

Monaghan Town Joint Policing Committee

Minutes of Meeting of Monaghan Town Joint Policing Committee held on Tuesday 9th November 2010 at 6.00pm in the Council Chamber of Monaghan Town Council, Town Hall, 1 Dublin Street, Monaghan.

Cathaoirleach: Cllr. Seán Conlon

Present: Cllrs. Mary Carroll, Robbie Gallagher, Thomas Hagan, David Maxwell, Paul McGeown and Pádraigín Uí Mhurchadha.
Superintendent Michael Clancy
Noel Hennessey and Gavin Shipley, Monaghan Community Forum
David Fallon, Deputy County Manager and Marie Deighan, Town Clerk.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Cllrs Seamus Treanor and Donal Sherry.

At the outset the Members welcomed David Fallon, Deputy County Manager to his first Monaghan Town Joint Policing Committee Meeting and congratulated him on his appointment. David Fallon thanked the Members of the Committee for their good wishes and stated that he is looking forward to working with the Committee.

Presentation on Draft Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy, 2010

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Seán Conlon welcomed Rosemary Mc Manus, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Section, Monaghan County Council and Ciaran Trant, Tenant Liaison Officer, Monaghan Town Council to the meeting. The Members of the Joint Policing Committee noted letter dated 24th September 2010 from Ms. McManus together with the Monaghan Local Authorities Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy 2010 document and Local Authority Guidance Notes dated November 2009. The Members noted that the principal objectives of the strategy are:-

- (a) To prevent and reduce Anti-Social Behaviour
- (b) To co-ordinate the services within the housing authority that are directed at dealing with, preventing or reducing anti-social behaviour.
- (c) To promote co-operation with other persons/bodies, including the Garda Síochana, in the performance of their respective functions in relation to preventing/reducing anti-social behaviour, in order to avoid or reduce duplication of effort between the housing authority and the other person/body in performing their functions.
- (d) To promote good estate management

Rosemary Mc Manus stated that the housing tenancy agreement contains clauses outlining the responsibility of tenants in the areas of anti-social behaviour and that the Monaghan Local Authorities are fortunate that they do not have to implement the policy too often.

Ciaran Trant, Tenant Liaison Officer stated that all tenants must complete a pre-tenancy training course prior to the allocation of their tenancy which encourages them to act in a positive manner and on the need to prevent anti-social behaviour. It was noted that Monaghan Town Council served four Notices to Quit in 2009 which resulted in the dwellings being surrendered by the tenant.

A question and answer session followed.

The Members of the Joint Policing Committee welcomed the legislation and stated that the Local Authority will not tolerate Anti-Social Behaviour which makes life difficult for others.
Rosemary Mc Manus and Ciaran Trant left the Council Chamber

1. **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 8th September 2010.**

On the proposal of Cllr Robbie Gallagher seconded by Cllr Thomas Hagan it was agreed to adopt the Minutes of the Meeting of Monaghan Town Joint Policing Committee held on Wednesday 8th September 2010.

2. **Confirmation of Minutes of Public Meeting held on Tuesday 19th October 2010.**

On the proposal of Cllr Mary Carroll seconded by Cllr Pádraigín Uí Mhurchadha it was agreed to adopt the Minutes of the Public Meeting held on Tuesday 19th October 2010.

3. **Matters arising from the Minutes**

Gavin Shipley referred to a matter which he brought up at the meeting on the 8th September 2010 regarding a hedge which had been removed by the Local Authority on the Clones Road. Marie Deighan, Town Clerk stated that correspondence has been received on the matter and a report will be brought before the Members of the Town Council at the December Monthly Meeting.

4. **Correspondence**

The Members noted the following correspondence:

- Email dated 26th October 2010 from Caitriona Mullan, Project Manager, Time IVA Change – Border Regional Alcohol Project, CAWT. On the proposal of Cllr Seán Conlon seconded by Cllr Thomas Hagan it was agreed to invite Ms Mullan to attend the next Joint Policing Committee Meeting.
- Email dated 2nd November 2010 from Emer Brennan, Monaghan Tidy Towns regarding Community Service and Monaghan Tidy Towns.
- Email dated 26th October 2010 from Carol Lambe, Community and Enterprise, Monaghan County Council setting out clarification on the obligation of the JPC's to have a member of Comhairle Na nÓg represented on the committee.
- Letter dated 15th October 2010 from Paul Clifford, Director of Services, Monaghan County Council inviting the Members of the six Joint Policing Committees in County Monaghan to attend a joint meeting on Thursday 18th November 2010 at 6.30pm in the Iontas Centre, Castleblayney.

5. **Review of Public Meeting held on 19th October 2010.**

Superintendent Clancy stated that the Public Meeting held on the 19th October 2010 was very informative from the Gardaí's point of view and welcomed the contributions made by the general public. Superintendent Clancy stated that since the meeting the Gardaí have held discussions with individual residents who have been affected by public order problems such as urinating in public, noise disturbance, etc.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr Seán Conlon expressed satisfaction with the success of the public meeting and the number of people who attended. Cllr Conlon thanked the Market House for making the venue available and the JPC co-ordinator, Marie Deighan for the organising of the event.

Gavin Shipley stated that one of the challenges laid down at a meeting of the six JPC's in the county last year was how the Joint Policing Committees could make positive contact with the Migrant Community and Mr. Shipley was of the opinion that some of the comments made at the public meeting in Monaghan Town related to this.

6. **Setting of Date for next Monaghan Town Joint Policing Committee Meeting**

It was agreed to hold the next meeting of the Joint Policing Committee at 6.00p.m. on Tuesday 15th February 2011.

7. **Topic/s to be placed on Agenda for next Joint Policing Committee**

It was agreed to place the following topics on the Agenda for the next Joint Policing Committee meeting:-

- Presentation by Caitriona Mullan, CAWT
- Engaging with the Migrant Community

8. **Any other Business**

Cllr Paul McGeown informed the Members that a new community initiative "Football in the Community" targeting 13-16 year olds in the Monaghan Town area will be taking place over six weeks at Gortagkeegan.

Cllr Robbie Gallagher left the Council Chamber.

The Members expressed concern regarding cyclists using the footpaths in the town causing a danger to pedestrians. Superintendent Garda Michael Clancy noted that some young people are using the newly paved area in the Diamond for skateboarding.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Dated this the 15th day of February 2011

Cathaoirleach