



## **Minutes of Joint Policing Subcommittee No. 1 - To Promote the Safety of all Road Users in Galway City (via MS Teams)**

**Date:** Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 10am  
**In attendance:** Mr. John Rabbitte, Inspector Finbarr Philpott, Mr. Francis McEvoy, Mr. Eddie Hoare, Ms. Caitriona Morgan, Ms. Emma Johnston  
**Apologies:** Cllr. Frank Fahy, Mr. John Cleary, Inspector Conor Madden

Mr. John Rabbitte, Chairperson welcomed all to the MS Teams meeting and noted apologies as per the above. Ms. Caitriona Morgan and members expressed condolences to the members of An Garda Síochána on the passing of retired Superintendent Noel Kelly.

### **1. Review of JPC Subcommittee 1 Work plan 2021 within the context of COVID-19**

***Objective 1 - Ensure effective speed controls are in place in the City with a focus on the Driver Feedback Signs the following was noted:***

- In relation to driver feedback signs, Mr. Francis McEvoy stated they are approaching 69 signs installed in the identified high risk locations. He noted that having too many signs installed will not be effective, defeating the purpose of having them. He added that there are now spare signs available for when any of the installed ones are out of order or damaged to replace or repair them.

***Objective 2 – To Promote alternative to the car transport system the following was noted:***

- Mr. Francis McEvoy spoke about a number of projects at design stage for the Cycle Networks, noting that a number of these projects were at options stage.
- Galway's first 'School Streets' pilot project at Scoil Iognáid is ongoing and continues to be widely welcomed. Following some queries it was advised that this is not feasible at all schools for various reasons as outlined. He reminded members on the Park & Stride initiative which is ongoing.
- Galway's School Zones Scheme of coloured street markings has been implemented to 15 schools and is going very well bringing awareness to road users. Information on this was previously circulated to members.

***Objective 3 – Protect and support pedestrian, cyclists and people with disabilities the following was noted:***

- Mr. Francis McEvoy referred to new street lighting erected from Black Rock all the way to the Caravan Park in Salthill that has had very positive feedback.
- Mr. Francis McEvoy noted that various footpaths across the city have had repairs completed to them.

- Mr. Francis McEvoy made reference to the social media campaign ongoing around car tyres and parking at beaches.
- Mr. Francis McEvoy stated in relation to parking for people with disabilities being taken over by outdoor dinging that it's regulated and planning permissions under various acts is required. Street closure in certain areas at certain times brought in to help with this, noting that this will have to be monitored closely on an ongoing basis.

## **2. Update on the Galway City COVID-19 Community Response Forum**

Ms. Caitriona Morgan gave an update on the Galway City COVID-19 Community response, which noted that the Community Response Forum meets monthly to raise concerns and discuss issues. The Community Call Helpline is operating from 9am to 5pm, 7 days a week. She also noted details on Minding Your Mood, Community Enhancement Programme 2021, Domestic Violence Women's Aid, Drug & Alcohol Task Force, NTA Active Travel and the recent Mayors Awards virtual ceremony.

## **3. Any other business**

Ms. Caitriona Morgan reminded members on the survey as circulated in relation to parking in Salthill, noting closing date for feedback on this is 10<sup>th</sup> July 2021, asking members to share with their relevant groups and organisations as appropriate.

Mr. John Rabbitte thanked everyone for their attendance and input and it was agreed that as Chair he would give a verbal report back to the Galway City JPC at their next meeting on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021.