**Minutes of Meeting of Co. Cavan Joint Policing Committee held in the Council Chamber, Cavan on 21 October 2016 at 3pm.**

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**Councillors:** Cllr. C. Kelly, Cllr. J. P. Feeley, Cllr. W. Bennett, Cllr. P. Mc Vitty, Cllr. P. Smith, Cllr. Madeline Argue, Cllr. N. Connell, Cllr. P. Mc Donald, Cllr. F. Curtin, Cllr. S. O’Reilly, Cllr. P. Smith

**Community Representatives:** Vanessa Clarke, Brian Mc Dermott,

Bob Gilbert Noleen Brady Smith, Ashling Tobin

**Executive**: Tommy Ryan (Chief Executive), Eoin Doyle, (Director of Services), Gráinne Boyle, (Social Inclusion Unit)

**Garda Officers**: Chief Superintendent Christopher Mangan, Superintendent James Coen, Inspector Niall Mc Kiernan

**Oireachtas Members:** Deputy B. Smith, Senator J.O’ Reilly, Senator D. Wilson

**Apologies:** Cllr. D. Brady, Cllr. C. Brady, F. Mc Dermott, Cllr Shane P. O’ Reilly, Deputy N. Smyth

**In Attendance:** Colm Finnegan

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1. **Minutes and Matters Arising**

Cllr Feeley welcomed Chief Superintendent Christopher Mangan to the division and wished him all the best in his new role. He expressed his gratitude to Superintendent James Coen for his input at the previous JPC meetings in the absence of the Chief Superintendent. Inspector Niall Mc Kiernan was also congratulated on his appointment as Inspector to the Cavan division.

Bob Gilbert proposed the minutes and Cllr. Mc Vitty seconded them. There were no matters arising.

1. **JPC Public Meeting & Consultation Session**

Cllr. Feeley explained that the JPC steering committee had previously met to discuss hosting a JPC public meeting and consultation session. The consultation session will feed into the development of a six year Strategic Plan which the Cavan JPC is to produce. He invited Chief Superintendent Mangan to elaborate on topics which are to be covered at the public meeting.

Chief Superintendent Mangan proceeded by saying that he was delighted to have been appointed to this jurisdiction and is looking forward to working with the Cavan JPC in the future.

The Gardaí will present on the following topics at the public meeting, as agreed by the steering committee:

* Victims of Crime
* Operation Thor
* Could also discuss possibly the issue of drugs if time allows. He referred to a new Drugs Unit which is to be set up within the division in the near future.

Cllr. Feeley welcomed the establishment of the new drugs unit. He invited feedback from members in relation to the topics put forward by the Gardaí. It was agreed a date for this public meeting and consultation session would be set at the end of the meeting.

1. **JPC Six Year Strategic Plan**

Cllr. Feeley talked about the context in which the strategic plan is set, referring to latest guidelines from the Dept. of Justice which stated that this is something all JPC’s should now produce to provide an overview to their work. E. Doyle also referred to the recently developed Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) which has been developed through the Local Economic and Community Development Committee (LCDC) and how any plan developed by the JPC must link in with this plan also.

He introduced the independent facilitator Colm Finnegan who was asked to come to the meeting to run a consultation session with the JPC members so that some of the main issues and perhaps actions which should be included within the plan could be discussed. The JPC members were asked to consider:

* What are the main issues in relation to crime and community safety affecting the county
* What this committee can do, what practical realistic actions could be included within the plan to address these issues
* Funding available and who needs to be involved

Mr. Finnegan explained that the feedback on the main issues, as identified by the JPC members, will be used to consult further with the public at the JPC’s public meeting and consultation session.

Chief Superintendent Mangan said that the plan offers a great opportunity for real collaborative work being carried out within the county. It will be important to ensure that the outputs from the plan can be measured and it would not be aspirational in nature.

The JPC broke off into groups to commence the workshop sessions.

1. **AOB**

The date for the public meeting and consultation event was agreed to place on the 6th December. Ms. Boyle will make arrangements and notify members of its details.

1. **Next Meeting**

13January 2017, 3pm in the council chamber.