



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

Meeting Held November 30th 2021

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

Sgt. Michael Walsh, Cllr. Noel Larkin, Sgt. Darragh Browne,

Apologies Student Union President GMIT, John Cleary, Galway City Community Network Cllr. Terry O Flaherty, Student Union president NUIG : Róisín NicLochlainn, Nichola Tierney, Galway City Community Network

Item Discussed	Agreed Actions	BY Who
<p>Cllr Niall McNelis stated that he had received e-mails from the public and the Environment Department , Galway City in relation to Anti- Social Behaviour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Burnt out toilets in Salthill and Merlin Woods Fireworks let off at Salthill Petrol Station Student Parties <p>Carmel Kilcoyne had asked that the burnt out toilets be raised at this meeting. There is concern over this vandalism.</p> <p>Sgt. Michael Walsh commented that these matters were best left to the Gardaí to investigate and not to be commented upon at any meeting prior to investigation.</p>		
<p>Cllr. Noel Larkin commented that the Kilkenny Horse Project fell through, over funding he believed.</p>		
<p>Cllr Niall McNelis stated that Medtronic were going to fund the development of pitches at O'Sullivan park Mervue, "passive policing " in this area may be possible with extra people using the amenities and walking in the area.</p>		
<p>Cllr. Noel Larkin and Cllr Niall McNelis mentioned the number of student parties recently, there were no extra Gardaí on patrol as these events were not flagged and the Gardaí were unaware of same.</p> <p>"Christmas Jumper Day" for example.</p> <p>Sgt. Darragh Browne said these parties needed to be flagged with the Presidents of both Student Unions. Cllr</p>		



<p>Niall McNelis wondered if these parties/events were supported by the Students Union or not? Certain pubs facilitated such parties, should Gardaí engage with these pubs? Cllr Niall McNelis felt that the early closing hours introduced by the Government was the catalyst.</p> <p>Cllr Niall McNelis mentioned the cars being burnt out in the Westside, this will be raised at Monday's JPC meeting on behalf of the concerned citizens of the Westside.</p>		
<p>Sgt. Michael Walsh played a 6 minute Crime Prevention video presented by Sgt Kelvin Courtney, to Age Action Ireland. This video mentioned the duty of Local Authorities under S37 (1) of the Garda Síochána Act in preventing crime. It has been proven that Estates can "design out crime". For instance Local Authorities can avoid putting laneways at the back of houses. Cut off rat runs. Put in gates. Mike will get permission to share this video. The UK has implemented PASS 24 for its doors and windows.</p> <p>PAS 24 (Publicly Available Specification) is a minimum standard which means doors and now windows, are tested to the standards specifications with a fail or pass as there are no higher or lower grades of security. This measure has reduced burglary by 87%. Our Designers and Planners need to bring this in. Cllr Niall McNelis wants the Gardaí to formally become part of the Planning process and he has raised this with LAMA and the North Western Regional Assembly. He wants the Gardaí to be a recognised statutory body for Planning matters and he needs to get a motion passed at a Council meeting to this effect.</p>		
<p>It was commented at the meeting that in 2021 the number of reported assaults are up.</p>		



The number of public offences are up		
The number of drug offences are up on previous years.		