

JPC-Sub Committee 3- Reduce and Prevent Anti- Social Behaviour in Galway City.

Meeting Held October 13th 2021

Present: Chair: Cllr Niall McNelis, Ms. Maria Ward Administrative Officer, Mr Edward Conlon HELO,

Cllr. Terry O Flaherty, John Cleary, Sgt. Michael Walsh, Cllr. Noel Larkin, Sgt. Darragh Browne, Student Union president NUIG : Róisín.

Apologies: Nicola Tierney, Student Union GMIT President.

Item Discussed	Agreed Actions	BY Who
Survey to be circulated to all community groups after JPC meeting on October 18 th 2021. Clarification re GDPR has been received and GDPR is not an issue.		Cllr Niall McNelis.
Cllr Niall McNeilis asked all members to jot down any ideas of work the Committee would like to get done. Suggestion: Review Tenant handbook. The handbook has been translated and is being uploaded to the Galway city website this week.	forward all copy of handbook.	MW
Review Air B&Bs and short term lets who are breaching Planning Regulations and destroying the lives of nearby residents. This is a major problem in Salthill and the City Centre.		Sgt. Michael Walsh Cllr Niall McNelis
It was agreed that the Planners would be asked to give a presentation. Sgt. Michael Walsh was very disappointed he got no feedback on his submission to the Development Plan.		: Cllr Niall McNelis
Anti Social Behaviour near Colaiste na Coiribe secondary school where a Tuath property had fireworks thrown at it was mentioned.		
Sgt. Darragh Browne mentioned that Gardai were assisting the Council in removing debris gathered for bonfires, Damian Reddington, and Sharon Carroll from Environment were involved. He mentioned operation Tombola where people who are selling fireworks are identified.		
Edward mentioned that any collection/gathering of waste should be highlighted and reported directly to Environment . The Litter Management unit will help remove the litter.		EC
Cllr. Terry O Flaherty commented that a drone should be used in the field at Fana Glas to see if stock piling was going on. The items should be removed before the bonfire gets going.		

Sgt. Darragh Browne commented on how Eyre Square is being reclaimed by the presence of the Christmas Market- the space being taken away from drinking and anti-social behaviour. When people return to pub and clubs after October 22 nd this issue might be alleviated.		
Sgt. Michael Walsh commented on how an improved lighting plan can reduce anti-social behaviour. Lighting can be controlled remotely, lower lights leads to more ASB. There is an area in Eyre Square being used as a urinal that needs to be removed. Improved CCTV needs to be installed in Eyre Square.		
The NUIG student union president Róisín was welcomed to the meeting. Róisín indicated that the “ask for Angela “ campaign would be good to introduce, and get Garda support. This was rolled out by Waterford City Council.		Róisín
Cllr Niall McNelis commented that Johnny Duggan , Taylors Bar would be a good contact for this.		Róisín
Cllr. Terry O Flaherty wondered if the students were aware of the gravity of receiving an adult caution which would impede them ever travelling to the US or Australia. The Campus Watch Campaign encourages people to report illegal activity such as drugs.		
Cllr. Noel Larkin mentioned the Ballybane Clean up and the Horse Project, the need to get land for this project and his intention to ask the CE about available land. He said Fr Martin was on board to get rid of ASB around the church. He wants to set up basketball netting and tennis courts. Sgt. Michael Walsh commented that it was to use public space properly in terms of layout and design.		
Edward was asked about the cameras in Sliabh Rua and he confirmed they were not working , an upgrade was planned in the future. He mentioned Clos na Cille and Beal Srutha where there are problems around waste management. Edward wants GTM to take the lead here. Noel had requested a member of GTM to come on board but has had no response yet.		
Cllr Niall McNelis commented that the 6 Area Cllrs from the area sub groups met with the Inspector in Salthill , it was very beneficial, illegal dumping was discussed, problems in the area were identified. An action plan could then be put in place to deal with the problems.		
Róisín, SU President referred to the Consent Module running in NUIG. It is a Post Graduate Model and 4		Róisín

Gardai attended. Sgt. Darragh Browne said he would circulate this among Gardai members.		
<p>Cllr. Terry O Flaherty mentioned the Greening of the Alleyways – specifically Coogan Park, this brought residents and children on board. It took the rough look off an area. Murals were done , children did murals. There are 20 Alleyways in Castle Park . Blakes lane Bohermore is anther example.</p> <p>Edward had funding obtained for an Alleyway in Ballybane , but due to one objector it could not go ahead and funding was pulled. Residents have to buy in.</p> <p>Terry would like to commend and endorse this project and Niall asked that this be recorded in the minutes.</p>		
<p>It was suggested an Urban Planning workshop be organised . Sgt.Michael Walsh would do a presentation. He has delivered such presentations to other Counties. Sgt. Darragh Browne commented that initiatives such as coffee docks take back anti social areas , let offenders see that it is inappropriate to act in a certain way in this area. This initiative would be good in Eyre Square and the Spanish Arch. Michael’s presentation on Environmental Design gives ownership back to Communities. Sgt.Michael Walsh said there is a lot of money being spent in clean ups – there has to be a better way.</p>		Sgt.Michael Walsh

The JPC meets 4 times a year. Next Meeting November 10th @4pm.