

# Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Joint Policing Committee

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 at 5pm, Hybrid, Council Chamber, County Hall,  
Dun Laoghaire

<b>In attendance</b>	
Cllr. Carrie Smyth (Chair)	DLRCC
Cllr. Kazi Ahmed	DLRCC
Cllr. Deirdre Donnelly	DLRCC
Cllr. Denis O'Callaghan	DLRCC
Cllr. Oisín O'Connor	DLRCC
Cllr. Michael Clarke	DLRCC
Cllr. Shay Brennan	DLRCC
Cllr. Lettie McCarthy	DLRCC
Cllr Kate Ruddock	DLRCC
Cllr Mary Hanafin	DLRCC
Cllr Eva Elizabeth Dowling	DLRCC
Cllr John Kennedy	DLRCC
Deputy Cormac Devlin	Member of the Oireachtas
Mary Ruane	DLRCC
Therese Langan	DLRCC
Chief Superintendent Matthew Nyland	An Garda Síochána
Superintendent Fergal Harrington	An Garda Síochána
Detective Superintendent Brian O'Keeffe	An Garda Síochána
Superintendent Gordon Woulfe	An Garda Síochána
Tony McCarthy	DLR Public Participation Network
Eimear McAuliffe	DLR Public Participation Network
Georgina Potts	Ballybrack/Loughlinstown/Shankill LPF
Liz Roche	Sandyford/Stepaside LPF
Bebhinn Murphy	DLR Public Participation Network
Anne Harrington	DLR Public Participation Network
<b>Apologies</b>	
Cllr Anna Grainger	DLRCC
David Bradshaw	DLRDATAF
<b>Present</b>	
Matthew O' Neill in place of Deputy Neale Richmond	
Ian Smalley	DLRCC
Bernie King	DLRCC
Barbara Henry	DLRCC
Sean McGrath	DLRCC
Liam O Donovan	DLRCC
James Malone	An Garda Síochána

## Welcome and Introductions

Cllr. Smyth welcomed everyone. Apologies were noted.

### **Minutes and matters arising**

Cllr Deirdre Donnelly noted that the minutes of the November 2022 meeting mention that victims of crime should be made aware that counselling records could be made available as evidence in court. She queried what has been done in relation to this since the last meeting. Chief Superintendent Nyland advised that, on foot of the discussion, he is seeking advice and will revert back once the information is available.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022 were proposed by Cllr Lettie McCarthy, seconded by Tony McCarthy and agreed.

**Action:** Chief Superintendent Matthew Nyland to advise when response to Cllr Donnelly's query is available.

### **Ministerial/Departmental/Other Correspondence**

#### **New JPC Guidelines (Policing Authority)**

Cllr Carrie Smyth noted that the new JPC Guidelines had been circulated with the agenda and hard copies of the guidelines are available if anyone would like a copy.

### **LA16 Collision Reporting**

It was noted that there had been one fatal accident since the last JPC meeting. It is undergoing investigation by An Garda Síochána and, when that investigation has concluded, they will consult with the Council to see if there are any implications for improvements on road layout etc.

### **DLR Joint Policing Committee 2022 Annual Report**

Mary Ruane presented the 2022 Annual Report. She noted that we are required to prepare an annual report for submission to the Minister for Justice and Equality, the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, the Commissioner of An Garda Síochána and the Policing Authority. It will also be submitted to the elected members for noting.

Following the presentation, a brief discussion was held and Cllr Denis O' Callaghan noted that there is an elected member on each LPF. He queried whether there was an elected representative on the Ballybrack Loughlinstown Shankill LPF. Mary confirmed that there is a Councillor on each of the LPF's.

The approval of the Joint Policing Committee Annual Report 2022 was proposed by Cllr Lettie McCarthy, seconded by Tony McCarthy and agreed.

### **DLR Joint Policing Committee Annual Work Plan Priorities 2023**

Therese Langan outlined the main highlights of the Workplan Priorities for 2023. She noted that the development of the new JPC Strategic Plan will begin this year.

### **Development of New Joint Policing Committee Strategic Plan**

Therese Langan provided an update on the development of the new Strategic Plan. She noted that a workshop with the JPC members will be taking place on the 9<sup>th</sup> March and the new plan will be in place until 2028. She also noted that a public consultation will be held seeking submissions from the public and stakeholders.

### **Update on current Policing Issues**

Chief Superintendent Matthew Nyland, Superintendent Fergal Harrington, Superintendent Gordon Woulfe and Detective Superintendent Brian O'Keeffe gave a presentation which included the following areas:

- dlr Age Friendly Strategy and the GOPA safety and security event
- Operation Thor
- Domestic Abuse Co-Ordination Team (DACT) Training
- Dart and Luas Patrols
- Kilbogget Park
- Kill Lane traffic
- Crime Statistics (January 2022/2023 comparison)
- DMR East Divisional Drugs statistics (1<sup>st</sup> Jan to 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023)
- Roads Policing Stats- comparison January 2022/2023

Sergeant James Malone noted that the GOPA Safety and Security event is taking place on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 11-2pm, in the Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan.

In relation to proposals for the Kill Lane junction, Sean McGrath, Senior Engineer, noted that a further meeting is scheduled later this week with An Garda Síochána.

Following the presentation, a discussion was held, and queries responded to including issues related to Kilbogget Park, and roads policing on Kill Lane, consultation with local residents in relation to traffic issues on Kill Lane, registration for the GOPA event, issue of rogue traders, publication of figures on fixed charged notices for cars driving in bus lanes, An Garda Síochána patrols on public transport and promotion on social media and bicycle theft. An Garda Síochána were thanked for their work on Operations Thor and Focus and in relation to Kilbogget Park and Old Connaught Avenue.

**Action:** Figures on fixed notices in relation to cars driving in bus lanes to be sent to Cllr Kate Ruddock

### **Local Policing Fora Reports**

The 4 Local Policing Fora reports which were circulated prior to the meeting were all noted. Tony McCarthy noted that Rev Asa Bjork is stepping down from the Central Dún Laoghaire LPF and suggested that a letter of thanks be issued. This was agreed by the committee.

**Action:** Letter of thanks to be sent to Rev. Asa Bjork.

## **Presentation on dlr's High Security Lock Scheme**

Ian Smalley gave a presentation on the dlr High Security Lock Scheme. He noted that it is the second year of the scheme.

Following the presentation, a brief discussion was held, and queries raised and responded to were in relation to the promotion of the scheme and if applicants need to re-apply if unsuccessful in the previous round. It was agreed that parish offices and health centres would be contacted, in the event that there was a further scheme, in order to help promote it. Cllr Carrie Smyth thanked the staff involved with the scheme and queried if it is something to include in the dlr Age Friendly Magazine. Cllr Donnelly asked if the GOPA event poster could be sent to her.

**Action:** Forward the GOPA Seminar poster to Cllr Donnelly.

## **Questions submitted for noting**

The questions submitted and replies were noted.

Items raised in the questions included:

- What work DLRCC and AGS have jointly carried out to prevent and deter issues of anti-social behaviour in the Rockford Park, Blackrock & Sefton/HoneyPark & Cualanor estates in Dún Laoghaire
- Improving active management of the wooded areas and general open space in (Details Supplied) in Bray and to ask An Garda Síochána to increase their presence around the same locations in order to deter anti-social behaviour and other activities from taking place at these locations
- To formally recognise and congratulate the recent and significant drug operations undertaken within this jurisdiction over the past number of weeks which were conducted by the Drug Squad and local Gardaí and to commend their on-going efforts
- Consideration of the inclusion of a presentation on the current role of the District & Circuit Court's Poor Box and the current application of Community Service within this jurisdiction
- Consideration be given to AGS making a presentation to the committee at a future meeting on automated traffic cameras, indicating how they might reduce road user offences.
- To consider holding public meetings on the misuse of drugs and alcohol, aimed towards parents of young children and teenagers in order to create awareness and help equip parents with the necessary knowledge and skills needed to help protect children
- How many Community Gardai are serving in Dundrum and Stepside Garda Stations and what areas they cover
- How many Gardai in Dundrum and Stepside use bicycles while carrying out their duties

- An update on the domestic violence refuge and the Council's efforts to secure a building
- If the Gardai will install a speed camera on the Monkstown Road given persistent speeding on this road
- To report on anti-social behaviour incidents in Hudson Park and efforts to tackle this, including the possibility of securing the park at night
- An update on the provision of a Community CCTV system at Kilbogget Park to help alleviate the on-going anti - social behaviour
- What measures are being taken to tackle the scrambler bikes, which have returned to Kilbogget Park since Christmas
- To report on the pro-active approach to tackle the problem of anti - social behaviour/illegal bonfires in Loughlinstown Linear Park

### **Kilbogget Park Update**

This item was covered under Chief Superintendent Nyland's presentation

### **Domestic violence refuge update**

Therese Langan provided an update and noted that a needs assessment was carried out for a Domestic Violence refuge in the County. Elected members have been advised of a suitable site. It requires further consultation which will take place over the next week or so.

### **AOB**

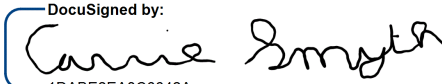
Cllr Lettie McCarthy raised the issue of cars parked on double yellow lines on the footpath near Dundrum Garda Station.

Tony McCarthy congratulated An Garda Síochána on the recent works to Dún Laoghaire Garda Station. Chief Superintendent Nyland noted that he is aware Tony has been an advocate for putting appropriate accommodation in place and would like to give him due recognition.

### **Date of the next meeting**

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting will be the 30<sup>th</sup> of May 2023 and will include a Committee and Public meeting. The dates for the remainder of the year (13<sup>th</sup> September and 28<sup>th</sup> of November) were agreed.

Minutes agreed:

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