

Cavan Joint Policing Committee

Review of 2018 Activity



Members of the County Cavan
Joint Policing Committee

Cavan Joint Policing Committee held quarterly meetings over 2018 in February, May, September and December. Some of the key topics under focused on included:

- Newly established Garda Divisional Drug Unit, presentation by Sgt. Mick Kearney
- Community CCTV Scheme and providing local support
- Property Marking Initiative
- Comparing and discussing Crime Statistics
- Criminal Assets Bureau Overview presentation by Detective Chief Superintendent Patrick Clavin
- Consultation for the Cavan & Monaghan Divisional Policing Plan 2019



New Chef Superintendent Appointed to the Cavan Monaghan Division

The newly appointed Chef Superintendent for the Cavan Monaghan Garda Division John O' Reilly attended his first meeting of the Cavan JPC meeting in February 2018. His address to the members stated that he was looking forward to the challenge of the post.

Community Property Marking Initiative underway in County Cavan



Cavan County Council under the auspices of the Cavan Joint Policing Committee purchased a Property Marking Machine in March 2018, which was made available for community groups to borrow in order to roll out Property Marking Schemes within their own local communities. Property marking is promoted by Cavan Joint Policing Committee (JPC) as a way of deterring theft, having proven to be very effective in communities where it has been introduced. It also supports An Garda Síochána to reunite lost or stolen items with their owners.

The machine works by punching a series of holes, in the shape of the property owner's Eircode, into the item to be marked. The machine is available free of charge to Community Groups who wish to organise property marking events. Groups who borrow the machine are also recommended to roll out Property Marking Signage in conjunction with the scheme. Signs and stickers of various sizes and in various materials are available at a low cost, which the JPC recommends householder invests in.



Community Groups across County Cavan have been embracing the Property Marking Initiative in order to combat crime within their local communities. The following groups borrowed the Property Marking Machine over 2018:

- Blacklion, Glengevlin & Dowra Community Alert
- Drumkilly Development Group
- Maghera Community Alert
- Bailieborough Community & Text Alert
- Killeshandra Community Alert
- Ringford Community Alert

The machine is currently booked up until May 2019. If you would like to borrow the property marking machine or would like advice on how to roll out the property marking scheme within your area, contact Gráinne Boyle in Community & Enterprise on 049 4378686 or e-mail: gboyle@cavancoco.ie



Cllr. John Paul Feeley along with members of Dowra, Glengevlin & Blacklion Community Alert



Members of Maghera Community Alert



Deputy N. Smyth along with members of Bailieborough Community Alert

National Property Marking Initiative Launched by Property Marking Ireland in Killeshandra

Property Marking Ireland chose to launch their National Property Marking Initiative in Killeshandra to coincide with Killeshandra Community Alert's very successful implementation of their local Property Marking Scheme.

Assistant Garda Commissioner Barry O' Brien, along with Detective Superintendent Alan Cunningham attended the launch in September 2018.



From Left: Sgt. Ken Coughlan; Vanessa Clarke (Muntir na Tire), James O'Neill (Property Marking Ireland), Inspector Micheal O' Donoghue, Barry Carey (IFA), Barry O'Brien, Assistant Commissioner, Northern Region, Cllr. John Paul Feeley, Chief Superintendent John O'Reilly Cavan/Monaghan, Deputy Brendan Smith TD, Chef Executive Tommy Rvan. Cavan County Council. Gráinne Boyle. Cavan County Council

Cavan Drugs & Alcohol Forum

Cavan Drugs & Alcohol Education Sub Group Hosts Teacher Training Workshop on Drugs & Alcohol

A Teachers Training Seminar took place on the 4th December 2018 in the Kilmore Hotel. This was organised by the Drugs & Alcohol Education Group, a sub-group of the County Cavan Drugs & Alcohol Forum. There were attendees from all eleven secondary school within County Cavan, along with representation from the counties three Youthreach organisations. Presentations were provided by Cavan Drug Awareness, An Garda Síochána and specific youth programmes aimed such as Foroige, Bounceback and the Garda 365 Project.



The purpose of the training was to provide teachers with up to date information on how to go about delivering drugs & alcohol training to students and inform them of relevant youth projects in operation within the county.

Local Directory of Services



County Cavan Drugs & Alcohol Forum produced "A Local Directory of Drug & Alcohol Related Services in County Cavan". The directory was finalised in November 2018 and presents a listing of drug, alcohol and related support services available in County Cavan. Its purpose is to promote an understanding of the range of services available within the county and to identify gaps in services.

Community CCTV Scheme

CCTV Schemes

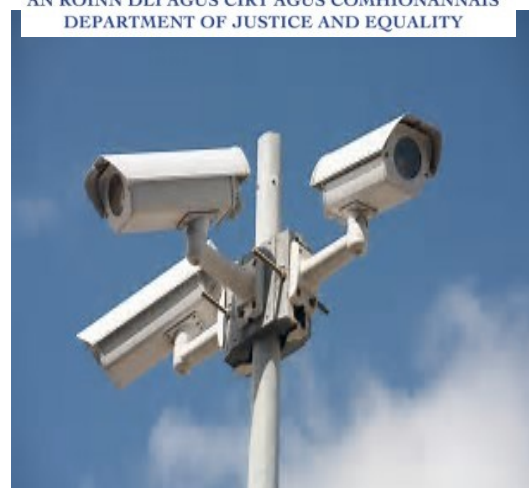
The Department of Justice has a grant scheme for Community CCTV schemes. A number of communities in County Cavan are interested in setting up CCTV schemes for their local areas and are working on their applications for funding.

Over 2018, applications for the scheme have been submitted by Belturbet, Ballyconnell and Ballyjamesduff. They have been reviewed by the national CCTV Advisory Committee and the groups are currently finalising the necessary documentation for the scheme before submitting their final applications for funding.

Other groups working towards applications include Ballyhaise and Bailieborough.



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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND EQUALITY



Eligibility for Grants and the Application Process

- The Department of Justice and Equality has a funding scheme for Community CCTV Schemes.
- Up to €40,000 can be accessed for the capital costs of installing equipment to eligible community groups.
- The grant can fund a maximum of 60% of costs of the scheme, so match funding is required.
- There is significant paperwork involved in the application.
- The scheme is not for private/commercial applicants
- Consortiums may apply that include private interest
- Applicant community groups need to sign up to the local authority policy on DATA PROTECTION.
- They need letters of support from the Joint Policing Committee and local authority.

JPC Public Meetings 2018

2 Public Information Meetings took place:

6th November – Ballyjamesduff County Museum

8th November - Cootehill Library

The focus of these two meetings was on the Property Marking Scheme with a demonstration provided on how to use the machine and information

provided on the procedures for borrowing it and how to go about organising Community Property Marking Events

Superintendent Timothy Burke also took questions on both evenings and these related mainly to the operation of the local Text Alert systems.



Sgt. Ken Coughlan provides a demonstration on the Property Marking

The **Main Public Meeting** of the County Cavan JPC took place:

26th November 7 to 9pm – Slieve Russell Hotel

The focus of this meeting was again on the Property Marking Scheme. Presentations were also provided on Crime Prevention by Sergeant Michael Duffy Crime Prevention Officer (Cavan & Monaghan) and Inspector Nial Mc Kiernan on the Cavan & Monaghan Divisional Policing Plan with input invited from those in attendance on the 2019 Plan.

Public Participation Network JPC Linkage Groups Meetings

The Public Participation Network (PPN) hosted two JPC Linkage Group meetings during 2018 to discuss and highlight issues of concern related to crime and safety within the county. The feedback recorded related to the following issues:

19 May 2018

- The issue of Drug use was highlighted and need for better education around drug use and its consequences
- The need for drug users to be viewed as those in need, afflicted by addiction, as opposed to criminals in need of punishment needs to be addressed in society.
- The need for a more streamlined approach to Garda Vetting
- Support needs for Community Text Services was discussed.

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- Different approaches needed to tackle rural crime.
- The absence of 'the friendly community Garda' was noted by members.
- The complexity of the Garda Vetting process was again raised again.



PPN Members attend JPC Linkage Group Meetings to discuss crime prevention and safety issues concerning County Cavan.



- Recommended that community groups, particularly Men's Sheds, could work with local Gardai to engrave valuable property and have these listed in case of theft.

Sports Partnership – Bike Week Safety Initiatives



Bike Week is a national event which takes place in early June. Its coordinated locally by Cavan Sports Partnership with support from local cycling clubs, schools and community organisations. During the week a number of Cycling Safety Initiatives were incorporated into the local activities delivered. Aimed specifically at young people to encourage safer cycling on the roads. These included:

- Deis primary schools - 202 children took part in Cycling Ireland's Sprocket Rocket Cycle Skills Programme. This is a fun skills programme where children aged 5 to 11 are taught four fundamental cycling skills - Cornering, Pedalling, Braking and Balance.
- An Inclusive Cycling Programme was delivered to 37 children in schools with special needs units.
- Smugglers cycling club in West Cavan and DB Cycling club Drung/Cootehill held cycle safety sessions as part of Bike week 2018 activities.



DB Cycling Club Family Fun



Smugglers Cycling Club from Ballyconnell providing their local cycling enthusiasts with a fun cycle and bike skills

Road Policing and Road Safety

Educational Programmes

An Garda Síochána delivers a Schools Programme and Roadshows on an ongoing basis. Over 2018 Beep Beep Day was delivered for pre-school children to teach them about general road safety and developing good habits.



Beep Beep Day came to Busy Bees Pre School and Creche in Bailieboro where Garda Louise Gilligan and Garda Charles Christie chatted with the preschoolers about their safety on the roads. The students were very attentive and got full marks for their enthusiasm!

The “Are You too Young to Die Programme” was delivered in November in the Kilmore Hotel to Transition Year students, and there was representation from across all secondary schools within the county on the day.



Road Checkpoints



- During 2018, 117 Multi Agency Checkpoints took place in County Cavan. The following agencies participated:
Road Safety Authority, Customs, HAS, Food Safety Authority, Waste Management, Cavan County Council, Department of Agriculture, Department of Social Protection.
- 1317 High Visibility Checkpoints were carried out.
- 210 Driving While Intoxicated Offences over 2018

Cavan Monaghan Divisional Garda Victim Service

The Cavan Monaghan Divisional Garda Victim Service Office made contact with all victims of crime in 2018 and all crime victims have been provided with a Crime Victims Helpline Leaflet. This office is a point of contact for a crime victim should they wish to receive further information such as court dates etc.

