



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

**Date:** Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 10am  
**In attendance:** Mr. John Rabbitte, Inspector Conor Madden, Mr. Francis McEvoy, Cllr. Eddie Hoare, Mr. John Cleary, Ms. Caitriona Morgan, Ms. Emma Johnston  
**Apologies:** Cllr. Frank Fahy, Inspector Finbarr Philpott

Mr. John Rabbitte, Chairperson welcomed all to the MS Teams meeting and noted apologies as per the 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 by Mr. Francis McEvoy:***

- An audit has been carried out on all the driver feedback signs with some problems identified. Inspections will commence in the coming weeks which will include identifying repairs required and costings for same.
- A limited number of additional signs, as requested are being considered.
- Discussions are taking place with the supplier of the driver feedback signs in relation to accessing / using the dataset on speed patterns etc. and also to share the dataset with the relevant authorities where possible.
- An audit and review of speed limit signage in line with the relevant byelaws is underway, noting the process has commenced with speed limit signage being reviewed and corrected where required.
- Inspector Conor Madden noted a high visibility road safety campaign / operation happening during October to December 2021 which will be multiagency, including a series of days targeting speeding.

***Objective 2 – To Promote alternative to the car transport system the following was noted by Mr. Francis McEvoy:***

- There are a number of cycle network projects under development. He noted that Galway City Council has commenced a public consultation under a Section 38 process for the progression of the Eglinton Canal Active Travel Scheme and the Doughiska Road South Cycle Network Scheme.
- The School Streets pilot project was presented at the council meeting in September as it was up for review and all was approved to go ahead noting feedback for same was very positive.
- The Safe Routes to School Programme which aims to work with the Green Schools initiative to improve walking and cycling routes is advancing with consultant appointed to progress designs arising out of audits/ engagement with schools as identified.

- Galway City Council, in collaboration with the National Transport Authority are commencing an 18 month trial for the provision of Bike Repair and Maintenance stands in Galway City. The purpose of the trial is to explore the suitability of different models of stands for use in Galway City, and also the best locations for the stands to get maximum use with a number of locations being suggested for consideration in the trial. The location of the bike maintenance stands will be highlighted on the Galway City cycle parking map, see [www.galwaycity.ie/cyclingmap](http://www.galwaycity.ie/cyclingmap)
- National Bike Week 2021 took place again this year from Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September, noting a number of events were organised throughout the week by various cycling groups and schools, funded by Galway City Council.

***Objective 3 – Protect and support pedestrian, cyclists and people with disabilities the following was noted by Mr. Francis McEvoy:***

- Road Safety Week is taking place from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October, noting a number of events and campaigns were organised throughout the week by the Road Safety Authority (RSA). A number of road safety campaigns / press releases / radio adverts and guidelines were launched during the week by the RSA including research on road fatalities. The RSA are also due to launch shortly the next government Road Safety Strategy 2022-2023.

**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 she circulated previously, which highlights that the Community Response Forums final meeting will take place in mid-October. She made reference to the third level student COVID-19 vaccination clinics, in addition to the number and range of HSE supports and programmes that are taking place during October 2021. She also made reference to Positive Ageing Week and Fire Safety Week 2021.

**3. Any Other Business**

It was agreed by all, restrictions allowing that we would hold our next subcommittee meeting in person in the Council Chamber, Galway City Council. Date and time TBC.

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 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

Inspector Conor Madden advised that Inspector Finbarr Philpott would no longer be a member of this JPC Subcommittee following his recent promotion, noting acknowledgement and thanks to him for his input to date. A replacement Inspector is being sought for this JPC Subcommittee.