



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

Date: Friday 12th March 2021 at 10am

In attendance: Mr. John Rabbitte, Mr. John Cleary, Mr. Francis McEvoy, Cllr. Frank Fahy, Mr. Eddie Hoare, Inspector Conor Madden, Ms. Caitriona Morgan, Ms. Máire Mortimer, Ms. Emma Johnston

Apologies: Inspector Finbarr Philpott

Mr. John Rabbitte, Chairperson welcomed all to the MS Teams meeting and noted apologies as per above.

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 that a full report was submitted to JPC at the last meeting on the progress of 2020. He confirmed that the driver feedback signs continue to be installed in the high risk locations. Following a query from Cllr. Fahy it was noted that a maintenance contract for the driver feedback signs needs to be implemented as some of the signs are out of working order, which needs to be addressed for them to be effective.
- Following a query from Cllr. Hoare on the Speed Limit Review Bye-Laws, Mr. Fran McEvoy advised that this has been raised at a previous meeting of the Transportation and Infrastructure SPC noting that resourcing is an issue and no decision had been made to progress this any further.

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

- Mr. Francis McEvoy reminded the members of the significant works done during 2020 and spoke about a number of projects at design stage noting that a number of these projects were at options stage. In terms of the recent announcement of funding for Galway City under the URDF it was noted that the Galway Transport Connectivity project includes 4 transport based sub-projects including a significant investment in the Galway City Cycle Network – a sustainable transport project to deliver a safe, cohesive city cycle network.
- Galway's first 'School Streets' pilot project at Scoil Iognáid has been welcomed and feedback to date has been very positive. Hopes are to roll this out in further locations.

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

- Mr. Francis McEvoy referred to the TikTok Road Safety Campaign which is currently open for entries, supported by iRadio. He also referred to some of the campaign from 2020 with a particular focus on "Light Up Your

Life' cycling campaign to ensure that cyclists are always visible on their bikes, with front and rear bike lights, and wearing high visibility clothing. Cllr. Frank Fahy reiterated the importance of hi visibility clothing to be worn all year round not just the winter months, and advancing initiatives around the matter to ensure road users are kept safe.

- Members welcomed the URDF funding for Galway City, noting that this will support the delivery of the Galway Transport Strategy, which has a number of aims including walking and cycling.
- Mr. Francis McEvoy updated on works proposed for the Martin Roundabout following a discussion on pedestrian footpaths and crossings at this location. He also updated on the works being carried out at the Kirwan Roundabout.

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 continues to meet fortnightly 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 the 'Keep Well' campaign, as previously circulated advising that www.galwaycity.ie/wellbeing is updated with useful resources and advice to mind your physical and mental health during these challenging times. Finally she referred to grant funding awarded by Galway City Council through the LCDC, Healthy Galway and COVID-19 Emergency Funding which was welcomed by all.

3. Any other business

Ms. Caitriona Morgan made reference to the work being carried out by the Planning Department on the Review of the City Development Plan, noting the timeframe for submissions and observations. She noted that as part of Stage 1 a draft report will be prepared later on this year with potential opportunity to look at areas in road safety which could help plans going into 2022. Following a discussion on some of the recent traffic management changes, mainly at Cross Street it was noted that feedback to date has been positive on this.

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 22nd March 2021.