

***Minutes of Meeting of Joint Policing Committee  
Held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 at 11.30 a.m.  
In the Council Chamber, Carricklawn, Wexford.***

**Attendance:**

**Members of County Council:** Cllr. M. Whelan, Chairman.  
Cllrs. P. Breen; K. Codd Nolan; A. Connick;  
W. Fitzharris; J. Fleming; T. Forde; D. Hynes;  
R. Ireton; G. Lawlor; J. Moore; B.A. Murphy;  
M. Roche; J. Sullivan.

**Gardaí:** A/Chief Superintendent Padraig Dunne  
Superintendent Jim Doyle

**County Council Officials:** Mr. J. Carley, Director of Services  
Mr. P. Collins, County Secretary

**Community Representatives:** Mr. D. MacPartlin  
Mr. D. Doyle  
Mr. P. Walsh  
Ms. T. Smith

**Apologies:** Mr. T. Enright  
Cllr. O. Walsh  
James Browne, TD  
Ms. M. Quinn  
Ms. J. Rice

**1. Presentation by Pat Clavin, Criminal Assets Bureau:**

Detective Chief Superintendent Pat Clavin made a presentation to the meeting which had previously been circulated to the Members, setting out the work carried out by the Criminal Assets Bureau. The Bureau targets criminals and takes assets from criminals. It is an independent statutory body and he advised the J.P.C. that CAB is active in County Wexford. He also highlighted the fact that information given to CAB is fully confidential and will be followed up by CAB. It will not involve the person giving the information being summoned to court.

Following the presentation Members of the JPC raised a number of issues as follows:

- Machinery stolen at local level
- Drugs money seized by C.A.B. should be ring fenced for the treatment of people with addiction.

At 11.50 a.m. Cllr. D. MacPartlin left the meeting.

- Purchase of land using cash from the proceeds of crime.

- Development of large and expensive houses – how CAB can investigate such cases
- CAB have good powers and are good at tracing land ownership.
- How land transactions are dealt with where cash is involved
- The protection for confidentiality available to local people, CAB are in a position to get behind the transactions to carry out multiple investigations but they also work from suspicious transactions reports which are sent to them by banks and professionals.
- The issue regarding not disclosing suspicious transactions was also raised

The Detective Chief Superintendent then advised that 33 CAB investigations were currently being carried out in Wexford and that CAB can link with local communities who give information to the local Gardai.

Questions were raised regarding criminal convictions arising from fraud and the involvement of Revenue in the matter. It was noted that CAB becomes the inspector of Taxes with the full powers of Revenue available to them in the case where they are dealing with criminal assets.

Questions were also raised regarding hardware and builders providers and if they have an obligation to report suspicious transactions. The Chief inspector responded that anyone dealing with high volume goods has an obligation to report suspicious transactions.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Detective Chief Superintendent Pat Clavin for his presentation and the Director echoed his thanks and highlighted that the Council has been working with the Gardai and CAB in a case in north County Wexford.

The Cathaoirleach then welcomed the A/Chief Superintendent Padraig Dunne and Superintendent Jim Doyle.

Chief Superintendent Padraig Dunne then introduced himself as the Chief Superintendent for Waterford City and County and has temporary control of the Wexford Division. There are 3 senior officers in permanent positions, Superintendent John McDonald, Superintendent McGrath and Superintendent Jim Doyle. He also noted that there is a requirement for a Chief Superintendent because of certain statutory powers and they are not available to other grades.

The Cathaoirleach wished the A/Chief Superintendent all the best in his role in Wexford.

## **2. Minutes of JPC Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018:**

On the proposal of Cllr. B. A. Murphy seconded by Cllr. A. Connick, the minutes of the meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2018, were agreed and adopted.

### **3. Adoption of Annual Sub-Committee Plans 2018:**

Discussion took place regarding the effectiveness of the sub-committees. It was noted that the Courtown Fora was working well and that the Substance/Alcohol Abuse Sub-Committee has had a good attendance and was working well.

The Cathaoirleach asked that the Policing Fora in Courtown report back to the main JPC Meeting regarding what has been done there to date and asked that this be prepared by the District Manager Amanda Byrne.

Following discussion it was agreed that a meeting will be arranged with the District Managers, County Secretary and Superintendents of the Gardai, the Chairman of the JPC and the Chairs of each of the sub-committees to come up with a solution regarding more effective sub-committee meetings.

### **4. CCTV Plan:**

The Cathaoirleach advised that a recent meeting had taken place with the Gardai to discuss CCTV policy. At present an audit of cameras in the possession of WCC is taking place together with who is operating each of the cameras.

Further discussion took place regarding mobile cameras and CCTV cameras on the new bypasses coming into County Wexford.

The County Secretary advised that a committee was sitting in the Council to examine all aspects of CCTV including data protection, revenue and capital funding, contracts, insurance and other issues with a view to preparing a plan for the County in regard to CCTV for discussion at the JPC.

### **5. Chief Superintendents Report:**

Chief Superintendent Padraig Dunne made a presentation to the meeting which had been previously circulated. The Chief Superintendent advised that the figures being presented were operational figures only and that the official figures will come from the CSO at a later stage. This was noted by the meeting.

Following the presentation a number of questions were raised by the Members of the JPC including the following:

- Use of motion cameras in beaches and cemeteries,
- The effectiveness of signs in Bunclody cemetery.
- Drug testing on the roads. The Chief Superintendent advised that the impairment test takes about 15 minutes to check for drugs. Superintendent Jim Doyle advised that there were specific types of drugs tested - the detection is good but is likely to be challenged in the courts in the future.

## **6. Correspondence:**

The County Secretary advised that he had received correspondence from Glass Block Company regarding the contract for the OPW at the new Garda Station. The County Secretary advised that he had sent this to the Gardai who have forwarded the correspondence to the OPW.

He also advised that he had received correspondence from the Planning & Building Control SPC regarding the introduction of CCTV in the villages of County Wexford.

## **7. A.O.B.**

None.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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County Secretary

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