**Inaugural Meeting of County Cavan Joint Policing Committee**

**6th December 2019, 3pm**

**Council Chamber, Cavan Courthouse**

**Agenda**

* Welcome **(Brendan if you could say a few words)**

Only apologies received are from Senator Robbie Gallagher

* Opening Remarks – JPC Chairperson
* Role and functions of the Joint Policing Committee **(Chair)**

The JPC serves as a forum where local authority representatives, Oireachtas members and community and voluntary interests, together with senior Garda Officers responsible for the policing of the area, can consult, discuss and make recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the area. The **functions** of a JPC are to keep under review:

* + the levels and patterns of crime, disorder and antisocial behaviour in the area (including the patterns levels of misuse of alcohol and drugs)
  + the factors underlying and contributing to the levels of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in the area.

1. Advising the local authority concerned and the Garda Síochána on how they might best perform their functions having regard to the need to do everything feasible to improve the safety and quality of life and to prevent crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour within the area.
2. Arranging and hosting public meetings concerning matters affecting the policing of the local authority’s administrative area.

**A JPC cannot discuss a matter if it:**

* **Relates to a specific criminal investigation or prosecution**
* **Relates to the security of the State.**
* **Would endanger  the security of individuals**
* **Relates to an individual**
* **Involves information received in confidence**
* **Would prejudice crime prevention/detection**
* **Is deemed prejudicial to a Garda operational matter**
* Identify community based interests to be represented onto the JPC
* Regard to relevant guidelines issued by the Minister for the Environment, Community & Local Government (these state that the PPN’s should be approached to seek community representation onto Local Authority Committees)
* Under the Department of Justice’s Migrant Integration Strategy “A Blueprint for the future”, Action 62, Local Authorities will take action to have migrant representation on all JPC’s (by 2020) The **Migrant Integration Strategy** has been developed as the Government's response to the challenge of promoting integration in a context of increased diversity. Department of Justice have been following up with JPCs to ensure this action is fully completed.

Community based interest could include for example:

Farming Community, Older People (this would be very relevant in terms of supporting the County Cavan Age Friendly Programme), Youth, Immigrant Communities, Business Community, particular geographical areas. Muntir na Tire have been represented on the JPC on an ongoing basis, we would like to see this continue also.

* Steering Committee – agree and formalise membership

The Steering Committee is to consist of the chairperson, a representative of An Garda Síochána and the Chief Executive or a person nominated by him.

The function of the steering group will be to facilitate the efficient functioning of the JPC and in particular to ensure that it retains a clear focus on strategic and collaborative actions.

* Approval sought for Community Groups funding applications for the Department of Justice’s Community Based CCTV Scheme
* Ballyjamesduff Community Council
* Ballyconnell Town & District Development Association
* Project Beltubet
* Ballinagh Community & Enterprise

Each of these groups previously received letters of JPC endorsement for their applications for funding support under the Dept. of Justice’s Community Based CCTV Grant. Following a review by the Data Commisionner on the grant scheme it is necessary for these letters to be re-issued to the groups - invite Nial Mc Kiernan to explain this item further.

* Crime Statistics for Q.4 2019 compared to Q.4 2018. Chief Superintendent J. O’ Reilly
* AOB
* Date for next meeting