



COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA
Leitrim County Council



Áras an Chontae
Carrick on Shannon

Tuesday, 23 March 2021

Re: Joint Policing Committee

A Chara,

I wish to inform you that a meeting of the Joint Policing Committee will be held online on **Monday, 29 March 2021 at 11.00 am via MS Teams** to consider the items set out on the agenda hereunder.

You are invited to attend.

Yours sincerely,

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AGENDA

1. Adoption of Minutes 10th December 2020 (Pages 1 - 28)
2. Receive presentation from Garda Commissioner Drew Harris
3. Report from an Garda Síochána
4. Questions submitted by JPC Members
 - i. Question from Councillor Felim Gurn
What powers do An Garda Síochána have when they are repeatedly called to a housing estate where anti-social behaviour is occurring and continuously using up Garda resources on a weekly basis? As anti-social behaviour also causes stress to other neighbours who live close by, is additional legislation required to give the Gardai additional powers to deal with this problem?

- ii. Question from Councillor Sean McDermott:
In light of bank closures and the possibility of Credit Unions and Post Offices taking on extra business and handling extra cash, is there now an increased security risk to these institutions?
- iii. Question from Councillor Sean McDermott:
Is there a cell available in the Garda Station in Manorhamilton?
- iv. Question from Mr. Bernie McGauran (Manorhamilton Town Team)
Would the Garda Commissioner consider making a recommendation to the Department of Justice to have all border crossings covered by Community CCTV systems? This would greatly assist in the solving of many crimes in the border region. A pilot scheme was presented to the previous Minister for Justice by Manorhamilton Enterprise Forum but did not come under any particular funding scheme.
- v. Question from Mr. Kenny Murtagh (Carrick-on-Shannon Town Team)
Why were the 300 people who attended an organised funeral party that lasted 3 days (Thursday, March 11- Sunday March 14) in a marquee in the halting site in Carrick on Shannon, in clear breach of regulations, not directed by the Gardai to stop the gathering, although Gardai were clearly supervising the party?
What measures have been put in place to ensure this does not happen again?
- vi. Question from Councillor Finola Armstrong McGuire
What steps were taken by the Gardai to prevent the use of, or remove the marquee, erected to facilitate a large gathering at a recent funeral here in Carrick within a community setting; how were a large number of mourners allowed travel to Carrick by car from England and Northern Ireland breaking the 5k travel restriction without being immediately turned for home; what steps will be taken to ensure no repeat of anything similar to the organised gathering of March 10th- 14th takes place in our country again while public health guidelines and restrictions at Level 3, 4 and 5 are in place?
- vii. Question from Councillor Sean McGowan
What is the possibility of re-opening the Garda Stations in the towns of Mohill, Ballinamore and Drumshanbo on a 24-hour basis, so as the Gardai can deal with law and order matters, anti-social behaviour and drug related situations that arise? Doing so would give reassurance to the public that the Gardai are able to respond quickly when they are needed.
- viii. Question from Councillor Sean McGowan
Would the Garda Commissioner reconsider the decision to locate the Garda Divisional Headquarters in Letterkenny? Manorhamilton would be a

more central location for the Headquarters for the division that covers the counties of Sligo Leitrim & Donegal as it is situated right in the heart of the region.

5. Correspondence (Pages 29 - 36)
6. LA16 Collision reporting and evaluation
7. Consider Progress Report on JPC Strategic Plan 2015-2020 & Annual Report for Council (Pages 37 - 56)
8. Consider JPC Draft Work Programme for 2021 (Pages 57 - 60)
9. Presentation - Phase 2 Design proposal for Carrick on Shannon CCTV System
10. Consider schedule of JPC meetings for 2021