

**Minutes of JPC Meeting held on Monday 12th February, 2018 in the Garda
Divisional Headquarters, The Folly, Mulgannon, Wexford Town.**

Members present:

Cllr M Whelan, Chairman, Cllr P Breen, Cllr D Hynes, Cllr K Codd Nolan, Cllr B A Murphy, Cllr R Ireton, Cllr A Connick, Mr D McPartlin, Mr D Doyle, Cllr W Fitzharris, Chief Superintendent J Roche, Mr T Enright, Chief Executive Wexford Co Co

Also in attendance:

Mr P O Gorman SEO Housing, Mr G Mackey AO Community.

Ms Claire Williams, Manager of the Wexford Rape Crisis Centre, made a presentation to the members and answered any questions that the members had.

The minutes of the JPC meeting of 9th October 2017 were adopted - proposed by Cllr G Carty and seconded by Cllr D Hynes.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

The members of the Committee congratulated Chief Superintendent J Roche on his forthcoming retirement. The members thanked the Chief Superintendent for his professionalism and dedication to the people of County Wexford. The members wished the Superintendent well in his retirement.

It was agreed to defer item 3 on the Agenda to the next meeting of the Committee.

A discussion took place on the provision of CCTV in towns and villages throughout the County. Cllr B A Murphy highlighted the cost to communities for the provision of CCTV. It was agreed to include CCTV provision as an agenda item for the next meeting of committee.

The Superintendent presented his report to the committee and answered any question that the members had.

Cllr A Connick requested an update on anti social behaviour in the Irishtown area of New Ross in recent weeks. The Superintendent informed the Committee that there

had been an increase in anti social behaviour in the Irishtown area and that the Gardai in New Ross were policing the behaviour of some young people on Sunday evenings.

The Chairman Cllr M Whelan enquired if the Gardai were monitoring car boot sales within the County. The Superintendent informed the Committee the monitoring was ongoing, however he explained that this was a difficult problem to police.

Cllr G Lawlor expressed his concern regarding the level of drug taking within communities in County Wexford. The Superintendent informed the Committee that while the Gardai were aware of the problem, there was very little information coming from within these communities to the Gardai.

Cllr K Codd Nolan queried if drug testing was automatic when a driver was stopped at a Garda checkpoint. The Superintendent informed the Committee that it was a judgement call by the Gardai at the particular checkpoint.

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Mr. Dave Doyle Introduced himself as a member of the PPN. The Chair welcomed Mr. Doyle to the Committee and looked forward to his contribution.

Cllr G Lawlor raised his concerns regarding organised begging. The Superintendent informed the committee that this was a sensitive area and that the Gardai were ensuring that the law was not being broken.

Cllr W Fitzharris suggested that farm machinery should be audited to avoid theft. The Superintendent informed the Committee that it would help if tools and machinery were marked as this would aid the recovery of stolen items.

Cllr D Hynes referred to a serious assault in Wexford Town and enquired as to what steps are being taken to avoid a repeat offence. The Superintendent informed the Committee that the necessary steps were in place to prevent a reoccurrence.