

## **CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of Meeting held at 4.30 p.m. on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2017,  
in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Athy Road, Carlow.**

**Present:** Cllr. Michael Doran (Chairperson)  
Cllr. Ken Murnane  
Cllr. John Murphy  
Cllr. Fintan Phelan  
Cllr. Denis Foley  
Cllr. John Pender  
Deputy Pat Deering  
Senator Jennifer Murnane O'Connor  
Chief Superintendent Dominic Hayes, An Garda Síochána  
Superintendent Gerry Redmond, An Garda Síochána  
Mr. Joe Butler, Graiguecullen Community Alert  
Mr. David McNamara, Chamber of Commerce  
Ms. Bernie O'Brien, Director of Service, Carlow County Council

**In Attendance:** Mr. E. Brophy, Meetings Administrator  
Sgt Peter McConnon, Crime Prevention Officer,  
Sgt Tony Casserly Telecoms Section,  
Sgt Pat Conway Crime Prevention Officer

**Apologies:** Mr. Martin Tuite, Bagenalstown Community Alert  
Ms. Sinead Minchin, Ballinkillen Area Community Alert  
Mr. Dan McInerney, Deputy Chief Executive, Carlow County Council

**Approval of Minutes of 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2017, were**

*Proposed by Cllr. John Pender*

*Seconded by Cllr. Ken Murnane*

*Following a show of hands it was resolved:-*

“That the Minutes of Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Athy Road, Carlow, on 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2017, having been circulated to each member, be taken as read, confirmed as to accuracy and accordingly signed.”

### **Garda Policing Report**

Supt. Redmond presented the Policing Crime Update via PowerPoint presentation. He answered questions from members on the Policing Report.

Chief Superintendent Hayes advised that six new Gardaí are being assigned to Carlow. Members welcomed this news.

### **CCTV in Town Park**

Chief Superintendent Hayes introduced Sgt Peter McConnon, Crime Prevention Officer, Sgt Tony Casserly Telecoms Section, Sgt Pat Conway, Crime Prevention Officer.

Superintendent Redmond advised that there would be extra Gardaí deployed to patrol Carlow Town Park throughout the summer.

Members made contributions on the issue of CCTV in the Town Park.

Supt. Redmond advised the Gardaí do not have money allocated to provide the extra cameras.

Sgt P. McConnon advised there was an application made for extension of five cameras in Carlow to include two in the Park. The issue is finance for capital equipment and maintenance. The Scheme will be approved when finance is available. The cost is €40,000. There is also the new community system which could be progressed as a standalone. Sgt Casserly advised of the cost of cameras is expensive and has a maintenance contract. He suggested a partnership between the Council and the Gardaí could develop a partnership to progress the scheme. He advised that he had requested a price be provided to him for the cameras in the town Park and the Council contribute the money when project would be approved.

The Chair said the JPC needs to make a recommendation to Council.

B. O'Brien advised that the CCTV Scheme would take two years so the Garda scheme was preferable. She recommended it go back to the Municipal District for discretionary funding to be provided.

Both Supt. Redmond and E. Brophy insisted that neither the Gardaí or Council officials misled the members on the issue of whether the Garda Scheme would be approved or not.

It was agreed a quotation be sought from the Gardaí for two cameras. It was agreed to discuss funding at the Municipal District Meeting and then to go to the County Council.

### **Policing Partnership Plans for Carlow**

Chief Supt. Hayes advised of setting up a group with local representatives, Garda Inspectors from each division and voluntary groups, farming, age action etc. to discuss crime prevention and other policing issues with one group for each Municipal District. Members agreed with the proposal and it would commence in the next three months.

### **Correspondence**

Email from Cllr. F. Browne re closure of takeaways. The Chair advised this related to rag week and was noted. Gardaí to check this out. The Chair advised of a meeting held with Students, himself and the Gardaí and noted rag week raised over €13,000.

### **Any Other Business**

The Chair acknowledged Supt. Redmond's contribution as this was his last meeting prior to retirement. Members wished him well in his retirement and thanked him for his contribution to the Carlow community.

Chief Supt. Hayes spoke of Gerry's contribution to policing throughout his career. B. O'Brien also congratulated and thanked Gerry on behalf of the Chief Executive and staff.

Supt. Redmond replied and thanked everyone for their kind remarks.

It was noted the next meeting (Public Meeting) will be held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 at 5.00 p.m.

This concluded the business of the meeting.