farming Pillar) Michelle Aylward (Business Pillar) Margaret Sheehy (PPN Nenagh MD) Vacant (PPN Clonmel BD) Cathal O'hÉanna (PNN Tipperary Cahir and Cashel) Anne Williamson (PPN Carrick-on-Suir) Gerard Fogarty (PPN Thurles) Sabelo Mavuso (PPN Migrant)	8
LA Official	Brian Beck Marie Cox (Replacing Eddie Meegan)	2
Total		32

Table 2: Membership of Tipperary JPC Jan 2023.

(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 2022

- Four meetings were held in 2022, one meeting was via zoom only and the other three were hybrid zoom and in-person.
- 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 24-hour monitored alarms for Independent Living and the second on Community CCTV in Clonmel
- Tipperary PPN elected 2 Community Representatives to Tipperary JPC.
- Tipperary JPC took possession of the property marking machine from Property Marking Ireland and has begun to lend it to community groups on a pilot basis. So far, the Gardaí in Tipperary Town and Community Groups in Clonmel has borrowed the machine and held community safety events.
- Tipperary JPC, prepared the applications for Garda Commissioners Authorisation under Section 38(3)(c) of the Garda Síochána Act 2005 for the following Community CCTV Schemes
 - Burgess/Birdhill/Cooleens:
 - Littleton
 - Fethard
 - Borrisokane
 - Nenagh
- Tipperary JPC were informed by An Garda Síochána that the National CCTV Advisory Committee had recommended all seven community-based schemes for authorisation. Tipperary JPC is waiting for the final authorisation documentation from the Garda Commissioner.
- Tipperary JPC approved Clonmel Community-based CCTV Scheme
- Tipperary JPC supports An Garda Síochána in relation to crime prevention and safety initiative
 - Anti-Social behaviour
 - Boy racers
 - Driving sulkies in a dangerous way
 - Community Engagement
 - Honorary Garda
 - School Talks



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- At Sporting and cultural events
- National Community Day in April
- National Garda Youth Awards
- Centenary Events
 - In all divisions in the county
- Domestic Violence
 - Go Purple Day in April
- Royal visit in April



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