***Minutes of Meeting of Joint Policing Committee***

***Held on Monday 14th February 2020 at 11.30 a.m.***

***In the Council Chamber, Carricklawn, Wexford.***

**Attendance:**

**Members of County Council:**

Cllr. M. Whelan, Chairperson,

Cllr. P. Bardon,

Cllr. A. Browne,

Cllr. G. Carthy,

Cllr. J. Codd,

Cllr. J. Hegarty,

Cllr. G. Laffan,

Cllr. F. Staples,

Cllr. J. Sullivan,

Cllr. G. Lawlor,

Cllr. B.A. Murphy,

Cllr. F. Ó Súilleabháin.

**Gardaí:**

Chief Superintendent Denis Ferry,

Superintendent James Doyle (Wexford),

Superintendent John McDonald (New Ross),

Superintendent Gerard McGrath (Enniscorthy).

**County Council Officials:**

Mr. T. Enright, Chief Executive,

Ms. Carolyne Godkin, Acting Director of Services,

Ms. A. Byrne, Senior Executive Officer.

**Community Representatives:**

Mr. P. Walsh,

Mr. T. Clyne,

Mr. D. Kennedy,

Mr. Jer O’Mahony,

**Apologies:**

Mr. P. Collins, County Secretary,

Cllr P. Breen,

Cllr B. Murphy,

TD J. Brown,

Mr. T Byrne,

Ms. M. Quinn,

Mr. D. MacPartlin,

1. **Confirmation of Minutes of JPC Meeting 9th of December**

On the proposal of Cllr. Joe Sullivan seconded by Cllr. Gary Laffan the minutes of the meeting of 9th December, 2019, were agreed and adopted.

1. **Matters Arising**

The Chairperson welcomed Jer O’Mahony, IFA, to the Committee as representative of the Farming Community.

1. **Interaction with the Municipal Districts**

It was noted that each Municipal District would be asked to report on meetings held and initiatives undertaken.

1. **Wexford County Council (Regulation and Control of the Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor in Public Places) Draft Bye Laws 2020,**

It was noted that the Draft Bye Laws were with the Councils solicitors for their consideration prior to issue for public consultation. A copy would also be sent to the Chief Superintendent for comment.

1. **Review of 6 years Joint policing Plan to include 2020 annual plan.**

The following are to be discussed with An Garda Síochána

* More follow up on Text Alert and more community meetings
* Operation of Rural Garda Stations
* Operation Knotweed – 1000 checkpoints
* Increase visibility

1. **Chief Superintendent Report**

Chief Superintendent Denis Ferry gave his report and members raised a number of issues following the presentation including:

* Resources
* Arrests & Searches
* Cruise Patrolling and checkpoints
* Review of Traffic Policy
* Public order Offences
* Assault
* Invite to Garda for Community Expo day]

Cllr. G. Lawlor queried the delay in assault cases coming to trial.

Cllr. G. Carty asked for an update on the Drug Surveillance in Wexford Stations.

Cllr. F. Ó Súilleabháin commented on the low rates of detection and arrests for drug offences.

**Key Commitments**

Chief Superintendent Denis Ferry outlined new positions to be filled in the New Ross district; two Drugs Officers. There are currently two members attached to the Drugs Units in Wexford, Enniscorthy and Gorey. The issue of the appointment of an additional community representative was raised with the Community Section to follow up.

The need to involve clubs in drug prevention was voiced and Mr. Dan Kennedy asked about the status of Gorey Garda Station

The Chief Superintendent commented on the Operating Model which allow opportunity to maximise deployment of resources. The operating model also allows a focus on policing presence and efficient use of ancillary resources.

It was noted that Garda would be temporarily re-deployed from the rural areas to fill vacant posts in the Harbour until same were permanently filled.

**7. Correspondence** – no matters for discussion

**8. In Committee** – no maters for discussion

This concluded the business of the meeting.